

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 14th day of October A. D., 2014, 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

VISITORS: Said Alfonso Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Juan J. Meza, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Maria Guillen, Liza I. Garza, Olga Elizondo, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Aurelio Villarreal, Steve Sanchez, Monica L. Benavidez, Maria I. Gutierrez, and Diana Villarreal.

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

Brian Martinez announced that a surplus auction will be held by the County on October 25. A memo will be sent to all departments and departments should turn in a list of items for the auction. All county owned property can be auctioned.

Ramiro Hernandez of the Boys and Girls Club announced that the Club qualified for a USDA grant due to participant numbers. The Charles Schwab Foundation will compete for a grant.

Commissioner Vela commented on Amelia Gonzalez' concern regarding the benches. Mr. Romeo Salinas contacted the person who made the benches in Nuevo Laredo and has stated that he doesn't owe any benches to Omelia Zapata and all benches that were paid were delivered.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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.

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.

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

REPORT BY LUIS L. GONZALEZ, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Mr. Gonzalez reported \$15,763.65 collected from Hotel Motel Tax, \$104,567.57 in tax collections for a year-to-date total of \$175,565.74 bringing in 93% of the tax collections.

ORDER APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE HOMERO FLORES PLAT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the preliminary plat for the Homero Flores Plat as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING PLAT FOR RAMIREZ ADDITION UNIT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the plat for Ramirez Addition Unit 2 as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of the Community Center for a New Year's Eve dance as requested by Aurelio Villarreal, Zapata County Lions Club.

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

Mr. Aurelio Villarreal addressed the Court and stated that the Lions Club is the largest civic organization in the world. They just completed the dictionary project and will be delivering dictionaries next week. A peace poster contest was held and there were over 40 participants.

Super Odisea will be playing at the New Year's Dance. One hundred percent of proceeds come back to the community.

Jaime Gonzalez stated that the Lion's Club would like permission to oversee the County lights along Hwy 83 and 16; they will report them to have them replaced.

**ORDER APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT OF \$7,000.00 TO
MLD ARCHITECTS FOR THE REROOFING LOW SLOPE PLANS FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the final payment of \$7,000.00 (seven thousand dollars) to MLD Architects for the reroofing low slope plans for the Zapata County Courthouse as requested by Joseph 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 PAYMENT OF \$247,433.20 TO R & G CLARK, INC.
DBA SERVPRO OF NORTHWEST DALLAS FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the payment of \$247,433.20 (two hundred forty seven thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars and twenty cents) to R & G Clark, Inc., DBA Servpro of Northwest Dallas for Zapata County Courthouse renovations 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 REQUEST FROM TMC-EL LAGO DAYCARE
CENTER TO CONVERT DELMAR STREET BETWEEN 7TH AVENUE
AND 8TH AVENUE INTO A ONE-WAY STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the request from TMC-El Lago Daycare Center to convert Delmar Street between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue into a one-way street, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This will be done to provide traffic safety on the student drop-off area of the school 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.

**ORDER TO ASSIGN ROSARIO GARZA SLOT #8 ADDITIONAL TASK OF DRIVER
AND TO ADJUST HER SALARY FROM \$8.00 PER HOUR TO \$8.20 PER HOUR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to assign Rosario Garza slot #8, the additional task of driver and to adjust her salary from \$8.00 per hour to \$8.20 per hour, to be paid out of Precinct #2 Parks, as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez.

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

ORDER TO HIRE HUGO SAAVEDRA AS CDL DRIVER IN VACANT SLOT #4

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to hire Hugo Saavedra as CDL driver in vacant slot #4 at the rate of \$9.00 per hour 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.

**ORDER TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF \$18,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO
MEDICAL 10-543-460**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a transfer \$18,000.00 from the Tobacco fund to medical 10-543-460 as requested by Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY ROMEO SALINAS, COUNTY TREASURER
REGARDING REQUEST TO MAIL DIRETLY MONTHLY INSURANCE PAYMENTS
TO ALLSTATE AND AMERITAS INSURANCE COMPANY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, regarding request to mail directly the monthly insurance payments to Allstate and Ameritas Insurance.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESIGNATION OF JOSUE E. CONTRERAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the resignation of Josue E. Contreras, Waste Water Treatment Operator for Zapata County Waste Water Department. Mr. Contreras' last day of employment became effective September 14, 2014 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 RESIGNATION OF RODOLFO GUERRA, JR.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the resignation of Rodolfo Guerra, Jr., effective July 4, 2014. Mr. Guerra occupied slot #5, as a Water Plant Operator. Also, granted was permission to advertise for this position 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 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF
ANTONIO GONZALEZ, JR.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the termination of employment for Antonio Gonzalez, Jr., effective September 12, 2014. Mr. Gonzalez occupies slot #15 as a Waterworks Meter Reader 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 USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER ON
OCTOBER 14, 2014 FOR POLITICAL FORUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Community Center on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., for the political forum including amendments, tax issues, and school board elections as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata County Visitors Bureau.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF PAVILION ON OCTOBER 19, 2014 FOR CHARITY
EVENT TO BENEFIT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve use of the pavilion on October 19, 2014. Mia Del Bosque Tiny Miss Texas American Beauty will be hosting a charity event starting at 5:00 p.m. benefiting the local Boys and Girls Club as requested by Ramiro Hernandez, Boys and Girls Club.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF PAVILION ON APRIL 15, 2015
FOR ANNUAL MILITARY BALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of the pavilion on April 15, 2015 for the Annual Military Ball as requested by Corporal Horst, ZISD JROTC.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER ON DECEMBER 12 AND 13,
2014 FOR ANNUAL QUINCEAÑERA BALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Community Center on December 12 and 13, 2014 for the annual quinceañera ball. The Commission pays \$200.00 for the facility and any security fees as requested by Audelia Hernandez, Judge's Office.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE AND WAIVING OF FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER FOR 2ND ANNUAL ZAMORALES FOR KID'S BENEFIT DANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use and waiving of fees for the Community Center for the 2nd Annual Zamorales for Kid's Benefit Dance. This year's dance will feature Solido, Zamorales, and Los Dos Gilbertos. All proceeds go to benefit Zapata County children as the money is used to purchase toys for Operation Blue Santa as requested by Brian J. 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 APPROVING SECTION 3 POLICY WITH TXCDBG PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Section 3 policy to comply with TxCDBG Program as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Grant Writer.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF FIELDS FOR CLASH OF THE CLASSES (COTC) TOURNAMENT TAKING PLACE NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the use of *available* fields for the Clash of the Classes (COTC) tournaments taking place on November 15, 2014 as requested by Corando Barrera, COTC Organizer. Fields available are in precinct 1 and precinct 2.

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

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY CARLOS COLINA-VARGAS REGARDING PREPARATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANKS FOR RAMIREÑO

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize Carlos Colina-Vargas to prepare a Community Development fund application to TDA for water transmission line and a Colonia fund application for septic tanks installation for Ramireño as requested by Carlos Colina-Vargas.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of the following street lights as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2:

- a. 1902 Bravo
- b. 1314 Laredo
- c. 110 Yaya
- d. 1515 Bravo

- e. 915 Miraflores
- f. 104 Guerrero
- g. 1 San Ygnacio Viejo Road

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 approve installation of the following street light as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3:

- a. 5321 Vicky Lane

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 approve installation of the following street lights as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4:

- a. 1611 Zapata
- b. 1714 Brazos
- c. 1510 Diaz
- d. 1709 Zapata

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata Co. Nutrition	38-648-427	Travel	\$528.00
TO	Zapata Co. I & A	37-645-427	Travel	\$528.00

as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION PROCLAMING OCTOBER AS
“PINK FOR PERLA” BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a proclamation proclaiming October as “Pink for Perla” Breast Cancer Awareness month as requested by Monica Benavidez, Event Organizer.

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
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEXAS FEEDING TEXANS:
HOME DELIVERED MEAL GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a resolution in support of the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center

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
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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