

**TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION**

November 9, 2017

Dear Judge Melton:

I am requesting inclusion on the Sabine County Commissioners Court Meeting agenda for Monday, November 13, 2017. At that time I will introduce to the court our candidate for the vacant Sabine County Extension Agent- Agricultural and Natural Resources position and request your approval.

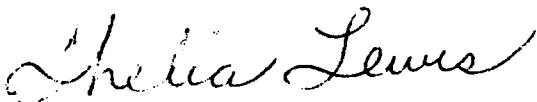
Our proposed candidate is Mr. Ronald Barlow who is a native and resident of Sabine County and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education from Texas A&M University and a Master's of Secondary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Currently, Mr. Barlow is the owner and operator of Barlow Farms and Properties in Pineland. He has previously served as principal at West Sabine Independent School District and Joaquin Independent School District.

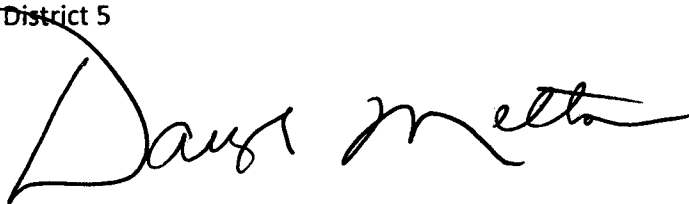
Therefore, I present this candidate to you and recommend his appointment as your Sabine County Extension Agent for Agricultural and Natural Resources, effective December 1, 2017.

I am looking forward to meeting with the court on Monday, November 13, 2017. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (903) 834-6191.

Sincerely,



Shelia Lewis
District Extension Administrator
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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SABINE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT NAMED

OVERTON- Mr. Ronald Barlow has been named Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's County Extension Agent-AG/NR Sabine County, effective December 1, 2017 according to a joint announcement by Sabine County Judge, Daryl Melton, the Sabine County Commissioners Court, and Ms. Shelia Lewis, District Extension Administrator, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, headquartered at Overton, Texas.

"I am pleased to have Mr. Barlow join our County Extension Faculty in Sabine County. He will be a great asset to the county and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service," says Ms. Lewis. "I feel certain he will do an excellent job because of his enthusiasm for providing quality, educational programs and working with the public."

Mr. Barlow earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University with a major in Agricultural Education and his Masters of Education in Secondary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University.

He taught Agricultural Science at West Sabine, Joaquin, Latexo and Dayton High Schools before serving as a High School Principal at West Sabine and Joaquin. His experiences in the livestock and poultry industry, pipeline and oilfield construction, and his community service activities will also be an asset for Sabine County through AgriLife Extension programs and activities.

The County Extension Office in Sabine County is part of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, an agency of the Texas A&M University System. Local Extension programs extend university resources to local residents by providing practical information and education in the four areas of agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H and youth development, and community development.

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Extension is a cooperative effort of the United States Department of Agriculture, the State of Texas through Texas A&M University, and the Sabine County Commissioners' Court.

Mr. Barlow commented, "I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the youth and citizens of Sabine County in this capacity, and look forward to working with the 4-H programs, the agricultural and agribusiness sectors of the community as well as the general public."

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