## **NEWS RELEASE**

The Dallas County Commission has joined the State and Federal Government in declaring an emergency due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus epidemic. We are requesting all citizens to observe the public health agencies' recommendations to practice social distancing and self-isolation in an effort to slow the spread of the pandemic. The intent is to assist healthcare providers in keeping the number of those experiencing severe symptoms at a manageable level.

It is anticipated that additional orders and recommendations from the State and Federal level will make it increasingly difficult to maintain routine operations.

In light of the current emergency, on April 1, 2020, the Dallas County Court
House and all of its facilities will be closed indefinitely to all public access
allowing only the staff to remain on site to answer phone calls and assist
with online services.

Tax Collector's Office will continue to remain open to public until April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

<u>Probate Recording – Attorneys may call for appointment or mail any recordings to P.O. Box 987, Selma, Alabama 36702.</u>

As always, Dallas County remains committed and dedicated to serving the citizens of Dallas County, but we must make the health and safety of our citizens and personnel a top priority.

It is a true burden of balancing government and keeping the health of our employees and family's best interests a priority when making these decisions. However, everyone is singing the same song and on the same note in that the best way to avoid the infection is to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes, stay home when you are ill, and practice social distancing strategies such as staying 6 feet apart from other individuals. This is the best way to avoid being exposed to the virus. If these practices are recognized on a daily basis, the exposure and spreading of the virus would be greatly decreased.

We are in the early stages of this virus and everyone, not just elected officials, has a role to play in keeping our community safe and healthy. We must continue to fight this virus with all the sweat, tears and manpower we have.

We must put our faith in God; 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Stay healthy!!!

Judge Jimmy L. Nunn

## **ATTENTION – ONLINE SERVICES**

Tag Renewals - The Department of Revenue has extended the grace period for the renewal of vehicles during the month of March 2020 in which late fees will not be assessed on tags due in March until April 16, 2020.

The extension also includes the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired whereby the twenty (20) day registration requirement as provided for in §32-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, falls during the period of March 17, 2020 through April 15, 2020.

Tag Renewal – website at www.dallascountyproperty-tags.com.

**Driver's Licenses** – can be renewed online at <u>www.alea.gov</u>. If you renewed your driver's license online last renewal period, you will not be eligible to renew online again. Please call (334) 875-1341.

*Hunting/Fishing Licenses* – can be obtained online at <u>www.outdooralabama.com</u> or you may call (334) 876-4829 to obtain additional information.

Land and Probate Records can be searched at <u>www.syscononline.com/remote</u>. If you are a title searcher, abstractor, or attorney, etc. in need of in-person searches you may call (334) 874-2516.

Recording or Probate court filings – Attorneys may call for appointment or mail any recordings to Probate Court, P.O. Box 987, Selma, Alabama 36702. For additional information, please call Probate Recording at (334) 874-2516 or (334) 876-4830.

**Property Taxes** – Tax Collector's Office will remain open to public until April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. To pay taxes on line and/or property searches, you may visit our website at <a href="www.dallascountyproperty-tags.com">www.dallascountyproperty-tags.com</a>. For additional assistance, you may call (334) 874-2519.

Marriage Certificates-visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov Record in Probate \$75

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Judge **Jimmy L. Nunn**