

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th day of November 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
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT:

Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Maria I. Gutierrez, Doroteo Garza, Javier A. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Myrna Bustamante, Leo Cuellar, and Laura Garza.

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 ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vela stated that he had received a call from the Sheriff's Office concerning the ordinance violations. Sheriff's Office does not have enough law enforcement; however, someone will be designated to be in charge of the ordinances.

Joyce Currington complained about the "maquinitas" at Golden Horizon Ballroom at the outskirts of town. She was informed by the Court that the ordinance will be enforced.

Brian J. Martinez stated that a list of inventory sold at the auction will be given to the Court at the next meeting.

Angel Garza and Doroteo Garza addressed the Court regarding the Paco Zarate Law Suit against members of the Community Action Council. They thanked the Court for the financial support. Zarate lost the case and will have to pay over 1 million dollars. Zarate sued 37

members and ex members of the Community Action Council. A copy of the Amended Rule 16 was presented to the Court. The next court hearing will be on January 6, 2015.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, 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.

NO TREASURER'S REPORT DUE UNTIL NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

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.

**ORDER APPROVING RECONCILIATION OF PROJECT
QUANTITIES ON VELEÑO PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the reconciliation of project quantities on Veleño Ramirez Project and approve invoices 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 TO APPROVE RECONCILIATION PROJECT QUANTITIES ON FOUR
SEASONS PROJECT AND APPROVE INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve reconciliation of project quantities on Four Seasons Project and approve invoices 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 REAFFIRMING PURCHASE OF 2014 PETERBILT MODEL 337 WITH
GRAPPLE AS STATED IN 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to reaffirm purchase of a 2014 Peterbilt Model 337 with Grapple as stated in 2014-2015 Budget under Special Road & Bridge (Line Item 15-621-465). Purchase price is \$132,742.65 and will be financed for 4 years with annual payments under budgeted \$40,000 requested 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 PURCHASE OF ADFINITY 24” AUTO SCRUBBER
CLEANING MACHINE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, approving the purchase of an Adfinity 24” Auto Scrubber Cleaning Machine for the Community Center in the amount of \$6,950.00 with maintenance requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SUBMISSION OF CDBG 2015-2016 GRANT APPLICATION
FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, ADDITION OF CURVE AND GUTTER
TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE FOR PCT. 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the submission of CDBG 2015-2016 grant application for street improvements, addition of curve and gutter to improve drainage for Pct.4. Medina Addition requested by Honorable 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 AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY NORTH OF EXISTING SEWER PLANT TO
MEET TCEQ BUFFER REQUIREMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to enter into negotiations for acquisition of property north of the existing sewer plant to meet TCEQ buffer requirements 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 RESIGNATION OF HERIBERTO DEL BOSQUE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the resignation of Heriberto Del Bosque, Water Plant Operator trainee, effective November 12, 2014 requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BETWEEN TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE EXTENSION AND ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Information Technology Services between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Zapata County requested by Justin Ramirez, County Extension Agent.

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

ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SERVING CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN NEED, INC SERVICES AT-RISK PROGRAM (STAR) AND ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Serving Children and Adults in Need, Inc. Services to At-Risk Program (STAR) and Zapata County Judge requested by Michelle Saldaña, STAR Program Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING SPEED BUMP, STREET LIGHT AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the installation of a speed bump at 458 Falcon Shores Drive-Falcon Shores Subdivision (Guerrero Chiquito) as requested by Honorable 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the installation of a street light at Cuellar Lane between Monterrey as requested by Honorable 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 approve the following line item transfer:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Indigent Care & Pauper	10-640-393	Indigent Care (Clinic)	\$18,373.00
TO	TX Cooperative Extension	10-665-102	County Extension Officer	\$18,373.00

in order to meet budget requirements requested 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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Indigent Care & Pauper	10-640-393	Indigent Care (Clinic)	\$1,406.00
TO	TX Cooperative Extension	10-665-201	Social Security	\$1,406.00

in order to meet budget requirements requested 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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Indigent Care & Pauper	10-640-393	Indigent Care (Clinic)	\$51.00
TO	TX Cooperative Extension	10-665-202	Group Medical Insurance	\$51.00

in order to meet budget requirements requested 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 RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF PROPOSITION FOR CREATION OF ZAPATA COUNTY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution declaring the election results of the Proposition for the Creation of a Zapata County Assistance District requested by Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

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