

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 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, Nellie R. Treviño, Joyce Currington, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Leslie Garza, Dellanira Prado, Xavier Villarreal, Dora Martinez Castañon, Luis L. Gonzalez, Juan H. Navarro, Amada Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, 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 REV. ROGER MILLER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, with the exception of item on page 37, being a travel request from line item #037-645-427, page 51 of Budget Book shows \$0.

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 Elizondo, to approve Treasurer's Report 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.

**APPROVAL OF 2 INVOICES  
(ITEMS EXCLUDED ABOVE)**

Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, presented the Court with information clarifying item on page 37. He explained that the Court approved a line item transfer of \$527.00 (Nutrition Center).

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the 2 invoices that were excluded in the above approval of invoices.

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.

**TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Tax / Assessor Collector's report for Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$18,161.77 for a year to date collection of \$123,694.31. YTD tax collections are at 88.88%.

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

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY TAX  
(No one was present to give report.)**

**ORDER APPROVING AIA DOCUMENT G704-2000 CERTIFICATE OF  
SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FROM MLD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the AIA Document G704-2000 Certificate of Substantial Completion from MLD 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 REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE REGARDING AIA  
DOCUMENT G701-2001 CHANGE ORDER #4 FROM MLD  
ARCHITECTS REGARDING CHANGE ORDER #15 PENDING  
BY COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by County Judge regarding AIA Document G701-2001 Change Order #4 from MLD Architects regarding change order #15: Additional general conditions for excessive rain delays from R & G Clark, Inc. dba Servpro of Northwest Dallas in the amount of \$86,048.00 (Eighty-Six thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and no cents) pending review by County.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF X MARK LAZER 48” CUT  
20 HORSE POWER FOR ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the purchase of X Mark Lazer 48” cut 20 Horse Power for the Zapata County Cemetery from Mission Auto Electric (MAE) Power Equipment for a quoted price of \$6,639.00 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 TABLE REQUEST BY DORA M. CASTAÑÓN, DISTRICT CLERK,  
REGARDING PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
FROM IDOCKET. COM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Dora M. Castañón, District Clerk, regarding the purchase of a software management system from iDocket.com in the amount of \$9,500.00 for increased efficiency and compliance with state reporting and e-filing for the District Clerk’s Office, until Judge Lopez comes on board.

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 PARKING LOT  
AND RESTROOM FACILITIES OF ZTAC FOR ZAPATA FARMERS  
& ARTISANS MARKET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve use of the Community Center parking lot and restroom facilities of the ZTAC for the Zapata Farmers & Artisans Market scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015, with condition that it does not conflict with other events as requested by Victoria Vela and Yael Rodriguez.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY LESLIE SNYDER TO BECOME A  
VENDOR FOR ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve request from Leslie Snyder, Business Development Manager, to become a vendor for Zapata County as requested by Leslie Garza, Office Depot.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGES AND INVOICE FOR FALCON LAKE  
ESTATES EAST PHASE III PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve changes and invoice for Falcon Lake Estates East Phase III project. Contractor is willing to do work for difference in price of generator, 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 CHANGES AND INVOICES FOR FOUR SEASONS AND  
FALCON LAKE SHORES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve changes and invoices for Four Seasons and Falcon Lake Shores. Payment #6 in the amount of #135,612.50 and #7 in the amount of \$247,015.37 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 CHANGES AND INVOICE FOR  
VELEÑO / RAMIREZ PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve change order #5 in the amount of \$130,506.35 as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the project is 95% complete.

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

**DISCUSSION ON US 83 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT**

Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering, advised the Court that there will be advertising for labor and equipment for construction of lift station for the US 83 Utility Relocation project requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

No action was taken.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve installation of a speed hump at the following address:

a. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Rhoda Maria Subdivision  
as requested by Hon. Olga Elizondo, Commission Pct. 2.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfer:

	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>LINE ITEM</b>	<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>FROM</b>	Sewer Plant	08-602-488	Inspection Fees	\$2,000.00
<b>TO</b>	Sewer Plant	08-602-121	Sewer Plant Over time	\$2,000.00

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 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING UNWAVERING SUPPORT  
FOR CREATION OF GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FOR VALVERDE COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution affirming unwavering support for the creation of Groundwater Conservation District for Valverde County, Texas 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 GARZA,  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,  
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES TO  
RESIDENTIAL HOME CAUSED BY KIDS PLAYING AT SIESTA SHORES PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to deny request to pay for damage to residential home caused by kids playing at the Siesta Shores Park in the amount of \$250.00 (Two Hundred Fifty and no cents) 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 AUTHORIZING CHIEF MEZA TO HANDLE ALL  
PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO THIS ISSUE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to handle all personnel matters related to this issue within the Zapata County Fire Department as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director & Fire Chief Juan J. Meza, Zapata County Fire Department.

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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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