

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 21ST 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
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Nellie Trevino, Juan J. Meza, Daniel D. Arriaga, Ramon E. Montes, Jose A. Solis, Odon Gomez, Joyce Currington, Raymundo Del Bosque, and Luis Gonzalez.

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 stated that there are new developments over the weekend and Governor Abbott ordered the opening of state parks. He also reported that 183 people have tested; we have 5 positive cases; 155 negatives; 33 pending results, and 1 was release from isolation.

Chief Meza thanked the court for what they have been doing. His recommendation is to continue with Shelter in Place order, wearing masks, and limiting patrons at stores. He added that beauty shops and barber shops tend to patrons by appointment only. Recommended for boat ramp to open.

Commissioner Martinez commended Riverview on taking precautions and social distancing.

Commissioner Garza also recommended to open the boat ramp.

Commissioner Elizondo noted that the windmill workers are essential; they are breaking up work crews and picking up food. Judge Rathmell added that they take extra precautions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ricardo Ramirez addressed the court regarding the Golf Course and presented guidelines as follows:

1. Only one person will be allowed per golf cart.
2. Mask must always be worn inside clubhouse.
3. A minimum of 6 feet apart for social distancing.
4. 2 people at a time to pay or purchase merchandise inside the clubhouse while maintaining social distancing.

5. All golf carts will be sanitized after use for next customer.
6. No touching or removing flag while playing
7. Cups will be turned upside down to avoid reaching down inside the cup for the golf ball.
8. Wear any sort of face cover on the course while playing.
9. Water containers on golf course will be removed.
10. Concession will be open to provide beverages and snacks, but clubhouse will remain closed.
11. Maximum of 4 players per tee box.
12. Golfers who prefer walking will be allowed.
13. All guidelines will be enforced by golf course personnel and management.
14. If rules are violated, you will be asked to leave the premises without reimbursement.

REPORTS

Chief Raymundo Del Bosque reported from the period of April 7 – April 15, the Sheriff's Office had a total of 1141 contacts, 43% females and 57 males. Of the contacts made 62% were curfew violations. Approximately 66% were made on major highways while the remaining 34% were on the streets. In this time frame 28 citations were issued. Most of the stops after curfew were essential workers getting off work and heading home. Other stops were citizens coming or going from buying food and ending up in long take out lines. There were also 33 complaints of people fishing, vendors on highway, people not wearing masks in stores and public: and reports of private gatherings. Officers worked a total of 274 over time hours in the afternoon hours from 7 p.m., to 1 a.m. to support staff.

ORDER APPROVING AMENDING SECOND AMENDED SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER FOR ZAPATA COUTNY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve amending the Second Amended Shelter in Place Order for Zapata County and open boat ramp including private ramps, visitors will be required to wear a face mask and keep social distancing of 6 feet apart and groups not to exceed 5 persons, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to open Golf Course, with restrictions, as presented by Ricardo Ramirez.

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 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