

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 27th day of May 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: Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy Hernandez, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Maria P. Garcia, Sandra Maldonado, Angelica Perez, Diana Villarreal Cuellar, Joyce Currington, Carlos Treviño, Jr., and Mayte Alcantar.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director addressed the Court and stated that the inventory is almost complete with only a few departments pending. She also stated that there some employees retiring at the end of the month, namely: Placida Sanchez Garcia (present) with 13 years of service, Mario Garcia (not present) with 18 years of service and Santos Flores (not present) with 27 years of service.

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF APRIL 14 AND APRIL 28, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of April 14 and April 28, 2014 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 Garza, 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 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 AMENDMENT #1 TO ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) FOR VOLUNTARY UTILITY RELOCATION CONTRIBUTION CONTRACT BETWEEN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve amendment #1 to Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) for Voluntary Utility Relocation Contribution contract between the Texas Department of Transportation 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 ACCEPTING LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM MARIO H. GARCIA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to accept letter of voluntary retirement effective May 30, 2014 from Mario H. Garcia from the Zapata County Water works as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE TEMPORARY FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to hire a temporary full time firefighter/paramedic until December 2014 in slot #12 at \$12.60 per hour as requested by Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

ORDER APPROVING TRANSPORTATION TITLE VI FOR ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the transportation Title VI for Zapata County as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF PRECINCT ONE AND PRECINCT FOUR FIELDS FOR CLASH OF THE CLASSES SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 Fields for Clash of the Classes Summer Tournament on June 14, 2014 as requested by Corando Barrera, COTC President.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO CANCEL COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9, 2014 DUE TO CONFLICT WITH SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the cancel regular Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for June 9, 2014 due to conflict of the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. There will be a Special Commissioners Court Meeting on June 6, 2014 for Canvassing of Run-Off Election on May 27, 2014 and other items needing approval.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of the following speed humps:

- a. Diaz between 16th and 13th (Resident’s submitted petition.)
- b. Diaz between 13th and 16th (Resident’s submitted petition.)

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$2,000.00
To:	Non-Department	10-409-705	Appraisal District	\$2,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	I & A Program	37-645-330	Fuel & Lubricant	\$500.00
To:	I & A Program	37-645-427	Travel Expenses	\$500.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Waste Water	08-602-227	License Stipends	\$4,000.00
To	Waste Water	08-602-121	Overtime	\$4,000.00
From	Waste Water	08-602-427	Mileage	\$1,000.00
To	Waste Water	08-602-121	Overtime	\$1,000.00
From	Waste Water	08-602-443	Electricity	\$7,000.00
To	Waste Water	08-602-121	Overtime	\$7,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño, 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	49 th District Court	10-435-401	Indigent Defense Juvenile	\$10,000.00
To	49 th District Court	10-435-402	District Court (Criminal)	\$10,000.00
From	49 th District Court	10-435-403	District Court (CPS)	\$10,000.00
To	49 th District Court	10-435-402	District Court (Criminal)	\$10,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Jose A. Lopez, 49th District 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Judge's Office	10-400-431	Postage	\$74.21
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$74.21
From	County Clerk	10-403-311	Postage	\$165.99
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$165.99
From	District Clerk	10-450-311	Postage	\$848.71
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$848.71
From	JP	10-455-311	Postage	\$26.83
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$26.83
From	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$425.33
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$425.33
From	Auditor	10-495-311	Postage	\$18.99
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$18.99
From	Sheriff's Office	10-560-311	Postage	\$273.93
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$273.93
From	Code Enforcement	10-596-311	Postage	\$32.40
To	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage / Express / Freight	\$32.40

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Audelia Hernandez, County Judge's Office.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Safety & Risk	10-525-457	Repairs & Maintenance	\$200.00
To	Safety & Risk	10-525-427	Travel & Workshop	\$200.00
From	Environmental Dept.	10-595-330	Fuel	\$5,000.00
To	Environmental Dept.	10-595-456	Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT AND STRONG URGES THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT TO REMOVE LIMIT ON ALLIGATOR GAR AND ALLOW COMMERCIAL FISHING ON FALCON LAKE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a resolution in support and strong urges The Texas Parks and Wifelife Department to remove the limit on one alligator gar per day and allow commercial alligator gar fishing on

Falcon Lake on an emergency basis for Falcon Lake and to take all necessary measures to restore the Falcon Lake bass fishery, including restocking, adjusting size and number limits, including imposing a three fish limit on tournament fishing 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 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a proclamation declaring May as the Mental Health Awareness Month as requested by Sandra Maldonado, Jim Hogg County Border Region Behavioral Health Center.

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

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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