

**State of Texas  
County of Polk**



**ORDER OF VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FROM**

**UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS NEAR MORRELL RD.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

WHEREAS, Polk County is facing significant threats to life and property due to an approximately 50-acre wildfire near E Caney Loop & Morrell Rd on the Polk/Tyler County border;

WHEREAS; Persons residing near Morrell Rd in Polk County are encouraged to evacuate as the fire is pushing towards Morrell Rd.

WHEREAS, first responders may not be able to reach these residents should conditions worsen;

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Polk County, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect life, as well as to protect or rehabilitate property, and it is hereby ordered.

Now Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the County Judge of Polk County, Texas,

1. The County Judge **FINDS** that a **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons residing in the unincorporated areas of Polk County, Texas near Morrell Rd is necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery;

2. A **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** of persons from the unincorporated areas of Polk County, Texas near Morrell Rd is hereby **ORDERED**;

3. Unless any other order is issued to the contrary, this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** issued herein **SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON MARCH 21, 2025 at 5:45 P.M.**

4. The issuance of this **VOLUNTARY EVACUATION** shall **NOT** preclude the County Judge from taking further actions the County Judge considers necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery, and includes the following provisions;

5. Residents who evacuate are encouraged to first seek shelter with relatives, friends, or hotel/motel. If the resident has no other option available, shelter will be available at the Corrigan Community Center located at 100 W. Front Street in Corrigan, Texas.

6. This **ORDER** shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Polk County, Texas; and

7. This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 21st Day of March 2025.

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Sydney Murphy, County Judge  
Polk County, Texas

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POLK COUNTY CLERK

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Schelana Hock", is written above the printed name and title of the Polk County Clerk.