

## RESOLUTION NO. 216-19-20

### **Resolution to Open the Texas County Courthouse And County Offices To Public Access With Limitations**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County issued Resolution 165-19-20 declaring a state of public health emergency to exist in Texas County, and issued Resolution 166-19-20 establishing emergency operations for county offices and employees;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County issued Resolution 172-19-20 on March 30, 2020, amending in part Resolution 166-19-20 and establishing rules and guidelines regarding operations of offices in the Texas County Courthouse, including but not limited to public access thereto;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County issued Resolution 211-19-20 on May 18, 2020, repealing and replacing the above designated Resolutions related to closing and restricting access to the Texas County Courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, Governor of Oklahoma has issued additional amendments to his Executive Orders elimination restrictions imposed by his Executive Orders related to COVID-19 to be effective June 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County believe the Texas County Courthouse can be reopened to public access with certain limitations, and that it is in the best interest of the residents of Texas County for the public to have access to all county offices:

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County that effective June 15, 2020, county Resolutions 211-19-20 and prior Resolutions of the County Commissioners establishing closing and restricting public access to the Texas County Courthouse are hereby repealed and terminated with the provisions of this Resolution to be effective immediately with respect to the operations of the Texas County Courthouse and the offices located therein in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth and provided, to wit:

1. All county employees and persons working at the Texas County Courthouse while at work are encouraged to take reasonable steps to avoid the spread of COVID-19 by exercising the following safety precautions, to-wit:
  - a. Continue to avoid close contact with other persons by exercising personal spacing distances as may be reasonable and appropriate under circumstances and conditions existing within their work spaces and public access areas of the Courthouse.
  - b. Take appropriate actions to cover coughs and sneezes.
  - c. Continue practices of washing hands and using hand sanitizer, if available, as often as possible. Disinfect all work stations and surfaces, including phones, door knobs, and keyboards, as often as possible when at work.
  - d. If anyone expresses know symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have been exposed to any person with COVID-19, they should promptly notify their employing county official for determination of an appropriate plan of action to be taken as the circumstances may reasonably dictate.

2. Restrictions as to access to the courthouse by employees and the public are hereby repealed and terminated, except as limited as provided hereinafter.


3. The District Judge of the First Judicial District encompassing Texas County is requested and authorized to issue specific orders with respect to accessing the courts and the Court Clerk's Office in Texas County. Such orders shall be published to all county offices and the County Commissioners, and when published to the County Commissioners shall be deemed a part of this Resolution. The District Judge may modify any orders issued by him from time to time as he deems necessary and reasonable to protect the judges, court clerk officers and employees, other offices within the courthouse, and the public from the COVID-19 virus.

4. Any person working at the Texas County Courthouse who has been exposed or exhibiting any known symptoms of COVID-19 shall remain away from work for a minimum period of fourteen days before being permitted to return to work at the Courthouse. Such employee may be assigned work to do at home. Before returning to work any such employee shall obtain the prior approval of their employing elected official.

5. The Commissioners may adopt further rules and procedures as may be needed to further implement and carry out the purposes and intentions of this Resolution from time to time.

ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Board of County Commissioners of Texas County


  
Ted Keeling, Chairman

  
Richard Bryan, Commissioner

  
Jack Strain, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
Wendy Johnson, County Clerk