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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM**

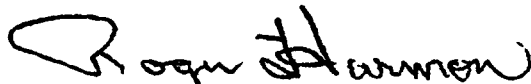
**Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Carla Hester

**TODAY'S DATE:** May 18, 2020

**DEPARTMENT:** County Judge

**SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



**REQUESTED AGENDA DATE:** May 26, 2020

**SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING:** Resolution in Support of Passage of H.R. 759

**PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM:** County Judge Roger Harmon

**SUPPORT MATERIAL:** (Must enclose supporting documentation)

**TIME:** 5 min.

**ACTION ITEM:**   x  

**WORKSHOP** \_\_\_\_\_

(Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item) **CONSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF NOTICE:**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**   x   \_\_\_\_\_

**IT DEPARTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUDITOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONNEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC WORKS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET COORDINATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*This Section to be Completed by County Judge's Office\*\*\*\*\*

ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

COURT MEMBER APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



RICK BAILEY  
Commissioner Pct. #1

ROGER HARMON  
County Judge

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Commissioner Pct. #3

KENNY HOWELL  
Commissioner Pct. #2

Carla Hester  
Assistant to Commissioner's Court

LARRY WOOLLEY  
Commissioner Pct. #4

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF H.R. 759

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Polk County, Texas and is committed to supporting the economic development and creation of jobs within the surrounding counties of Deep East Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila electronic bingo facility, has created over 600 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the second largest employer in the region, and is responsible for injecting over \$170 million annually in revenue to the region; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas provided over 50 fully paid collegiate scholarships for graduating high school students of the Tribe in 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas being a good community partner, contributed \$500,000 in donations after Hurricane Harvey to several counties, and purchased 30 manufactured home units;

**WHEREAS,** United States Congressman Brian Babin (R-Woodville) has filed H.R. 759 to clarify conflicting federal statutes regarding the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II electronic bingo on their tribal lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a right enjoyed and exercised by the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas since 1996; and


WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 759 is vital to continued economic development and health of both the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and all Deep East Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of its effort for passage of H.R. 759 to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and to protect jobs. FURTHER, The Johnson County Commissioners Court, urgently requests that United States Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas, as well as the other 35 Texans elected to the United States House of Representatives, join Congressman Babin in securing the enactment of H.R. 759 into law.

WITNESS OUR HAND THIS, THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020.

  
Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

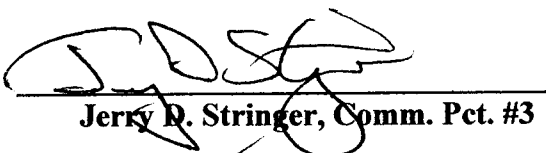
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Rick Bailey, Comm. Pct. #1

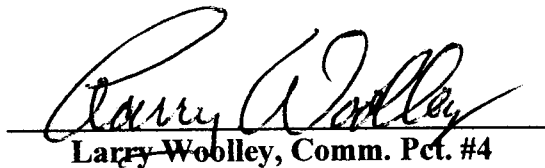
Voted:  yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ abstained

  
Kenny Howell, Comm. Pct. #2

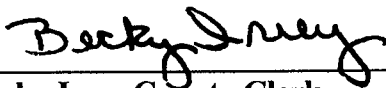
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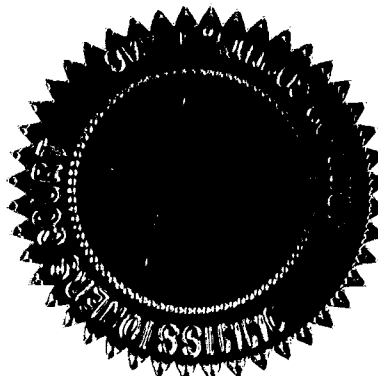
  
Jerry D. Stringer, Comm. Pct. #3

Voted:  yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ abstained

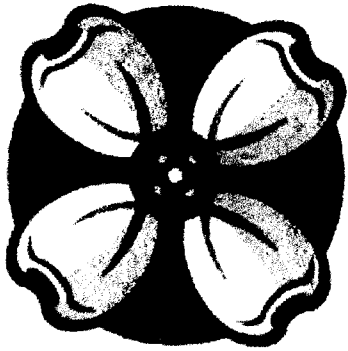
  
Larry Woolley, Comm. Pct. #4

Voted: \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no,  abstained

ATTEST:   
Becky Ivey, County Clerk



# The Updated Economic Impact of



# NASKILA GAMING

LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

## Winter 2020

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Tribal gaming in the United States has grown rapidly, with 29 states now participating in some form. The most recent figures from the National Indian Gaming Commission indicate total nationwide tribal gaming revenue reached \$33.7 billion in 2018, up from \$32.4 billion the prior year and accounting for 44.8 percent of the overall U.S. casino market.

The presence of tribal gaming based on electronic bingo at Naskila brings significant benefits to Polk County. In terms of its direct impact, Naskila is currently the 2nd largest employer in Polk County with approximately 410 total employees. These are good jobs at good wages; when benefits are included, the average employee compensation approaches \$50,000 per year. In addition, revenues from Naskila helps fund improvements on the reservation, such as housing and scholarships, as well as supporting a health clinic, day care center, and retail shops that serve the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and the surrounding community.

When the total impact of Naskila is considered, the benefit to Polk County increases. The ongoing capital investment associated the facility injected \$3.8 million into the local economy over the past two years, a figure that grew to \$4.8 million (and \$1.5 million in wages paid) when the ripple effects are considered. While these impacts end when the project(s) are finished, they undoubtedly have a positive impact across the community.

Naskila generated over \$145 million in operating revenue this year, a figure that climbs to \$170.6 million after the impact of this revenue injection flows through Polk County. A total of 705 permanent local jobs (collectively paying \$19.2 million in annual wages) are attributable to the impact of Naskila, which means this facility alone accounts for almost 6 percent of the private sector wages paid in Polk County. Put another way, approximately 300 local jobs beyond those on-site depend on the presence of Naskila and its ability to bring dollars to Polk County.

### 2019 Economic Impact of Naskila

	Output	Value Added	Labor Income	Employment
<b>Total Construction</b>	<b>\$4,784,580</b>	<b>\$2,864,820</b>	<b>\$1,482,380</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>2019 Annual Operations</b>	<b>\$170,629,147</b>	<b>\$95,897,726</b>	<b>\$19,195,266</b>	<b>705</b>

Sources: Naskila Gaming, TXP, Inc. Note: See page 4 for definitions of economic impact terms used.

This last point is crucial. The essence of economic development is to draw funds to the local economy, either by selling locally produced goods and services outside the area or attracting visitors who will spend money once they arrive. Naskila is a prime example of the latter approach, as more than 95 percent of its customers come from outside Polk County. As such, it is responsible for over \$170 million in annual spending in the local economy, a process that benefits every stakeholder in the area.

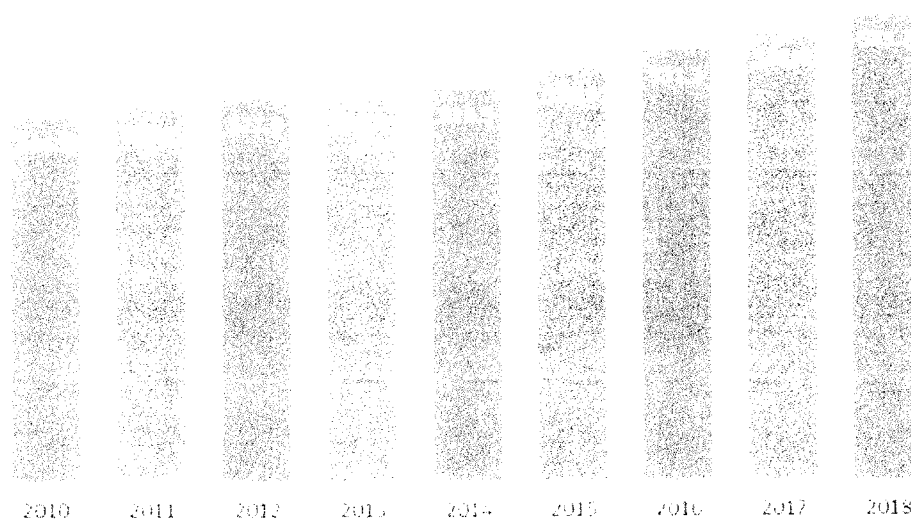
## Overview

Gaming in one form or another has been part of the fabric of American life for hundreds of years. Early Native American culture had games and language describing gambling and believed their gods determined fate and chance. In addition, European colonists brought a history of gaming to American soil, with the British colonization of America funded partially by lottery proceeds. Later, institutions of higher learning such as Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth utilized lotteries to help build dormitories and supply equipment, and a lottery actually helped pay for a portion of the American Revolution.

The first commercial casino in the U.S. opened in Nevada in 1931. For more than forty years, Nevada was the only state where casino gaming was offered. In 1976, New Jersey voters approved legislation to allow gaming in Atlantic City, and the first casino opened two years later. Since then, gaming has proliferated, as 40 states now have some type of casino gaming presence.

Tribal gaming is a significant and growing part of the overall picture, with 29 states now participating in some form. The most recent figures from the National Indian Gaming Commission indicate total nationwide tribal gaming revenue reached \$33.7 billion in 2018, up from \$32.4 billion the prior year and accounting for 44.8 percent of the overall U.S. casino market.

**Figure 1: Tribal Gaming in the United States (\$Billions)**



Sources: National Indian Gaming Commission, TXP

Steadily growing revenue is just one marker of tribal gaming’s economic footprint. In addition, casino operations have strengthened sovereign tribal governments and helped many tribes achieve economic self-sufficiency, both within and outside the gaming industry. This is the case with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, one of only three federally recognized tribes in the State, with roots in East Texas since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Today, the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation comprises approximately 10,200 acres in Polk County, 17 miles east of Livingston, Texas adjacent to Big Thicket National Preserve.

In the summer of 2016, the Alabama-Coushattas opened Naskila Gaming (Naskila) on the reservation. Originally, the facility was 15,000 square feet with 365 Class II electronic bingo machines. In August 2017, Naskila doubled in size, expanding to over 30,000 square feet. The facility now features almost 800 Class II electronic bingo machines, an 88-seat restaurant, a café with an outdoor covered patio, and some retail offerings.

In order to fully understand the growing impact of Naskila on the local economy, the Texas Forest Country Partnership commissioned TXP to produce the following updated economic impact report. The analysis is divided into two sections: 1) the impact of capital spending, and 2) the impact of annual operations.

## ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

### Model Inputs & Assumptions

#### *Construction & Ongoing Annual Operating Expenditures*

Total new construction spending at Naskila during 2018-19 was \$3.8 million. Meanwhile, total estimated Naskila annual operating revenue for 2019 was \$145.2 million, including gaming revenue (defined as equivalent to the amount of the entry fee minus the amount paid out in prizes, commonly referred to as the “handle”), eating & drinking, retail, and miscellaneous. Naskila has approximately 410 full-time employees, who earn \$37,727 per year on average before adding the value of the extensive benefits package that Naskila provides to employees.

### Economic Impact Methodology

Economists use a number of statistics to describe regional economic activity. Four common measures are “Output,” which describes total economic activity and is generally equivalent to a firm’s gross sales or top-line; “Value Added,” which equals gross output of an industry or a sector less its intermediate inputs or purchases from other firms used in the production process; “Labor Income,” which corresponds to wages and benefits; and “Employment,” which refers to jobs that have been created in the local economy.

In an input-output analysis of new economic activity, it is useful to distinguish three types of expenditure effects: direct, indirect, and induced.

**Direct effects** are changes associated with the immediate effects or final demand changes. Spending by patrons for gaming, clothing, food, etc. while they at Naskila are examples of direct effects.

**Indirect effects** are changes in backward-linked industries caused by the changing input needs of directly affected industries – typically, additional purchases to produce additional output. Satisfying the demand from customers means that restaurants must purchase food, supplies, and other services. These downstream purchases affect the economic output of other local merchants.

**Induced effects** are the changes in regional household spending patterns caused by changes in household income generated from the direct and indirect effects. The restaurant owner experiences increased income from visitor spending, as does the cleaning supplies outlet. Induced effects capture the way in which increased income is spent in the economy.

A multiplier reflects the interaction between different sectors of the economy. An output multiplier of 1.4, for example, means that for every \$1,000 injected into the economy, all other sectors produce an additional \$400 in output. The larger the multiplier, the greater the economic impact. Since Naskila is located in the Polk County, TXP used the RIMS II input-output multipliers produced by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis for that area.

## Figure 2: The Flow of Economic Impacts





## Economic Impact Results

### *Naskila Construction Spending*

Over the previous two years, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe has invested an additional \$3.7 million in capital improvements at Naskila. The estimated total economic output impact related to this investment is approximately \$4.8 million, with \$2.9 million in value-added. The increase in regional economic activity supported an estimated 26 total jobs with labor income of about \$1.5 million. The economic impacts associated with capital investment are finite; once the project(s) are complete, these impacts come to an end. See Table 1 for more detail.

**Table 1: Naskila Total 2018-19 Construction Economic Impact in Polk County**

Industry Sector	Output	Value Added	Labor Income	Employment
Agriculture	\$16,720	\$9,120	\$3,420	0
Mining	\$380	\$380	\$0	0
Utilities	\$2,280	\$1,520	\$380	0
Construction	\$3,812,540	\$2,299,000	\$1,269,960	20
Durable Mfg.	\$120,080	\$34,580	\$12,920	0
Non-Durable Mfg.	\$6,080	\$2,660	\$760	0
Wholesale trade	\$41,420	\$28,120	\$8,740	0
Retail trade	\$176,700	\$117,420	\$50,540	2
Trans./Warehouse	\$63,460	\$30,400	\$11,020	0
Information	\$37,620	\$22,420	\$6,080	0
Finance/Insurance	\$52,440	\$28,880	\$7,980	0
Real Estate	\$211,280	\$150,100	\$34,580	1
Prof./Tech. Services	\$14,440	\$8,740	\$5,700	0
Mgmt. of Companies	\$9,880	\$6,080	\$4,180	0
Admin. Services	\$16,340	\$8,740	\$4,180	0
Educational Services	\$6,840	\$4,560	\$2,280	0
Health Care, etc.	\$90,060	\$54,340	\$26,600	1
Arts/Recreation	\$2,280	\$1,140	\$380	0
Accommodation	\$4,560	\$2,660	\$1,140	0
Eating/Drinking	\$41,040	\$22,040	\$11,400	1
Other services	\$58,140	\$30,020	\$18,240	0
Households	N.A.	N.A.	\$1,900	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,784,580</b>	<b>\$2,864,820</b>	<b>\$1,482,380</b>	<b>26</b>

Source: TXP, Inc.

**Note:** See page 4 for definitions of economic impact terms used.

### *Naskila Annual Operations Economic Impact*

Based on estimated direct Naskila revenue this year of just over \$145 million, the aggregate economic impact of operations at Naskila is \$170.6 million in economic activity/output, with \$95.9 million in value-added. This increase in regional economic activity supported 705 total jobs with labor income of approximately \$19.2 million. See Table 2 for more detail.

**Table 2: Naskila 2019 Operations Economic Impact in Polk County**

Industry Sector	Output	Value Added	Labor Income	Employment
Agriculture	\$54,454	\$34,848	\$15,965	1
Mining	\$750	\$0	\$0	0
Utilities	\$92,288	\$47,255	\$15,270	0
Construction	\$357,882	\$209,869	\$81,627	1
Durable Mfg.	\$137,924	\$42,852	\$19,606	0
Non-Durable Mfg.	\$275,172	\$105,308	\$30,513	1
Wholesale trade	\$489,323	\$331,537	\$109,753	1
Retail trade	\$2,557,333	\$1,710,051	\$736,667	24
Trans./Warehouse	\$1,169,023	\$599,654	\$258,108	5
Information	\$2,318,267	\$1,362,509	\$432,846	8
Finance/Insurance	\$4,016,778	\$2,255,501	\$679,929	12
Real Estate	\$5,426,263	\$3,826,050	\$845,569	31
Prof./Tech. Services	\$1,715,913	\$1,250,225	\$744,783	11
Mgmt. of Companies	\$844,455	\$506,534	\$356,082	4
Admin. Services	\$2,615,344	\$1,496,956	\$691,925	25
Educational Services	\$96,843	\$64,080	\$32,040	1
Health Care, etc.	\$1,158,880	\$701,703	\$342,869	8
Arts/Recreation	\$137,801,640	\$76,330,110	\$10,741,350	447
Accommodation	\$119,855	\$75,545	\$29,790	1
Eating/Drinking	\$7,968,924	\$4,172,156	\$2,550,755	109
Other services	\$1,411,835	\$757,488	\$462,326	11
Households	\$0	\$17,493	\$17,493	2
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Beyond the benefits to those directly employed, revenues from Naskila provide funding for improvements on the reservation, such as housing and scholarships, as well as supporting a health clinic, day care center, and retail shops that serve the Tribe and the surrounding community.

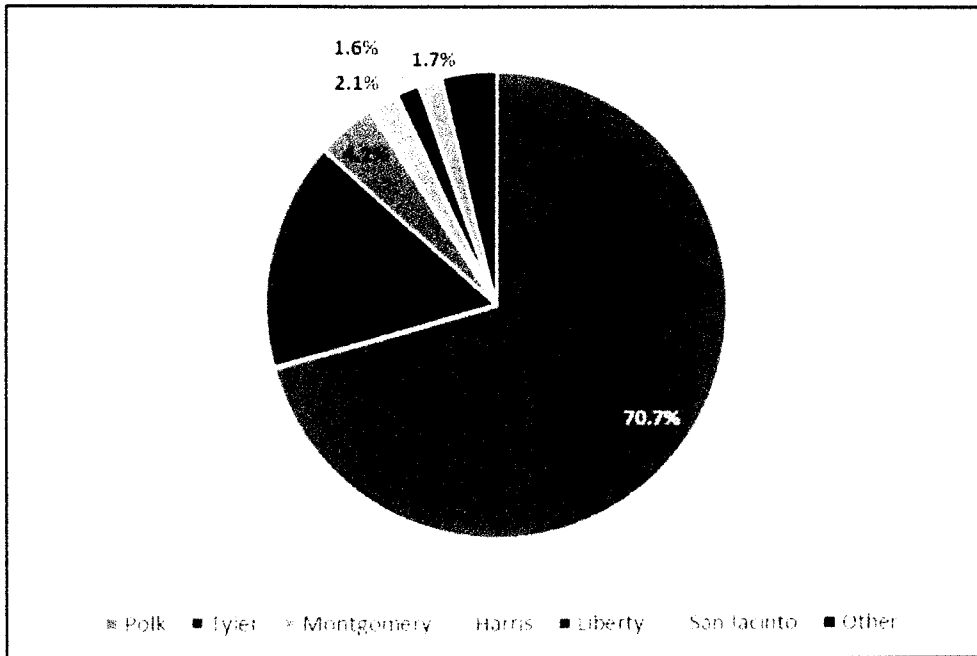
The direct benefits extend beyond Polk County across the region and the State. While the majority of Naskila employees live in the area, more than \$5 million in annual payroll flows to other Texas counties. By the same token, Naskila spent over \$24 million with vendors located in 21 counties across East Texas and elsewhere in the state in 2019.

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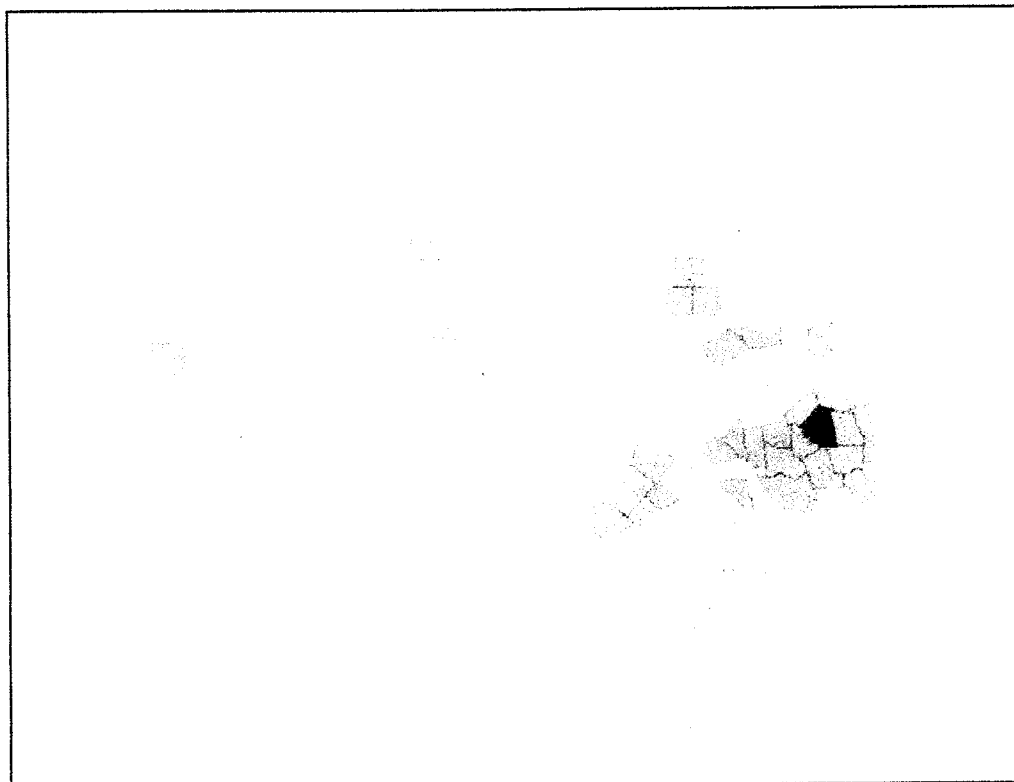
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**Figure 3: Naskila Payroll Share by County**



Sources: Naskila Gaming, TXP

**Figure 4: Location of Naskila Vendors**



Sources: Naskila Gaming, TXP

## About Texas Forest Country Partnership

The Texas Forest Country Partnership (TFCP), formerly known as the Pineywoods Economic Partnership and the Deep East Texas Development Association, was founded in 1960 as a non-profit economic development organization. The TFCP is the leader of all economic development efforts across the East Texas region. Its primary mission is to enrich the economic prosperity of the region through marketing, business development and advocacy.

TFCP goals are to strengthen regional involvement and decision-making to support economic growth, promote a highly qualified, well-trained workforce, support rural diversification and the regeneration of the East Texas region.

These goals are based on a landscape where jurisdictions can build upon shared strengths and cost effectively provide business attraction and retention services that bring greater prosperity. The 12 counties that the TFCP serves are Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Tyler, and Trinity.

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**SYDNEY MURPHY**  
COUNTY JUDGE

May 11, 2020

To: North & East County Judges and Commissioners  
Fr: Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy  
Re: Cancelled NE Co Judges & Commissioners Conference Event

Greetings NECJCA Members,

I hope this letter finds you and all of your community's families safe and healthy. We are living in extraordinary times, and I sincerely regret that the ongoing health crisis has compelled us to cancel this year's North & East County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference. Along with visiting fellow commissioner's court members and learning about the resources to help improve quality of life in our respective communities, I had hoped to take advantage of the opportunity to introduce you to a good friend and neighbor of East Texas that you may not yet have had a chance to meet.

In my county, I have the unique distinction and privilege to have the oldest Native American tribe in Texas located just 15 minutes east of Livingston. The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe has been in the area since the late 1700s. The Tribe has always been a good neighbor to the surrounding East Texas community, dating back to when Sam Houston asked them to help him in the fight for Texas Independence.

Since opening its electronic bingo facility, Naskila Gaming (Naskila means Dogwood in their native language), in 2016 on the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, the Tribe has become the second largest employer in Polk County with over 400 team members. These are well paying jobs with full healthcare benefits and a generous 401 retirement plan, and over 70% of the employees that work at Naskila are non-tribal members living in Polk and surrounding counties.

The economic impact and boost in tourism from the 1 million plus visitors a year has resulted in over \$170 million influx to our local economy here in East Texas. In addition, the Tribe is doing business with over 216 Texas vendors throughout the state. I've included a copy of the economic impact study recently updated by The Texas Forest Country Partnership that shows what these jobs and this spending signifies to all of East Texas.

Sadly, the State of Texas has moved to shut down this facility, showing little concern for the detrimental impact it would cause to our region, and the Tribe is awaiting US Legislation that will allow them to keep their doors open. More than 60 Resolutions of Support have been signed by County Judges and Commissioners Courts, Mayors and City Councils, Chambers and Economic Development Corporations and Community Business Leaders from all over East Texas and beyond. A list of these supporters is also included with this letter.

I hope that the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe can count on your support, as well. Although they are temporarily closed, like so many other Texas businesses, the Tribe has continued to pay all team members as well as their tribal and government departments. These life-changing jobs and the economic impact that this very popular entertainment destination has created will help our entire region recover as Texas begins to get back to work.

Please find enclosed a sample resolution for those counties that have not already approved a resolution of support for your commissioner's court consideration. We cannot overlook the impact of this operation on our local economies, especially during these unprecedented times in our state, and I genuinely appreciate your attention to this matter. My most sincere thanks to those of you that have already passed a resolution to support the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and Naskila Gaming.

The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe has played an integral role in Texas History, proving themselves to be our partners and allies time and again. Please help us show our regard for their continued support of all of East Texas by standing with them at this time of need.

Best regards & blessing to everyone,

  
Sydney Murphy  
Polk County Judge

# Approved Resolutions/Support

Last Updated: February 25, 2020

Polk County Commissioner's Court  
Polk County Chamber of Commerce  
Polk County Republican Party  
Polk County Higher Education and Technology Foundation  
Tyler County Commissioner's Court  
Tyler County Chamber of Commerce  
Tyler County Hospital Board  
DETCOG- Deep East Texas Council of Government  
Texas Forest Country Partnership  
Hardin County Commissioner's Court  
Walker County Commissioner's Court  
San Jacinto County Commissioner's Court  
San Jacinto County Republican Party  
Jefferson County Commissioner's Court  
Trinity County Commissioner's Court  
Liberty County Commissioner's Court  
Chambers County Commissioner's Court  
Chambers County Republican Party  
Orange County Commissioner's Court  
Jasper County Commissioner's Court  
Jasper Economic Development Co.  
Newton County Commissioner's Court  
Sabine County Commissioner's Court  
Cherokee County Commissioner's Court  
Madison County Commissioner's Court  
Shelby County Commissioner's Court  
San Augustine County Commissioner's Court



Houston County Commissioner's Court  
The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce  
Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce  
Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Houston Asian Chamber of Commerce  
Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce  
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce  
Livingston City Council  
Woodville City Council  
Cleveland City Council  
Shepard City Council  
Splendora City Council  
Onalaska City Council  
Ivanhoe City Council  
Goodrich City Council  
San Augustine City Council  
Lovelady City Council  
New Waverly City Council  
Corrigan City Council  
Galveston Maritime Business Association  
Lake Travis Republican Party  
Bell County Republican Party  
Hopkins County Republican Party  
Hays County Republican Party

Additional Support:

National Congress of American Indians

All Pueblo Council of Governors

USET- United South and Eastern Tribes, INC.

CHI St. Luke's Health Memorial

Polk County VFW Post #8568

Southern News Group- Houston

Escapees RV Club- Livingston

Texas Familias Council

Church Street Financial Livingston, Texas

Livingston Rotary Club

Onalaska Police Department

Ivanhoe City Marshal's Office

Eastex Telephone Co.

C.T Jones Insurance Co.

Pedigo, Furniture

Prestige Oyster Inc.