

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 25th day of July, A.D., 2016, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Nellie R. Treviño, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Daniel Arriaga, Roger Miller, Karran Westerman, Joyce Currington, and Carlos Treviño, Jr.

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 AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vela commented that the Weather Channel featured the hand gliders that came to Zapata County.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that the 5K run held over the weekend was successful.

Judge Rathmell stated that the County received grants for street improvements.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that she was approached by several families and young men who want to use the fields by the pavilion. They are willing to pay a fee is necessary. Judge Rathmell stated that he would rather not use those fields late at night.

Commissioner Vela also stated that a group wants to use the plaza for a religious ceremony.

Karran Westerman presented accountability for the 4th of July fireworks display.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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 AND APPOINTING COMMISSIONER VELA
AS MEMBER OF THE ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TO THE BORDER REGION BEHAVIOURAL HEALTH CENTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Motion was made by Judge Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve and appoint Commissioner Vela as a member of the Zapata County Commissioners. Court to the Border Region Behavioral Health Center Board of Trustees, until the end of his term of office as requested by Honorable Joseph 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 PAYMENT OF \$6,000 FOR DITCHING MACHINE
FROM J-R-J CONSTRUCTION FOR RAMREÑO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve payment of \$6,000 for ditching machine from J-R-J Construction for the Ramireño Water Supply Corporation. Payment in the amount of \$6,000 will be reimbursed to the County (Water Works line item) as requested by Honorable Joseph 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 PURCHASE A FORD TRANSIT 350 MEDIUM ROOF
8 PASSENGER VAN FOR ZAPATA COUNTY 1A PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the purchase of a Ford Transit 350 Medium Roof 8 passenger van for the Zapata County 1A Program at a quoted cost of \$46,226.75. \$37,600 to come from insurance check of damaged 2011 vehicle. County is to pay difference of \$8,626.75 out of the royalty fund as requested by Honorable Joseph 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 INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve installation of a street light at 17th Ave. at 1705 Glenn Street as requested by Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Non-Dept.	10-409-465	Co. Property Repairs	\$7,100.00
TO	Non-Dept.	10-409-730	Consultants	\$7,100.00

as requested by Honorable Joseph 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 Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Non-Dept.	10-409-465	Co. Property Repairs	\$5,000.00
TO	Non-Dept.	10-409-768	Autopsy	\$5,000.00

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	FIRE Dept.	10-543-330	Fuel & Lubricants	\$3,000.00
TO	Fire Dept.	10-543-400	Contract Services	\$3,000.00
FROM	FIRE Dept.	10-543-330	Fuel & Lubricants	\$10,000.00
TO	Fire Dept.	10-543-457	Repairs, Paint Ambulance	\$10,000.00

as requested by: Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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 Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Airport	81-518-460	Travel & Miscellaneous	\$5,000.00
TO	Airport	81-518-458	Maintenance	\$5,000.00

as requested by Charlie Avaritt, Airport 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	District Clerks	10-450-310	Office Supplies	\$400.00
TO	District Clerks	10-450-427	Workshops/Travel	\$400.00

as requested by Honorable Dora Martinez Castañon, District Clerk.

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 Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Zapata Sheriff Regional Jail	10-567-391	Prisoner Medication	\$5,000.00
TO	Zapata Co. Sheriff's Office	10-560-454	Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,000.00
FROM	Zapata Sheriff Regional Jail	10-567-392	Prisoner Medical Care	\$3,000.00
TO	Zapata Co. Sheriff's Office	10-560-454	Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00

as requested by Sheriff Alonzo Lopez, Zapata County Sheriff.

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 Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-404	Engineering	\$40.47
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-171	Water Plant Employees	\$40.47
FROM	Zapata Sewer Plant	08-602-310	Office Supplies	\$242.16
TO	Zapata Sewer Plant	08-602-173	Sewer Plant Employees	\$242.16

as requested by Carlos Treviño, 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-336	Supplies General	\$317.04
TO	Non-Department	10-409-335	Computer Programs	\$317.04
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$40,000.00
TO	Non-Department	10-409-445	Water	\$40,000.00

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.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

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