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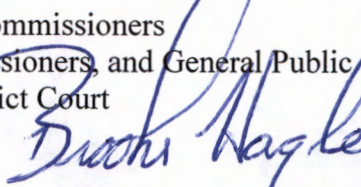
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Bob Skelton, Shackelford County Commissioners
The Honorable Dale Spurgin, Jones County Commissioners, and General Public
From: Brooks H. Hagler, Presiding Judge of the 259th District Court
Date: March 20, 2020
Subject: Status of 259th District Court



Please be advised that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent orders and recommendations from the Governor of Texas, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, presiding judge of the 7th Administration Judicial Region, the Office of Court Administration, the 259th District Court shall remain open on a restricted basis.

Until at least May 1, 2020, the Court will conduct hearings on essential matters only. Essential matters include, but are not limited to; CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders, temporary injunctions, and family violence protection orders.

In the event a hearing is deemed necessary, all efforts to hold the hearing electronically shall be exhausted.

Thank you for your attention in this regard.