

April 28, 2020

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Erath County Commissioners Court will meet in **EMERGENCY SESSION WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room at the Erath County Courthouse, Stephenville, Texas to consider the following agenda items for discussion and possible action:**

1. Discuss and take action on criteria for opening Erath County businesses according to Governor Abbott's proclamation GA-18.
2. Discuss and take action regarding opening Erath County offices and safety/health of county employees.

Alfonso Campos

COUNTY JUDGE
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS



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GWINDA JONES, COUNTY CLERK
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS

By G Deputy

Erath County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), subsection 551.071(2) (Consultation with Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation), §551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Personnel or Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §551.088 (Deliberation regarding Test Item), and 551.089 (Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits).

Commissioner's Court

Emergency Meeting

April 29, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Commissioners' Conference Room 1st Floor - Courthouse

Present:

Commissioner Precinct #1 – Dee Stephens - Present

Commissioner Precinct #2 – Albert Ray - Present

Commissioner Precinct #3 – Joe Brown - Present

Commissioner Precinct #4 – Jim Buck - Present

County Judge, Alfonso Campos

County Clerk, Gwinda Jones

Others present in the courtroom: See attached roster

Move meeting to Commissioners' Courtroom on 2nd Floor due to number of people in attendance.

Agenda Item #1

Discuss criteria for opening Erath County businesses according to Governor Abbott's proclamation GA-18. Erath meets criteria for 50%.

Agenda Item #2

Discuss opening Erath County Offices and safety/health of county employees.

Motion To Adjourn:

Made By: Commissioner Buck

Second By: Commissioner Ray

All Ayes Meeting Adjourned At 9:38

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ERATH

The above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes taken in my capacity as County Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Erath County, Texas, at the time and place heretofore set forth.

DATED at Stephenville, Texas, this 29th day of April, 2020.

ATTESTED BY:

GWINDA JONES, Erath County Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gwinda Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

SIGNATURE ROSTER FOR THOSE PRESENT IN COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Meeting Date: 4-29-2020


Printed Name	Signature	Email	Emergency Mtg. Phone
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Laurie Gillispie	Laurie Gillispie		905-1452
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MATT COOPER			
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Kimberly Burrier	Kimberly Burrier		
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Jennifer Carney	Jennifer Carney		
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ALLEN BARNES			
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Susan Driskill	Susan Driskill		
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Wanda Green	Wanda Green		
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Lisa Pence	Lisa Pence		
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From: "countyjudge@co.erath.tx.us (Alfonso Campos)" <countyjudge@co.erath.tx.us>
To: "County Judge (countyjudge@co.erath.tx.us)" <countyjudge@co.erath.tx.us>
Cc: Laurie Gillispie <laurie.gillispie@co.erath.tx.us>, "Susan Driskill (eratheoc@co.erath.tx.us)" <eratheoc@co.erath.tx.us>
Date: 04/28/2020 03:42 PM
Subject: 25% or 50%

Judge and Commissioners:

If you wish to discuss opening businesses at 50%, there are 8 thresholds to be met, and supplemental county information that we have to provide.

Please see the attachment.

If you do not wish request allowing opening at 50%, then it will not be necessary, and the next time it can increase to 50% is at Phase 2.

The City wants to open at 50%. However, It will be up to us to discuss and document those 8 thresholds and provide the Supplemental County Information.

Alfonso Campos
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Attachments:

File: [DSHS Form to open at 50% with less than 5 cases.pdf](#)

Size: 174k
Content Type: application/pdf



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Send the signed attestation form, including the supplemental county information, to the Department of State Health Services Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) email at: coronavirus@dshs.texas.gov. Please include the word "attestation" in the subject line for proper routing.

I hereby certify and affirm that all the foregoing conditions are met, and that I will provide all relevant county information below found in the supplemental county information section.

Name: _____

Title: _____

County: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Supplemental County Information

Section C – County Information:

Are there hospitals located in your county? Yes No If yes, number of hospitals:

Is your community considered a healthcare shortage area? Yes No

Are there licensed physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in your county? Yes No

Is there a healthcare clinic in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of healthcare clinics: _____

Is COVID-19 testing available in your county? Yes No

Is a mobile testing site operational in your county? Yes No

Has your county requested a mobile testing site? Yes No

Section D – Vulnerable Populations

Is there a nursing home in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of facilities:

Is there an assisted living facility in your county? Yes No If yes, the number of facilities:

Section E – Large Facilities

Are there industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees in your county? Yes No

Are there city or county Jails in your county? Yes No

Are there any large residential state facilities in your county? Yes No



**ATTESTATION FOR RURAL COUNTIES WITH FIVE OR FEWER
LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19**

Rural counties may, on an individualized basis, increase capacity for restaurants, retail, and/or movie theaters if the county judge certifies and affirms to the DSHS that the following standards have been investigated and confirmed to be met:

1. The county had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or on a later date, if the county had 5 or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.
2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.
3. The county has been in contact with your designated Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.
4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of your county, including:
 - Signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance.
 - Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area.
 - A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county.
5. The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in your county to ensure they are complying with HHSC and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19:
 - Nursing homes
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees
 - City or county jails
6. The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.



7. The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to close businesses or facilities as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.
8. The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

If the county meets the above standards and chooses to do so, the county may do the following:

- Increase dine-in restaurant capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the restaurant's capacity - All other provisions regarding restaurants still apply.
- Increase retail in-store capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the retailer's capacity - All other provisions regarding retail still apply.
- Increase movie theater capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the movie theater's capacity - All other provisions regarding movie theaters still apply.
- Increase museum and library capacity from 25% to up to 50% of the museum's or library's total listed occupancy. All other provisions regarding museums and libraries still apply.

All counties must adhere to all other provisions set forth on the previous pages, including the standard health protocols listed on the DSHS website, as amended by the April 27, 2020 update.

The stricter statewide restrictions to 25% of the total listed capacity for establishments listed in GA-18 will be-re-applied if:

1. Five consecutive testing / tracking intervals with positivity rates > 12% in that interval; or
2. The county has more than 3 positive cases per 1,000 residents; or
3. Less than 15% of the surge capacity in hospitals for the catchment area is available.

NOTE: Under GA-18, the Governor may, by proclamation, return any county to the essential services-only level.

ATTESTATION FOR RURAL COUNTIES WITH FIVE OR FEWER

LABORATORY CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID19

1. The county had five or fewer COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases on April 30, 2020 or on a later date, if the county had 5 or fewer active COVID-19 cases as verified by DSHS.

YES, on April 28, two active cases.

2. The county has created a list of testing opportunities in the county or the area.

YES. Testing available at Stephenville Medical & Surgical Clinic, SurePoint, Accel, and Mobil Testing may also be available on certain date(s). Additionally, a DSHS online app called Texas Health Trace where a person can view test collection sites around the state.

3. The county has been in contact with your designated Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) to ensure the community is prepared for any needed health care transfers.

YES, contacted Mr. Thomas Stidham (RAC), he agrees that the community is prepared for needed health care transfers.

Thomas L. Stidham, MBA

Manager, TSA-E Medical Coordination Center

North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC)

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www.NCTTRAC.org

4. The county has provided public notice to the residents of your county, including:

• Signs and symptoms of COVID-19. • Recommended health and safety protocols in line with CDC guidance. • Information regarding how residents can get tested in the area. • A link to the DSHS website where residents can go to learn about community spread in nearby communities, in order to help county residents, understand their risk to exposure if they travel regularly outside of the county, **Public notice of the above information has been provided in the form of press releases and information attached to the Disaster Declarations and Orders that have included Center for Disease Control and Tx DSHS guidelines. Related information has been posted on the County and City websites. Updates to radio stations, newspapers, and social media have also been conducted.**

5. The county has contacted each of the following types of facilities located in your county to ensure they are complying with HHSC and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19: • Nursing homes • Assisted living facilities • Industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant

number of employees • City or county jails **Notices in the form of form of press releases and information attached to the Disaster Declarations and Orders that have included Center for Disease Control and Tx DSHS guidelines. Related information has been posted on the County and City websites. Updates to radio stations, newspapers, and social media have also been conducted.**

6. The county is equipped and prepared to protect vulnerable populations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The County and City Orders have both include such guidance for vulnerable populations and those with compromised immune systems, residents of nursing homes, or assisted living facilities. i.e. visitation is prohibited with few exceptions. The Orders incorporate Governor Abbot's Orders recommending that elderly and more vulnerable populations to stay home to avoid infection. Staff and community members are advised to protect their personal health so as to prevent from introducing illness or virus to the vulnerable populations and to closely monitor the health or symptoms of vulnerable populations. The Governor's Order to Reopen Texas, which begins May 1, 2020, and which Erath County adopts, still includes the above guidance to protect vulnerable populations.

7. The county has documented procedures to be activated if a resident becomes COVID-19 positive, including procedures to close businesses or facilities as necessary in line with the plan to open Texas.

Yes, thru the Governor's DSHS Epidemiology Team in Public Health Region 2/3, which provides these services for Erath County residents who test positive for COVID-19. Erath County defers all procedures to the DSHS Epidemiology Team who tracks and monitors those who have tested positive. The Team also provides guidance to address business or facility closures in the event of community spread at a facility.

8. The county has contacted DSHS in order to create a plan to ensure contact tracing will occur within 48 hours of a positive test reported to DSHS.

Ms. Carolyn Joe and Dr. Joel Massey at Tx DSHS Public Health Region 2/3 were contacted. Procedures to ensure contact tracing whose goal it is to slow and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the community were discussed. The DSHS role and the local roles were discussed, as well as the DSHS app Texas Health Trace, https://txctt.force.com/ct/s/?language=en_US. The online app helps persons learn about the risks with a self-checker, and report exposure of COVID-19, or to view test collection sites.

There is also guidance regarding community exposure for asymptomatic persons exposed to persons with known or suspected COVID-19 or possible COVID-19. The information includes guidance on isolation, discontinuing isolation, and other recommended precautions.

Supplemental County Information

Section C – County Information:

Are there hospitals located in your county? **YES**, If yes, number of hospitals: 1

Is your community considered a healthcare shortage area? **YES**

Are there licensed physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in your county? **YES**

Is there a healthcare clinic in your county? **YES**, If yes, the number of healthcare clinics: 5

Stephenville MSC, Community Health Clinic, Cross Timbers, Convenient Care, AffordaCare

Is COVID-19 testing available in your county? **YES**

Is a mobile testing site operational in your county? **YES (Monday April 27)**

Has your county requested a mobile testing site? **YES (held April 27)**

Section D – Vulnerable Populations

Is there a nursing home in your county? **YES**, If yes, the number of facilities: 3

Mulberry Manor, Stephenville Nursing & Rehab, Senior Care,

Is there an assisted living facility in your county? **YES**, If yes, the number of facilities: 3

Good Tree, Oakwood, Three Oaks

Section E – Large Facilities

Are there industrial, agricultural, or business facilities with a significant number of employees in your county? **YES, Organizations that employ more than 200 workers include: The Independent School Districts (combined); Tarleton St. University; TechnipFMC, St. Gobain, Schrieber Foods, Walmart, Pecan Valley Centers, Western Dairy Transport, Texas Health Harris Hospital.**

Are there city or county Jails in your county? **YES**

Are there any large residential state facilities in your county? **NO**

Alfonso Campos

From: jp1@co.erath.tx.us (Shawnee Bass) <jp1@co.erath.tx.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Alfonso Campos
Subject: concerns

Since I may not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow morning, I wish to address my concerns via email. I will continue to follow the Office of Court Administration guidelines and any Emergency Order issued by the Texas Supreme Court which at this time Prohibits courts from conducting any in-person proceeding contrary to guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration regarding social distancing, maximum group size, and other restrictions and precautions. While evictions are allowed to be filed, citations are not able to be issued and served until after May 18th.

Once we open the door, there will be no way to keep the public from coming to our office and I want to make sure that my clerk's are protected. I asked that we can have some sort of desk or something put in front of the window to make sure that the public that does come in to the office stand far enough away so when they cough or sneeze, it won't be in the clerks face. Although there is a window separating them, there are openings that would not stop that from happening.

I also have a big concern about there not being any security at the door. Would also like to suggest that we put markers six foot apart much like they have in Walmart & HEB. There is also a problem with the benches. Maybe we could take them out for the time being. It would be difficult to practice social distancing with those benches.

Thanks, Judge Bass