

**ORDER 20-012**  
**FOR EMERGENCY AMENDMENT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2020**  
**APRIL 21, 2020**

This Order for Emergency Amendment to the Brazos County Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (“Amendment”) is entered by the County of Brazos, (“County”) a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through its County Commissioners Court (“Court”).

Following the adoption of the Brazos County Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (“Budget”), On March 13, 2020 the Brazos County Judge declared a Local State Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency. The Brazos County Judge has since expressed the necessity to eliminate two (2) Civil Attorney positions within the County Attorney’s Office and create two (2) positions within the County Judge’s Office, one being Chief of Staff/Legal Officer and the other being General Counsel, to help respond to the Local State of Disaster as well as maintain efficient operation of the county currently and into the future. The new positions would be effective April 18, 2020.

Brazos County has been under a declared Local State of Disaster due to a Public Health Emergency since March 13, 2020 and will continue to be under the same for the foreseeable near future. Additionally, Brazos County has been under a “Shelter in Place Order” since March 23, 2020 issued by the Brazos County Judge and has been under an “Essential Services and Activities Order” enacted by Governor Greg Abbott since March 31, 2020. Both Orders are set to currently expire at the end of the day April 30, 2020.

Brazos County has been dealing with the global pandemic of COVID-19 and this emergency action is necessary to prepare the County to continue its response to the pandemic now and in the future as we move forward.

The Brazos County Commissioner Court finds that it is necessary to amend its Budget to delete the following positions to create the following new position:

- a. Delete Two (2) full-time Civil Attorney-County Attorney
- b. Create One (1) full-time General Counsel-County Judge
- c. Create One (1) full-time Chief of Staff/Legal Officer-County Judge

Texas Local Government Code §111.010(c) provides that: “The commissioners court may authorize an emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget only in a case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent thought and attention. If the court amends the original budget to meet an emergency, the court shall file a copy of its order amending the budget with the county clerk, and the clerk shall attach the copy to the original budget.”

The Court finds that the emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget is authorized to adequately respond to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and continue the operations of Brazos County efficiently now and in the future.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April 2020.

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Duane Peters  
County Judge

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Steve Aldrich  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Nancy Berry  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Sammy Catalena  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Irma Cauley  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

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Karen McQueen  
County Clerk