

Judge Peek: "All right ladies and gentlemen, Meeting No. 12 of the Red River County Commissioners Court is now in session in a special meeting. It is 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of May 2005 and we'll invite public comments from citizens of 1 minute each regarding applicants for the Sheriff's position. And if you would, be sure the County Clerk gets your name and then whatever comments you care to make and again, please limit it to one minute."

Unknown: "Can I ask who the applicants are?"

Judge Peek: "Terry Reed, Robert Bridges, Royce Abbott, Mark Perkins, Larry Spangler and Mark Asher." We have interviewed all six of those. We did those last Friday afternoon. No, Friday morning, sorry.

Charlie Jones: "Honorable Judge and Commissioners, I'm Charlie Jones. I realize all the candidates probably are qualified, I realize ya'll have a hard job before you this morning. But if you study parliamentary procedure, my opinion is, the individual receiving the highest number of votes in the previous election should be appointed. In this case Royce is the only one so in my opinion I think Royce should be appointed for his value, what he stands for and for his experience. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to listen to the public. Ya'll are voted to represent the public and I hope you'll listen to what's said this morning and I want to support Royce Abbott. Thank you.

Judge Peek: "Thank you Sir."

John Lorance: "My name is John Lorance. I am a Red River County citizen, former Red River County Deputy of 1 year and 3 months. In the last Sheriff's election Royce Abbott ran for Sheriff. 44% of the people voted for Royce Abbott. Royce Abbott is well qualified and deserves this position. The other candidates here today did not run before and should not be considered now. This vote should be made in the interest of the people, not politics. During my employment, I never saw Ronnie Bridges perform his duty as a Reserve Deputy. Ronnie Bridges is not qualified to be Sheriff. We need someone to has earned this position, not purchased it. Larry Spangler certainly is not qualified to be Sheriff. Larry Spangler fired me for refusing to fabricate probable cause during traffic stops, arrests, searches, and seizures. Larry Spangler ordered me and other officers to violate Red River County citizen's civil rights to justify his own means during my employment. Spangler should not even be allowed to be a police officer. Spangler and other officers and a convicted inmate destroyed a meth lab for Judge Peek's son. Steve Peek has not been indicted or prosecuted for possession of that lab. Thank you"



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