

MESSAGE FROM SHARON SNEED HICKS

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Hello Coleman County – Happy 2026! I hope this year brings blessings to you, your family, and our county.

My name is Sharon Sneed Hicks, and I'm running for Coleman County Commissioner, Precinct 4, to succeed longtime commissioner Alan Davis, who is retiring. Please join me in thanking Alan for his many years of hard work and dedication to our community.

Why I'm Running

People often ask me: 'Sharon, why do you want to be a County Commissioner? My answer is simple: Because Coleman County is home. I love this county, and I believe I have the experience and commitment to tackle the challenges we face together.

Deep Roots in Coleman County

My family has called Coleman County home for more than 100 years. Today, my husband Bill and I live on the same land my family settled generations ago. Many of you know my parents— Bill Sneed, a longtime banker in Coleman and a founding member of the Coleman County Water Supply Corporation, and LaJuan Sneed, who taught school here and served as a school trustee. Growing up, my sisters - Sheila and Sue Ellen - and I helped our parents raise cattle, sheep, and horses on our place between Talpa and Valera. I was active in 4-H, showed livestock, served as Coleman Rodeo Queen, and proudly graduated from Coleman High School.

Experience

- Lawyer for over 35 years
- **Working in local government addressing local needs for 30 years**—assisted in producing over 25 years of budgets for different entities; testified in Austin for local government needs, and served as the City Attorney for Abilene, Ballinger and Brady
- Former Senior Vice-President of Logistics for an oilfield service company managing a fleet of trucks, drivers and equipment
- Law Degree from the University of Texas at Austin
- Degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A & M University

Since we returned to Coleman, besides practicing law, I also volunteer as Vice President of the Senior Citizen Center and served on the Steering Committee that raised funds and helped open our new center—a place for fellowship, activities, and shared meals. If you haven't visited yet, please do. It's something we can all be proud of.

Putting My Experience to Work for You

County government impacts our daily lives— how our tax dollars are spent on roads, bridges, emergency services, public safety, and the court system. The current commissioners can verify that a commissioner's job is so much more than making sure roads are graded; it's managing county operations and being a good steward of public resources. A county commissioner must have -

- Experience with state and local laws and legislation to maintain our right to make decisions locally rather than by one-size-fits-all state mandates.
- Knowledge of county budgets and financial planning to maintain, increase and improve providing essential needs for our citizens.
- The ability to promote responsible growth that expands opportunities for families and businesses.

Challenges Ahead

Coleman County is one of only 129 Texas counties that does not collect sales tax - which means that we are dependent on property taxes to pay for necessary services. Our citizens are paying more in taxes than ever before, but expenses keep increasing faster than revenue does. No one wants to pay more in taxes, but without careful planning and responsible growth, we risk losing the ability to have sufficient resources to adequately maintain - and continue to improve - our roads and provide essential services. As your commissioner, I will work to attract businesses, grow our tax base responsibly, join with other commissioners to maximize our capability to provided services, work to ensure that state government does not take away our right to make our own local decisions and adversely affect our ability to thrive and grow, and develop a long-term plan that preserves the character of our county while meeting future needs.

My Promise

This isn't about politics—it's about problem-solving, listening, and working together. I pledge to be accessible, transparent, and focused on common-sense solutions. Our county deserves leadership that values accountability and puts residents first.

How You Can Help

Coleman County is built on hard work, strong families, and neighbors helping neighbors. If you care about keeping and improving our way of life now and in the future, I need your help.

- Show up and vote.
- Talk to your friends and family about what's at stake.
- Share your ideas with me—I want to hear from you.

Together, we can keep Coleman County strong, independent, and proud. I respectfully ask for your vote for County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Thank you for your time. If you'd like to talk, share ideas, or ask questions, please reach out to sharon.sneedhicks4@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon" with a stylized flourish underneath.