

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2020, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas convened in **EMERGENCY SESSION** of said Court, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse of Zapata, Texas, with the following members of said Court, to-wit:

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Joseph Rathmell	County Judge
Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

**ABSENT:**

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Roxanna Elizondo, Juan J. Meza, Joyce Currington, and Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan.

**WHEREUPON**, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.  
ROLL CALL BY CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Meza, in his capacity of Emergency Coordinator, recommended that the Shelter at Home Order remain in place and have every one wear masks when out in the public. Also recommends having check points at door entrances; if someone has a fever, they must stay home for 14 days.

Judge Rathmell reported that Zapata has one positive case; patient is in isolation. When asked who the patient was, Judge Rathmell responded that privacy is important. The family members have been tested and the patient is under the supervision of the Health Department.

Commissioner Mendoza commented that Health Department notifies the Judge and Fire Chief immediately of any positive cases.

Chief Meza added that he sent supplies to the nursing home.

Judge Rathmell communicated with Mary Plattner and asked if we could get tests. Beginning tomorrow, first responders, jailers, sheriff's staff, jailers and others who have symptoms will be tested; the County will be paying for the tests. The turnaround time for results is 4-5 days. People are taking precautions.

Chief Meza advised that Jorge Gutierrez opened a company that has a Decon machine, if needed.

Judge Rathmell added that Laredo donated 4,000 gallons of disinfecting solution that will be offered to the public. Will be distributing 1 gallon bucket per family in each precinct.

Chief Raymundo Del Bosque and Captain Ramon Montes are taking all precautions necessary and are trying to keep stores compliant with social distancing. They hired part time employees to disinfect the facility.

Captain Montes added that they are disinfecting areas and taking the temperature of all employees. Chief Meza is doing the same.

Judge Rathmell will be getting thermometers for all offices.

### **ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SHELTER AT HOME EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve amendments to the shelter at home emergency order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; 30 patrons and employees at a time for Lowe's and Riverview and D & E Food Craft 10, this will be added to the order that is in place, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Judge Rathmell moves to close boat ramp to the public, motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to close boat ramp until April 30.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

### **ORDER APPROVING MANDATORY COMMUNITY CURFEW FOR ALL ZAPATA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a mandatory community curfew for all Zapata County residents from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. for adults and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. for youth under age of 17, effective April 7, 2020, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

### **ORDER APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF WEARING MASKS INSIDE BUILDINGS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve implementation of wearing masks inside buildings.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

### **COMMENTS**

Chief Meza reported that he purchased the Decon equipment, but needs chemicals. Jorge Gutierrez has provides a service to disinfect, they have foggers and misters that they apply themselves. The product lasts 5-7 days. The court would like to see pricing. The cost is 20 cents per square foot, the jail is 2300 square feet for a cost of \$4,600. An hourly rate would be better. They will get together with all offices and come back. They do not sell equipment. They can, however, sell chemicals, but they must be diluted. They will prepare a cost sheet to be presented at a later date.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, and being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

There being no further business for disposition at this term, the Court adjourned.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN,  
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS