**Media Release**

**April 21, 2020**

**Lampasas County – Today at 1:30pm, County Judge Randy Hoyer held an Emergency Called Commissioner’s Court Meeting to discuss Governor Abbott’s most recent Executive Orders 15, 16, and 17 pertaining to COVID-19. Hoyer stated that the new state-wide orders were going to be implemented in a rolling schedule over the next few weeks with more orders to follow as recommendations from the Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas come in. Hoyer explained that while the County could adopt more restrictive orders, the County, her citizens, visitors, businesses and organizations of all types, must adhere to the Governor’s Orders. The County adopted a Shelter in Place Order prior to the Governor issuing a state wide Shelter in Place Order. There is no longer a need for the County to maintain a Shelter in Place Order since we are all now following directives from the Governor, Hoyer said. Another concerned expressed by the Judge if the County were to continue a Shelter in Place Order, is the need to amend the order to reflect the Executive Orders as new orders are issued out of the Governor’s office. With the information provided, the Commissioner’s Court took action to rescind the Lampasas County Amended Stay Home Stay Safe Order dated April 7, 2020.**

**Citizens of Lampasas County are reminded to adhere to and follow guidance from Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Texas. The State still has a Shelter in Place Order, citizens may not gather in groups larger than 10, and social distancing is still required in public. Effective April 22, certain medical surgeries and procedures previously restricted can be performed and beginning April 24 certain non-essential retail stores may open for “retail to go” using curbside pickup. For more information on the Governor’s Executive Orders, you may visit https://gov.texas.gov**