



COUNTY OF JIM WELLS

STATE OF TEXAS

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Press Release

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From the Office of the Jim Wells County Judge Pedro "Pete" Trevino, Jr.:

Jim Wells County has encountered significant and ongoing threat of loss to life, health and property due to inclement weather events beginning June 19, 2018. The inclement weather consisted of torrential rain resulting in over ten (10) to thirteen (13) inches of rain in and around Jim Wells County, Texas resulting in significant residential flooding, severe property damage, and dangerous travel conditions.

Throughout the past few days of torrential rains and inclement weather Jim Wells County has been working diligently with County Commissioners, City Officials, Jim Wells County Sheriff's Department along with State and local law enforcement agencies, and our Regional Emergency Management Coordinator. We have also requested assistance and support from our State Representative, JM Lozano, Senator, Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, and US Congressman, Filemon Vela.

The severity of the damages endured from this weather event has posed significant threat and an effective response for recovery is beyond the capability of local jurisdiction. Pursuant to §433.001 of the Texas Government Code, Jim Wells County has requested that Texas Governor Greg Abbott declare a state of emergency and a disaster, and issue appropriate directives to deal with the emergency; including monies for the restoration of homes affected by flood damage, and/or loss of livestock, and property damage.

Currently the Jim Wells County Office of Emergency Management is conducting Damage Assessments for **possible** assistance. All Jim Wells County residents and businesses **outside** the city limits of Alice, Texas that have sustained damages to your home, business or property please report these damages by contacting your County Commissioner. If you are a resident of the City of Alice please contact the City of Alice Hotline at (361)668-7299.

Contact numbers are as follows:

Jim Wells County Pct. 1 – Commissioner Margie Gonzalez – (361)668-5763

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Jim Wells County Pct. 2 – Commissioner Ventura Garcia – (361)668-5704

Jim Wells County Pct. 3 – Commissioner Carlos Gonzalez – (361)384-2747

Jim Wells County Pct. 4 – Commissioner Emede Garcia – (361)348-3213

City of Orange Grove – (361)384-2322

City of Premont – (361)348-2022

Please have the following information available:

- 1) Your Name
- 2) Your Address
- 3) Your Contact Information
- 4) A Brief Description of the Damage.
- 5) Other information about how much water you experienced in or around your residence or business.

A Jim Wells County Representative will contact you to follow up and schedule a time for a site visit. This information will be used to complete a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) that will be submitted to the Governor of Texas and FEMA for **possible** assistance.