

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2020-0361

DATE: April 21, 2020

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of April 2020, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Stephen Hudkins started with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as a Volunteer Master Gardener Coordinator from January 2014 to June 2015. In June of 2015, Stephen Hudkins transitioned into his current role as County Extension Horticulture Agent and Dallas County Master Gardener Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hudkins educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy received in 1964 and a Master of Science in Agronomy received in 1986, both from Purdue University. Additionally, he received a Master of Arts in Leadership in Community Services from Ball State University in 1971. His education and life experience growing up on a 600-acre dairy, hog and grain farm in Rochester, Indiana was the impetus for a life-long career in Extension programs in several states; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hudkins dedicated his life and career to research, education, community development and leadership. It all started when he joined his local 4-H club at the young age of 10 years old and his parents joined the Extension programs in their community. Mr. Hudkins has previously served as an Assistant Professor with Ohio University Extension, Executive Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Rockland County, New York, and has served on numerous committees in Ohio committed to farmland preservation, including Senate and House committees to draft local legislation; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hudkins was invited to join Dallas County Extension after retiring once before to further develop the Horticulture and Master Gardener programs and resources in Dallas County. This final project resulted in a unique partnership between Road and Bridge District 1 and the Master Gardeners, creating the only of its kind in the State of Texas. Stephen's knowledge was instrumental to establishing the community and demonstration gardens that grow there, today, and whose crops go to feeding the homeless and many more families in communities across Dallas County.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize Stephen Hudkins for all his years of service to Dallas County and beyond and congratulates him on his retirement at the end of April 2020. Stephen looks forward to putting his travel trailer to good use. He plans to travel across the states to spend time with his children in Ohio, Indiana, and wherever else his heart desires. Stephen anxiously awaits spending unlimited time with his grandchildren, Saia and Dustin.


DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 21st day of April, 2020.


Clay Lewis Jenkins,
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel,
District 1


J.J. Koch,
District 2


John Wiley Price,
District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia,
District 4