

# TOM CHAPMAN

## KEY FINDINGS

### Personal Issues

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- In 1983, Chapman was charged with driving under the influence, for which he received two years' probation. (Nexis Public Records, Accessed 8/28/24)
- In 2001, Chapman filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which was terminated later that same year. . (Case Number 01-70366-RBK, Texas Western District Bankruptcy Court, Filed 4/26/01)

### Tax Rates

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### Salary Increases

- Since 2017, the salary of elected officials in Pecos County has increased at least eight times, with the Salary County Commissioner Pct #1 receiving a total increase of over \$20,000. ("Notice-2018 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2019 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2020 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2022 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2023 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2024 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24; "Notice – 2025 Elected Officials Salaries," [Pecos County, Texas](#), Accessed 8/28/24)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name	Thomas Douglas Chapman
Date of Birth	September 1949 (74 years old)
Primary Address	
Education	Odessa High School – ECISD



### **Social Media**

Facebook	<a href="#">Tom Chapman</a>
LinkedIn	<a href="#">Tom Chapman</a>
County Website	<a href="#">Pecos County</a>

## COURT RECORDS

### Driving Under The Influence

**According To Nexis Public Records, Chapman Was Charged With Driving Under The Influence In 1981.** (Nexis Public Records, Accessed 8/28/24)

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NO.	NAME	TYPE	OFFENSE	DATE	STATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.	Chapman, Thomas Douglas	Criminal	Dwi-Reduce To Public Intoxication		Texas	
<b>Personal Information</b>			<b>Offense 1</b>			
◦ Data Source: Criminal Court			◦ Categories: DRIVING_UNDER_THE_INFLUENCE DRUNKENNESS			
◦ AKA 1: Chapman, T D			◦ Agency: ECTOR CO SO ODESSA			
◦ AKA 2: Chapman, Tom			◦ Date: 09/04/1981			
◦ Date of Birth: 09/1949			◦ Court Disposition: CONVICTED Status:COURT PHASE			
◦ SSN: 465-92-XXXX			◦ Court Offense: DWI-REDUCE TO PUBLIC INTOXICATION			
◦ LexID: 0004-2726-8679			<b>Offense 2</b>			
◦ Address: TX			◦ Categories: DRIVING_UNDER_THE_INFLUENCE			
◦ Offender Id: TB461783664768751027039906			◦ Agency: SAN ANGELO PD			
◦ Height (in): 069			◦ Date: 08/30/1983			
◦ Weight (lbs): 240			◦ Court Disposition: CONVICTED Status:COURT PHASE			
◦ Race: WHITE			◦ Court Disposition Date: 11/03/1983			
◦ Sex: Male			◦ Court Offense: MISD DWI			
◦ Origin State: Texas			◦ Probation: Max: 2 Years			

### Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

**NOTE:** Files on this case are declared as restricted by the court on PACER.

**According To PACER Court Records, Chapman Filed For Chapter 7 Voluntary Individual Bankruptcy In April 2001, Which Was Terminated In August 2001.** (Case Number 01-70366-RBK, Texas Western District Bankruptcy Court, Filed 4/26/01)

Name	Thomas Douglas Chapman
Case Number	01-70366-RBK
Date	April 26, 2001
State/Court	Texas Western District Bankruptcy Court
Filing Type	Chapter 7
Status	Terminated On August 27, 2001

## PECOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**NOTE:** A review of available news coverage about Chapman's tenure on the Pecos County Commissioner's Court was reviewed with relevant information included in this report.

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### **In March 2024, Chapman Won The Democratic Primary For Precinct 1 Pecos County Commissioners Race**

**In March 2024, Chapman Won The Democratic Primary For Precinct 1 Pecos County Commissioners Race.** “T.J. Perkins won the Republican Primary for Pecos County Sheriff over Timothy Murphy 1,221-415, or 72% of the vote. In the Precinct 1 County Commission race, Francisco Ramirez had the most votes in the Republican primary with 246 votes to 117 for Andy Rivera and 78 for Fred Ingersoll. On the Democrat ballot, incumbent Tom Chapman found himself in a battle with Mario Juarez, garnering 98 votes to Juarez’s 70 votes, and Ross Casillas gained 20 votes.” (“Perkins Reelected Sheriff In Republican Primary,” [Fort Stockton Pioneer](#), 3/6/24)

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**In March 2022, While Discussing The High Demand Of Golf Carts At The Local Golf Course, Chapman Urged That The Golf Course Should Increase Prices Of Rentals.** “To keep up with the high demand, the Desert Pines Golf Course will be adding 10 additional golf carts to its supply. On March 7, the Pecos County Commissioners Court approved an early release of funds to pro shop manager Fabian Zorilla’s for a check of over \$3,000, which is needed to guarantee the delivery of the new golf carts. ‘We ordered 10 golf carts for the pro shop because last year we had such high demand for golf carts and we needed 10 more,’ Zorilla said. ‘Yamaha was so backed up on golf carts and they kind of randomly popped up and said, “hey your golf carts are ready.” ... If I don’t get these golf carts, we are going to struggle. It’s tough not having golf carts for these tournaments we’ve been having.’ Zorilla will have to pay an upfront fee of \$1,900 for the 10 golf carts but following that, he will pay \$1,800 monthly without insurance for all 28 carts. ‘It is something we’ve got to have,’ Zorilla said. ‘[Currently, we have] 18 and that’s not enough. I’m even afraid this 10 won’t be enough but it will put a little band aid on the wound.’ Judge Joe Shuster suggested that golfers could bring their own carts to the course and make them available to rent to other golfers. But, Zorilla explained that would be a last resort option because they tried it last year and it’s more of a headache than a convenience due to liability reasons. ‘Our current economy doesn’t allow us the flexibility to go up on prices,’ Zorilla said. ‘People would just rather walk than borrow someone’s cart. We’ve got to make it economical so somebody would be able to rent a cart.’ Shuster and commissioner Tom Chapman both agreed that Zorilla should look into slightly increasing prices. ‘I’m not here to tell you how to run your business,’ Shuster said. ‘But, I think you need to go ahead and consider raising that \$20 figure to \$25. That \$5 will make a lot of difference in the long run.’” (Megan Wehring, “Desert Pines To Purchase Golf Carts,” [Fort Stockton Pioneer](#), 3/16/22)

## **PECOS COUNTY BUDGETS**

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Year	Property Tax Rate	Effective Tax Rate
2017	.799	.6718
2018	.7930	.7343
2019	.7090	.7343
2020	.7074	.6647
2021	.7770	.8039
2022	.5853	.5657
2023	.538	.5415
2024	.670	.5805

## County Spending

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Year	Expenditures
2017	\$33,273,218
2018	\$33,507,965
2019	\$35,951,233
2020	\$41,394,107
2021	\$44,497,579
2022	\$47,724,630

2023	\$51,520,246
2024	\$45,277,274

## SALARY INCREASES

*Since 2017, Chapman's Annual Salary Has Increased By Over \$20,000*

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Year	Salary	Travel Allowance	Total Annual Benefits
2017	\$61,943	\$12,000	\$73,943
2018	\$65,040	\$12,000	\$77,040
2019	\$66,991	\$12,000	\$78,991
2020	\$70,341	\$12,000	\$82,341
2021	\$70,341	\$12,000	\$82,341
2022	\$72,451	\$12,000	\$84,451
2023	\$74,625	\$12,000	\$86,625
2024	\$78,225	\$12,000	\$90,225
2025	\$82,136	\$12,000	\$94,136
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>\$20,193</b>	-	-