

# Tyler County Multi-jurisdictional FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

## Suggested Agenda Wording and Briefing for Fall, 2019 Governance Board Meetings

### Suggested wording for Fall, 2019 Governing Board Agenda:

Review finalized Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Tyler County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HAZMAP) to be submitted to FEMA upon final required public meeting and local governing board meeting final review.

### Suggested wording for Fall, 2019 Final Public Meeting Review to be held before or during governing board meeting:

Obtain final citizen input on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Tyler County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HAZMAP) to be submitted to FEMA upon final required public meeting and local governing board meeting final review.

### Suggested Governing Board Motion :

for: 11/12/19 Agenda

Final local review and public input <sup>HAVING</sup> has been conducted and considered for the Tyler County Multi-jurisdictional FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan and permission <sup>BE</sup> is granted for staff to submit to the Texas Department of Emergency Management and onto the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their final review.

### Suggested Briefing:

- **Purpose of Tonight's Action:** To obtain any additional input from the public and governing board regarding the HAZMAP plan. Once obtained, the governing body will consider a motion to submit the plan to FEMA for their review and approval. Your action today will not be an "approval" but a direction to submit. Once the final approval is rendered by FEMA, the plan will come back to the local body for final adoption, becoming our official FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.
- **Recap of FEMA HAZMAP Plan/Process Undertaken during 2018-2019:** Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long term risk to human life and property from known hazards. Mitigation is defined by FEMA as

sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. Hazards that may pose risk and potentially result in disaster include but not limited to drought, flood, hurricane, tornado, and wildfire.

- **Eligible FEMA Funded Projects:** Communities with a FEMA-approved plan are eligible for certain grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program to fund critical projects such as buyouts and structural elevation of repetitive flood loss structures, drainage projects and hardening critical facilities to minimize future damage from natural disasters that affect the Tyler County planning area.
- **Plan Participants:** The Tyler County Multi-jurisdictional HAZMAP plan consists of Tyler County and its participating jurisdictions of Woodville and Ivanhoe.

The participating jurisdictions have been working diligently with Langford Community Management grant consultant and Rojas Planning, once FEMA funding was acquired, in order to develop a plan to offer practical approaches and examples for how the communities can engage in effective planning to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards and disasters.

- **Community Input:** The CORE planning team meetings were always open to the public, as well as formalized public meetings that took place on November 15, 2018 and an on-line citizen survey, as required by FEMA.
- **FEMA Approval Process:** Once submitted to FEMA, the process usually takes from 3-6 months for the plan to be approved, then submitted back to the local governing board for final adoption and approval. With the FEMA-approved plan, the jurisdictions are now eligible for fore mentioned grant funding for critical hazard mitigation projects.