NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Location of Posting:

Panola County Courthouse

Date of Posting:

May 19, 2025 through June 6, 2025

Address:

Panola County

110 South Sycamore, Room 216-A

Carthage, Texas 75633

(903) 693-0391

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Panola County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2025 Panola County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as water improvements in cooperation with Rock Hill WSC, under Contract# CDV23-0438 for the purpose of installing one water well, approximately 400 linear feet of 4-inch residential water line including boring, gate valves, and all associated appurtenances. Project will also include all associated administration and engineering services, for an estimated cost of \$500,000.00 in HUD funds and \$10,000.00 in non-HUD funds. The linework will be located on US 59, and water well approximately 1,800 linear feet north of the intersection of US 59 and CR 302.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Panola County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 110 South Sycamore, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas 75633 and may be examined or copied 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The Honorable Rodger McLane, County Judge at Rodger.McLane@co.panola.tx.us. All comments received by June 6, 2025 will be considered by Panola County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Panola County certifies to the State of Texas that Rodger McLane in his capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Panola County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of funds and Panola County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Panola County (b) Panola County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Agriculture at CDBG EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov or PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Rodger McLane County Judge