Former Cochran County Commissioner Billy D. Carter was sworn in as County Judge of Cochran County Tuesday. The ceremony was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in the 286<sup>th</sup> District Courtroom with many family members, county officials and community supporters in attendance. Judge Carter replaces James St. Clair, who retired after serving as County Judge since November 10, 1998.

Judge Carter has lived in Cochran County approximately forty years, and served as a Cochran County Commissioner from 1977 through 1996. During that time he was elected to the board of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association and served as president of that organization for two years. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Counties, Texas Association of County Executives, Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, Attorney General's Advisory Board, Frontier Ambulance Corporation, South Plains Block Grant Review Commission and Cochran County Senior Citizens Association. He is a licensed health and life insurance agent. He and his wife, Dixie reside in Morton.

