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Jasper County Commissioners Court Appoints County Judge Mark Allen as New Spindletop Center Board of Trustee



BEAUMONT, TX – Spindletop Center announces the appointment of a new member of its Board of Trustees, Mark Allen, the current County Judge for Jasper County since taking office in 2007.

"Spindletop Center is proud to now serve Jasper County as the Local Mental Health and Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority," said Holly Borel, Spindletop Center's CEO. "Judge Allen played an integral part in facilitating the transition of Jasper County to Spindletop's service area and we couldn't be more pleased to have him serve on our Board of Trustees."

Judge Mark Allen has devoted much of his life to public service. Having served two tours overseas in the Air Force during Operation Desert Storm, Judge Allen also has a vast background in working in law enforcement and emergency management.

Judge Allen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law Enforcement Administration from Ottawa University, an associates degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College of the Air Force, as well as a graduate of the Lamar University Police Academy.

Judge Mark Allen, who will be representing Jasper County on Spindletop Center's Board of Trustees, was born in East Texas and is a graduate of Newton High School in Newton County. Judge Allen was also named the Ralph W. Steen Memorial East Texan of the Year in 2017. He is married to Kate Allen, and they are raising four children, Aleksander, Brooke, Katherine and Elizabeth.

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 10,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

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The mission of the Spindletop	Center is to help people help themselves	by providing resources and supports.
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