



DRIPPING SPRINGS
Texas

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Commissioner Walt Smith
Hays County Precinct 4
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Re: Request for Emergency Assistance for Animal Shelter Operations at Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center

Dear Commissioner Smith:

The City of Dripping Springs requests Hays County assistance for animal shelter operations at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. The city needs financial and labor assistance to operate the shelter in response to several fires in Hays County. These fires have occurred outside the city's jurisdiction and have caused financial and labor constraints on the city. I support your request to Judge Becerra to declare a disaster.

Livestock, horses, donkeys, and other animals have been and are being sheltered at Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center. The city requests financial assistance to help pay for labor, stall shavings, stall rentals, box fans, and supplies being used for the animal shelter. To date we estimate that the city has sheltered 52 animals and spent at least \$2150 on shavings, fans, and supplies. To date, the city has lost \$1625.00 on stall rentals. 173 hours of staff time has been spent operating the shelter. These expenses are expected to continue to incur as long as hazardous fire conditions exit.

The city also requests labor assistance to help operate the animal shelter. Many city staff members are having to work overtime and many are having to stop performing some or all of their regular duties in order to assist with the shelter operations.

We have always appreciated Hays County's partnership with the city for Dripping Springs Ranch Park, including its construction. We hope that the county will be our partner for the current animal shelter situation. Please let me know if you have any questions about this request or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

cc. Mike Jones, Director of Hays County Office of Emergency Services

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