

State of Texas

County of Polk

TROPICAL STORM HARVEY 2017: ORDER OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FROM UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS IN THE LOW-LYING AREAS ALONG THE TRINITY RIVER

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.

Whereas, on the 26th day of August, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall along the Texas coast and weakened into a tropical storm that has continued to remain over the southeastern Texas coast and Polk County, and bring extremely heavy rainfall to Polk County causing flooded roadways and damage to bridges and culverts. Rising waters along the Trinity River is endangering the health and safety of persons and property below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River within Polk County, Texas;

Whereas, many roadways within subdivisions below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River in unincorporated areas of Polk County are expected are impassable due to heavy rains and flooding;

Whereas, there is concern that first responders will soon not be able to reach these residents due do to flooded roadways within these areas;

Whereas, a local state of disaster for Polk County has been declared; and

Whereas, the County Judge is authorized under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas to take such actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, and recovery.

that:

Now Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the County Judge of Polk County, Texas,

- 1.) The County Judge **FINDS** that a **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Polk County, Texas, in areas below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;
- 2.) A **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Polk County, Texas, located in areas below the Lake Livingston Dam and along the Trinity River is hereby **ORDERED**;
- 3.) Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION**

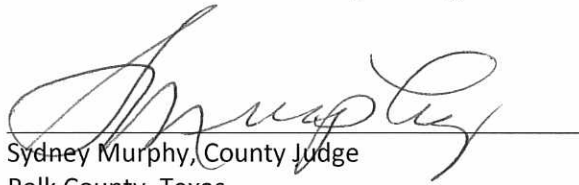
issued herein **SHALL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**;

4.) The issuance of this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** shall **NOT** preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery, including but not limited to issuing an order for mandatory evacuation;

5.) This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Polk County, Texas; and

6.) This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance. It is hereby **ORDERED** on this, the 28th day of August, 2017.

ORDERED this the 28th Day of August 2017.


Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas