

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
May 7, 2024 ---- 9:30 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                      ON THIS THE 7th day of May, 2024 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in an Emergency Meeting at the Commissioners Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

MILTON POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
DOUG HUGHES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: Commissioner Marshall thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
JOHN SETTLOCKER	EMERGENCY MNGT. COORDINATOR

The emergency meeting was called to consider and/or approve and receive information concerning an urgent public necessity:

- There continues to be significant eminent threat of flooding and possible rescue of citizens; and
- Due to eminent threat of continued flooding of the Neches River caused by rain in the county and northern counties in East Texas that impacts the flow of water to Tyler County; and,
- Significant damages sustained by private and public properties; and
- Considering facts that at least seven(7) citizens have been rescued from flood waters since April 30<sup>th</sup>.

After Judge Powers called the meeting to order, Commissioner Hudson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and delivered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDER:** none

**CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATION:**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to continue or renew the Declaration of Disaster of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for 10 days, pursuant to Section 418.108(b) GC for Event Number 24-0024 26APR severe weather. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

**COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

Judge Powers reported more flooding from Rockland to Sheffield's Ferry with more rain coming with possibility of hail and winds. A voluntary evacuation is in place. A shelter is in place in Colmesneil. Tonya with EOC stated there were crews still in the county ready to do rescues. The judge stated the water level along the Neches was at 75 (Mount Neches) and if it increases above 76 a mandatory evacuation order will be in place. He thanked the tremendous work of the emergency management team, sheriff's office, voluntary fire departments, along with county commissioners. Commissioner Hudson reported a shelter will be established in Spurger. John Settlocker added his appreciation. Commissioner Blacksher read a statement from the GLO- briefing with Governor Abbot encourages constituents to submit damages to iSTAT to meet the FEMA threshold. Judge Powers added a "QR" code has been shared on the Tyler County Emergency Management Facebook page. Judge Powers added his gratitude to TDEM and the governor's office. Small Business Administration is set up at the EOC for loans. The county clerk inquired about an extension of the disaster declaration being put on the next agenda. A declaration can only be extended for 30 days. Commissioner Blacksher answered that each storm was considered a new event which would require a new disaster declaration.

**Executive Session:** Not held

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 9:45 a.m.

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on May 7, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 30th day of May, 2024.

Attest  
Donece Gregory, County Clerk

