

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of October, 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:

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| 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 |
| Norberto Garza | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |
| Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan | County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court |

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Trevino, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Xavier Villarreal, 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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vela stated that he received a request by ZCISD regarding an environmental cleanup project at the boat ramp. The County will need to provide gloves and other supplies. They will also do water testing on October 13 in conjunction with the Rio Grande Study Center.

Commissioner Elizondo expressed her condolences for Betty Moncivais, who passed away and sat in the audience for commissioners' court.

Commissioner Vela further stated that ZCISD will provide paint for school crossings and asked the County to provide labor.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Treasurer's Report 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 CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$12,609.40 for YTD total of \$186,232.41 and tax collections in an amount of \$76,885.52 for a total of 90% total collections.

**PRESENTATION AND AUDIT REPORT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FISCAL YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the audit report and accept the audited basic financial statements for Zapata County for fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. A presentation and audit report for Zapata County for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2015 was also made by Canales, Garza & Baum, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants

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

THE COURT DISREGARDED THE FOLLOWING ITEM (NO ACTION WAS TAKEN)

To approve Second Amendment to Wholesale Treated Water Purchase Contract between the Zapata County Water and Sewer Public Advisory Board and Zapata County Water Control and Improvement District (Highway 16E) as requested by Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

**ORDER APPROVING REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY WATER LINE IN FALCON
SHORES SUBDIVISION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve replacement of a utility water line in the Falcon Shores Subdivision. This highly demanded project will accommodate the augmentation of water pressure and install a much needed fire hydrant in the new residential area. Commissioner Vela will contribute \$5,000 out of his budget as requested by 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.

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2016 FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL ZAMORALES 4 KIDS
BENEFIT DANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Zapata Community Center on Friday, November 25, 2016 for the 4th Annual Zamorales 4 Kids Benefit Dance as requested by Brian Martinez, Event Organizer.

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 AND STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of a speed hump in the community of Falcon, Texas to help reduce speeding traffic along East Street, between Second and Fourth Streets 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of the following street lights.

- a. 1103 3rd Street-----Flores Addition I
 - b. 602 Elm Street-----Zapata County Town Site
- 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of the following street lights.

- a. 5303 Peña Lane
 - b. 5421 Cuellar Lane
 - c. corner of N. Siesta & Pharr Lane
 - d. 102 Apple St.
 - e. 404 Water St. corner between Water and Pelican
- as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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 installation of the following street lights.

- a. 413 Mier
 - b. 1903 Roma between Diaz and Roma through 19th Street
 - c. 1811 Diaz
 - d. 2001 Elm
 - e. 1315 Ramireño between 13th St & 16th St
 - f. 907 Villa between 7th St. & 10th St.
 - g. 509 Villa between the 4th St & 7th St
 - h. 802 Diaz – existing pole (remove from 2015-2016 allotment)
- as requested by Hon. 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.

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 OF ZAPATA COUNTY,
TEXAS

ATTEST:

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