

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
MARCH 22, 2022

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO THE
MARCH 22, 2022 SPRING STORM

WHEREAS, the County of Upshur, beginning on March 21, 2022, has suffered widespread and severe damage and injury to property, infrastructure, county roads and rights-of-way, and bodily injury and harm to numerous of our residents resulting from tornadic activity which may be described as severe windstorms and rain and;

WHEREAS Todd Tefteller, County Judge of Upshur County, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people, to protect or rehabilitate property, and to clear our roads and repair our infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY JUDGE TODD TEFTELLER OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS:

- That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Upshur County pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Upshur County.
- Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the County Emergency Management Plan.

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 22nd day of March, 2022 at 12:05 o'clock p.m.




Todd Tefteller
County Judge
Upshur County, Texas

This shall be published generally and placed upon the Upshur County website.



Todd Tefteller

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UPSHUR COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

Upshur County suffered severe damage due to windstorms and rain the evening of March 21, 2022. It appears to me that we suffered tornado damage from reports we have received and that I have viewed. The storm apparently touched down southwest of Gilmer near FM 2685 and State Highway 155 and then traveled east of Gilmer down State Highway 154 east and then in a northeasterly direction all the way to the county border with Lake of the Pines. It is a miracle that the storm did not touch down within the city limits of Gilmer. The City of Gilmer itself sustained very little damage. We have had confirmed reports of bodily injury and Upshur County authorities worked through the night extricating several people from damaged homes and RV's near the Lake of the Pines area. So far we have no reports of death for which we are thankful and fortunate.

I wish to praise our emergency management team, the Upshur County Road and Bridge Department and our Upshur County Commissioners who worked through the night fighting this storm.

Attached is a copy of a Disaster Declaration that I have initiated earlier in the day.

Information will be posted on the Upshur County website as to services available to assist with the havoc caused by the storm.

Todd Tefteller