# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioners Courtroom 710 S. Main Street, Georgetown July 11, 2025 10:30 A.M.

The Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas will meet in Special Session at the above location, date, and time to consider the items set forth below. It is the intent of the Commissioners Court to have a quorum physically present at the meeting. Up to two (2) Commissioners Court members may participate by videoconference call in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- 1. Deliberate, discuss, consider, receive information and take any appropriate action on public health and safety-related matters, issues, business and concerns resulting from or pertaining to the severe flooding event experienced in Williamson County, Texas on July 5, 2025, including but not limited to:
  - The extension of the Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for Williamson County, Texas, proclaimed and adopted by Williamson County Judge Steven Snell on July 5, 2025.
  - Compensation for salaried exempt employees pursuant to Section IV. Catastrophic Event Pay of the Budget Order and Section 02.05 (Overtime) of the Employee Policy Manual.
  - Debris management and disposal.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

"The Commissioners Court for Williamson County reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices) and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)."

Steven Snell, County Judge

This notice of meeting was posted in the locked box located on the south side of the Williamson County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 8th day of July, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

**Meeting Date:** 07/11/2025

Extension of the Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster

Submitted For: Steven Snell Submitted By: Andrea Schiele, County Judge

**Department:** County Judge **Agenda Category:** Consent

## Agenda Item

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## **Background**

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# Fiscal Impact From/To Acct No. Description Amount

### **Attachments**

Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster Order Extending

### Form Review

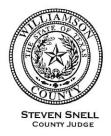
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# WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

## **COUNTY JUDGE**

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 710 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101 GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626 (512) 943-1550

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

VALERIE COVEY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

RUSS BOLES

# ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the County of Williamson, Texas, due to severe flooding conditions, is experiencing the occurrence and imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.004(1) of the Texas Government Code defines disaster to be the "occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, hostile military or paramilitary action, other public calamity requiring emergency action, or energy emergency;" and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Williamson County has determined, from statements and information provided by Williamson County Emergency Management personnel. state and local elected officials, and other emergency services agencies serving Williamson County, Texas that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property); and

WHEREAS, due to the disaster conditions as cited herein, the County Judge of Williamson County must protect the health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED and ORDERED** pursuant to the authority granted in the Texas Disaster Act of Chapter 418 Texas Government Code, as follows:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Williamson County pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code;
- 2. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, Williamson County may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in Williamson County, Texas;
- 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this Declaration and Order. The preparedness and response aspects of the Williamson County

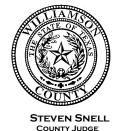
Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and shall take effect immediately upon this Declaration and Order;

- 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this Declaration and Order unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas;
- 5. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Declaration and Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Williamsons County Clerk.
- 6. A violation of this Declaration and Order shall be a criminal offense punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, as authorized by Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code.
- 7. In the event the conditions improve between date of adoption and the end of the effective date of this Declaration and Order, the County Judge shall reevaluate this Declaration and Order at that time.

This Declaration and Order is adopted this 5th day of July, 2025 at 11:00a.m., effective immediately.

Steven Snell

Williamson County Judge



# WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

# **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 710 MAIN STREET GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

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RUSS BOLES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

# COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2025, the Williamson County Judge issued an Order Declaring a Local State of Disaster for Williamson County, Texas (the "Declaration and Order") after making a determination based on statements and information provided to him by Williamson County Emergency Management personnel, state and local officials, and other emergency services agencies serving Williamson County, Texas that extraordinary measures must continue to be taken to alleviate and prevent the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property due to the recent severe flooding event experienced in Williamson County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a local state of disaster continue to exist in Williamson County, Texas in relation to the aforementioned event experienced in Williamson County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF CHAPTER 418 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS THAT THE DECLARATION AND ORDER IS HEREBY EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, Williamson County may take all legal actions necessary to protect the health of persons in Williamson County, Texas;
- 2. This Commissioners Court Order is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan and shall become effective on the date of its adoption;
- 3. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan and authority to furnish aid and assistance under the Declaration and Order, as well as the preparedness and response

aspects of the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan shall continue during the effective period of this extension;

- 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, the extension of the Declaration and Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Williamson County Clerk;
- 5. Pursuant to Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code, a failure to comply with the extended Declaration and Order, the Williamson County Emergency Management Plan or any orders issued under or in relation to the Declaration and Order as originally proclaimed by the Williamson County Judge on the date stated herein shall be a criminal offense punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, as authorized by Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code; and
- 6. The Declaration and Order shall be extended and continue until it is either terminated by order of the Williamson County Commissioners Court or through <u>September 12, 2025</u>, whichever event occurs first.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THIS THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Steven Snell
Williamson County Judge
As the Presiding Officer of the
Williamson County Commissioners Court