

SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Sunday, June 19, 2011 3:30 p.m.

Members of the Court Present:

Charles Watson	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Fayne Warner	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Also present are members of local volunteer fire departments.

Judge Watson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dickerson led the Court in prayer.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Discuss with possible action: Renew Declaration of Local Disaster, Order Prohibiting the Sale & Use of Fireworks and Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

The members of the local VFD's present told the Court that they are in support of their action to ban the sale and use of fireworks.

The Court was in agreement that it is too dry and this action is to protect lives and property.

Phil Yocom asked if this included shooting fireworks from a barge out on the Lake.

Judge Watson said that he has spoken to the SRA and that the portion of Toledo Bend that is located inside of Sabine County is under the Declaration and they will honor it.

Commissioner Clark moved to ratify and extend the Declaration of Local Disaster, Order Prohibiting the Sale & Use of Fireworks and Prohibiting Outdoor Burning. Commissioner Warner seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

The extension issued by the Governor goes through Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Warner moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

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Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

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Jimmy McDaniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Janice McDaniel JANICE MCDANIEL



County of Sabine

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Charles E. Watson, County Judge

Commissioners

Keith Clark	Precinct #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Precinct #2
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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
&
ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
&
PROHIBITING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS

IN UNINCORPORATED AND INCORPORATED AREAS OF
SABINE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Sabine County, on this 19th day of June, 2011, has determined that Sabine County, has been affected by recent wildfires and continues to be threatened by high or extreme wildfire hazard. Sabine County has not had rainfall for an extended period of time, creating hot and dry conditions. This threat is caused by abundant fuel and extreme dry and windy conditions in Sabine County, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Sabine County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the Sabine County Commissioners' Court by Section 418.108 and 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, the Court does hereby proclaim the existence of such disaster and direct that all necessary measures both public and private as authorized by the laws of the State of Texas be implemented to meet that disaster.

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Sabine County pursuant to Section 418.018 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to Section 418.018 (b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for so long as such conditions exist with the exception granted to fireworks under Section 418.108 (i) of the Government Code which has been ratified by the Governor of the State of Texas and extended through 7 a.m. on July 5, 2011.
3. Pursuant to Section 418.018 (d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Sabine County Emergency Management Plan.
4. The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning and the sale and use of all fireworks, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated and incorporated areas of Sabine County, Texas for the duration of the declaration;

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PHONE (409) 787-3543

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- (a) All outdoor burning
- (b) The sale and use of all fireworks

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly-commissioners peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be the Justice of the Peace Court, Sabine County, Texas.

This Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue until the conditions requiring this declaration and order are over, with the exception granted to fireworks under Section 418.018 (l) of the Government Code which has been ratified by the Governor of the State of Texas and has extended the restrictions through 7 a.m. on July 5, 2011. (See Exhibit A)

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

DECLARED AND ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SABINE COUNTY, TEXAS THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011.

Charles E. Watson
Charles Watson, County Judge

Keith C. Clark
Keith C. Clark, Commissioner, Pct. #1

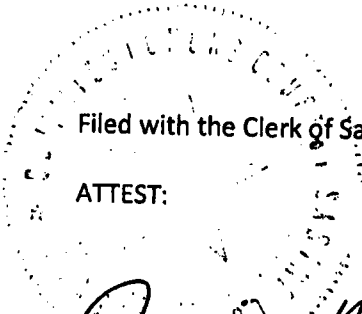
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The State of Texas
County of Sabine
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED AND
DULY RECORDED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF SABINE
COUNTY, TEXAS

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JANICE MCDANIEL, COUNTY CLERK
BY Ron Cavender
Deputy



Filed with the Clerk of Sabine County on June 19, 2011.

ATTEST:

Janice McDaniel
Janice McDaniel, County Clerk



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