

**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 March A. D., 2013, 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

ABSENT:

Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
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VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Sean Kamber, Alonso M. Lopez, Ramon E. Montes, Raymundo Del Bosque, Jr., Diana C. Villarreal, and Manuel Gonzalez.

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

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AND
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the Minutes of **February 11, 2013**, with correction to typographical error on page 15, and **February 25, 2013**, 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.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ZAPATA FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Mr. Sean Kamber of Laredo Medical Center presented Commissioners Court with the monthly report for February 2013. The clinic saw an increase in patient visits. No other changes were reported.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela advised the court of a mistake on page 12 for an invoice payable to Hawk Ready Mix which reflected an incorrect expense account and was corrected by auditor's office.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. For the record, Commissioner Vela again noted the mistake on page 12 for a check payable to Hawk Ready Mix which reflected an incorrect expense account and was corrected by auditor's office.

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 Vela, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented 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.

COMMUNICATION

Judge Rathmell congratulated the Fair Association for a successful County Fair. All proceeds received by Ally Jo Gutierrez went to a cancer patient. The Commissioners' commented on the issue of the dust at the fair grounds. Judge Rathmell also thanked Jose Mendoza and his crew for their work. Commissioner Vela also thanked the Sheriff's Office for being there.

ORDER AMENDING SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET TO FUND THREE ADDITIONAL DETENTION OFFICER POSITIONS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the amendment of the Sheriff's Office budget to fund three additional Detention Officer positions for the Zapata County Regional Jail with a salary of \$22,462 each, effective March 11, 2013 as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. (Presentation made by Ray Del Bosque.)

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

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF TWO POSITIONS FROM ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ZAPATA COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the transfer of 2 positions from the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to the Zapata County Regional Jail 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 CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND PITNEY BOWES FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW MAIL MACHINE TO SERVICE ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a contract between Zapata County and Pitney Bowes for the installation of a new mail machine to service all departments within the Zapata County Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office 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 TRANSFER OF RUBEN GARZA FROM ZAPATA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ZAPATA COUNTY WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT AS WATER PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WATER WORKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the transfer of Ruben Garza from the Zapata County Transportation Department to the Zapata County Water Works Department as Water Plant Operator Trainee for Zapata County Water Works at a starting salary of \$10.18 per hour effective May 2013. Funding to be obtained from slot #20 from the general order of personnel 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO R.P. CONTRACTORS INC. (TWDB CLEAN WATER LOAN PROGRAM) ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITY CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order No. 2 to the R.P. Contractors Inc. (TWDB Clean Water Loan Program) Zapata County Waterworks Sludge Dewatering Facility Contract. The change order will add a 6" waterline needed to provide enough pressure to the Sludge Dewatering Facility. Change order for material only.

Zapata County will install the pipeline as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering and Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER ACCEPTING CONTRACTION COMPLETION OF R.P. CONTRACTORS INC (TWDB CLEAN WATER LOAN PROGRAM CONTRACT) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the contract completion of the R.P. Contractors Inc. (TWDB Clean Water Loan Program Contract) for the construction of the Sludge Dewatering Facility, R.P. Contractors Inc. contract will be completed as soon as the change order 2 materials are delivered to the County as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering and Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING RUNWAY CRACK FILL PROJECT WITH POLYCON USA FOR A TOTAL OF \$15,890.00 USING RAMP PROGRAM 50% COST SHARE APPROVED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Runway Crack Fill Project with PolyCon USA for a total of \$15,890.00 using RAMP Program 50% cost share approved by Texas Department of Transportation Aviation, Funds obtained from line item 81-518-458 as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING AIRPORT HANGAR APRON TO BE OVERLAID BY ZAPATA COUNTY CREW

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve an airport hangar apron to be overlaid by Zapata County Shop crew. Approximate cost estimated to be \$40,000,00. Funding to be obtained from line item 81-518-458 as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARM ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE BUSINESSES TO PAY FEE BY JUNE 1 OF EVERY YEAR

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to amend ARM Ordinance to require all businesses to pay fee by June 1st of every year as requested by Brian Martinez, Executive Clerk.

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

ORDER APPROVING ORDINANCE PROHIBITING POSSESSION AND SALE OF SYNTHETIC ALTERNATIVE DRUGS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve an ordinance prohibiting the possession and sale of synthetic alternative drugs, as presented, with capability to amend, 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 INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of a street light at 307 Laredo Street in San Ygnacio (Corner of Laredo Street and Lincoln Avenue) as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELEGATION OF SIGNATURE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR SECTION 5310 TRANSPORTATION GRANT TO NUTRITION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a resolution authorizing delegation of signature approval authority for Section 5310 Transportation Grant to Nutrition Program Director as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Program Director.

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 OF INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 83 AND COUNTY ROAD (FALCON ESTATES AND FALCON LAKE ESTATES WEST)

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution in support of the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 83 and County Road (Falcon Estate and Falcon Lake Estate West) 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 GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING DISCUSSION
AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW WHETHER ANY ZAPATA COUNTY
EMPLOYEE MANUAL POLICIES WERE VIOLATED BY ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding the discussion and possible action to review whether any Zapata County Employee Manual policies were violated by Zapata County Fire Department Employees in regards to the recording and posting of videos online.

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 Garza, 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