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County Judge Issues Declaration of Disaster

Ellis County Judge Chad Adams issued a Declaration of Disaster on September 11, 2008 in anticipation of the need to provide safe shelter for evacuees threatened by Hurricane Ike.

Earlier this week officials began planning to receive those individuals who make the decision to move themselves and their families to safety. All evacuees are being received at the Mesquite Reception Center which is best reached by taking the Lawson Exit off of I-20. The center is located at 15515 I-20 @ Lumley Rd. Once they have checked in at that location, they will be assigned to area shelters as those shelters are staffed and opened.

For those wishing to keep an eye on the progress of Hurricane Ike, the best link is www.nhc.noaa.gov/.

The following list of relief organizations may be helpful to those interested in assisting people affected by Hurricane Ike.

VOAD – Volunteer Locally

www.1800volunteer.org

American Red Cross

Donate by phone at 1-800-435-7669

En Espanol 1-800-257-7575

www.redcross.org

Texas Baptist Men

Donate by phone at 1-888-826-0123

tbm@bgct.org

UMCOR

Volunteer Hotline 1-800-918-3100

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

1-800-424-2372