

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Public Hearing scheduled to be held on August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the Washington County Commissioners Court to hear comments, discuss, and vote upon the creation of an Emergency Services District and for its placement on the November 2024 ballot has been cancelled. Texas Health & Safety Code § 775.015 requires that the notice of public hearing be published in a newspaper of general circulation for two consecutive weeks. The Washington County Clerk's Office made the request in writing to the Brenham Banner Press to run the notice in the July 23, 2024 and July 30, 2024 issues. The Brenham Banner Press only ran the notice in the July 23, 2024 issue. The law firm of Coveler & Peeler, P.C. has admitted that the notice is defective and the measure will have to be taken up at a later date for possible inclusion on the May 2025 ballot.