

# Van Zandt County



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DON KIRKPATRICK  
COUNTY JUDGE

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO SEVERE WEATHER AND PROLONGED EXTREME TEMPERATURES, ICE AND SNOW

**WHEREAS**, Van Zandt County, beginning on the 14th day of February 2021 suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from severe ice and snow storms, and extreme low temperatures;

**WHEREAS**, Don Kirkpatrick, Van Zandt County Judge has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of the people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

**WHEREAS**, such weather conditions have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the County Judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county "if the threat of disaster is imminent"; and

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which such severe weather conditions could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of such disaster activates the Van Zandt County Emergency Plan to authorize the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of severe and dangerous weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a local disaster declaration expires seven (7) days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance;

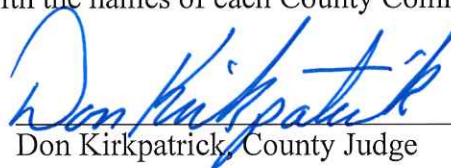
**BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED** that I, Don Kirkpatrick, County Judge of Van Zandt County, declare a local state of disaster based on the current and continuing threats of widespread severe ice and snow storms, and extreme low temperatures in Van Zandt County, Texas.

**BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED** that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute, but in no instance will this declaration continue for more than seven (7) days without being authorized by the County Commissioners Court.

**I HEREBY DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER WITHIN VAN ZANDT COUNTY** to continue until further notice subject to the continuation or termination of the Commissioner's Court of the County of Van Zandt.

**ACCORDINGLY**, I further proclaim activation of the County Emergency Management Plan and the activation of all other charter, statutory and ordinance powers vested in me, and all officers of the County of Van Zandt, to act in the premises and for the purposes stated. Prompt and general publicity is hereby proclaimed and ordered as to the issuance of this Proclamation.

**ORDERED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 in the County of Van Zandt in witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, along with the names of each County Commissioner.

  
Don Kirkpatrick, County Judge

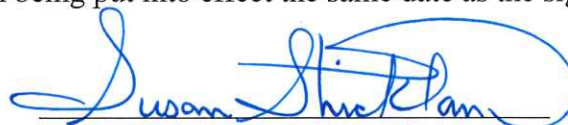
  
Chad LaPrade, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
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Keith Pearson, Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
Tim West, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Filed with me, Susan Strickland, County Clerk on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 by County Judge and Commissioners whose signature I hereby certify is true and genuine, with general publicity of the foregoing Proclamation being put into effect the same date as the signing thereof.

  
Susan Strickland, County Clerk