

**Sabine County Economic Development Progress Report  
February 1 - 28, 2017  
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- Met with Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Sabine County Economic Development Advisory Council in Sabine County on February 2 about SCEDAC's discussions about conducting a study to determine potential agricultural product and projects that could some day lead to economic activity for Sabine County. Discussions on the project are continuing and moving forward.
- Communicated with Source Solutions on several occasions to read, review, and make corrections to the draft of the hotel feasibility study for Sabine County. The final hotel study was received on February 28 and was submitted to County Judge Daryl Melton for distribution to the SCEDAC members and the financial participants in the study. Had several conversations with Todd Walker of Source Strategies on the methods and a plan for marketing the study to potential hotel developers. The focus will now be on getting the study out to potential hotel developers/owners
- Continuing to work on a draft of economic development incentive policy and application for tax abatement for Sabine County. Will have initial draft to present to Judge Melton at the March 15 SCEDAC meeting.
- Continued to do research on the contact from Texas Gulf Coast Network of SBDC about discussions with a company that is considering the development of a slaughterhouse/meat packing plant. Reviewed the water, sewer and electrical needs of the project to see if Sabine County can fulfill the requirements.
- While in Austin on other business, I visited with State Representatives Chris Paddy and Trent Ashby as well as Angus Lupton, Chief of Staff for State Senator Robert Nichols. Also attended a meeting of the Sabine River Authority and met with David Montagne, SRA Executive Director and General Manager and Ann Galassi, Assistant General Manager.
- Continue to make contacts in reference to the Tourism Assessment of Sabine County conducted by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism.
- Continuing to do research on truck stop companies to contact concerning a location in Sabine County.
- Did not attend the SCEDAC meeting in February due to the birth of my seventh grandchild, Mary Clayton Sheppard born on February 17. She weighed in at 6lbs. 8oz.

