

9/7/16 - DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COURT UPDATE FROM CLERK/COURT ADMINISTRATOR PEGGY

HOOVER:

On August 15, 2016 Executive Order JBE 2016-53 was issued relative to Disaster #4277 declared 8/14/16. This order was retroactive from August 12, 2016 through September 9, 2016. Denham Springs City Court and the Clerk of Court's Office took in approximately 5 feet of water submerging all computers, hard drives and Court records. A records restoration company was selected by the City of Denham Springs and removed all salvageable Court records 8/22/16. It will take 30 to 45 days to restore and return records. Employees of the Clerk's office are located in the main lobby of the Denham Springs Police Department allowing defendants in criminal matters and plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases to sign Court notices continuing cases until Court dates in October and November. We will be located in a facility secured by the City of Denham Springs by September 12, 2016. We have made arrangements to have Juvenile Court for Child in Need of Care cases as scheduled September 15, 2016 in that location. Our phones lines are rotating to the Denham Springs Police Command Station and are being manned by Court employees until phone and computer services are restored in our new location. We have concurrent jurisdiction with 21st Judicial District Court and will refer plaintiffs with immediate Civil Court matters to them until we are fully back in service. All attempts are being made by Judge Borde and Clerk/Court Administrator Hoover to get the Court functioning and operational again.