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**Zapata County Commissioners Court** 

Joseph Rathmell County Judge

Eddie Martinez
Commissioner, Pct. 3

José Emilio Vela Commissioner, Pct. 1

Norberto Garza

Commissioner, Pct. 4

Gabriel Villarreal Commissioner, Pct. 2

Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting August 27, 2012 10:00 A.M.

> Zapata County Courthouse 200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 108 Zapata, Texas 78076

# CALL TO ORDER BY HONORABLE JOE RATHMELL, ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

- 1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Communications
- 4. 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.
- 5. Departmental Reports
- 6. Approval of Invoices.

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

### **TABLED ITEMS**

7. To approve the construction of a helipad 30' x 30' from either asphalt or concrete on the corner of Rathmell & Lincoln (located next to the Gateway Clinic). Construction costs to be taken from the Tobacco Fund.

[Requested: Juan Jose Meza, Fire Chief]

### **DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

8. To adopt the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

9. To adopt the 2012-2013 tax rate for Zapata County in accordance with Local Government Code Sections 111.007-111.010 by executing an "Order Setting the Tax Rate for 2012-2013".

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

10. To set the salaries and the number of positions by approving the General Order of Personnel for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

11. To approve the "Operation General Order for Fiscal Year 2012-2013".

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

12. To authorize County Treasurer and County Auditor to close all accounts and make all necessary line item transfers.

[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

13. To approve the Zapata County Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the Year ending September 30, 2011 as prepared by Flores Auditing, PLLC.

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To authorize the County Treasurer to set-up a Legal Ease escrow account at Frost Bank under the new policy regarding payment of fees at the time a mental health case is filed with the Bexar County Clerk's Office.

[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

15. To re-evaluate the Health Insurance Renewal for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and approve the chosen plan.

[Requested by: Nellie Trevino, Personnel Dept.]

16. To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Zapata County Technical & Advanced Education Center, Texas A&M International University, Laredo Community College, Texas State Technical College, University of Texas Health Science Center Regional Campus.

[Requested by: Dr. David Brown, Dean ZTAC]

#### **LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

17. To approve the following line-item transfer in order to meet budget (travel) needs.

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

[Requested by: Dora Ramos, District Clerk]

18. To approve the following line-item transfer in order to meet budget needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	LINE ITEM	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Judges Office	10-400-330	Fuel/Maintenance	\$1,500.00
TO	Judges Office	10-400-310	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, Zapata County Judge]

19. To approve the following line-item transfer in order to meet budget needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	LINE ITEM	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	ZC Museum of History	10-668-481	Museum contents Insurance	\$1,000.00
TO	ZC Museum of History	10-668-336	Supplies & Services	\$1,000.00

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, Zapata County Judge]

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**

20. Discussion involving Zapata County Sheriff's Department's dispute with M1 Solutions, Inc. (M1 Solutions) as to laptops and accessory equipment owed by M1 Solutions to the Sheriff's Department and any criminal implications thereto.

(Executive Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney).

[Requested by: Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, Escamilla, Poneck & Cruz, LLP]

21. Discussion and possible action to authorize the law firm of Escamilla, Poneck & Cruz, and LLP to file an original petition in the 49<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Zapata County Texas for an exhumation order to exhume the human remains located on a Burial Mound in San Ygnacio, Texas and any matters incident thereto.

(Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney).

[Requested by: Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, Escamilla, Poneck & Cruz, LLP]

#### **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 24th DAY OF August, 2012

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 <a href="24th">24th</a> day of <a href="August">August</a>, <a href="2012">2012</a> and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF July, 2012.

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

