

COUNTY OF JACK

STATE OF TEXAS

Proclamation EO-4-18-20
April 23, 2025

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR JACK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Jack and surrounding areas on the 18th of April, 2025 (and days following), are under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from:

THE THREAT OF FLOOD AND DAMAGE RESULTING FROM 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 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 23rd day of April 2025.

Brian Keith Umphress
County Judge of Jack County, Texas

ATTEST:

Vanessa James
County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



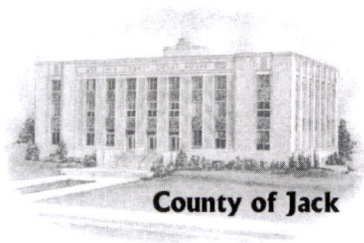
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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Brian Keith Umphress
County Judge of Jack County, Texas
100 N. Main St., Ste. 206
Jacksboro, TX 76458

April 23, 2025

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

Dear Governor Abbott,

Between April 18 and April 20, 2025, Jack County was struck by a severe weather event of substantial magnitude. The aftermath of this disaster has left our county in a state of urgent need, with three confirmed tornadoes and intense rainfall leading to widespread flooding and causing significant damage to our county's infrastructure.

The high water levels have made numerous county roads impassable, resulting in extensive road closures that have disrupted our local economy. The Oil and Gas Production sectors, which form the cornerstone of our regional industry, have been hit hard. These operations, heavily dependent on off-system roadways for transportation and logistics, have been brought to a standstill, leading to economic losses.

Beyond the economic impact, this disaster has seriously threatened public safety. Many residents have been left isolated by impassable roads and compromised water crossings. Emergency services have been delayed or restricted in certain areas, placing lives and property at greater risk.

The damage sustained to Jack County's transportation infrastructure represents a significant public health and safety hazard. After a comprehensive assessment, the magnitude and severity of this disaster exceed the County's capacity to respond and recover effectively without external support.

We therefore request immediate assistance and coordination from State and Federal agencies to support our emergency response and long-term recovery efforts. The people of Jack County are strong and resilient, but we urgently need support to recover from this crisis and rebuild stronger. We appreciate your prompt attention and action on this critical matter and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Brian Keith Umphress
Jack County Judge

