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NEWS RELEASE

Friday March 27, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

First Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Habersham County

Habersham County's first confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) in its 12:00 noon report update today. This patient is not currently hospitalized at Habersham Medical Center (HMC) and was not tested through Habersham Medical Center. HMC is prepared to receive positive cases but, to date, there have been no positive test results for COVID-19 at HMC. There have been 21 COVID-19 tests performed at HMC to date, 18 have been negative and 3 are waiting for results.

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners will hold an emergency called meeting on Saturday March 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Information regarding this meeting is attached. We anticipate the Commission will approve a local State of Emergency Declaration and additional directives to provide guidance for the safety and well-being of Habersham County citizens. We strongly urge the citizens of Habersham County to shelter in place and adhere to CDC and DPH guidelines.

We would like to assure the citizens of Habersham that the County, Habersham Medical Center, and our first responders are in constant communication. Our emergency management teams have been meeting regularly in anticipation that COVID-19 would eventually come to Habersham County and preparations have been ongoing for several weeks to respond to cases of COVID-19 once they emerged. Habersham County government, the Emergency Services Department, Sheriff's Department, and Habersham Medical Center have all been preparing diligently to ensure an effective response to cases of COVID-19.

Numerous specific directives have been issued by the governor, DPH, and CDC for many weeks. Citizens should wash their hands regularly and practice social distancing. If anyone feels they have symptoms of COVID-19, they should contact their physician. For up to date information regarding Habersham County and COVID-19, please visit www.habershamga.com.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(d)(3), the Habersham County Board of Commissioners has scheduled an Emergency Called Meeting on Saturday March 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held in the Administration Building 130 Jacob's Way Clarkesville, GA in the Executive Conference Room (3rd Floor).

Due to the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held by teleconference. Members of the public are welcome to join the teleconference using the information below:

Dial In: 1 470-588-9497

Access Code: 369 714 356

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An agenda is attached to this public notice for reference.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS' EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(d)(3)
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2020 9:00 A.M.
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
130 JACOB'S WAY
CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider/Approve Declaring a Temporary State of Emergency for Habersham County

ADJOURN:

Posted by: County Clerk Lindsay Underwood, March 27, 2020