OFFICE OF NEWTON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR MELISSA BURKS

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Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, my main priority is the health, safety and well-being of our citizens and my staff. The Newton County Main Office and South County (Deweyville) Office will remain open to answer phone calls, answer e-mails, process mail and other tasks. Our doors will be locked. If you have an urgent need, please contact (409) 379-4241 (Newton) and (409) 746-2994 (Deweyville) for assistance.

Property taxes may be mailed to our office address listed above. Property Taxes may also be paid by credit card online at www.newtontax.org (CLICK HERE TO PAY TAXES) and follow instructions. You may call 1-866-549-1010 and use Bureau Code 6683997. A 2.5% convenience fee on credit card payments will occur.

To register to vote, please visit <u>www.newtontax.org</u> or <u>www.votetexas.gov</u>.

SEE MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION BELOW

In an effort to reduce the need for in-person transactions, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TX- DMV) worked with Governor Greg Abbott and our stakeholders to temporarily waive certain requirements for vehicle registration, vehicle titling and disabled parking placards.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation, declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to the threat of COVID-19. Governor Abbott also issued a statement on March 16, 2020, granting a temporary extension to obtain initial registration, renewal of registration, vehicle titling, and renewal of a permanent disabled parking placard. Governor Abbott also granted a temporary extension for an individual with an expired 30-Day temporary permit to obtain another permit or Texas registration. The temporary waiver applies to vehicle owners in all Texas counties as set forth in the above-referenced proclamation and statement. This 60-day waiver period will be the same for all counties.

The purpose of the waiver is to prevent customers from having to physically visit a county tax assessor-collector office to obtain initial registration, to obtain a 30-day temporary permit, to transfer, title, or to renew registration or a permanent disabled parking placard. Customers may continue to renew their registration online at www.txdmv.gov. At this time, TX DMV continues to fill online registration sticker requests and process all other online services. TX DMV has informed law enforcement agencies of the temporary waiver.