

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 3rd day of July, 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
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Nellie Trevino, Juan J. Meza, and Ralph Trevino.

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 MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell called the meeting due to the increase in Covid-19 cases and due to governor's orders, he wanted to discuss the situation and try to curtail the situation.

Chief Meza stated that 327 windmill farm workers tested in San Ygnacio, a lot of locals wanted to get tested, but this was only for windmill workers. More testing will be done for the public on July 6, 7 and 8. He invited the windmill workers from the Las Lomas Wind Project in Falcon to come in to test next week.

Judge Rathmell stated that he received an email from the project developer and was informed that the Las Lomas Wind Project is shut down due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases in employees. They will remain closed down to stop the transmission of COVID-19 in that project.

Chief Meza recommends following Governor Abbott's guidelines on groups of no more than 10 people and wear mask in public areas.

Judge Rathmell mentioned that Governor Abbott's restrictions include that all Texans wear masks in public, in counties with more than 20 positive cases. The order allows mayors and judges to impose restrictions on gatherings of no more than 10 people, fines will be imposed, if violated. Businesses can open at 50% occupancy.

Chief Meza recommends that if a person encounters a COVID-19 positive patient they should wait 3-4 days to get tested. He is currently working with a place in Laredo that gives results in 1 – 24 hours. They haven't come to Zapata because they are only getting 300 tests per day, once they get 1,000 tests per day, then they will come and set up here to test general public, test is covered by insurance and patient only pays co-pay.

Judge Rathmell reported that 1,504 tests have been conducted; 55 positive cases; 335 pending, 21 released from isolation; 1114 negative tests, and 1 death.

Commissioner Mendoza said he was informed that the National Guard was taking insurance information from persons getting tested.

ORDER APPROVING MEASURES AND RESTRICTIONS TO ADDRESS SURGE IN LOCAL COVID-19 CASES AS DISCUSSED

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve measures and restrictions to address surge in local COVID-19 cases as discussed, including closing the library, parks for activity, but allow walking; cancel reservations at community center and pavilion. Cancel fireworks events, benefit rodeo, close boat ramp for 4th of July. Curfew 11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. until further notice. Amusement Redemption Machine establishments can open 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 50% capacity and must follow mask and distancing requirements. Restrictions on gatherings of no more than 10 people, including election night. All must follow governor's orders 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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.

JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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