

COUNTY JUDGE OF CORYELL COUNTY  
ORDER NO. CJ2024-02

MAY 06 2024

*Jennifer Newton*  
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF CORYELL §

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER – FLOOD EVENT MAY 4, 2024

*WHEREAS*, on May 04, 2024, Coryell County, Texas received as much as six (6) inches of rain in some portions of the County; and,

*WHEREAS*, during the previous seven (7) days, portions of Coryell County had received as much as five to six (5-6) inches of rain which saturated most of the Leon River, Cowhouse Creek, Coryell Creek, Hog Creek, and Greenbriar Creek watersheds; and,

*WHEREAS*, the resulting rains have caused a historic rise in the Leon River water levels for May 5<sup>th</sup> of any year on record and these high waters have caused extreme damage to the County's roadways and infrastructure, and the homes, properties, businesses, and agricultural and ranching lands of Coryell County citizens; and,

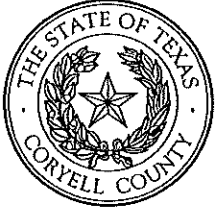
*WHEREAS*, the Coryell County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Coryell County in light of this devastating weather event; and,

*WHEREAS*, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and,

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 418.108(g), a County Judge is authorized to control ingress and egress from a local disaster area, and control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that disaster area; therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the County Judge of Coryell County, Texas:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for all portions of Coryell County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code due to a flood event occurring on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. This order is effective May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 9:00pm and, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the effective date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Coryell County emergency management plan and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance.



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4. That, pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**

1. The Coryell County Road and Bridge Department may close any road, or any portion of a road, within Coryell County deemed to be unsafe for travel due to high waters, erosion, water damage, or any other cause directly or indirectly associated with the flood event.
2. Citizens should anticipate a delay in all Emergency Services as Fire/Health/Law Enforcement Services responses are impacted due to impassable roads.
3. Citizens are encouraged to report personal and business damages and losses in the Texas Department of Emergency Services data base as soon as possible (<https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>). Select "Spring Severe Weather and Flooding Event".
4. Mayors of any incorporated municipality within Coryell County may issue their own declaration of local disaster.
5. The County Judge may add to and/or amend this order consistent with Section 418.108, Texas Local Government Code.

Ordered this 5<sup>th</sup> day May, 2024.

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ROGER A MILLER  
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER NEWTON  
COUNTY CLERK