

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF JASPER

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CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Commissioners Court met in a Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Jasper County Courthouse, Jasper, Texas on Monday, May 24th, 2021.

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the 17th day of May, 2021, was in imminent threat of flooding due to continued rainfall causing the Angelina River and Neches River to flood resulting in increased elevations in the Sam Rayburn Reservoir and B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, that have made the overflow of water at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers emergency imminent, with surcharge releases from Sam Rayburn Reservoir currently underway, as described in reports issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. National Weather Service, potentially causing widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life and property. These countywide conditions created by this continued torrential rainfall and major flooding over an excessive period of time had the potential to affect Jasper County by causing flooding in residential and commercial areas, as well as major infrastructure damage preventing access to, or the safe passage on, many roadways, as well as the potential for long term countywide electrical power and utility outages. Such conditions created an imminent public safety hazard.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, has determined, based upon current and probable water elevation levels at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sam Rayburn Reservoir, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, the Angelina and Neches Rivers, and upon rainfall forecasts issued by the U.S. National Weather Service, as well as widespread property damage, damaged roadways and electrical outages resulting from severe thunderstorms, that extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property and are necessary and hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JASPER COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared by the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas, on May 17th, 2021, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, and was continued by the Commissioners Court on January 25, 2019.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than 58 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Jasper County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan.

ORDERED this 24th day of May, 2021.

Mark W. Allen
Mark W. Allen, County Judge
Jasper County, Texas

Attest:
Debbie Newman
Debbie Newman
Deputy County Clerk
Jasper County, Texas