

Environmental Enforcement

Emergency Management

Commissioner's Court Report

For the Month of **November, 2025**

Environmental:

OSSF Details: New Applications Received and Permits Issued

Fees: Residential Commercial Total **Month: November, 2025**

(\$400.00) (\$600.00)

Yearly-to-Date OSSF Details

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
October	11	0	11	\$4,400.00
November	8	0	8	\$3,200.00
		TOTAL	97	\$38,800.00

Next Dumpster Day: December 6, 2025

Recap since last Month's report:

Environmental Enforcement

1. We had a total of **8** new **OSSF Applications** in **November**
2. **New OSSF applications for October total 8 Residential and 0 commercial.**
3. November OSSF quantity (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). All incidents have been investigated.
5. We had a Metal revenue of **\$00. Standard Bulk Trash revenue** collection was **\$240.00** and **\$378.00** for a Total of **\$618.00. Total combined Revenue for November is \$618.00.**
6. Received invoice from Ronnie Stuard for \$5,075.00 for OSSF installation inspections (18) for the months of October and November combined. That number of applications brought in \$7,200.00 Revenue to the County that yielded \$2,1125.00 Gross Profit.
7. I Attended (3.5) hours Environmental training "**Ethics of Local Enforcement** " class thru the Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center and ETCOG
8. Investigated multiple complaints regarding old used mobile homes being moved in at RCR 1610. No violations yet, keeping watch on this.
9. Responded w/ Deputy Inmon to possible Illegal burn on RCR 1621, no citations.
10. Multiple complaints about sub-standard, abandoned houses at end of RCR 1535
11. Multiple complaints from Hermits Cove Resident Dana Harrison, about RCR 1422 being blocked, wants County to force re-open. Not a street supported by Road & Bridge.
12. Hired a new equipment operator for Trash Days in Point. He is working out great thus far.
13. Went to drilling site off Hwy 69N. to investigate Lithium recovery drilling location. They are drilling on private property and are permitted by Texas Railroad Commission. Nothing we can do.

Emergency Management:

1. Think positive about a NEW Justice Center/ Emergency Operations Center
2. As reported last month, I have made the decision to use the old ambulance that we currently own, for the EMC Mobil Command Center. After discussing with diesel mechanic, who said it would be around \$2,500 -\$2,900 to refurbish the engine with new water pump, new hoses, belts fluids, etc. The truck only has 55,000 miles on it. Plus, we have ordered some of the material needed to outfit the vehicle for EMC Operations. The remainder of the equipment will be ordered over the next few weeks. Much of this cost is being funded by Grant money.

3. I completed a TDEM course "G-IS .200.C **Basic incident Command System for Initial Response**", 6.75 hours course. I have 2 more 6-8 hour courses I have scheduled to complete by middle of January, hopefully.
4. I attended, as a **virtual observer**, a region wide disaster mock-up with multiple disasters occurring at same time. It really was helpful. May God continue to grant us mercy and to keep us safe from any of these types of disasters.
5. I attended the Homeland Security Committee meeting at ETCOG office in Kilgore. We revised parts of the by-laws and elected new officers. The Homeland Security grant funds will be available soon, and we have been told more funds will be available this year. That is a good thing
6. I am currently working on, researching, several projects to reevaluate our current County Resolutions / Ordinances as they pertain to Abating Health & Safety Code violations and nuisances. I plan to bring forth 3-4 new / revised changes to our current Ordinances or create new ones. Brent has asked me to review these long-needed updates. Along with these suggestions, I will also bring forth suggestions for staff and budget requirements necessary to accomplish these changes for the future. The list of projects include, H & S violations for junk in yards, changing auto salvage resolution, changes to R V campers & septic systems, roadway signage etc.
7. Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the **Season**.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone!! 😊

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

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Emergency Management Coordinator