

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2017, 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
Paco Mendoza	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 and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel Arriaga, Patrick Gonzalez, Hector Lopez, Jr., Guillermo Saenz, Laura Garza, and Breana Rendon.

**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 AND  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Mendoza commented that the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Swimming Pool has opened and approximately 130 children are attending. The first party has already taken place.

Boys and Girls Club modified the Benito Juarez Memorial Building. Repairs have been made and the children are doing well at this location.

Commissioner Mendoza commended Constable Danny Arriaga for his work and patrolling in San Ygnacio.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that about 30 – 40 children are attending the San Ygnacio pool.

Lifeguard are in order, 7 in Zapata and 2 in San Ygnacio.

Commissioner Elizondo delivered a plaque to Commissioners Court that was presented by the San Ygnacio Ladies Club for 27 years of participation.

Commissioner Elizondo also stated that an API fishing tournament will be going on this weekend.

Judge Rathmell added that that the bridge project is moving along and on schedule as per Eddie Garcia of TxDOT.

### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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.

Commissioner Mendoza commended the Treasurer's Office for the collection of the ARM funds.

### **ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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**

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$8,631.78 for a year to date total of \$92,193.42 and tax collections in an amount of \$162,262.31 for a total of 85% total collections.

### **PRESENTATION ON VAQUERO WIND PROJECT**

Dan King of Bordas Energy made a presentation on the Vaquero Wind Project. There are currently various wind energy projects in Zapata County and neighboring counties. The company will be requesting a tax abatement. (Handout with pertinent information attached for the record.)

### **ORDER APPROVING USE OF FUNDS DEPOSITED BY ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of funds deposited by Zapata County Independent School District (ZCISD) into Special Road & Bridge balance in FY 2016. Approximately \$11,500 were accepted from ZCISD in lieu of in kind agreement. The funds will be made available to precinct 1 as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, 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 LOCK ON ARENA LIGHTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the installation of a lock on the arena lights. Lights are to be locked/turned off at 10:00 p.m., with exception of dates scheduled for events 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 AND ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF  
CAPTAIN ISRAEL B. GUTIERREZ**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and accept the retirement of Captain Israel B. Gutierrez after 22 years of service to Zapata County as requested by Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROMOTION OF EPITACIO MARTINEZ**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the promotion of Eпитacio Martinez from slot 8 to slot 5 as Captain at \$13.12 per hour as requested by Chief J.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 PROMOTION OF ROEL GONZALEZ, JR.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the promotion of Roel Gonzalez, Jr. from slot 20 to slot 8 as Lieutenant Fire Fighter at \$12.99 per hour as requested by Chief J.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 AND ALLOWING CHIEF MEZA TO HIRE  
FIREFIGHTER/EMT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve and allow Chief Meza to hire a Firefighter/EMT for slot 20 at \$20.54 per hour as requested by Chief J.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 PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve purchase of dump truck for \$13,000.00 to be paid in 2 payments of \$6,500.00 from line item 10-595-484 as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

**STATUS REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES FOR VALLE VERDE STREET  
PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices for Valle Verde Street Project in the amount of \$40,455 payable to Rapid Haul. Project will be completed by deadline 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 PERMISSION TO PRESENT/OFFER LIFE INSURANCE TO  
ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve permission to present/offer services (Life Insurance) to the Zapata County Fire Department as requested by Patrick Gonzalez, Financial Representative Woodmen Financial Services.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
<b>From:</b>	Non-Department	10-409-336	Supplies General	\$1,200.00
<b>To:</b>	Non-Department	10-409-431	Adv. & Publications	\$1,200.00

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judge’s Office.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
<b>From:</b>	Environmental	10-595-330	Fuel	\$10,000.00
<b>To:</b>	Environmental	10-595-456	Maintenance	\$10,000.00

as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs.

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
<b>From:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-427	Workshop and Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00
<b>To:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-335	Computer	\$1,000.00
<b>From:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-427	Workshop and Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00
<b>To:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-463	Books	\$1,000.00
<b>From:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-427	Workshop and Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00
<b>To:</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-310	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00

as requested by Yanira Garcia, Public Library.

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 MENDOZA,  
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING CARLOS TREVIÑO, JR., WATER PLANT DIRECTOR TO  
SEND APPROPRIATE NOTICES TO HIS DEPARTMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to authorize Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Director, to send appropriate notices to his departments as discussed in Executive Session regarding personnel matters at the Zapata County Water Plant and Zapata County Sewer Plant.

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

*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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  
OF 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