

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
EMERGENCY MEETING
September 4, 2025 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 4th day of September, 2025 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

DOUG HUGHES

MIKE MARSHALL

BUCK HUDSON

DONECE GREGORY

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3

COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4

COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER

JOHN SETTLOCKER

COUNTY AUDITOR

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Judge Powers called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the invocation.

An emergency meeting of the Tyler County Commissioners Court was called to consider/approve and receive information directly relating to an urgent public necessity:

- 1) Continues to be significant eminent threat of air contamination to the citizens in Tyler County; and,
- 2) Due to the eminent threat of safety issues caused by the fire and smoke in Tyler County and surrounding counties in East Texas from a tire disposal facility, and
- 3) Multiple emergency vehicle response teams were used and road closures were demanded creating a public safety hazard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDERS/RECOGNITIONS: None

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to continue and renew the **Declaration of Disaster**, declared on August 31, 2025, for 30 days pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) GC, for the **fire event of the Woodville Tire Plant**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Judge Powers- on behalf of Tyler County Emergency Management he expressed much appreciation to all, John Settlocker and Commissioner Blacksher, Tonya Sheffield, different companies and businesses for helping out, Allen Gardner, and all the fire departments working together; TCEQ, DPS, Sheriff's Department, TxDOT, Forest Service, County Auditor for the mid-night phone call to ask about funding.

Special thanks to Bryan Davis and the pellet mill for use of their water retention ponds- could not have controlled the fire without it.

Met with EPA which had been monitoring for air quality, even to other parts of the county. The county had to step in due to the public threat.

Will be meeting with TCEQ at 11:00 a.m.

Judge Powers summarized, "The US Fire Pump left yesterday, couldn't afford to keep paying that price". He named several that would keep monitoring the situation.

Commissioner Blacksher- would have burned for 30 days without the additional intervention. He explained the limitations of the county and having to defer to TCEQ.

Commissioner Marshall- asked about a county ordinance for prevention

John Settlocker- reported 41 different departments as far as south of Houston came to assist, thanks to Alabama Coushatta for use of their signs that helped tremendously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting be adjourned. All commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15 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 September 4, 2025.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 5th day of September, 2025.

Attest: 
Donece Gregory, County Clerk

