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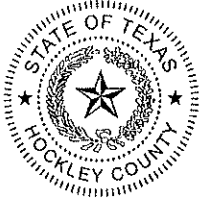
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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Hockley County, Texas will meet in an emergency meeting because an emergency exists in regards to the continuing need to consider implementation of the local emergency management plan and other orders and directives to properly respond to the Coronavirus disaster. Said emergency meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following:

Discussion and potential action to continue, renew and/or modify the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency dated March 19, 2020.

Discussion and potential action to amend the Hockley County Emergency Management Program.

The courthouse will be open during this meeting to meet the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS FILED FOR RECORD _____ O'CLOCK ____ M.

BY: Sharla Baldrige
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

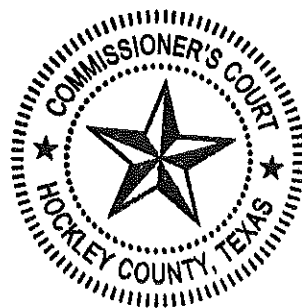
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Jennifer Palermo
County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Emergency Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 24th day of March, 2020, and said Notice of Emergency Meeting has been posted in accordance to the Texas Government Code §551.045(a).

Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.

Jennifer Palermo
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



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NOTICE (EMERGENCY) MEETING

Be it remembered that on this the 25th day of March A.D. 2020, there came on to be held a (Emergency) meeting of the Commissioner's Court, and the Court having convened in Emergency session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the emergency that exist in regards to the continuing need to consider implementation of the local emergency management plan and other order and directives to properly respond to the Coronavirus diseaster. for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige	County Judge
Curtis D. Thrash	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
J. L. "Whitey" Barnett	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R. Clevenger	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioner's Court when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Thrash, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners Court approved to take potential action to continue, renew and/or modify the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency dated March 19, 2020. As per Declaration and Ratification of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency Hockley County, Texas (Covid-19) recorded below.

Motion by Commissioner Thrash, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners Court approved to take potential action to amend the Hockley County Emergency Management program. As per Commissioners Court Order Establishing A County Emergency Management Program recorded below.

**DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
(COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout **HOCKLEY COUNTY** and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Honorable Sharla Baldrige as County Judge of **HOCKLEY COUNTY** declared a state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout **HOCKLEY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on March 16, 2020, call upon Americans to slow the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding social gatherings in groups of more than ten (10) people, using drive-thru, pick-up or delivery options at restaurants and bars, and avoiding visitation at nursing homes, among other steps; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order by the Governor of the State of Texas relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation, as promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 19, 2020, issued certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of **HOCKLEY COUNTY** has determined that additional measures must be taken to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout **HOCKLEY COUNTY**; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared, ratified and renewed for **HOCKLEY COUNTY**.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of **HOCKLEY COUNTY**.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of **HOCKLEY COUNTY**.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster activates the Hockley County Emergency Management Plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

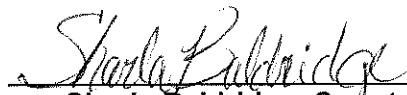
SECTION 6. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or social endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 7. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 9. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency supersedes all previous declarations issued by **HOCKLEY COUNTY** on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms. And again, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall remain in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.



Sharla Baldrige, County Judge
Hockley County, Texas



Curtis Thrash, Commissioner, Prct. 1



Larry Carter, Commissioner, Prct. 2

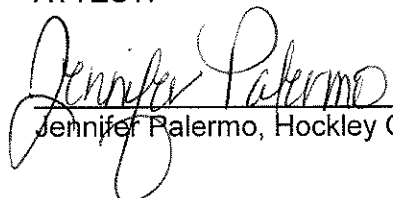


J.L. Barnett, Commissioner, Prct. 3

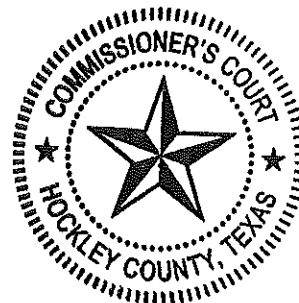


Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Prct. 3

ATTEST:



Jennifer Palermo, Hockley County Clerk



**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER
ESTABLISHING A COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS. ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; ACKNOWLEDGING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE OFFICES; IDENTIFYING AN OPERATIONAL ORGANIZATION; GRANTING NECESSARY POWERS TO COPE WITH ALL PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WHICH THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF HOCKLEY; AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER CITIES OR COUNTIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES; AND MAKING VIOLATIONS A MISDEAMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY FINE, NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00, AND UP TO 180 DAYS IN JAIL.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the County of Hockley finds that the identification of potential hazards and the prevention or mitigation of their effects must be an on-going concern of the County if the lives and property of the of the populace are to be protected; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court declares that the preparation of a Comprehensive Emergency management plan, and the means for its implementation, for the protection of lives and property in the County of Hockley from natural or man-cause disaster or threat thereof is immediately essential; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court further finds that in time so disasters which may imperil the safety of the inhabitants of the County, or their property, it becomes necessary to effectuate and place into operation the preconceived plans and preparations with a minimum of delay; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds, therefore that the preparation, and implementation of such plans are now imperative. BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. ORGANIZATION

There exists the office of Emergency Management Director of the County of Hockley, which shall be held by the County Judge in accordance with state law.

- (a) An Emergency Management Coordinator may be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Director.
- (b) The Director shall be responsible for a program of comprehensive emergency management within the county and for carrying out the duties and responsibilities set forth in this court order. She may delegate authority for execution of these duties to the Coordinator, but ultimate responsibility for such execution shall remain with the Director.
- (c) The operational Emergency Management organization of the County of Hockley shall consist of the officers and employees of the County so organized volunteer groups. The functions and duties of this organization shall be distributed among such officers and employees in accordance with the terms of the emergency management plan.

Emergency Management. When approved, it shall be the duty of all departments and agencies to perform the functions assigned by the plan and to maintain their portion of the plan in a current state of readiness at all times. The Emergency Management Plan shall be considered supplementary to this order and have the effect of law during the time of a disaster.

Section 4. INTERJURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM

The County Judge is hereby authorized to join with the mayors of the cities in Hockley County in the formation of an Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program for Hockley and shall have the authority to cooperate in the preparation of an Interjurisdictional Emergency Management Plan and in the appointment of a joint Emergency Management Coordinator, as well as all powers necessary to participate in a county-wide program of emergency management insofar as said program may affect the County of Hockley.

Section 5. OVERRIDE

At all times when the orders, rules and regulations made and promulgated pursuant to this order shall be in effect, they shall supersede and override all existing ordinances, orders, rules and regulation insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

Section 6. LIABILITY

This order is an exercise by the County of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety and neither the County of Hockley, the agents and representatives of said County, nor any individual, receiver, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or trustee nor any of the agents thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this order shall be liable for any damage sustained to persons as the result of said activity. Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants to the County of Hockley a license of privilege, or otherwise permits the County to inspect, designate and use the whole or any part or parts of such real estate premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during an actual, impending or practice enemy attack or natural or man-made disaster shall, together with his/her successors in interest, if any, not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege or other permission or for loss of, or damage to, the property of such person.

Section 7. COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the County in carrying out any Emergency Management activity authorized by this order without prior approval by the Commissioners Court, nor shall any person have any right to bind the County by contract, agreement, or otherwise without prior and specific approval of the Commissioners Court unless during a declared disaster. During a declared disaster, the County Judge may expend and/or commit public funds of the County when deemed prudent and necessary for the protection of health, life or property.

Section 8. OFFENSES; PENALTIES

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the Emergency Management organization in the enforcement of any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this order or any local Declaration of Disaster.
- (b) It shall be likewise be unlawful for any person to wear, carry or display any emblem, insignia, or any other means of identification as a member of the Emergency Management

organization of the County of Hockley, unless authority to do so has been granted to such person by the proper officials.

- (c) Convictions for violation of the provisions of this order shall be punishable by fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) and up to 180 days in jail.

Section 9. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this order shall, for any reason, be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.


Section 10. LIMITATIONS

This order shall not be construed so as to conflict with any State or Federal statute or with any military or naval order, rule, or regulation.

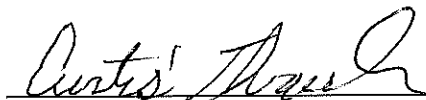
Section 11. REPEALER

All orders, parts of orders, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.


READ AND APPROVED on first reading this 25th day of March, 2020.



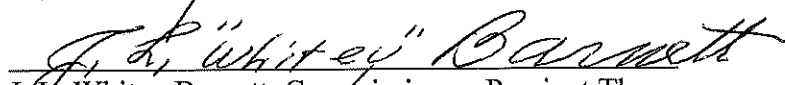
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge
Hockley County, Texas



Curtis Thrash, Commissioner, Precinct One



Larry Carter, Commissioner, Precinct Two

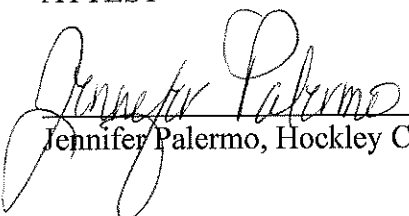


J.L. Whitey Barnett, Commissioner, Precinct Three



Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Precinct Four

ATTEST



Jennifer Palermo, Hockley County Clerk

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 25th day of March, A. D. 2020, was examined by me and approved.

Curtis Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

J. L. Barnett
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Kenny Curtis
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Tommy Olson
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Shirley Baldrige
County Judge

Jennifer Palermo
JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court
Hockley County, Texas



