

**NOTICE OF MEETING (•) OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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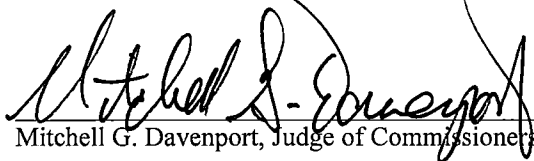
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on **Friday the 2nd day of February, 2018 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.** in the County Courthouse, Jacksboro, Texas, at which time the following subjects* will be discussed and appropriate action taken, to-wit:

These subjects may or may not be discussed in the order shown. All items listed below as part of the called "Consent Agenda Items" require no deliberation by the Court. Each Court member has the prerogative of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.

1. Review of Wildland Fire Conditions and consideration ratification and implementation of Emergency Declaration and Burn Ban issued by the County Judge;
2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; AND;
3. ADJOURNMENT.

Dated this the 30th day of January, 2018

Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas



Mitchell G. Davenport, Judge of Commissioners Court

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

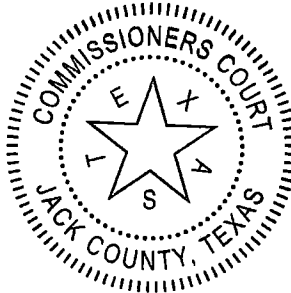
BY _____ DEPUTY

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Jack County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 30th day of January, 2018, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 30th day of January, 2018, at 9:41 am.



Vanessa James, County Clerk of Jack County, Texas



MINUTES

On this the 2nd day of February, 2018 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular session at 10:08 a.m. with the following elected officials present:

- John R Berry, Commissioner Pct. 1
- James L Brock, Commissioner Pct. 2
- Henry Birdwell, Jr, Commissioner Pct. 3
- Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. 4
- Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

REVIEW OF WILDLAND FIRE CONDITIONS AND CONSIDERATION RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND BURN BAN ISSUED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Davenport handed out information to Commissioners and reported that he has been watching the Keech Byrum index. Rural Fire Chief Jim Richardson reported that they watch it but do not put a lot in that in the winter time. Jack County has a lot of fuel wind, with no moisture in the forecast. He supports putting a burn ban in place at this time. Matt Gregory with NRCS soil conservation, Joe Ray Burkett, Jeremy Jennings and Frank Hefner are in agreement.

Judge Davenport made a motion to ratify the Declaration and burn ban for 90 days per law. Commissioner Brock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Judge Davenport to adjourn. Commissioner Birdwell seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously.


Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



 John R Berry, Commissioner Pct. #1



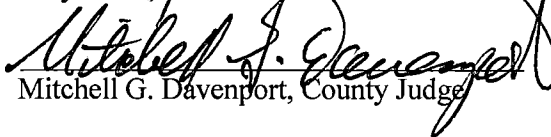
 James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2



 Henry Birdwell, Jr, Commissioner Pct. #3

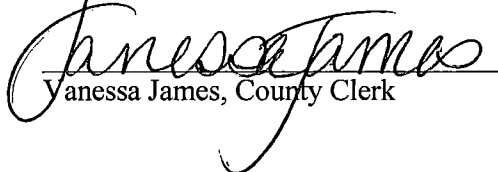


 Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4



 Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

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COUNTY OF JACK

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Proclamation EO-2-18
January 30, 2018

JAN 30 2018

VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR JACK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Jack and surrounding areas on the 30th of January, 2018, are under imminent threat of severe damage, injury of loss of life or property resulting from:

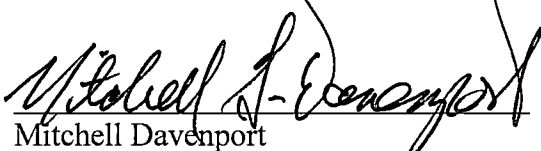
THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Jack County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

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

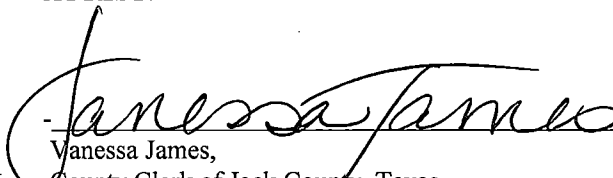
1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Jack County pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jack County.
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Jack County.
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of the local state of disaster activates the Jack County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, **ORDERED** this 30th day of January, 2018.



Mitchell Davenport
County Judge of Jack County, Texas

ATTEST:



Vanessa James,
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas



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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF JACK §**ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the County;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has also determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Jack County that all outdoor burning in Jack County for 90 days from the date of adoption of this order, is prohibited unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

This Order is adopted pursuant to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §352.081 and other applicable statutes.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities:

(1) related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for:

- (A) firefighter training;
- (B) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or
- (C) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or

(2) that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

Fort Richardson State Historical Park is granted an exemption from this order on the following conditions:

- (1) All bonfires are prohibited;
- (2) All campfires are prohibited except those in contained in metal fire rings and none are permitted if winds are or are predicted at 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30% .
- (3) No fire allowed under this exemption shall be left unattended;
- (4) Any fire allowed under this exemption shall be attended with appropriate fire safety equipment such as a shovel and water hose or bucket;
- (5) Charcoal fires will be allowed in fire rings or metal cook boxes; and,
- (6) Charcoal used in said fires shall be of the type which is manufactured to contain sufficient lighting fluid to ignite the charcoal.

Welding is allowed by commercial/professional welders under the following guidelines only:

- (1) A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.
- (2) A perimeter around the welding area shall be established of a radius of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be three times the height of the actual welding. Example: if the welding is occurring ten feet off the ground, a perimeter of thirty (30) feet radius must be protected.
- (3) A minimum of 100 gallons of water must be available on site.

- (4) A minimum of one (1) water pressure fire extinguisher per spotter is required.
- (5) If the perimeter cannot be cleared of vegetation, proper precautionary measures must be taken (Example: protecting brush, etc, by utilizing fire resistant tarps).
- (6) Welding in an enclosed area or underground is acceptable.
- (7) No welding is permitted if winds are 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.
- (8) Welder or Company conducting welding operations must prior to activities file with the Jack County Sheriff's Office proof of effective liability insurance or be bonded in an amount of at least \$300,000.
- (9) Prior to ANY welding activity a phone call shall be placed by the welder or company conducting welding operations to the Jack County Sheriff's department relaying the location of the project, cell phone for contact person, name of party responsible, and name of welder.

In accordance with V.T.C.A. Local Government Code §240.906(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist

ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2018.

JACK COUNTY

By: *Mitchell G. Davenport*
 Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

Attest:
Vanessa James
 Vanessa James, Jack County Clerk



By: _____
 Deputy County Clerk