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Robert Ellington Hebert 01/23/2023

Bob Hebert was Fort Bend's County Judge for 4 consecutive terms from 2002 to 2018. He is the longest serving county judge in Fort Bend history at the time this interview was recorded. Bob begins his story with his nomadic life as the child of a father who worked for railroad companies. Bob enlisted in the US Navy after high school, and although he liked the Navy, he knew it was not his chosen career.

His marriage to Pat was an important event because it led to a successful partnership in several endeavors. They saw an opportunity and started Eco Resources, Inc., which they developed into a highly successful business. Its success did not prohibit Bob from engaging in public service, eventually culminating in his election as county judge. Somehow, he also found time for the Brazos River Authority and Meals on Wheels.

Bob's interview will give readers insight into county politics and governance. It will also reveal Bob's remarkable energy and discipline that led to laudable success in business and public service.

Interview Summary

People

Pat Hebert, wife
Patsey, Shelly, & Cindy, daughters
Walter & Doris Ellington Hebert, parents
Ken & Jeannette Lynn Hebert, siblings
Jim Adolphus, Fort Bend County Judge
Annette Hoffman, opponent for county judge

Activities/Events (cont.)

Board member of Fort Bend Chamber
Board member of Richmond/Rosenberg Chamber of Commerce
President of National Council of Public-Private Partnerships
Elected Fort Bend County Judge
Chief Executive Officer of Meals on Wheels, Fort Bend County, Texas

Activities/Events

Graduate of Pampa High School, Pampa, Texas
Enlistment in US Navy
Naval training at University of Texas in Austin
Posting at US Naval Base Midway Island
Employment at Xerox in Houston, Texas
President of homeowner's association, Alief, Texas
President of Alief School Board
Graduate of South Texas Junior College in Houston, Texas
Founder Eco Resources, Inc., later sold to Southwest Water Co.
Graduate of Pepperdine University, Houston, Texas campus (MBA)
Graduate of California Coast University (Phd)
Vice chairman of Fort Bend Development Council
City Manager, Rosenberg, Texas
Temporary Receiver for Arcola, Texas
Board member Brazos River Authority

Places

Alief, Texas
Arcola, Texas
Austin, Texas
Fort Bend County, Texas
Honolulu, Hawaii
Midway Island
Pampa, Texas