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San Patricio County Commissioners Court Designates Alternate Courtroom
in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

On May 18th, 2020, the San Patricio County Commissioners Court designated the San Patricio County Civic Center, 219th W. 5th Street, Sinton, Texas 78387, also known as the San Patricio County Fairgrounds, as an alternate courtroom for San Patricio County and District Courts. The Honorable Janna Whatley, 343rd Judicial District Judge, and the Honorable Elizabeth Welborn, San Patricio County Court at Law Judge, requested such designation be made as a result of new social distancing guidelines that will go into effect once the courts start allowing in-person hearings.

The Texas Office of Court Administration - set forth requirements for all courts to follow to allow for safe in-person hearings. Both the District Courts and the County Court at Law have large dockets that would not allow for the proper social distancing while in session.

In thanking the County Commissioners Court, Judge Welborn expressed her gratitude by stating, "We are thankful for this designation. The ability to utilize the Civic Center will allow the County Court at Law to continue its operations."

The County Court at Law will be the first court to begin using the Civic Center on June 1, 2020, for bond returnable dockets.

For information, please contact District Courts (361) 364-9310 or County Court at Law (361) 364-9325.

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