



**LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Emergency Special Called Meeting**

**Administration Building**

**January 22, 2026 5:30 PM**

**Minutes**

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners met in an emergency special called meeting on January 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm with the following commissioners present online via Teams: Chairman Ryran Traylor, Vice Chair Jason Lovett, Commissioner Jarrod Fletcher, Commissioner Ashley Gilles, and Commissioner Truman Boyle. County Administrator Sean Townsend also joined the meeting online via Teams. County Clerk Anita Buice and Chief Douglas Matthews joined the meeting in person.

Chairman Traylor explained this meeting is in response to Governor Brian Kemp’s Declaration of Emergency concerning the potential for severe winter weather including snow and ice. Chairman Traylor added that our Emergency Management Director Becky Martin has everything in motion and prepared for the citizens of Lamar County.

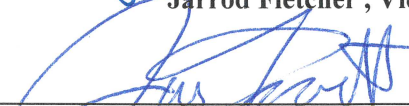
Commissioner Gilles motioned to approve Resolution 2026-02 Declaration of Local Emergency (attached). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and approved 4-0.

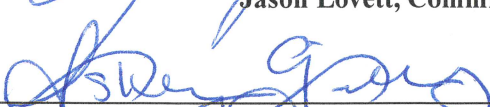
Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm on motion by Commissioner Boyle. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and approved 4-0.


**Lamar County Board of Commissioners**

  
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Ryran Traylor, Chairman

  
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Jarrod Fletcher, Vice-Chairman

  
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Jason Lovett, Commissioner

  
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Ashley Gilles, Commissioner

  
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Truman Boyle, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Anita Buice, County Clerk

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF LAMAR**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
RESOLUTION 2026-02**

**WHEREAS**, Lamar County, Georgia, is forecast to experience a severe winter weather event January 23-25, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has declared a state of emergency for counties affected by severe weather including Lamar County;

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Lamar County Emergency Management Agency, there exists emergency circumstances located in Lamar County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lamar County; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event, certain actions are required.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law

**IT IS HEREBY DECLARED** that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the following measures also be implemented:

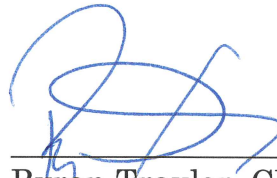
(A) Authority to waive procedures and fees. Pursuant to a declaration of emergency, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to cause to be effective any of the sections of Sec. 2-6.5-1, *et seq.* The implementation of such sections shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

(B) Additional emergency powers. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners shall have, and may exercise for such period as the declared emergency exists or continues, the following additional emergency powers:

- (1) To direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area, for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery;
- (2) To prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuation;

- (3) To make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing, emergency shelters and/or emergency medical shelters;
- (4) To transfer the direction, personnel or functions of any county departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services;
- (5) To utilize all available resources of the county and subordinate agencies over which the county has budgetary control as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster;
- (6) To utilize public property when necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster or when there is compelling necessity for the protection of lives, health, and welfare, and/or the property of citizens; and
- (7) To suspend any ordinance, resolution, order, rules or regulation prescribing the procedures for conduct of county business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any county department, if strict compliance with any ordinance, resolution, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster, provided that such suspension shall provide for the minimum deviation from the requirements under the circumstances and further provided that, when practicable, specialists shall be assigned to avoid adverse effects resulting from such suspension.

SO ENTERED at 5:32 p.m. on January 22, 2026.



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Ryan Traylor, Chairman  
Lamar County Board of Commissioners



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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declaration of Local Emergency for severe winter weather event
4. Public Comment
5. Round Table
6. Executive Session (If Needed)
7. Adjournment