

COUNTY OF JACK

STATE OF TEXAS

Proclamation EO-3-22
March 21, 2022

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR JACK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Jack and The City of Jacksboro on the 21st of March, 2022 (and days following), are under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from:

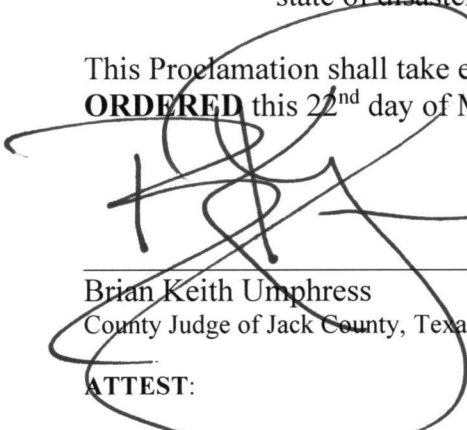
DAMAGE RESULTING FROM TORNADO AND WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; and

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 the property,

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

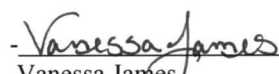
1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Jack County according to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. According to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jack County.
3. According 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. According 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 22nd day of March 2022.

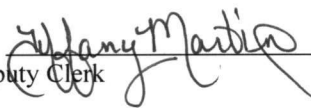


Brian Keith Umphress
County Judge of Jack County, Texas

ATTEST:



Vanessa James
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

By: 

Deputy Clerk



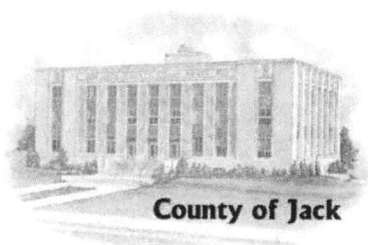
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**VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**

BY _____ **DEPUTY**



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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
c/o Chief
TDEM
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, Texas 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott:

As a result of a tornado that occurred on March 21, 2022, Jack County is currently facing tremendous physical and economic losses. An estimated 80 homes and/or businesses have sustained major damage and 70 families will require temporary housing and other individual assistance. 25 businesses have sustained significant uninsured losses. These business losses have created a severe impact on jobs, production, and revenue.

Likewise, public utilities have been impacted to the extent that 600 homes/businesses have been left without electricity, telephone, and internet connection. The Faith Community Hospital is operating on backup generator power only supplying power to the Emergency Room and limited patients rooms. Two school campuses sustained substantial damage within the Jacksboro Independent School District. The tornado hit the Jacksboro Elementary School during afternoon release with parents seeking shelter within the school building. Teachers' and staff members' cars were overturned in the parking lot. The Gyms of both campuses took a direct hit from the path of the storm. It is estimated that damage to the JISD facilities will exceed \$30,000,000.00

It is my belief the damage to homes, businesses, public works, and utility systems due to the tornado constitute a public health and safety hazard. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond Jack County's capability to recover without supplementary State and/or Federal assistance. Additionally, I certify that Jack County does not have local funding available to make the needed repairs and to provide these citizens with effective relief.

Your assistance in this emergency matter, as it affects the safety and health needs of our citizens would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

BRIAN KEITH UMPRESS

County Judge – Jack County, Texas

Enclosure: ***Local Disaster Proclamation***

