

RESOLUTION NO. 165-19-20

Resolution Declaring Public Health Emergency

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the spread of the COVID-19 virus as a worldwide health “pandemic” on March 11, 2020, and President Donald J. Trump declared the COVID-19 virus to be a national health emergency under the Stafford Act on March 13, 2020, by reason of the spread of said virus across the United States;

WHEREAS, Governor J. Kevin Stitt issued Executive Order 2020-07 on March 15, 2020, declaring a state of emergency to exist in all 77 counties of Oklahoma due to the impending public health threat the COVID-19 virus poses to the people of the state;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the virus is highly contagious and has been proven to place the elderly, those persons with chronic health conditions, and those with compromised immune systems at increased risk of severity and mortality if infected with COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the existence and rapid spread of the virus constitutes a direct threat to the safety, health, and welfare of the people of Texas County, and presents an immediate emergency health hazard within the meaning of Section 683.3 of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of the County Commissioners and other public officials to protect the health and safety of the people, and more particularly, the employees of the Texas County;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County that the existence and spread of the COVID-19 virus poses an immediate threat to the safety and welfare of all persons in Texas County; that a state of emergency disaster situation within the meaning of Section 683.3 of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003 exists in Texas County with respect to the public health threat due to the COVID-19 virus; and the Texas County Emergency Management Director is hereby directed to initiate and assist the County Commissioners of Texas County to implement a County Emergency Operations Plan and provide for entitlement to aid, relief and assistance from the State and Federal Governments as may be appropriate and available.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2020.



ATTEST:

Wendy Johnson
County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

By:

Ted Keeling
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners