

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th day of March A. D., 2014, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Trevino, Maria I. Gutierrez, Dora Brandes, Larry Brandes, Deborah L. Zapata, Javier Zapata, Kay Monroe, Rick Monroe, Ruth Lowther, Elcina Buck, Bob Kline, Luis Villarreal, Jose F. Mendoza, Marco A. Serna, Fortunato Perez, Jose Pena, Alicia C. Villarreal, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, and Roberto Valdez.

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

REPORT BY RAMIRO HERNANDEZ ON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Mr. Ramiro Hernandez presented a report on the Boys and Girls Club. The report included the structure, general attendance, Power Hour, Kid's Café, visits, and the progress with Zapata County Probation Office SKILS+ Program. He also reported on the Smart Moves grants. The club offers various summer programs. Several agencies and groups support the Boys and Girls Club. They have recently finished registration of Little League and they will be using the field located in Precinct 1.

Judge Rathmell thanked Marissa Vela and Mr. Perez for their donation of palm trees.

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, FEBRUARY 18, FEBRUARY 24,
MARCH 10 AND MARCH 13, 2014**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Minutes of February 10, February 18, February 24, March 10 and March 13, with corrections on Minutes of March 10 to clarify that Commissioner Vela voted against the request by Rolando Rios to approve allocation of \$4,000.00 to a legal fund to help fight the

implementation of SB-14 (Texas Voter I.D. Law), 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.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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 Martinez, 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.

PRESENTATION BY VENDERS

Larry and Dora Brandes, local floral nursery owners, addressed the Court. Mr. Brandes stated that the street vendors' are killing their business. On weekends the local merchants have to lower prices in order to compete with the street vendors. He stated that the ordinance was never enforced. He suggested a farmers market. The Commissioners and Judge explained that property owners rights cannot be violated. Some street vendors are not on the street, but instead parked on private property. The Sheriff's Office will be contacted so they can enforce the ordinance in place on weekends. Mr. Hector Uribe will be contacted regarding vendors leasing private property.

Debbie and Javier Zapata, local merchants, also stated the support on the Brandes' concerns. They feel that it's time to amend the ordinance to protect the local tax payers. Mr. Figueroa explained that feed orders can be delivered; however, feed cannot be sold out of the premises.

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF TRANSFER PUMP FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a transfer pump for the Wastewater Department in the amount of \$28,000, to be paid from the equipment line item out of the Water Works Department, 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 TO APPROVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH MUNTERS CORPORATION FOR PURCHASE OF A DRYCOOL HCU-6000 SYSTEM TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE AIR PRESSURE IN COURTHOUSE BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a purchasing agreement with Munters Corporation for the purchase of a DryCool HCU-6000 System to maintain the positive air pressure in the courthouse building in the amount of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$83,458.00) and seeking a discretionary exemption to the competitive bidding statute (Local Government Code §262.024(a)(7) (Sole Source) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents as requested by Fortunato Paredes, Juan Cruz & Associates.

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

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF HENRY MARTINEZ, JR. FROM SLOT #4 TO SLOT #2

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to transfer Henry Martinez, Jr., from Slot #4, Parks, Buildings, and Construction Department to Slot #2 with a salary of \$9.00 per hour as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN REQUEST BY COM. VILLARREAL TO HIRE GERARDO ALONSO VASQUEZ IN SLOT #4 PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR 28 HOURS PER WEEK AT THE RATE OF \$8.00 PER HOUR

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY PAUL DOMINGUEZ, FG & R, LLC REGARDING AGREEMENT FOR RECOVERY OF PAST DUE AMBLANCE BALANCES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Paul Dominguez, FG & R, LLC, regarding an agreement with FG & R, LLC for the recovery of past due ambulance balances as requested by Paul Dominguez, FG & R, LLC.

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

ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL OF PROPERTY SCHEDULE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY PROVIDED BY TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT POOL

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve renewal of property schedule for Zapata County provided by Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool as requested by Nellie Trevino, Personnel Manager.

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

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY NELLIE TREVINO, PERSONNEL MANAGER, TO PURCHASE DOZER FOR ZAPATA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a dozer for the Zapata County Maintenance Department as requested by Nellie Trevino, Personnel Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREET HUMP AND LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to install a street light at the following address:

a. 208 Flores Drive – Falcon Shores Subdivision (Guerrero Chiquito)
as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$2,500.00
TO	Tax Office	10-499-457	Equipment Rental	\$2,500.00

as requested by Carlos Trevino, Jr., Water Plant 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 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**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST BY NELLIE TREVINO,
PERSONNEL MANAGER**

17/20. Discussion and possible action on grievance presented by a Zapata County employee involving the Zapata County Fire Department as requested by Nellie Trevino, Personnel Manager.

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
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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