



***Judge Jim Powers.*** Judge Jim Powers, president of J.L. Powers & Associates, has a distinguished background, with experience in both the public and private sectors. The goal of his company is to bring people and businesses together to maximize the potential for his clients' success. Jim has always understood the power of relationships and their central role in business and politics. Building relationships with the right people can make the difference in cost, speed, and quality. Judge Powers applies the business acumen he has cultivated over 30 years as a thriving entrepreneur to J.L. Powers & Associates. Jim started his business enterprise with one store in Dripping Springs and within three years, grew it into a diversified food corporation which generated annual revenues of as much as \$20 million dollars.

During this time, he began to feel the need to contribute more to his community, and decided to run for public office. He was elected to serve two terms as Hays County Judge. Judge Powers' ability to develop relationships with various groups and organizations has made him an effective and influential leader. Some of his many accomplishments as Hays County Judge include the increase in county budget reserves from \$3 million to \$14 million, procuring the second largest grant in the nation to create the Habitat Conservation Plan, and spearheading the communications system upgrade for Hays County Emergency Services. He also created a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and implemented aggressive economic development policies. In his eight years as County Judge, Jim developed strong relationships with officials in the Governor's Office, The Executive Branch of Texas Government and key leaders in many state and local government agencies across Texas. In 2008, he was appointed by Governor Perry to serve on the Board of Directors for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

Today, as the president of J.L. Powers & Associates, Judge Powers is uniquely positioned to help his clients develop new business strategies and partnerships. He has successfully positioned many of his clients to procure both public and private projects. In addition, he gives ongoing support to his clients to facilitate the success of their projects. Jim & his wife, Maripat, live in Dripping Springs and have been married for 35 years. They have four grown children and four grandsons.