

CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

Application for Appointment to Citizen Advisory Board or Commission

(Please type or print clearly)

BOARD OR COMMISSION DESIRED (Please apply for one (1) board or commission per application.)

- Advertising & Promotion Commission
- Airport Authority
- City Beautiful Commission
- Board of Adjustment
- Civil Service Commission
- Electrical Review Board
- Heating & Air Conditioning Board of Review

- Historical District Commission
- Library Board
- Municipal Auditorium Project Advisory Commission
- Planning Commission
- Plumbing Review Board
- SWAWIB—Southwest Arkansas Workforce Investment Board
- Other:

Name: John Adger Smith Home Phone: (903) 824-4924

Address: 308 Meadows Road Texarkana Resident Yes No 24 Years

E-Mail Address: adgersperf@aol.com Miller Co. Voter Registration No. _____

Employer: self employed Work Phone: (903) 824-4924

Position: owner Adger Smith Performance Engines

Education:
College: 3+ years High School: yes

Special knowledge or past experience qualifying you for this appointment: (Please feel free to attach resume):
see attachment

Other relevant information (civic activities, memberships, etc.):
see attachment

References: List the name and phone number of at least one Texarkana resident as a reference, especially any City staff, City Council, or current Committee members who may be contacted on your behalf.

Name: George Coker Phone Number: (903) 826-5240

Name: Boots Thomas Phone Number: (903) 890-4111

Interest: Explain why you are interested in being appointed to this board or commission.

I'd like to continue with the work on the new terminal; help make the airport self-sufficient so it can meet the needs of the region, general and commercial aviation.

Experience: Indicate what meeting(s) you have attended of the committee for which you wish to be considered.

I've attended the regular meetings and all special meetings. I've held the secretary position ~~two~~ ^{one} years and have been vice chair two years.

Number of Texarkana, Arkansas Board of Directors Meetings you have attended in the past 12 months:

attended numerous meetings prior to Covid. I've attended all ^{meetings} P+Z

Please read the statement below and sign your name to indicate your understanding.
I UNDERSTAND MY ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: John Adger Smith Date Submitted: 1-27-2021

Return completed application to:
Heather Soyars, City Clerk
216 Walnut Street (or)
P O Box 2711
Texarkana TX 75504-2711
Phone 870-779-4995 or Fax 870-774-3170

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Please Note: This application will be on file for one (1) year.
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(903)824-4924
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Objective: Reappointment to Texarkana Regional Airport Authority

It is my goal to make our airport self-sufficient where it will be better suited to fulfill the needs of general aviation as well as commercial aviation needs. Most importantly I want to continue the work to secure funding for and completion of the new airport terminal.

Qualifications: Serving on Airport Authority from May 14, 2016 to present

- Served as Vice Chairman two terms
- Served as secretary one year
- Served as chair for operations committee one year and currently serve on the committee
- Serving as chair for new terminal design committee

Serving on Texarkana Arkansas Planning and Zoning Commission (1998 to present with a break while serving on TA School Board)
Served two terms on Texarkana Arkansas School Board (2008—2012)

Work History: Owner/Operator Adger Smith Performance Engines,
The business has been in several locations in Texarkana, Texas.
Current location is 2802 W. 7th Street
Texarkana, TX 75501
1972 to present.

Owner/Operator A&B Raceway, Whitehouse, TX
1974—1976


Owner/Operator Interstate 20 Drag Strip, Tyler, TX
1976—78

Builder/Owner/Operator Prescott Dragway, Prescott, AR
1977—79

Fleet Manager GTE, Texarkana, TX
1974--1979

Education: 1968 Graduate of Liberty Eylau High School
1968—1972 Texarkana College/Red River Army Depot Engineering Cooperative Program

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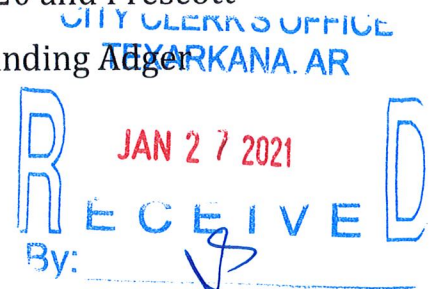
John Adger Smith, III, was born March 25, 1950, in Texarkana, Texas. Adger has always been a life-long resident, businessman and community leader of Texarkana.

Because of Adger's love for cars and racing, his father realized there was a need in the region for performance parts. Together they opened "Texarkana Speed Equipment" in 1968. It started out as a small, part-time business working out of the family garage with Adger porting heads and doing engines in a small shop behind the home. Business boomed and in 1972, business opened with a store-front section for the parts as well as a large space for Adger to continue doing the machine work and engines. Adger's engine building part of the business soon out grew his space at Texarkana Speed Equipment. In 1978 Adger Smith's Performance Engines made a move to a larger racecar shop behind his home. In 1985, Adger Smith's Performance Engines was moved to its present location at 2802 W. 7th Street, Texarkana.

In 1974, Adger branched out when he and a partner purchased Whitehouse Drag Strip in Whitehouse, Texas. Early in 1975 he became sole owner of the drag strip. He was able to operate the machine shop and race track successfully. In mid-year 1976, Adger entered into an agreement to buy and operate Interstate 20 Drag Strip in Tyler, Texas.

In mid-season '76, Adger partnered with Andrew's Construction and construction of Prescott Dragway began. Construction was completed and a few races were held in '77.

Adger sold his ownership interest in both Interstate 20 and Prescott Dragway after the '78 season to devote his time to the expanding Adger



Smith's Performance Engines to its new location from the Texarkana Speed Equipment location.

The move and focus on engine building has provided championship engines for Adger's customers. Over the years his engines have won track championships for drag, mud drags, circle tracks, and drag boat sanctions.

Adger was recruited by Ed Zinke, publisher/editor of Popular Hot Rodding Magazine, in 2010 to provide technical expertise for the Engine Masters Challenge. He has worked as rules maker, technical advisor and tech inspector. Engine Master Challenge gave Adger the distinction of having "Centerfold" pictures as well as print coverage with the publication of articles in the February 2019 & March 2020 editions of HOT ROD Magazine.

In October 2019 Adger was selected as a finalist for induction to the Arkansas Drag Racing Hall of fame. The formal induction was held in December 2019 at the annual Hall of Fame banquet.

Adger has called Texarkana, Arkansas home since 1997. He has devoted much of his time since his move to the Arkansas side in service to the community. He has served on the Texarkana, Arkansas, Planning and Zoning Commission since 1998, served two terms on the Texarkana Arkansas School Board, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and now serves on the Texarkana Airport Authority. In addition to the city boards, he served 7 years on Disabled Youth Awareness Board of Directors and has recently been appointed to the Arkansas Drag Racer's Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

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