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**DALE SPURGIN  
JONES COUNTY JUDGE**

**ALECIA HANSEN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**June 22, 2023**

**JONES COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION**

Jones County Judge Dale Spurgin has issued a disaster declaration for the ongoing weather events since the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June. Governor Greg Abbott has added Jones County to the Governor's disaster proclamation as of today June 22, 2023.

Jones County residents need to complete TDEM's [Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool](#) (iSTAT) self-reporting damage survey to help state and local officials identify damages and determine the state's eligibility for federal disaster assistance. The survey is available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed by visiting: [damage.tdem.texas.gov](http://damage.tdem.texas.gov).



**DALE SPURGIN  
JONES COUNTY JUDGE**

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**DISASTER DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF JONES, since the 14th day, of JUNE, 2023, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property (or there is imminent threat of same) resulting from HEAVY RAINS, HAIL, TORNADOS, HIGH WINDS and FLOODING,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY JUDGE of JONES COUNTY has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JONES COUNTY.

That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for JONES COUNTY pursuant to §418.108(a) of the *Texas Government Code*.

Pursuant to §418.018(b) of the *Texas Government Code*, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the COMMISSIONERS COURT of JONES COUNTY.

Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the COUNTY CLERK.

Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the *Texas Government Code*, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the COUNTY emergency management plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 22nd of June, 2023.

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DALE SPURGIN  
JONES COUNTY JUDGE

**POSTED NOTICE**  
**DATE** 6-22-23 **TIME** 3:45PM  
Alecia Hansen  
**JONES COUNTY CLERK, JONES CO., TX**  
**BY** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DALE SPURGIN**  
**JONES COUNTY JUDGE**

**JAMIE JORDAN**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

June 22, 2023

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
c/o Chief  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
PO Box 285  
Del Valle, TX 78617-9998

Governor Abbott:

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, during the evening hours, widespread property damage was reported in Hamlin, Anson, Lueders and Hawley, Texas located in Jones County by a sudden thunderstorm that produced strong winds excess of 100+ mph, large hail, and flash flooding affecting the City of Hamlin, City of Hawley, City of Anson, City of Lueders and Jones County.

I have determined that this event is of such severity and magnitude that a Disaster Declaration be declared for Jones County, Texas. Pursuant to §418 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you issue appropriate directives to respond to this widespread event which resulted in personal and public property damage.

Furthermore, I am requesting that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of additional damages and injury has ended.

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**Dale Spurgin**  
**Jones County Judge**

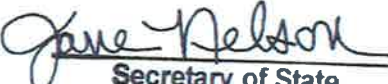


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 22, 2023

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
10:30 AM O'CLOCK

JUN 22 2023

  
Secretary of State

The Honorable Jane Nelson  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Nelson:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation amending the proclamation relating to the severe weather and tornadoes that began on June 14, 2023, that included severe storms, large hail, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, tornadoes, and hazardous wind gusts caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in several counties and now declaring a disaster in: Motley, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Kent, and Stonewall counties.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD:gsd

Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on Friday, June 16, 2023, certifying the severe weather and tornadoes that began on June 14, 2023, and included severe storms, large hail, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, tornadoes, and hazardous wind gusts caused widespread and severe property damage, injury, or loss of life in Ochiltree and Cass counties; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Upshur, and Wood counties;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Camp, Gregg, Hopkins, Panola, Smith, and Titus counties;

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2023, I amended that proclamation to also declare a disaster in Morris and Shelby counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in these additional counties: Motley, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Kent, and Stonewall counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 22nd day of June, 2023.

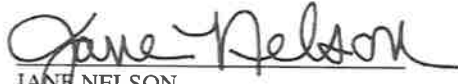
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GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:

  
JANE NELSON  
Secretary of State

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