

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of July A. D., 2013, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas, convened in **REGULAR 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
	Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
	Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
	Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
	Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Sean Kamber, Diana C. Villarreal, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Roger Miller, Xavier Villarreal, Jesus D. Romero, Reymundo Del Bosque, and Jaime Arizpe.

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

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2013 AND JUNE 24, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Minutes of **June 10, 2013**, and **June 24, 2013**, with corrections, as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF ZAPATA FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Mr. Sean Kamber of Laredo Medical Center gave the monthly report for June 2013. Mr. Kamber stated that there was nothing to report, the number of patients for June was lower than last

month. They are getting familiarized with the new EMR (Electronic Medical Records) System that is now in place. Also mentioned was that Mr. Romero met with Judge Rathmell and was informed of the financial situation.

MONTHLY REPORT BY ZAPATA COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported Hotel/Motel Tax in the amount of \$11,623.19. Oso Blanco and Aqua Lakeview Inn remain delinquent in Hotel/Motel Tax payments. A total of \$195,496.72 has been collected in tax collections for a total of 93.9% annual collections.

Brian Martinez reported that \$714,000 have been collected for the ARM Ordinance. A total of 952 machines have been registered. Mr. Martinez will soon start the inventory procedure with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela pointed out that several invoices had been submitted by the Sewer Department and they had gone over budget. Judge Rathmell explained that the new system was not accounted for. Also noted that vacuum services had been hired to service lift stations. Commissioner Vela also commented that an invoice for \$185,982.43 had been paid for the courthouse remediation.

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

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

New time clocks are up and running and will become mandatory by the end of the month.

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

PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC POWER POOL (P3) ON NEW ELECTRICITY CONTRACT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY

No one was present to give presentation by Public Power Pool (P3) on the new electricity contract for Zapata County by Mr. David Quin, Program Manager, as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

**ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN VA TEXAS VALLEY COASTAL BEND HEALTH CARE
SYSTEM AND ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System and Zapata County for continued services for Veteran transportation during the next two years 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.

**ORDER APPROVING INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY
ANSWERING POINT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO AS
ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (STDC)
AND ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the inter-local agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services between the City of Laredo as Administrator for South Texas Development Council (STDC) and Zapata County 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.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY SHERIFF ALONSO M. LOPEZ AND
CHIEF REYMUNDO DEL BOSQUE TO OPEN A
CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR CHAPTER 686**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the request by Sheriff Alonso M. Lopez and Chief Reymundo Del Bosque to open a checking account for Chapter 686. This account will be used for depositing monies for abandoned property as well as property forfeited by the State.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE OF CURRENT JAIL PHONE SYSTEM FROM
SECURE TO THE CROWN COMPANY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the change of the current jail phone systems from Secure to the Crown Company as requested by Chief Reymundo Del Bosque.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER FROM ESCROW ACCOUNT #11182148 ALL
MONIES INTO THE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT #1007416 TOTAL
OF \$3,485.54 IN DORMANT ACCOUNT SINCE 2007**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to transfer from escrow account #1118218 all monies into the Tax Assessor Collector's Account

#1007416 a total of \$3,485.54 in dormant account since 2007 as requested by Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector.

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

ORDER APPROVING REFUND IN AMOUNT OF \$31,866.22 (COUNTY PORTION \$12,975.25) DUE TO SUPPLEMENTAL CORRECTION BY WARDLAW APPRAISAL GROUP AND ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a refund in the amount of \$31,866.22 (*County portion \$12,975.25*) to all entities due to supplemental correction by Wardlaw Appraisal Group and Zapata County Appraisal District as requested by Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector.

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

ORDER APPROVING ACQUISITION OF OVERDRIVE E-BOOK SYSTEM FOR OLGA V. FIGUEROA ZAPATA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the acquisition of the Overdrive E-Book system for the Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library in the approximate amount of \$3,000.00 as requested by Aida Garcia, Library Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF ELPIDIO VALLEJO FROM DEPARTMENT 518 - SLOT # 3 TO DEPARTMENT 518 - SLOT #2

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve transfer of Elpidio Vallejo from Department 518 (Zapata County Community Center) - Slot #3, salary at \$8.20 per hour to Department 518 (Zapata County Community Center) - Slot #2, salary \$9.23 per hour as requested by Rolando Villarreal, Community Center Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA TECHNICAL ADVANCED EDUCATION CENTER FOR MEXICAN CONSULATE

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Zapata Technical Advanced Education Center on Saturday, July 27 for the Mexican Consulate as requested by Jaime Arizpe, Texas Health and Human Services Commission-Department of Border Affairs.

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

ORDER APPROVING POLICY TO STRIVE TO ATTAIN GOALS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS BY INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CONTACTING FOR SECTION 3 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a policy to strive to attain goals for compliance with regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contacting for Section 3 residents and business as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A SECTION 3 PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution to adopt a Section 3 Plan as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers in order to meet budget requirements:

From: Tobacco Fund	67-800-352	Tobacco Fund	\$5,000.00
To: Fire Department	10-543-460	Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00
From: Tobacco Fund	67-800-352	Tobacco Fund	\$3,000.00
To: Fire Department	10-543-457	Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000.00

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements:

From: Airport	81-518-457	Aviation Fuel	\$43,000.00
To: Airport	81-518-458	Ramp Project	\$43,000.00

as requested by Charlie Averitt, Airport Manager.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements:

From: Zapata Juvenile	10-570-512	Juvenile Detention	\$5,000.00
To: Zapata Juvenile	10-570-427	Workshop	\$5,000.00
From: Zapata Juvenile	10-570-312	Juvenile Detention	\$1,000.00
To: Zapata Juvenile	10-570-310	Supplies	\$1,000.00

as requested by Chief Sandy Pippin-Gomez, Juvenile Probation.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements:

From: Indigent/Pauper Care 10-640-395 Indigent Health Care \$1,500.00

To: Indigent/Pauper Care 10-640-427 Workshops \$1,500.00

as requested by Mike Chapa, Indigent Care Director.

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION HONORING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF TEJANO MONUMENT AND TEJANO HISTORY CURRICULUM PROJECT
AND TO CONGRATULATE RENATO RAMIREZ FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTION TO THESE PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a resolution honoring the establishment of the Tejano Monument and the Tejano History Curriculum Project and to congratulate Renato Ramirez for his contributions to these projects as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO
ADDRESS CONCERNS BROUGHT FORTH BY LOCAL CITIZENS
REGARDING MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS WITHIN
ZAPATA COUNTY SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS