

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23rd day of February A. D., 2015, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy M. Hernandez, Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Maria I. Gutierrez, Juan J. Meza, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, James Bendele, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Laura Garza, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Isela Wells, and Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.

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

Ramiro Hernandez of the Boys and Girls Club reported that a commercial stove will be purchased and new tubing will be needed. Assistance will be required from the County to make necessary adjustments. Mr. Carlos Treviño will be donating a propane tank. Other grants are available for expansion of the facility.

Commissioner Elizondo asked if the Animal Control Ordinance is enforced.

Judge Rathmell advised the Court that millings will be spread around the fairgrounds. Millings were donated by TxDot at no cost to the County.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report due at this time.

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 AUTHORIZING FALCON RURAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT TO UTILIZE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY AND ENABLE EXTENSION OF APPROXIMATELY 2000 LINEAR FEET OF 2" PVC PIPE TO DELIVER POTABLE DRINKING WATER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to authorize Falcon Rural Water Supply District to utilize a county right-of-way and enable the extension of approximately two thousand linear feet of 2" PVC pipe to deliver potable drinking water for neighboring landowner who has agreed to pay for installation costs 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 APPROVING FUNDING FROM 10-543-457 TOBACCO FUND FOR REPAIRS ON AMBULANCES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve funding from 10-543-457 Tobacco Fund for repairs on 3 ambulances (replacement of motor & miscellaneous repairs) in the amount of \$25,000.00 (TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) 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 APPROVING CHANGE OF FEES FOR USE OF HENRY MARTINEZ COMMUNITY CENTER IN SAN YGNACIO FOR DAY EVENTS ONLY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the change of fees for the use of the Henry Martinez Community Center in San Ygnacio from \$250.00 (TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO CENTS) to \$150.00 (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND ZERO CENTS) for day events only, with the customer responsible for cleaning as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, 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 DONATION FROM JUROR PAYMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve donations from juror payments to the State Crime Victims Compensation Fund and the following non-profit organizations serving Zapata County residents under Gov't Code Chapter 61, Sec. 61.003 to include Helping Hands Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club of Zapata and Shepherd's Pantry 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 FUNDING FOR SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN LEAGUE OF BASS CLUBS TOURNAMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 (EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) for the San Antonio Metropolitan League of Bass Clubs Tournament scheduled on October 3-4, 2015, to be paid out of Hotel Motel Tax as requested by James Bendele, Zapata County CVB.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF WALKING PARK IN PRECINCT 4 FOR 2015 RELAY FOR LIFE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Walking Park in Precinct 4 for the 2015 Relay for Life of Zapata County on May 15, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. as requested by Diana Juarez, Relay for Life.

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 FOR GIRL SCOUTS FUNDRAISING EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the use of the Pavilion on April 18 and possible May 23 for a Girls Scouts of Zapata fundraising event as requested by Isela Wells, Girl Scouts of Zapata Leader.

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

VELEÑO/RAMIREZ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. of Premier Engineering reviewed the Veleño/Ramirez project progress report, changes as attached. No invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

ORDER APPROVING MIRALFLORES/ALAMO PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT, CHANGES AND INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Miraflores/Alamo project progress report, changes, and invoice in the amount of

\$80,573.59. Project is 53% complete, concrete pavement has been installed 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.

FALCON LAKE EAST III PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. of Premier Engineering reviewed the Falcon Lake East III project progress report, changes as attached. Progress is 90% complete; no invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

FOUR SEASONS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. of Premier Engineering reviewed the Four Seasons project progress report as attached. Project is 50% complete; no invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

LAS PALMAS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. of Premier Engineering reviewed the Las Palmas project progress report. They are working with contractor to extend sewer lines. They will use money in the budget to maximize connections with money available. No invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

US 83 TXDOT UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez of Premier Engineering reviewed the US 83 TxDot Utility Relocation project progress report. Waterlines have been moved to East side of the bridge. Hook ups are complete and lines are active. Other lines need to be moved and materials have been purchased. A lift station will be bid out. A waterline in front of Best Western will have to be relocated. No invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

RAMIREÑO WSC WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Manuel Gonzalez of Premier Engineering reviewed the Ramireño WSC Waterline Extension project progress report. Materials have been purchased. A crew will be needed to install a 6" line from Ramireño to Midcon. No invoices were presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

ORDER APPROVING SPEED HUMP AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of the following speed hump at 1414 Diaz (Medina Addition) 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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Judge's Office	10-400-437	Postage	\$175.34
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$175.34
FROM	County Clerk	10-403-311	Postage	\$522.30
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$522.30
FROM	District Clerk	10-450-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$1,330.49
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$1,330.49
FROM	JP's	10-455-314	Postage	\$62.39
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$62.39
FROM	County Attorney	10-475-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$15.84
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$15.84
FROM	Auditor	10-495-311	Postage	\$69.04
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$69.04
FROM	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$9,033.95
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$9,033.95
FROM	Sheriff's Office	10-560-311	Postage/Freight	\$707.32
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$707.32
FROM	Code Enforcement	10-596-311	Postage	\$348.11
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$348.11
FROM	49 th District	10-435-311	Postage	\$22.06
TO	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$22.06

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Audelia Hernandez, County 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 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MENTORING
AND WORKFORCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a Resolution to approve the Mentoring and Workforce Skills Development; Delinquency Prevention Initiative to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division as requested by Roger Miller, Juvenile Probation.

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**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM HEARD IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

26. To discuss water damage to home on 132 Chapote and possible action concerning their damage.

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Real Property) As requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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