



JOHN DURRENBERGER WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDGE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ★ 100 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 104 ★ BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833-3753

In response to the COVID-19 virus threat

Washington County Officials recognize our responsibilities to protect our employees while still providing essential services to our county residents.

To fulfill these responsibilities, effective today in response to the COVID-19 virus threat, all county offices are closed to the public on a walk-in basis. Residents that need to access county offices may call said office to set up an appointment if required.

Limited public entrance to the Courthouse is through the west door on Park Street. All persons requesting access will be screened prior to being granted access. Screening will be done by answering three questions:

1. Have you felt feverish or experienced respiratory symptoms such as a cough or shortness of breath?
2. Within the past 14 days, have you been on a cruise ship or traveled to countries that are on travel restriction, including China, Iran, South Korea, the United Kingdom or most of Europe?
3. Have you been in contact with someone who has, or is suspected to have, COVID-19?

We want to remind everyone that the renewal date for vehicle licenses and driver licenses has been extended sixty days past the current expiration date. Also, vehicle licenses can be renewed on-line. For clarification, please call the Tax-Assessor's Office. For additional information please call the main courthouse number 979-277-6200.

As of 2:00 p.m. today, Washington County does not have any confirmed cases of the Coronavirus. We ask all residents to continue to comply with Governor Abbott's Disaster Declaration as well as the Washington County and City of Brenham's Disaster Declaration.

Washington County and the City of Brenham, in collaboration with Faith Mission, are putting together a 1-800 number for a call center regarding COVID-19. There will be more information put out about this resource later today.

In regards to our Commissioners Court meeting tomorrow, Mr. Jim Allison (Texas Association of Counties) legal counsel, has informed us that a Commissioners Court meeting is not a social gathering, so therefore we can have more than ten persons in our courtroom. However to comply with the six feet social distancing requirement, we will only be able to accept only the nine essential members of the court, two members of the media plus nine other citizens. We hope to resolve this situation in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Durrenberger".

John Durrenberger, County Judge