*****NOTICE TO TEXAS COUNTY CITIZENS*****

Texas County Recorder of Deeds, Lindsay Koch and Texas County Assessor, Debbie James warn all real estate owners, especially new homeowners, to be wary of being targeted by high-priced offers for copies of deeds.

Koch says that companies are offering property owners copies of their deeds and a 'property report' for \$85-\$89. The Recorder's fee is \$1.00 per page for copies, which usually provides the same information. Other information in the 'report' may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Koch stated that most property deeds are no more than two pages and that most property owners already have their original property deed in their possession. If anyone receives one of these letters, we urge you to ignore it and contact our office.

To obtain copies of deeds and other related information, please contact the Texas County Recorder's office at (417) 967-8438, or the Texas County Assessor's office at (417) 967-4709. Both offices are located at 210 N. Grand Ave. in Houston.