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## FW: RE: Road closure

From: john.gradberg@co.panola.tx.us  
Sent: Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 2:00 pm  
To: LeeAnn Jones

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bob Bass" <r.bass@allison-bass.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 12:11pm  
To: "'Jim Allison'" <j.allison@allison-bass.com>, john.gradberg@co.panola.tx.us  
Cc: c.hodnett@allison-bass.com, e.magee@allison-bass.com  
Subject: RE: Road closure

Comm. Grandberg,

You may also, on the basis of an emergency, post closure signs warning of the bridge being out. With the posting of such signage, the county would be relieved of liability and retain its immunities, but you must post a warning sign and it is recommended that barriers excluding use be put up. This action can be ratified by the Commissioners Court at your next meeting.

TxDot should be advised of the bridge damage if the bridge is under their inspection program. If an off-system bridge, the Commissioners court will need to make some accommodation for a temporary by-pass, or alternate route, or possibly to permanently close the road if repairs/availability of funds to repair the bridge are not reasonably accommodated.

Robert T. Bass

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Bass [mailto:r.bass@allison-bass.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 12:04 PM  
To: 'Jim Allison'; 'john.gradberg@co.panola.tx.us'  
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Subject: Road closure

Commissioner Gradberg,

The Commissioners Court has general authority over public roads. A permanent closure of a road requires the unanimous vote of the commissioners court. See Section 251.051 Texas Transportation Code.

However, Section 251.157 of the Transportation code allows a Commissioner to prohibit or restrict use of a road due to inclement weather or recent construction.

This section, however, requires the availability of an alternate route. I will forward 251.157, which does require notice to be posted at the location. A longer term solution must be made by the Commissioners Court.

Robert T. Bass

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From: Jim Allison [mailto:j.allison@allison-bass.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 5:29 PM  
To: 'Robert T. Bass'

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Bob: Please draft response. Jim

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To: Jim Allison  
Subject: Road closure

Sir:

I have a bridge with severe damage from a flood. I know a road closure must be approved by the commissioners court. Court does not meet for another week. Can I close it for public safety without the courts approval until we meet next week???? Thanks so much