

# ***Environmental Enforcement***

## ***Emergency Management***

### **Commissioner's Court Report**

For the Month of **September**, 2025

#### **Environmental:**

#### **OSSF Details: New Applications Received and Permits Issued**

<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Month: August, 2025</b>
	<b>(\$400.00)</b>	<b>(\$600.00)</b>		
<b>Yearly-to-Date</b>	<b>OSSF Details</b>			
January	6	0	6	\$2,400.00
February	9		9	\$3,600.00
March	4	0	4	\$1,600.00
April	10	0	10	\$4,000.00
May	10	0	10	\$4,000.00
June	4	0	4	\$1,600.00
July	12	0	12	\$4,800.00
August	15	0	15	\$6,000.00
September	8		8	\$3,200.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$31,200.00</b>

**Next Dumpster Day: October 18th, 2025**

**Recap since last Month's report:**

#### **Environmental Enforcement**

1. We had a total of **8** new **OSSF Applications** in **September**

2. **New OSSF applications for September total 8 Residential and 0 commercial.**

We Currently have **9** applications approved for construction and awaiting installation and final inspection.

3. August OSSF quantity application (oars) reports to TECQ have been filed. We are up to date and on schedule with them.
4. Received 4 complaints of possible violations, Health and Safety Nuisance violations, sub-standard buildings (dilapidated & abandoned), Possible Hazmat burn material. All incidents have been investigated.
5. We had a Metal revenue of **\$00** . **Standard Bulk Trash revenue** collection was \$444.00 and \$275.00 for a Total of **\$719.00 Total Revenue for August is \$719.00.**
6. We have received 15 completed installation inspection reports from Ronnie thus far. There are only a few remaining transitional applications remaining, then we will only have new applications going forward.
7. We have had no real issues with installers since switching to Ronnie.
8. One of the game cameras was damaged and needed to be repaired. Now all 4 new cameras have been deployed, awaiting results.
9. Investigated Potential Hazardous outdoor burn, however, not toxic, controlled burn.
10. I continue to get calls (1-3 per week) regarding possible purchase (or have already purchased) lots less than 1 acre with the hope and expectation of putting a home there with septic system, some being less than ¼ to ½ acre.
11. Our part-time equipment operator who works 2 Saturdays each month at the Point bulk trash clean-up has resigned. I have asked Stacy to begin an ad search for a replacement. Until then, one of the Road & Bridge staff will fill-in as equipment operator.

## **Emergency Management:**

1. Think positive about a NEW Justice Center.
2. I began ordering some of the items on the Grant list to retrofit the old van into a Mobil Emergency Operations Center and have received a few of the items. However, upon further inspection of the engine, it was determined the van needs too much work to use for this purpose. So, we are now looking to switch to an enclosed trailer, older camper trailer or another van. The parts purchased on the Grant list could be used on either choice. So, we are delayed on getting this project underway.
3. I have completed one of my basic Floodplain Administrator courses, have a few more remaining once the FEMA websites are running again.
4. Our LEPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Emory VFD. I will advertise it and promote it more, seeking a better attendance.

This LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) is a requirement from the State and administered by TCEQ. An active and functioning LEPC is required in order to qualify for State Grants and thus very important to our Grant program.

5. After further discussion, it was decided that we would not participate in the traffic control assistance for the Rotary Club sponsored Cotton Patch Classic 100-mile bike ride. We need further legal review before we could participate in the future events.
6. We were notified of a confirmed case of adult measles in Rains County. All essential emergency responders were notified. The person was self-quarantined.
7. We received notification of one active TB case in Rains County (Steamboat Shores). Hospice was handling the case. All Emergency Response personnel were notified of the situation per protocol.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

*Joe Parker*

**Rains County Environmental Enforcement &**

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