

COUNTY of EASTLAND



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The Honorable Gregg Abbott
Governor of Texas
c/o Chief
TDEM
P.O. Box 4087
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Dear Governor Abbott:

As a result of flood and excessive rain that occurred on 30 May 16, Eastland County is currently facing tremendous physical and economic losses. An estimated 132 homes and businesses have been flooded and 60 families will be in need of temporary housing and other individual assistance. 13 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 30 homes/businesses have been left without potable water, electricity, and septic systems. The public works and road situation in Eastland County has been affected to an extent that 25 homes have been isolated due to impassable roads and water crossings. It is estimated that road and bridge damage will exceed \$1,000,000.

It is my belief the damage to homes, businesses, public works and utility systems due to the rain constitutes a public health and safety hazard. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond Eastland County capability to recover without supplementary State and/or Federal assistance. Additionally, I certify that Eastland 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,


Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge

Enclosure: ***Disaster Summary Outline***
Local Disaster Proclamation

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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Eastland on the 30th of May, 2016 and continuing, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from

Widespread flooding due to abnormal rainfall and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY JUDGE of EASTLAND 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 EASTLAND COUNTY;

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for EASTLAND COUNTY pursuant to §418.108(a) of the *Texas Government Code*.

Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the *Texas Government Code*, the 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 EASTLAND COUNTY.

Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the *Texas 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.

Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the COUNTY emergency management plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 1st of June, 2016.

COUNTY JUDGE