

RESOLUTION NO. 106-20-21

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County believe the Texas County Courthouse and county owned facilities can be reopened to public access with certain limitations and restrictions as may be established by each county officer and the District Judge, and that it is in the best interest of the residents of Texas County for the public to have access to all county offices and county facilities:

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County that effective April 5, 2021, county Resolutions 211-19-20 and prior Resolutions of the County Commissioners establishing closing and restricting public access to the Texas County Courthouse and other county facilities are hereby repealed and terminated with the provisions of this Resolution to be effective immediately with respect to the operations of the Texas County Courthouse, including all offices located therein, and county owned facilities in accordance with the provisions hereinafter set forth and provided, to wit:

1. All previously adopted restrictions and limitations issued by the County Commissioners as to access to the Texas County Courthouse and county owned facilities by employees and the public are hereby repealed and terminated, subject to and except as provided hereinafter.

2. Each of the elected County Officers, the District Attorney and the District Judge of the First Judicial District may and are hereby authorized to issue specific directives and orders with respect to employees and the public accessing their respective offices located in the Texas County Courthouse, including the courtrooms, and other county facilities to protect employees and the public from unreasonable risk associated with the COVID-19 virus. Any directives or orders related to the imposition of restrictions or limitations of the public to access shall not prohibit or unduly limit public access to the courthouse and county owned facilities.

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 ten (10) 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Board of County Commissioners of Texas County

  
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Jack Strain, Chairman

  
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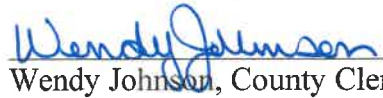
Dolan Sledge, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST:

  
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Wendy Johnson, County Clerk

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