ORDER REGULATING TEMPORARY SIGNS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Commissioners Court is authorized by Chapter 291, Local Government Code to provide and maintain county buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the Roberts County Commissioners is authorized by Section 61.003 and Section 85.036, Election Code to enact reasonable regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of electioneering on the premises of a county building used as a polling place, including during the early voting period;

WHEREAS, the installing of signs on county property creates an unnecessary risk of damage to county property and injury to pedestrians and other members of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ROBERTS COUNTY THAT:

- 1. A person may not cause or authorize a temporary sign to be installed, affixed or maintained on or over county property including the installation of any temporary sign used for commercial or noncommercial purposes, except for temporary signs installed by the county for official county business.
- 2. For purposes of this order "temporary sign" means a banner, poster, or advertising display constructed of paper, cloth, plastic sheet, cardboard, plywood, or other like material that appears to be intended to be displayed for a limited period of time.
- 3. This order is applicable to all county property including county property used as a polling place on election days, except as follows:
 - a. All legal "electioneering" pursuant to Texas Election Code § 61.003 is allowed on county property used as a polling place beyond the prohibited distance to the polling place, including signs promoting candidates or ballot positions that may be displayed, waved, and distributed, but said signs may not be installed on or over county property by stakes in the ground, nails, tape, or any other method intended to temporarily affix the sign to county property.
- 4. Any sign improperly installed, affixed or maintained on or over county property under this order will be considered abandoned and will be removed by county officials.
- 5. Any previous Order Prohibiting Political Advertising on County-Owned Property is hereby rescinded and this Order is effective upon its adoption.

Passed and approved this 9th day of March, 2020.

Rick Tennant

Roberts County Judge

Attest:

Toni Rankin County Clerk