



2019 Legislative Priorities

AGRICULTURE

That property owners' rights are protected under eminent domain law.

EDUCATION

That continued state and legislative support for Stephen F. Austin State University as an independent University will promote economic vitality in Nacogdoches County;

That investing in and supporting local public school districts will be a major contributor to the economic future of Nacogdoches County and the State of Texas;

That investing in the development of research and data will help the public understand the value of supporting and investing in education;

That investing in workforce development and technical training will pay dividends to rural areas of Texas.

HEALTH CARE

That the need to support funding resources and assistance for rural hospitals and indigent health care is critical to our economic future; The 1115 Waiver is estimated to lose as much as \$200 to \$300 million dollars a year starting in 2020 under the 1115 Waiver renewal because of revised statutes. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Legislature, supported by the Texas Congressional delegation are urged to find a way to replace a substantial portion of those dollars by 2020 or more rural hospital closures are a certainty.

That it is important to continue and expand support for mental health resources/services for children and adults in Nacogdoches County and finding the necessary financial resources to adequately address mental health needs.

That it is important to renegotiate and extend the Medicaid 1115 Waiver to preserve \$3 billion in federal funding used for critical health and mental health services.

TRANSPORTATION

That legislative support for the continued development of I-69 and the need to support rural transportation projects and other transportation projects in Nacogdoches County will be critical to future growth, investment and development

That the legislature continues funding to support rural transportation infrastructure