

# NEWS RELEASE

## Joe Gallo Appointed New Municipal Court Judge

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(November 9, 2009) During a special called meeting of the Waxahachie City Council on Monday, the Council appointed Joe Gallo to the position of Municipal Court Judge for the City of Waxahachie. Gallo was one of eleven applicants for the position, which became open in September following the resignation of previous Judge Sylvia Lopez-Beaver. Gallo was appointed unanimously.

Following Beaver's resignation, City officials began planning for the process of appointing a new Municipal Judge. Judge Jackie Miller Jr. was appointed as the Interim Municipal Judge in October, at which the same time city officials began the search for a permanent judge.

"Finding a permanent judge has been a very high priority," said Mayor Ron Wilkinson. "It was important to conduct a thorough search, while also moving swiftly. We feel Joe Gallo is well qualified and will make an outstanding judge," said Wilkinson.

"I am keenly aware of the important role and responsibility that the Waxahachie Municipal Judge plays in being a representative of our city," said Gallo. "I give my word to do my best to make the Waxahachie Municipal Courtroom a place of honor and justice," he said.

Gallo graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Studies. In 1996, he graduated from Baylor University School of Law located in Waco. Since obtaining his license to practice law, he has worked in both public and private practices. He is scheduled to be sworn in as the new judge at the November 16, 2009 City Council Meeting.

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