

MAVERICK COUNTY, TEXAS
ORDER NO. 4

EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF AN ITEM AND AUTHORIZING MAVERICK
COUNTY JUDGE TO MAKE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF ITEMS TO PROTECT
THE PUBLIC OF MAVERICK COUNTY

Recitals

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic;

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott on March 13, 2020 declared a state of disaster and authorized all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and

WHEREAS, a large gathering of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk for the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, unidentifiable infected individuals could not be properly tracked to prevent the spread of infection; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioner's court issued a declaration of local state of disaster due to public health emergency (1st disaster declaration), thereby activating the Maverick County, Texas, Emergency Management Plan. and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioners Court, issued a Second Declaration that included a penalty provisions for any person that violates the Declaration of March 18th, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Maverick County Judge, with consent of Commissioners Court, issued a Third Declaration that included closing public parks and libraries and limiting of meetings and implementing a curfew.

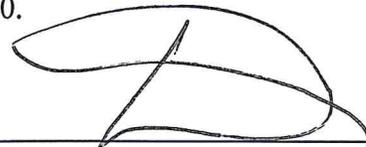
WHEREAS, on March 19, the Governor of the State of Texas issued an executive order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, superseding all previous orders on the matter.

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 and the need to purchase items that are necessary to protect the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COUNTY OF MAVERICK:

1. That a state of disaster based on public health emergency was declared for Maverick County pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This Order of Commissioners Court provides authorization to the Maverick County Judge to contract for the purchase of disinfectant from Neptune a de nora company for the public and to purchase all other items that are necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of Maverick County. This Order is made pursuant to §262.024 of the Texas Local Government Code and exempts items that contracted for due to this emergency from 262.023 of the Texas Local Government Code to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of Maverick County.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 25th day of March, 2020.



The Honorable David R. Saucedo
County Judge

Absent
The Honorable Gerardo "Jerry" Morales
Commissioner, Precinct 1

[Signature]
The Honorable Rosy Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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The Honorable Pete Venegas
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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The Honorable Roberto Ruiz
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Filed with the Clerk of Maverick County:

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The Honorable Sara Montemayor
County Clerk

Date: 3/25/2020