

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 28th day of August, 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, Monica Alaniz, Triunfo Gonzalez, Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Jose F. Mendoza, Daniel Arriaga, Roger Miller, Xavier Villarreal, Alonso M. Lopez, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Rosario V. Garza, Amalia G. Navarro, Catalina Bautista, Myrna Bustamante, Devin D. Rusk, Anselmo Treviño, Jr., Laura Garza, D.P., Michael D. Finger, Mamie Nell Finger, Ray Del Bosque, Manuel Gonzalez, Dora Mtz. Castañon, Joe Lopez, Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez, and Efrain Morales, Jr.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:45 A.M.

**ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY NELLIE R. TREVIÑO
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Com. Elizondo advised the Court that Roma ran out of gasoline.

Chief Meza stated that Zapata received over 1400 evacuees due to Hurricane Harvey. Zapata used to be a host county for the valley, however, our facilities are not equipped for evacuees. We do not get reimbursed for associated expenses. Chief Meza also thanked all those who helped fill the sand bags.

Efrain Morales, Jr., approached the Court and also wants to do something for the hurricane victims. He stated that ranchers are willing to lend trailers to haul donated items.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, including invoice in the amount of \$24,970.91 payable to DeLage and invoice in the amount of \$17,879.09 payable to Anderson Equipment Company.

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.

AWARD OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO MARIA LUISA FERNANDEZ

Commissioners Court has a retirement plaque for Maria Luisa Fernandez for 34 years of service as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. Mrs. Fernandez was not present.

No one was present for the following item:

10. Presentation of a community garden by Jaime Garcia.

No action was taken on the following item:

11. To approve requirements pertaining to the maintenance of county building being used for the USDA food program as sites as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

**ORDER APPROVING MOU WITH ZCISD FOR USE OF
OLD ZAPATA SOUTH ELEMENTARY SITE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with ZCISD (Zapata County Independent School District) for the use of the old Zapata South Elementary site 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 INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM
FOR FALCON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation and cost of a new 5 ton 12 seer A/C system for the Falcon Community Center, to be paid out of fiscal year 2017-2018 budget 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 INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM
FOR LOPEÑO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation and cost of a new 5 ton 14 seer A/C system for the Lopeño Community Center, to be paid out of fiscal year 2017-2018 budget 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 CONTRACT WITH HART INTERCIVIC FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a contract with Hart Intercivic for purchase of election equipment for the amount of \$192,171.00 as requested by Hon. Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF ROLLER SHELVING FOR OPR BOOKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the purchase of roller shelving for OPR books, to be paid out of the County Clerk's Archival Fee Fund as requested by Hon. Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

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

ORDER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JORGE GARCIA AND ALLOW CHIEF MEZA TO REHIRE PARAMEDIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve and accept the resignation of Jorge Garcia slot #28 and to allow Chief Meza to rehire a paramedic at \$12.39 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MARIA LUISA FERNANDEZ

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and accept the resignation of Maria Luisa Fernandez as of August 31, 2017. She served the county for 34 years, as requested by Carlos Treviño, 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 PAYMENT OF PENDING INVOICE TO RAPID HAUL FOR CERTZ WORK ON MESA SALINAS ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve pending invoice to Rapid Haul for CERTZ work on Mesa Salinas road 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS AND STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of speed humps at the following addresses:

- a. 226 Lozano
- b. 309 3rd Street

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 proposed FY 2017-2018, Pct. 1 Street Lights for the following locations:

- a. 903 Glenn Street (Zapata Townsite, Block 49, Lot 4)
- b. 808 Fresno Street (Zapata Townsite, Block 44, Lot 9)
- c. 394 Gonzalez Street (Falcon Shores Unit 1, Block 8, Lot 19)
- d. 147 Ramirez Road (S0081 Ramirez Addition Unit 2, Track 4)
- e. 2043 Retama Drive (Lot 332 Area B Lago Halcon Sec. 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of speed humps at the following address:

- a. 1402-1403 Mier 3rd Street (Ricardo Perez)

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	District Clerk's	10-450-311	Postage/Express	\$450.00
TO	District Clerk's	10-450-427	Workshops/Travel	\$450.00

as requested by Dora Mtz. Castañon, District Clerk.

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 transfer to meet departmental needs.

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$30,000.00
TO	Non-Department	10-409-420	Telephone	\$30,000.00

as requested by Bobbie Meza, Auditor'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 MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER TO ALLOW COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RE-EXAMINE AMUSEMENT
MACHINE REDEMPTION ORDINANCE AND AMEND ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE
PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve and allow County Attorney to reexamine the Amusement Machine Redemption Ordinance

and to possibly amend the ordinance to include public safety concerns as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner, Pct. 1.

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

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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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