

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 22nd day of April 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
	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT:

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Lourdes M. Lopez, Joyce Currington, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Alicia Villarreal, Hugo Villarreal, Luis Daniel Villarreal, Marco Serna, and Luis L. 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

COMMUNICATIONS

J. J. Meza, Fire Chief, reported that Fire Department Shift D cleaned local park. Twenty bags of trash were collected.

Commissioner Vela advised the Court that he has sent out a letter to the Zapata Times regarding newspaper fire hazard. Newspapers were being distributed to vacant properties and littered the streets contributing to fire hazard.

Ramiro Hernandez reported on Little League. They had a successful opening day with over 600 volunteers. Little League shopped for uniforms outside of Zapata for lower prices, savings will be used for protective equipment. They will now be playing San Ygnacio. Commissioner Vela stated that the score boards will soon be installed at the softball field.

Mr. Hernandez also reported on the Kid's Café. There is 100% enrollment. Changes were made in San Ygnacio. None active members are not covered by liability insurance. Mr. Hernandez also stated that he would like to add the Boys and Girls Club and Kid's Café logo to the building.

Auddy Hernandez, from the County Judges Office, informed the Court that the new mail machine has arrived. Mail machines will be picked up from the respective offices.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve invoices as presented 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.

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.

ORDER TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH LMJ IMAGING SERVICES (OPEN MRI, INC.) FOR USE OF COUNTY LOT PARKING LOT BEHIND COUNTY CLINIC TO PROVIDE OPEN MRI SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve agreement with LMJ Imaging Services (Open MRI, Inc.) for the use of the county lot parking lot behind the County Clinic to provide open MRI and consult with County Attorney to draw contract services 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 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND TEXAS A & M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR OPERATION OF ZAPATA TECHNICAL AND ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Zapata County Independent School District, Laredo Community College, and Texas A & M International University for the operation of the Zapata Technical and Advanced Educational Center (ZTAC), pending approval by County Attorney, 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 TO TABLE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFER
REGARDING VELEÑO BRIDGE PROJECT LIFT STATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to table the Texas Department of Transportation offer regarding the Veleño Bridge Project Lift Station 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 DESIGNATION OF AVAILABLE LOPEÑO CENTER
BUILDING AS STUDY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND
ASSIST THEM WITH HOMEWORK AND OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the designation of the available Lopeño Center Building as a Study Center for community school children and assist them with homework and other school activities as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1 and Lourdes Lopez, Parent Volunteer.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER VELA AND RAMIRO
HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE PROPOSAL BY ZAPATA COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUB MANAGER RAMIRO HERNANDEZ TO ASSIST IN MANAGING AND
OPERATION OF THE GUADALUPE AND LILIA MARTINEZ SWIMMING
COMPLEX DURING SUMMER 2013 SEASON**

**ORDER APPROVING APPRAISALS COMPLETED BY TAC FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
PROPERTIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the appraisals completed by Texas Association of Counties (TAC) for Zapata County properties as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF A DIESEL PUMP FOR RAW WATER INTAKE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the purchase of a diesel pump for raw water intake from National Pump and Compressor in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be paid out of Water Plant budget as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Director and Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve amendment of the Drought Contingency Plan as presented by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Director and Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

ORDER APPROVING RE-PLAT OF ESPERANZA FLORES SUBDIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the re-plat of the Esperanza Flores subdivision as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON APRIL 8, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve amendment of the Amusement Redemption Machine (ARM) Ordinance and charge the amount of \$750.00 per machine instead of \$1,000.00 as previously approved in Commissioners Court on April 8, 2013, as requested by Brian Martinez, Judge's Office.

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

ORDER TO PURCHASE ASSET TRACKING INVENTORY SYSTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of an Asset Tracking Inventory System as requested by Brian Martinez, Judge's Office.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO SUBMIT A CDBG PROGRAM 2013-2014 COLONIA FUND APPLICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to authorize Mario Gonzalez-Davis to submit a CDBG Program 2013-2014 Colonia Fund application to provide first time sewer to Falcon Shores Subdivision, Block 1, 2, 3, and 4 (The Bluff) 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 REQUEST BY MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following:

- a. A proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month.
- b. The Fair Housing Statement
- c. The Zapata County's Policy of Nondiscrimination

- d. The Zapata County's Equal Opportunity Statement
 - e. The 504 Grievance Procedures
 - f. Designate Nellie R. Treviño as EEO and 504 compliance officer for Zapata
 - g. A Resolution adopting Zapata County's Local Opportunity Plan
- as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Environmental Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF ARMANDO GONZALEZ AT
SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to hire Armando Gonzalez in slot #6 San Ygnacio Landfill at \$8.20 per hour as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RENTAL OF LINK BELT 210 EXCAVATOR FOR USE AT
ZAPATA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the rental of the Link Belt 210 Excavator for use at the Zapata County Environmental Department to be paid from line item 10-595-456 Repairs and Maintenance. Monthly fee is \$11,000 depending on use of certain equipment as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

ORDER CLARIFYING PAY FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL PROJECTS EMPLOYEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve and clarify hourly pay for all temporary special projects employees and approval of hourly rate change for two employees, only Pedernal Project employees will remain employed, as requested by 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 INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of a street light at 1808 Roma 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.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Non-Department	10-409-706	Maintenance / Operation	\$3,000.00
To: Non-Department	10-409-465	Co. Property / Repairs	\$3,000.00

as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Revenue Accounts	10-370-801	Royalties	\$11,750.00
To: Non-Department	10-595-456	Repairs and Maintenance	\$11,750.00

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.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VELA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VELA,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR POSITION OF INDIGENT CARE
PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to advertise and initiate process of selection of a replacement for the Indigent Care Program Director as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Executive Session in requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE
OF ADDITIONAL ACREAGE AT COUNTY AIRPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE
INSTRUMENT APPROACH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to authorize Mario Gonzalez-Davis to negotiate the purchase of additional acreage at the County Airport to implement the instrument approach.

Executive Session in requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

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 Vela, 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