Zapata County, Texas



Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell County Judge

José Emilio Vela Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gabriel Villarreal Commissioner, Pct. 2

Eddie Martinez Commissioner, Pct. 3

Norberto Garza Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting March 14, 2011 9:00 A.M.

> **Zapata County Courthouse** 200 E. 7th Ave, Suite 108 Zapata, Texas 78076

- 1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Prayer: Reverend Roger Miller
- 4. Approval of Minutes
- 5. Communications
- 6. Public Comment This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a public participation form specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on.
- 7. Departmental Reports
- 8. Approval of Invoices.

[Requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor]

9. Approval of Treasurers' Report.

[Requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]



REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. Presentation on the "Ranchers for the Hungry" program from the South Texas Food Bank.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

11. Progress & status of the Amusement Redemption Machine Ordinance approved by Commissioners' Court on January 10, 2011 and placed into effect on February 1, 2011.

[Requested by: Brian Martinez, Zapata County Judge's Office]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

12. To designate an employee to implement a safety training program for Zapata County employees.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

13. To appoint a Zapata County representative for the I-69 Segment 5 Committee as recommended by the Texas Department of Transportation.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To solicit bids for contract services to maintain the Zapata County Little League Fields.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

15. To solicit bids for contract services to maintain the concession stands at the Zapata County Little League Fields.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

16. To approve proposal from Rabba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. to prepare a preliminary study for a proposed International Port of Entry.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

17. To amend the Commissioners' Court order regulating On-Site Sewage Facilities.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

18. To approve a fee schedule for On-Site Sewage Facilities.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

19. To approve new Board of Directors for the Zapata County Economic Development.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

20. To approve the scheduled quarterly payment for the Zapata County Economic Development Corporation.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

21. To approve payment of 2006 invoice from the Zapata County Economic Development Center.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

- 22. To approve the following member to the Zapata County Beautification Committee
 - a. Arturo Martinez
 - b. Diana Ruiz
 - c. Sergio Lozano
 - d. Darlene Butler (Brown)

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

23. To approve Pixl Studios webpage development for members of the Commissioner Court.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

24. To approve Pixl Studios to convert Zapata County Commissioners' Court meeting videos for a web streaming website.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

25. To ratify action dating back to 2006, appointing Mr. Carlos Ramos, as Zapata County Water Plant Department Field Supervisor.

[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]

26. To authorize negotiating a utility easement adjoining Falcon Shores Subdivision to extend a waterline connection to a residential site.

[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]

27. Approval to hire a Grader/Heavy Equipment Operator to replace vacated position with the Zapata County Maintenance Department.

[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]

- 28. Approve the following Precinct 1 appointees to the Zapata County Beautification Committee:
 - a. Amanda Salinas Falcon Park
 - b. Lourdes M. Lopez Lopeño Park
 - c. Mario Álvarez Romeo Flores Memorial Park
 - d. Paco Mendoza County Plaza

[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]

- 29. Approve the following Precinct 3 appointees to the Zapata County Beautification Committee:
 - a. Johnny Rathmell
 - b. Eddie Martinez
 - c. Sam Padgett Texas Parks & Wildlife

[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]

- 30. Approve the following Precinct 4 appointees to the Zapata County Beautification Committee:
 - a. Ana Holcomb

[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]

31. To approve a memorandum of understanding for interoperable communications between the South Texas Development Council and Zapata County.

[Requested by John Keiser, South Texas Development Council]

32. To allow Zapata County Employees to participate in the Annual "Show Your Pride" day to benefit the Jimmy Foundation for Cancer Research. In conjunction with ESPN to the Jimmy V. Foundation.

[Requested by: Brian Martinez, Zapata County Judge's Office]

33. Award contract to lowest bid for Bid opening on Pct. 2 Phase 4 Street Improvements.

[Requested by: Brian Martinez, Zapata County Judge's Office]

- 34. Use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for September 23th & 24th, for Texas Association of Bass Club Fishing Tournament, to be used as follows:
 - a. Sept. 23rd Registration
 - b. Sept. 24th Banquet

[Requested by: Karran Westerman, ZCCVB]

- 35. Use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on September 30th, October 1st, and October 2nd, for the San Antonio Metro Tournament Fishing. To be used as follows
 - a. Sept. 30th Registration
 - b. Oct. 1st Banquet
 - c. Oct. 2nd Award Ceremony

[Requested by: Karran Westerman, ZCCVD]

36. Approval of the Zapata County Criminal Justice Community Plan.

[Requested by: Roger Miller, Juvenile Probation Officer]

37. Approval of the MOU between Zapata County Economic Development Corporation and Zapata County.

[Requested by: Peggy U. Moffett, ZCEDC]

38. To approve the use of the front of the Zapata County Courthouse on April 30th from 10:00 am to 12:00pm by the DEA as a drop off for unused prescription medication.

[Requested by: Fina Villarreal, SCAN]

39. To approve an agreement by and between Zapata County and Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc. (SCAN).

[Requested by: Fina Villarreal, SCAN]

CONSENT ITEMS

Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

- 40. Approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 3:
 - a. 316 Cardinal (to be taken from 2011-2012 security light allotment)

Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

- 41. Approve the installation of the following street light in Precinct 4:
 - a. 911 on 10th and Ramireño

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

42. To strongly oppose the reduction of the interest rate of the Texas County and District Retirement System.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

43. To oppose unfunded mandates sent down to states from the federal government.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

44. To approve submission of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Grant to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

[Requested by: Roger Miller, Juvenile Probation Officer]

45. To approve the submission of Operation Border Star – Zapata County (Task Force) Project number 1982104 grant application

[Requested by: Mario Elizondo, Sheriff's Office]

46. To approve a resolution supporting the implementation of an effective accident plan in agreement with the Texas Association of Counties.

[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

47. Personnel Matters

[Requested by: Charlie Avaritt, Zapata County Airport Manager & Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

ADJOURN

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF March, 2011

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA, TEXAS

By:_

Audelia Hernandez Agenda Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Zapata County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Zapata County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 9th day of March, 2011 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF March, 2011.

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

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