

**THE COMMISSIONERS COURT** §  
**OF** §  
**STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS** §

**RESOLUTION OF STEPHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT PLEDGING NO NEW TAX REVENUE FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, falling mineral values, and the reduction of income from agricultural businesses have negatively impacted Stephens County; and,

**WHEREAS**, many residents of Stephens County have been unemployed or had a reduction in their wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic, falling mineral values, and the reduction of income from agricultural businesses in Stephens County; and,

**WHEREAS**, many property owners in Stephens County face challenges paying property taxes and residents are struggling to stay in their homes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott has asked local governments to give property tax relief to citizens in Texas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commissioners Court of the County of Stephens, by the authority granted to it by the laws of the State of Texas and the people of Stephens County, Texas, we hereby pledge that the Stephens County Commissioner's Court, based on the property tax income from the fiscal year 2020, will not increase the amount of revenue from property taxes in the 2021 fiscal budget. No gimmicks, no tax-rate tricks, this pledge to the citizens of Stephens County is that taxpayers will not see the County increase its revenue, period.

**Further**, we will cut County spending by reducing the County's workforce, lowering elected official's salaries, and employing lean operating strategies countywide.

**Further**, while services will be reduced because of the projected income shortfall and the cost-cutting efforts, the Commissioner's Court will work tirelessly to minimize the reduction of services to the citizens.

**Further**, we ask for each citizen's understanding as we endure this challenging time together.

**ADOPTED, RESOLVED, AND SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

County Judge - Michael Roach

County Commissioner  
Ed Russel - Precinct 1

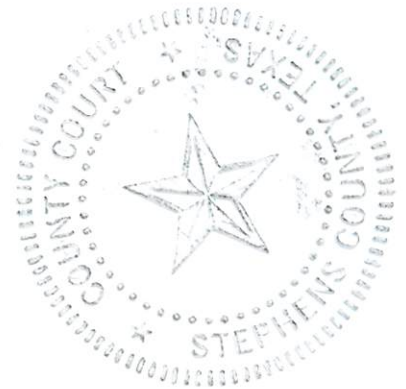
County Commissioner  
Will Warren – Precinct 3

County Commissioner  
Mark McCullough – Precinct 2

County Commissioner  
Eric O'Dell – Precinct 4

Attest:

Jackie Ensey – County Clerk



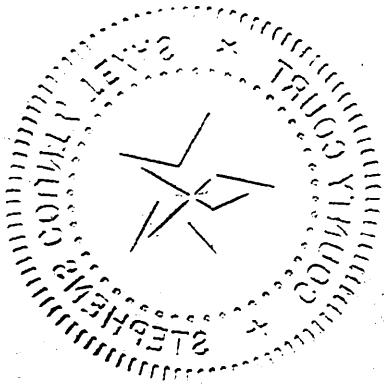
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