

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

I spent most of the day today working on preparation for COVID19 court operating procedures for reopening our courts. Our other Judges are doing the same. The Texas Supreme Court has tasked the OCA (Office of Court Administration) with getting plans on file for the partial reopening this month and pretty much a full reopening of court on June 1.

I am very much for the reopening of our society. I believe we cannot survive much longer with the economy shut down. The partial reopening in phases by the Governor is a good plan. It is a middle of the road plan. There will be many on extreme sides who feel it is too fast or too slow, but it is cautious, studied and necessary.

I was talking to a person in another part of the state who said, "What if another person dies? How do you feel about that?" Well I feel horrible if someone dies from this infectious disease. I have worked hard to do whatever I can in my power to protect the citizens of Atascosa County. But ---- but what about the poor people who are having to choose between paying their rent or car payment or feeding their kids? What about suicides related to the shutdown? What about the disease of depression due to being locked in? Perhaps worse is the dread of watching your savings disappear and financial disaster on the horizon because your job is shut down?

People out there are hurting. I hurt for them. We are scheduling another S.A. Food Bank distribution here at the Courthouse on Saturday. I watched those go through last time and I believe that if you could watch it and not have it pull at your heartstrings you may not have a heart. Call or visit the Facebook page of The First Baptist Church of Jourdanton if you need help and notify anyone you know who does.

We are scheduling our 3rd (and last for a while) COVID19 testing in Lytle on Friday at the Atascosa Health Center in Lytle. Look up the sign-up procedure on the Atascosa County Emergency Management Facebook page.

Quote of the week, "The best way to teach your kids about taxes is to eat 30% of their ice cream." — Bill Murray.

Thanks for listening.

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