

**ORDER OF THE HUNT COUNTY JUDGE** 20 NOV 12 AM 11:52

**AN ORDER OF THE HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, COUNTY JUDGE TEMPORARILY SHUTTING THE HUNT COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT BY APPOINTMENT TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, a State of Disaster was declared by the Texas Governor on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Hunt County Commissioners Court declared a state of emergency on March 16, 2020, and County Judge Stovall issued an Order on that same day;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020 County Judge Stovall and the Hunt County Commissioners Court amended the County's Disaster Resolution and included an order that all residents of Hunt County shelter in the place of their residence. On April 3, 14 and 28, May 12 and 26, June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25, September 8 and 22, October 13 and 27 and November 10, the Commissioners Court approved similar Resolutions, the latter of which is currently in place until 11:59 p.m. on November 24, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-14 relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster, and recently issued GA-18, GA-19 and GA-20 with a 64-page guidance document on April 27, 2020 and other Executive Orders and proclamations since that date; and

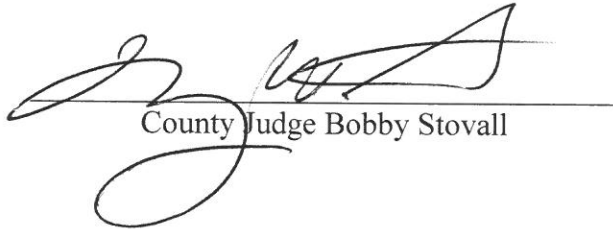
**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2020, at least two new cases of coronavirus were confirmed among Courthouse Employees;

**THEREFORE, the Hunt County Judge issues this Order and provides as follows, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108:**

1. The Commissioners Court Disaster Resolution approved on November 10, 2020, stands in all regards except for paragraph 2.c.;
2. The general requirements of that paragraph remain unchanged – including the Commissioners Court Order related to infected County employees, normal business hours for County offices, and the required obligations of employees and the public pursuant to the Order issued by Administrative District Judge Kelli Aiken regarding all County-owned or County-controlled buildings with Court facilities;
3. The portion of the paragraph allowing members of the public to enjoy access to the Courthouse without an appointment is specifically amended by this Order. From 10:30am on November 12 through 11:59pm on November 17, the Courthouse is closed to all non-employees except by appointment.

4. This Order shall be effective from 10:30am on November 12, and continue until 11:59 p.m. on November 17, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
5. The County must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Hunt County website.
6. To the extent that any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order conflicts with an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Texas, the Executive Order controls. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be in conflict with an Executive Order issued by the Texas Governor, or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such conflict or decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
7. Pursuant to section 418. 108(c) of the Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
County Judge Bobby Stovall

