



POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
(Emergency Session)

September 30, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Polk County Courthouse, 3rd floor
Livingston, Texas

NOTICE

is hereby given that an Emergency meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court will be held on the date stated above, at which time the following subjects will be discussed;

Agenda topics

Pursuant to Gov't Code §551.045, it is determined that rainfall occurring over the last 48 hours represents a reasonably unforeseen situation effecting the need for a County-wide burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Polk County and that the discontinuation of the burn ban, if appropriate, will relieve volunteer fire departments throughout the County and thereby serve to protect public health and safety.

CALL TO ORDER

1. DISCUSS STATUS DROUGHT INDEX IN POLK COUNTY AND CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OR DISCONTINUATION OF COUNTY BURN BAN.

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By: Sydney Murphy, County Judge


Posted: September 29, 2015

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Polk County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice at the door of the Polk County Courthouse at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on September 29, 2015 and that said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 2 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting. This notice has also been posted on the official website of Polk County, Texas (www.co.polk.tx.us).

SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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POLK COUNTY CLERK

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ORDER RESCINDING PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of the County on August 11, 2015; and

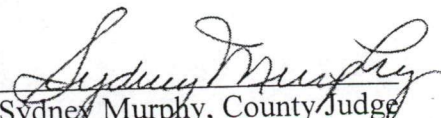
WHEREAS, in an Emergency Session properly posted and held this date, September 30, 2015, the Commissioners Court, pursuant to Gov't Code §551.045, determined that rainfall occurring over the last 48 hours represents a reasonably unforeseen situation effecting the need for a County-wide burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Polk County and that the discontinuation of the burn ban will relieve volunteer fire departments throughout the County and thereby serve to protect public health and safety; and

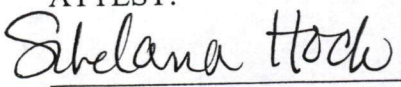
WHEREAS, the Polk County Office of Emergency Management has reviewed current conditions with the Texas Forest Service and local volunteer fire departments and is in agreement that ending the "Burn Ban" is appropriate at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning dated August 11, 2015 is hereby RESCINDED and the prohibition on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County is no longer in effect as of this date at 8:30 a.m..

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court and the Office of Emergency Management urge all persons to use caution in proceeding with any outdoor burning, being mindful that conditions currently present in Polk County may change quickly and that individuals burning outdoors are responsible and liable for any fire damage resulting from such burning. In addition the Office of Emergency Management suggests that any persons contemplating the outdoor burning of a sizeable amount of debris first contact the Volunteer Fire Department in their area to receive the Department's recommendations and/or assistance.

ADOPTED this 30th day of September, 2015 by unanimous vote of the Polk County Commissioners Court.


Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:

Schelana Hock, County Clerk