COMMISSIONERS' COURT EMERGENCY MEETING
April 1, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners' Court of Comanche County, Texas met in an Emergency Meeting on the 1st day of April, 2020 with the following members present: Judge Stephanie L. Davis, Presiding; Gary "Corky" Underwood, Commissioner Precinct #1; Russell Gillette, Commissioner Precinct #2; Sherman Sides, Commissioner Precinct #3 and Jimmy Dale Johnson, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Judge Stephanie L. Davis opened the meeting at 1:15 p. m.

Commissioner Underwood gave the invocation.

There were no public comments.

Judge Davis gave an update on COVID-19 within Comanche County. As of April 1, 2020 there are two confirmed cases in the County. The first case has been in quarantined in the home and it was reported this person's exposure was travel related. How the second case may have been exposed is under investigation.

Currently there is no shelter in place order in the county. Governor Abbott has issued an order closing all non-essential businesses until further notice.

Residents are encouraged to engage in social distancing, washing of hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer if soap and water is unavailable, stay at home as much as possible to limit exposure, and cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue.

Judge Davis is in constant contact with Mayors Mary Boyd, Terry Scott, and Ken Huey as well as state and federal officials to monitor the status of COVID-19. The situation can change hourly and daily advised Judge Davis. Dr. Paul Livingston, Comanche County Health Authority, is constantly monitoring the situation.

Judge Davis and all three mayors have issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency which is valid for seven days and must be approved by Commissioners' Court at that time. Governor Abbott 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 on March 13, 2020. President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster activates the Comanche County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

This declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress this virus. This declaration limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people until further notice. All lawfully available enforcement tools are hereby authorized.

This declaration became effective on March 25, 2020 and after approval of the Commissioner's Court will remain in effect until terminated by the County Judge.

Commissioner Sides made the motion to approve the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency as amended on April 1, 2020. Commissioner Underwood seconds the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Court, Court was adjourned this the 1st day of April, 2020 with a motion and second by Commissioners Johnson and Sides. All approved. Motion carried.

The foregoing minutes approved by the Comanche County Commissioners' Court on the 13th day of April, 2020.

Attest: Ruby Lesley

Ruby Lesley, County Clerk

Stephanie L. Davis

Stephanie L. Davis, County Judge

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