

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §

DATE: October 31, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
LOUIS PLOTH - ABSENT

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT
AGENDA POSTING # 2025 - 041**

Call to Order.

Be it remembered on this the 31st day of October 2025, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in a "SPECIAL" called meeting with the following officers and members present, to wit;

Honorable Sydney Murphy – County Judge presiding,
Guylene Robertson – Commissioner Pct #1,
Mark DuBose – Commissioner Pct #2,
Milton Purvis – Commissioner Pct #3,
Jerry Cassity - Commissioner Pct #4 and
Schelana Hock – County Clerk

WELCOMED & CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 AM BY JUDGE SYDNEY MURPHY.

Public Comments

None.

New Business - Regular Agenda

1. RECEIVE DROUGHT STATUS UPDATE AND CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING RESCINDING THE BURN BAN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, IF RECOMMENDED.
MOTIONED BY JERRY CASSITY, SECONDED BY MARK DUBOSE, TO RESCIND ORDER AS RECOMMENDED.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

Adjourn

MOTIONED BY MILT PURVIS, SECONDED BY JERRY CASSITY, ADJOURN AT 10:05 A.M.
VOTES NO: 0
VOTES YES: 5
VOTES RESULT: CARRIED

SYDNEY MURPHY, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SCHELANA HOCK, COUNTY CLERK

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COUNTY CLERK

ORDER RESCINDING PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of the County on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in a Special Session properly posted on October 27, 2025 and held this date, October 31, 2025, the Commissioners Court, pursuant to Local Government Code §81.005, finds that the fire weather conditions and public safety hazard cited in that Order have ceased to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Office of Emergency Management and the Polk County Fire Marshal have reviewed current conditions with the Texas Forest Service and are in agreement that ending the "Burn Ban" is appropriate at this time.

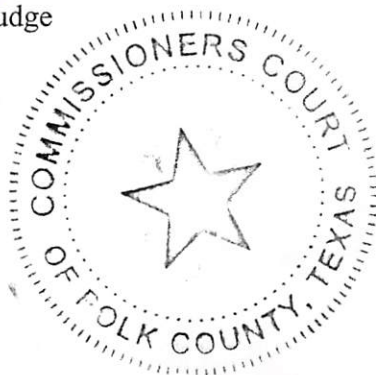
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is hereby RESCINDED and the prohibition on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County is no longer in effect as of October 31, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court and 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 31st day of October, 2025 by the Polk County Commissioners Court.

Sydney Murphy
Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:
Schelana Hock
Schelana Hock, County Clerk





POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

TERMINATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, the County Judge, pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 418, the "Texas Disaster Act", issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for the County of Polk resulting from dry conditions, lack of significant rainfall, and the threat of wildfire;

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court extended the Declaration of Disaster for a period of thirty days on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the proclamation of a local state of disaster have ceased to exist; and

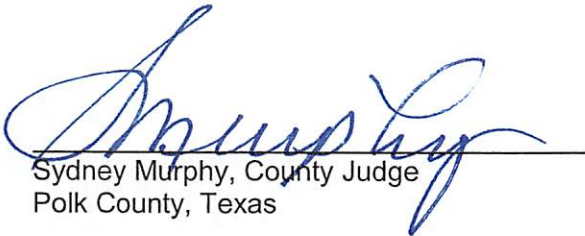
WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act provides that a local state of disaster may be terminated by the governing body of the political subdivision or by executive order of the County Judge,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

The Commissioners Court, as the governing body of Polk County, hereby terminates the proclamation of a local state of disaster described in the preamble above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 31st day of October, 2025.

APPROVED, this 31st day of October, 2025.


Sydney Murphy, County Judge
Polk County, Texas


SCHELANA HOCK
POLK COUNTY CLERK

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