

PRESS RELEASE

May 21st, 2019, @1600 hrs.

During the afternoon hours of Monday May 20th the Dickinson County Commission did take steps to declare a state of local disaster for Dickinson County. Since that time the communities within the county continue to prepare for the flooding that is predicted to occur here in the next 48 hours.

The Communities of Solomon and Chapman have set up sand bagging locations and the County has set up a station for bagging as well. Any Dickinson County residents can come obtain the bags and fill them for use at their home or business. The bags and sand are provided at no cost. Locations of the bagging sites are as follows:

Solomon – City Maintenance Shop at Main and Poplar Streets

Chapman – Chapman Elementary parking lot at 500 Irish Drive

Abilene – Dickinson County Highway Yard, 408 SE 2nd Street

These bagging operations will be open as long as the flooding threat persists. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services to help fill sand bags should report to any one of these sites to assist.

In preparation of flood waters rising to the levels that would cover the north/south highways in Dickinson County, emergency personnel have taken steps to place one of their EMS crews in the City of Enterprise in temporary quarters to allow them to respond to locations south of the Smokey Hill River. Also, the rural fire departments have taken steps to cover their districts should flood waters separate their personnel and resources.

Anyone with information regarding a road closure or high water should report that information to the Dickinson County 911 Center at 785-263-4041.

Any pertinent information, to include road closings, flooding predictions, or other information relating to this incident will be posted on the front page of the Dickinson County website at www.dkcoks.org.