

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 31ST day of March, 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 (Via Telephone)
Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez, Presiding	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Jesse Rodriguez, Daniel Arriaga, Juan J. Meza, Rene Garcilazo, and Roger Miller.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL BY CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell spoke to Judge Tijerina and he would like to share cleaning solution with Zapata County. He will have more information later. Congressman Cuellar will also make kits available to the County.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a shelter at home emergency order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and follow guidelines similar to the ones in place in Laredo as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. #3. County government offices are to remain open because they are all essential.

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

**ORDER TO DENY REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING REQUEST TO
DETERMINE WHICH ZAPATA COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES
WOULD BE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to deny request by County Judge regarding request to determine which Zapata County departments and/or employees would be considered essential employees.

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

ORDER TO DENY REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING REQUEST TO DEVELOP AN APPROACH TO CONTINUE AND/OR MODIFY ANY AND ALL COUNTY SERVICES IN EVENT OF SHELTER AT HOME ORDER

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to deny request by Judge Rathmell regarding request to develop an approach to continue and/or modify any and all county services in the event of a shelter at home order 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.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Funeral home – only 10 persons allowed in services.

Boat ramp is open for launching, no camping.

Judge spoke to IBWC and they have no official guidelines in place.

Golf course should be closed.

Will courthouse be closed to public? No, courthouse remains open.

ORDER APPROVING FOR ZAPATA COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE FIRE CHIEF MEZA TO ACQUIRE AND PROVIDE ZAPATA COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve for Zapata County to authorize Fire Chief Meza to acquire and provide Zapata County employees with protective gear for all county employees as they become available in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, 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