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**Afternoon Update
San Patricio County Courthouse to Open at 10 a.m.
Thursday, February 18, 2021**

The County Courthouse located in Sinton will open Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10 a.m. if the building is fully operational. Judge Krebs will assess the situation in the morning and issue an update at 8:30 a.m. accordingly.

Many of our other County buildings however will remain closed due to no electricity and/or low water pressure. Those buildings included the Plymouth, Fairgrounds, and Elections buildings in Sinton as well as the Tax Assessor/Collector Offices located in Aransas Pass, Portland, and Mathis. Judge Krebs asks that all Elected Officials continue to work with their employees as he is aware that many county employees are still without electricity and/or water at their homes and work schedules might need to be adjusted.

We are aware of the request for the County to use the Event Center as a shelter for extended hours during the day or overnight for the next few days. The Event Center at the Fairgrounds, although equipped with a generator, cannot be timely converted to a shelter. Currently the Event Center does not have the water pressure necessary to accommodate a large group. Further the County does not have other necessary supplies (such as portable toilets, personal hygiene items, blankets, cots, food or water) in its possession and most of those supplies are not readily available at this time.

The District Courts and County Court at Law remain in session and are not subject to this closure announcement. Jurors, attorneys and other parties with cases pending before one or more of these courts must contact their respective court for direction.

Further updates related to County Facilities will be posted to the County's website at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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