

***Environmental Enforcement***  
***Emergency Management***  
**Commissioner's Court Report**  
For the Month of **March, 2026**

**Environmental:**

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

<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Month: March 2026</b>
	(\$400.00)	(\$600.00)		

**Yearly-to-Date OSSF Details**

January	5	0	5	\$2,000.00
February	8	3	11	\$5,000.00
March	12	2	14	\$6,000.00
<b>2026 Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>

**Next Dumpster Day: April 15th, 2026**

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

**Environmental Enforcement**

1. We had a total of **14** new **OSSF Applications** in **March**
2. **New OSSF applications for March total 12 Residential and 2 Commercial.**
3. March **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 – raw sewage run - off, sub-standard buildings (dilapidated & abandoned), trash on roadway. All incidents have been investigated with 0 violation notice issued. Violation corrected.
5. We had a Metal revenue of **\$387.05**. **Standard Bulk Trash revenue** collection was **0.00** and **\$600.00** for a Total of **\$600.00**. **Total combined Revenue for March is \$987.05.**
6. Have not received Invoice from Ronnie Stuard yet for OSSF Inspections in March.

7. Investigated complaint of sewage in creek adjacent to Point sewage overflow pipe. SECOND round of complaint. Big issue under investigation with Point, resident and complainant. Will result in Civil Law Suite probably.
8. The annual inspections of all RV Parks will begin scheduling next week (April), inspecting a few each week until completed. Plan to be completed by end of June.

### **Emergency Management:**

1. We have received our Mobil Emergency Command Center van from the repair shop and will begin retrofitting it when R & B has time available in the shop.
2. Began planning for TDEM statewide Emergency Alert Notification which was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Notices posted on social media, office doors, schools, courthouse, annex, Facebook and County website.
3. With the pending statewide Alert Test, we would not be able to get our new Everbridge alert system activated. Therefore, we used the current Rave Alert 911 system, which is in place currently, to test the alerts during the Test. Once fully operational and implemented, Everbridge will give us greater coverage and operational alert abilities to more of our citizens. We plan to begin implantation and integration within the next week or so. We will continue to have access to the current system until our new Everbridge system is fully integrated and operational.
4. I had TDEM Emergency Management and FEMA Floodplain training courses scheduled this month and next. However, with FEMA not being funded, their websites are ALL offline until the Government is Funded again. Will re-schedule as soon as they open up again.
5. Still exploring the possibility of starting a volunteer CERT team here in Rains County. These are **Community** based, trained **Emergency Response Teams of volunteers** who are (can be) called to assist authorities in an Emergency. Their involvement is limited by law to certain types of assistance and emergencies. Many counties and cities have at least one CERT team. Rockwall has a very active team, who has branched out into Royce City and they would like to start a group here. From what I have seen thus far, I believe it would be a great addition to the community. Have invited a member to come and address the Court when available
6. Happy to have Caci Grom, Regional Preparedness and Planning Coordinator for TDEM, Erin Jones, County Liaison Officer for TDEM and Vicki McAlister, EMC for Van Zandt County attend our BESS discussion during last Commissioners Court.
7. Will attend Regional Emergency Management conference in April. Several new program plans are to be discussed.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

*Joe Parker*

**Rains County Environmental Enforcement &**

*Emergency Management Coordinator*