

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE McLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the McLennan County Commissioners Court will conduct a special meeting on **Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.** and act on the items on the following agenda.

No physical meeting open to the public will be held. A temporary suspension of portions of the open meetings act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott pursuant to Executive Order No. GA-08. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

The opportunity to view and hear the meeting as well as the process if one wishes to address the Commissioners Court is available at: <https://tx-mclennancounty.civicplus.com/1121/Commissioners-Court-Online-Meeting-Infor>

AGENDA

- A. Proof of Posting of Notice**
- B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge**
- C. Public Comments**
- D. Consideration and/or Action on the Following Items:**
 - 1. Consideration and Possible Approval of Order Regarding Face Coverings/Masks for COVID-19 Mitigation
 - 2. Consideration and Possible Approval of Order on Face Coverings for County Employees
- E. Adjourn**

Signed this 5th day of March, 2021



SCOTT M. FELTON, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF McLENNAN *

I, J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted this 5th day of March, 2021.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas the 5th day of March, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

(SEAL) J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

BY:  (Deputy)

Notice: Persons with disabilities in need of auxiliary aide or services may contact the County Judge's Office, (254) 757-5049, prior to the meeting date

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

FILED: **MAR 09 2021**

By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,
Deputy

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE MCLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551, (known as the Open Meetings Act), as amended, that a regular meeting of Commissioners' Court, the governing body of McLennan County, will be held on **Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.** virtually, as set forth in the original notice, at which time **the following SUPPLEMENT to the AGENDA** previously posted on March 5, 2021 **will be considered:**


SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

A.t Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code,t as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act.t

B.t Additional Items for Discussion and Potential Action:t

- 1.t Discussion and/or Action regarding FEMA (DR-4586):t
 - a.t County applications for FEMA grants and/or assistancet
 - b.t Assisting citizens with applications for FEMA grants and/or assistancet
 - c.t Adoption of one or more programs to administer FEMA grants and/or assistancet
 - d.t Reports and documentations to FEMA regarding compliance with grant or assistance termst
 - e.t Any action necessary to comply with FEMA funding termst
 - f.t Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for administration of FEMA grants and/or assistancet

Signed this the 5th day of March, 2021



SCOTT M. FELTON, County Judge

THE STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN *

I, J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING** posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted, on this the 5th day of March, 2021

Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, on this the 5th day of March, 2021 at 3:35 p.m.

(SEAL) J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

BY  _____
(Deputy)

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Office of the County Judge at (254) 757-5049 prior to the meeting date.

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

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B. Moment of Silence / Invocation and Pledge

9:01

County Judge Felton stated that at this time we will have a moment of silence. County Judge Felton then stated that we will now have the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court went to the Supplemental Agenda.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA: MARCH 9, 2021

A. Proof of posting of notice in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act

B. Additional Items for Discussion and/or Action:

1. Discussion and/or Action regarding FEMA (DR-4586):

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| a. County applications for FEMA grants and/or Assistance | Information Only
(See beginning of the Meeting) |
| b. Assisting citizens with applications for FEMA grants and/or assistance | Information Only |
| c. Adoption of one or more programs to administer FEMA grants and/or assistance | Information Only |
| d. Reports and documentations to FEMA regarding compliance with grant or assistance terms | Information Only |
| e. Any action necessary to comply with FEMA funding terms | Information Only |
| f. Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for administration of FEMA grants and/or assistance | Information Only |

9:01

INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION RE: FEMA (DR-4586):

**COUNTY APPLICATIONS FOR FEMA GRANTS
AND/OR ASSISTANCE;**

**ASSISTING CITIZENS WITH APPLICATIONS FOR FEMA
GRANTS AND/OR ASSISTANCE**

**ADOPTION OF ONE OR MORE PROGRAMS TO ADMINISTER
FEMA GRANTS AND/OR ASSISTANCE;**

**REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION TO FEMA RE: COMPLIANCE
WITH GRANT OR ASSISTANCE TERMS;**

**ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH
FEMA FUNDING TERMS**

AND

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION
OF FEMA GRANTS AND/OR ASSISTANCE**

On this the 9 day of March, 2021, came on for consideration the matter Discussion and/or Action regarding FEMA (DR-4586): County applications for FEMA grants and/or assistance; Assisting citizens with applications for FEMA grants and/or assistance; Adoption of one or more programs to administer FEMA grants and/or assistance; Reports and documentation to FEMA regarding compliance with grant or assistance terms; Any action necessary to comply with FEMA funding terms and Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for administration of FEMA grants and/or assistance. Emergency Operation Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, addressed the Court regarding the FEMA (DR-4586).

The Court went back to D. Additional Items for Discussion and Potential Action.

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D. Additional Items (If Any) for Discussion and Potential Action:

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| 1. Consideration and Possible Approval of Order Regarding Face Coverings/Masks for COVID-19 Mitigation | Approved |
| 2. Consideration and Possible Approval of Order on Face Coverings for County Employees | Approved |

9:06

ORDER APPROVING:

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF
ORDER RE: FACE COVERINGS/MASKS FOR
COVID-19 MITIGATION**

On this the 9 day of March, 2021, came on for consideration the matter of Consideration and Possible Approval of Order Regarding Face Coverings/Masks for COVID-19 Mitigation. After discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order regarding Face Covering Mask for Covid-19 Mitigation with the recommended Amendment and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. A vote being called for, voting in favor of said motion was Judge Felton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Jones. It is ordered by the Court that said Authorization be, and the same is hereby, approved by unanimous vote.

ORDER ON FACE COVERINGS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, face coverings/masks have been a key component in slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by executive order the Governor of Texas made face coverings mandatory; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order GA-34 the Governor has withdrawn the mandatory face covering/mask order effective March 10, 2021 while still encouraging use of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court strongly encourages the continued use of face coverings/masks by County employees while performing their work for the County, and

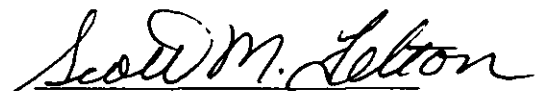
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes that elected officials and department heads are in the best position to determine whether face coverings/masks should be used by employees of their offices/departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF McLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS that:

- 1) each elected official or department head of McLennan County is authorized and requested to make his/her decision as to whether employees of his or her office/department will be required to wear a face covering/mask while at work, and to communicate that decision to their employees; and
- 2) whether the requirement is applicable to all or only a segment of office/department personnel and the duration and end date(s) of the requirement are within the discretion of the elected official/department head; and
- 3) that if Office of Court Administration, Texas Supreme Court, or Local Administrative Judge orders/policies require face coverings/masks to be used by judicial and/or Courthouse employees, such must be used regardless of the decision made by the elected official/department head; and
- 4) This Order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 10, 2021.

PASSED this 9th day of March, 2021.


County Clerk or Designated Deputy


Scott M. Felton
County Judge

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

FILED: **MAR 09 2021**

By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,
Deputy

ORDER APPROVING:

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDER
ON FACE COVERINGS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

On this the 9 day of March, 2021, came on for consideration the matter of Consideration and Possible Approval of Order on Face Coverings for County Employees. After discussion, Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Smith. A vote being called for, voting in favor of said motion was Judge Felton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Perry. It is ordered by the Court that said Authorization be, and the same is hereby, approved by unanimous vote.

ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS/MASKS FOR COVID-19 MITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court passed that certain Order Establishing A COUNTY FACILITY OPERATING PLAN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING COUNTY FACILITIES on June 30, 2020 (hereinafter "Operational Plan Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Operational Plan Order contains requirements for visitors to County facilities to wear face masks, which this Order rescinds, and requirements for employees to wear face masks, which this Order rescinds to be addressed by another Order of today's date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF McLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS that:

1. Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Operational Plan Order are rescinded.
2. Visitors to County facilities will not be required to wear a face covering/mask, but are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.
3. Employees may be required to wear a face covering/mask based on the determination of their department head or elected official.
4. This Order does not apply where an Operational Order of the judiciary requires face coverings/masks for employees and/or visitors.
5. This Order does not become effective until 12:01 a.m., March 10, 2021.

PASSED this 9th day of March, 2021.



Scott M. Felton
County Judge



Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins
County Clerk or Designated Deputy

J.A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas

FILED: **MAR 09 2021**

By Myrcetez Gowan-Perkins,
Deputy

ORDER ADJOURNING SPECIAL SESSION

On this the 9 day of March, 2021, at 9:29 o'clock a.m. County Judge Scott Felton announced that the meeting of March 9, 2021 is adjourned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The above and foregoing minutes having been read in open Court and found to be correct, the same are hereby, approved this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

**James Smith,
Commissioner Precinct 1**

**Patricia Chisolm-Miller,
Commissioner Precinct 2**

**Will Jones,
Commissioner Precinct 3**

**Ben Perry,
Commissioner Precinct 4**

**Scott M. Felton,
County Judge**

**ATTEST: J. A. "Andy" Harwell,
McLennan County Clerk**

By _____ **Deputy County Clerk**
Myrce'tez Gowan-Perkins