



JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE
County Judge

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PRESS RELEASE

WOODVILLE, TEXAS – Tyler County Judge Jacques Blanchette issued the following statement regarding the proposed meatpacking facility to be built here.

Tyler County recognizes a private enterprise has the right to exist provided it complies with the laws of the land which govern us as a free people. County government holds no statute to either prohibit or regulate through permitting in the unincorporated areas of Tyler County. Our phones have rung continuously over the past several days with citizens expressing opposition to the establishment of the proposed slaughterhouse between Woodville and Doucette. We are sympathetic with our constituents' concerns; however we hold no authority to prevent the establishment of the facility on the property it has acquired. It is our understanding that a local attorney has assisted in the land acquisition and the city of Woodville has a duty to provide for its water and sewer requests. We encourage our citizens to appeal to the owners who wish to build their facility here in the hopes they will withdraw their intentions of locating in Tyler County. We are aware that a local citizens group is forming in opposition to this business coming into our community. We will participate with this group to add County government's feedback to the property purchasers. The commissioners' court will consider a Resolution to oppose such a business at a future agenda.