

DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY LEWIS JENKINS

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Jenkins returns from productive White House meeting

Dallas County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins returns today from the White House County Officials meeting in Washington D.C. after meeting with President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and five Cabinet members, including United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk, the former Dallas mayor.

Jenkins was one of several county officials representing the National Association of Counties (NACO) invited to meet with the administration to discuss how local governments could more effectively collaborate and access federal assistance and funding. Specific topics included jail and poverty issues, infrastructure development, health care implementation, and sustainable communities.

"It was an honor to represent Dallas County at the White House among so many distinguished county leaders," Jenkins said adding, "the elected officials present said this was the first meeting they could recall with the nation's leaders."

Dallas County was specifically recognized for the DART rail expansion and economic development brought to the region by the transit system. In addition to Judge Jenkins, NACO president and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley attended the meeting to represent North Texas.

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Judge Jenkins will be available for interviews tomorrow Thursday, May 5, 2011.

WHAT: Interview with Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins

WHEN: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011

WHERE: Allen Clemson Courtroom,

First Floor, Dallas County Administration Building

411 Elm Street