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## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Hockley County, Texas will meet in emergency session on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following:

Discuss and take potential action concerning Courthouse issues in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.

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BY: Sharla Baldridge Hockley County Judge

County Clerk, Hockiey County, Texas

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Emergency Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and said Notice of Emergency Meeting has been posted in accordance to the Texas Government Code §551.045(a).

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020.

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio

Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



#### **NOTICE (EMERGENCY) MEETING**

Be it remembered that on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 2020, there came on to be held a (Emergency) meeting of the Commissioner's Court, and the Court having convened in Emergency session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the following with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldridge County Judge

Curtis D. Thrash

Larry Carter ABSENT

J. L. "Whitey" Barnett

Thomas R. Clevenger

Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioner's Court when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Thrash, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners Court approved to take potential action concerning Courthouse issues in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As per Hockley County, Texas County Judge Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency recorded below.

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# HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS,** a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS,** the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** Hockley County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS:

- **SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Hockley County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- **SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Hockley County, Texas.
- **SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- **SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hockley County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.
- **SECTION 5.** That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

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**SECTION 6.** That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 50 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 50 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or social endeavor where 50 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

**SECTION 7.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

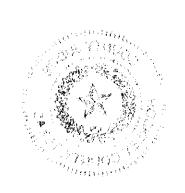
**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Sharla Baldridge, County Judge

Hockley County, Texas



There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

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Cunty Mull Commissioner, Precinct No. 1	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Absent Commissioner, Precinct No. 2	Commissioner, Precinet No. 4

JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court Hockley County, Texas



