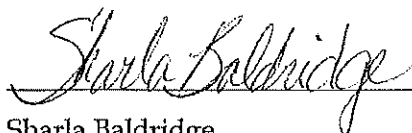


PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

Motion by Commissioner Curtis Thrash, seconded by Commissioner Tammy Clewager, and carried unanimously that Hockley County Commissioners' Court institute emergency guidelines for determining public assistance eligibility for applicants who have been directly affected by COVID-19 or layoffs in the oilfield industry due to the dramatic plunge in the price of oil. The temporary change in guidelines will be in effect until no longer deemed necessary by the Commissioners' Court. The changes are as follows:

- 1) Applicant must be able to prove the household's finances have been adversely affected by:
 - job layoff, job loss, or reduction in pay due to COVID-19,
 - household quarantined due to COVID-19,
 - contraction of COVID-19 by a household member;
 - oilfield related job layoff, job loss, or reduction in pay;
- 2) Countable income guidelines will not change;
- 3) Federal Poverty Limit of 100% will not change;
- 4) Amounts payable will temporarily be changed:
 - Utilities - electric, gas, and propane -
 - up to \$75.00 - counts as one assist
 - \$75.01 - \$150.00 - counts as two assists
 - \$150.01 - \$225.00 - counts as three assists
 - Housing assistance -
 - up to \$150.00 - counts as one assist
 - \$150.01 - \$300.00 - counts as two assists
 - \$300.00 - \$450.00 - counts as three assists
- 5) Guidelines in relation to number of assistance times per year will not change. For example, if a household is assisted with over \$150.00 in utilities or \$300.00 in housing assistance, they may not apply for public assistance again until the new calendar year as those amounts will total the maximum for being assisted three times in a calendar year.

Approved applicants must still wait thirty days before making a new application unless they have used the maximum assists allowed.



Sharla Baldrige
Hockley County Judge

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