



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **Agreements in place to shelter evacuees**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County has finalized the last of four agreements with Texas counties along the Gulf Coast to shelter evacuees in the event of a hurricane or other disaster.

The Commissioners Court approved Thursday an agreement with Aransas County to shelter about 150 people who are unable to evacuate themselves in the event of an emergency. Overall, the agreements with Matagorda, Jackson, Calhoun and Aransas counties call for Comal County to shelter an estimated 925 people, said Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Kelley.

“We hope we never need to rely on these agreements, but wrapping them up allows us to plan more effectively for any potential evacuees,” Kelley said. “We want to be good neighbors to our fellow Texans, and also make sure we are using our resources wisely and efficiently if we’re called on to help.”

The only evacuees covered by the agreements are those who would be bused to Comal County by the counties themselves. The county is working with the local Red Cross to make sure shelters are identified and a process is in place for screening, checking in, feeding, and meeting other needs of any evacuees, Kelley said.

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