

Environmental Enforcement

Emergency Management

Commissioner's Court Report

For the Month of April, 2026

Environmental:

OSSF Details: New Applications Received and Permits Issued

Fees:	Residential	Commercial	Total	Month: April 2026
	(\$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
April	6	0	6	\$2,400.44
2026 Totals	21	5	36	\$13,000.00

Next Dumpster Day: May, 16, 2026

Recap since last Month's report:

Environmental Enforcement

1. We had a total of 6new OSSF Applications in April
2. New OSSF applications for April total 6 Residential and 0 Commercial.
3. April 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 1 violation notice issued. Violation is being corrected.
5. We had a Metal revenue of 00. Standard Bulk Trash revenue collection was 105.00 and \$295.00 for a Total of \$400.00. Total combined Revenue for April is \$400.00.

6. Have received Invoice from Ronnie Stuard for OSSF Inspections in February & March, 21 @ \$290.00 = \$6,090.00 and 4 at \$490.00 @ \$1,960.00 totaling \$8,050.00 for February & March.
7. Trash being dumped on County Road 3150 has become a regular occurrence. Cory , Ronnie and I have discussed placing cameras there to see if we can catch the offenders.
8. Hermits Cove continues to be a problem area, with people purchasing those small lots , planning to do great things there, only to be told the rules. Some still try to make it work.
9. 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. This is still ongoing and unresolved.
10. The annual inspections of all RV Parks will begin scheduling 2nd week (May), inspecting a few each week until completed. Plan to be completed by end of July.
11. Have had several conversations with Point Water Dept and Angela along with emails TDEM and TCEQ. Point had requested TDEM to submit a STAR Request (State of Texas Assistance Request), which they did (just to see if it would go thru), it did not. The request would require a 50,000 gal tank and the cost would be prohibitive. TDEM replied to them that it was not possible, they only are able to assist after major disaster and be approved thru Austin. This was NOT approved and TDEM sent them an email confirming this.
This morning, Angela called Deaun, TDEM District Chief, to ask for help again. She is aware of their situation.
I have been informed that Point plans to hire their own DR to do OSSF inspections within their jurisdiction. We will see how well that goes over with TCEQ.

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. The TDEM statewide Emergency Alert Notification was held on April 2 and was a success according to the numbers and feedback from TDEM. The Alerts were sent out through the current Rave Alert 911 system, which is in the process of being replaced with our new system Everbridge.
3. We are in the early stages of training with Everbridge alert notification system. 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. The TDEM Emergency Management and FEMA Floodplain training courses are still not available. However, with FEMA not being funded, their websites are ALL offline until the Government is Funded again. Will re-schedule everything 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. The statewide annual TEDM Convention / conference will begin on May 26th in Fort Worth. Looking forward to attending that training conference

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

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