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**Rockdale County Tax Commissioner Endorses  
Shelia Edwards for District 4 Commissioner**

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**Mableton, GA** – I am pleased to announce that I have received the endorsement of a respected leader and public servant, Rockdale Tax Commissioner Tisa Smart Washington.

*“As the elected Tax Commissioner of Rockdale County, I am honored to endorse Shelia Edwards for Cobb County Commissioner of District 4. During the decade of knowing Shelia, she has demonstrated superior leadership and the highest level of professionalism and integrity. I met Shelia when she served as Chief Communications Officer for DeKalb County and hired me as a communications writer. The Communications office was fast past-paced and Shelia was charged with delivering quality work products under deadline driven and often stressful conditions. In her role as Chief Communications Officer, Shelia provided guidance to the CEO and senior management on communications, speeches, and messaging. She also managed the hiring decisions and the department budget. She proved herself to be adept at effectively utilizing various communication vehicles to deliver a consistent, reliable, and cohesive message. Shelia demonstrated acumen and tact with her ability to quickly adapt to changing circumstances.*



*In addition to myself and the core communications team, Shelia managed 15 staff, including Public Information Officers and the county television team. Interpersonally, Shelia is a caring team builder and ensured staff were empowered to do their jobs. She was a mentor to me and many others and supported our development. Additionally, Shelia worked with the Law Department, Human Resources, and Public Safety on organizational changes and culture initiatives resulting in consistent, transparent, and compelling internal and external messages. Shelia earned a reputation as being able to work with people with diverse interests and objectives. She was always responsive, flexible, and thoughtful. All traits needed in great leaders.*

*As I transitioned into leadership myself, I have relied on the lessons learned from my time with Shelia’s team to propel my career forward. I have the deepest professional respect for Shelia, and she has my highest endorsement. If you have any questions about my endorsement of Shelia, please do not hesitate to contact me.”*

I am grateful for the support of an elected leader who serves the people of her community with distinction. I humbly accept Tisa’s endorsement and wish her continued success as a respected and distinguish representative of Rockdale County.

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