

EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
c/o Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management
P. O. Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0001

RE: Brown County Emergency Declaration

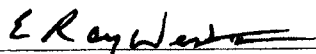
Dear Governor Abbott:

Brown County, Texas has suffered serious damage to property as a result of recent flooding in this area. Beyond the extensive property damage, the County now faces a very real and significant threat to the safety and lives of its residents. The threat and danger posed is a result of seriously damaged public roadways and floodwaters. The local floodwaters have placed County residents in personal peril and have caused widespread damage to property. The floodwaters have also caused significant damage to public roadways, causing a very serious danger to drivers on those roads because of extreme erosion and washing of paved and unpaved roadways. Very little advance warnings are apparent for those road hazards and driving has become very dangerous.

I have determined that the flooding and resulting damage to property and public roadways has created a severe and significant threat to life and property, and an effective response to that threat is beyond the capability of Brown County to control and remedy. Pursuant to Section 433.001 of the Texas Government Code, I am requesting that you declare a state of emergency for the State of Texas, Brown County and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency, including provisions for the control of public transportation in Brown County.

Additionally, I am requesting that successive proclamations be issued and remain in effect until the threat of danger to life, injury and damage to property is brought under control.

Time is of the essence, so I look forward to your response as soon as possible.



E. Ray West, III
County Judge

July 13, 2015
(Exhibit #9)