

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 22nd day of January, A.D., 2018, 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: Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Nathan Wilen, Danielle Thurbo, Henry Woltag, Rorick Peterson, Troy Reed, Karran Westerman, Joyce Currington, Manuel Uribe, Tavy Villarreal, Fortunato G. Paredes, Monica L. Benavides, Manuel Gonzalez, Jesus Rodriguez and Imelda Solis.

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
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Elizondo commented that birders will be visiting the bird sanctuary in San Ygnacio.

Commissioner Mendoza commented that the skeet shoot will take place on January 27 at the Ramirez Ranch. Commissioner Garza will participate in the shooting and will also be a member of a cooking team.

Judge Rathmell commented that Anderson Columbia has completed the paving project at the boat ramp.

Karran Westerman advised the Court that the political forum will be on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 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.

PRESENTATION OF CEU CERTIFICATES BY JESSE RODRIGUEZ, TEXAS A & M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENT

Jesse Rodriguez, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Agent, presented Commissioners Court with the CEU Certificates for his attendance of the 2017 AgriLife Commissioner’s Court Conference.

PRESENTATION BY HENRY HOLTANG OF ESP RENEWABLES

Henry Holtang of EDP Renewables made a presentation on the Wing Energy Development Project for Zapata County, Texas. There are currently four potential projects in Texas. The locations for Zapata County are East of San Ygnacio, completion by contractor should be in 2019.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY ARENA/SHOWBARN FOR API ROPING

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use the Zapata County Arena/Showbarn for API Roping on April 13th and 14th 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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR PHELPS SEWER PROJECT AND RECONCILE PROJECT AMOUNTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Phelps Sewer Project and reconcile project amounts as completed 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY NELLIE R. TREVIÑO, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, REGARDING DETERMINING THE LOGISTICS OF RECOGNIZING RETROACTIVELY EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER ZAPATA COUNTY JUVENILE REFEREE FROM 2000 - 2007

Motion to table request by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, regarding the determination of the logistics of recognizing retro actively the employment of a former Zapata County Juvenile Referee from 2000 through 2007.

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

No action was taken on the following item

13. discussion with possible action to support a Chapter 312 Tax Abatement for EDP Renewables and Zapata County, Texas, if a written tax abatement agreement can be reached between EDP Renewables and Zapata County, Texas, which said agreement will need to be

discussed and approved at a future Zapata County Commissioners Court Meeting, and any matters incident thereto; as requested by Juan Cruz & Fortunato Paredes, J. Cruz and Associates, LLC.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

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

- a. 1802 Lincoln Street

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 RESOLUTION APPROVING ZAPATA COUNTY'S TITLE IV PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO TXDOT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve a Resolution approving Zapata County's Title IV Program and authorizing its submission to TxDOT as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center.

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

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD

ADJOURN

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