

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 12th day of February, 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: Jorge Oyervides, Daniel D. Arriaga, Fortunato Paredes, Dan King, Karran Westerman, Tavy Villarreal, Nellie Treviño, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Oda Garcia, Julie Bazan, Hazel Medellin, Manuel Uribe, Jaime Garcia, Elder Ruesch 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 AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell commented on the approaching County Fair, Commissioner Mendoza added that some events have already started. The pavilion is set up and fair grounds are being prepared. The trail ride is the first event followed by a cook-off.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that the San Ygnacio community has organized the 1st Annual Plumas Festival for Saturday, February 17.

Commissioner Mendoza reported that a bass tournament took place last week.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

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

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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 tax collections in the amount of \$706,454.29.

PRESENTATION FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mr. Jaime Garcia made a presentation for a Community Garden. Discussion included suggestion of Mr. Garcia visiting with the Boys and Girls Club staff for the possibility of growing a garden in the rear area of the site.

**PRESENTATION FOR PROPOSED TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MARKER FOR FALCON RESERVOIR**

Mr. Guadalupe Villarreal of the Historical Commission made a presentation in regards to a proposed Texas Historical Commission Marker for Falcon Reservoir, which would commemorate the events that led to the construction of the reservoir. The designated place is to be determined.

PRESENTATION BY BORDAS RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC

Mr. Dan King of Bordas Renewable Energy, LLC made a presentation on tax abatement for the three (3) wind energy development projects in Zapata County, Texas: (1) Las Lomas Wind Energy Project, (2) Zapata County Wind Energy Project, and (3) Vaquero Wind Energy Project and as requested by Juan Cruz & Fortunato G. Paredes, J. Cruz & Associates, LLC and Dan King. (Presentation is attached for the record)

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO SANTOS CASTILLO FOR REMODEL
OF THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Santos Castillo, contractor, for the amount of \$1,600 for remodeling the Child Advocacy Center Office 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 APPROVING REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY
COMMUNITY CENTER FOR POLITICAL FORUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve request to use the Zapata County Community Center for the Political Forum on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by the Zapata County News as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata County News.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoice in the amount of \$535,323.10 payable to ATP Contractor - ECDJC and invoice in the amount of \$24,954.76 payable to Premier Engineering for the Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant project 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 INVOICES FOR THE VELEÑO LIFT STATION PROJECT
AND PROGRESS REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoice in the amount of \$2,500 payable to Premier Engineering and invoice in the amount of \$20,198.00 payable to Guzman-Juarez Backhoe Service for the Veleño Lift Station Project 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 ITEMS REQUESTED BY ANISSA DE LA GARZA OF
LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR AND SAMPSON, LLP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Anissa de la Garza of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, LLP on discussion and action on tax resale bids received on tax resale properties.

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 HUMP

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

- a. 411 Roma Avenue

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.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-316	Dues Pct. 1	\$20.00
TO	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-427	Workshop & Travel	\$20.00

as requested by Hon. Anna M. Guerra, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1.

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 approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Water Works	80-600-488	Inspection Fees	\$14,080.50
TO	Zapata County Water Works	80-600-485	TCEQ Assessment	\$14,080.50

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 PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS
NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Proclamation proclaiming February 2018 National Cancer Prevention Month as requested by Oda Garcia.

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 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING OFFER FROM DAVID GARZA

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve and accept the following action: Zapata County accepts offer from David Garza, where Zapata County agrees to recognize David Garza's employment with Zapata County as Juvenile Referee; in consideration David Garza will reimburse Zapata County for any and all amounts owed to the TCDRS for both county and employee shares.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5 Subchapter 551.074, Personnel Matters.

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

20./26. Discussion concerning Bordas Renewable Energy, LLC's proposal concerning tax abatement terms for their wind energy projects being developed in Zapata County, Texas, where a possible tax abatement agreement may be discussed and approved at the future Zapata County Commissioners Court Meeting as requested by Juan Cruz and Fortunato G. Paredes, J. Cruz and Associates, LLC.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5 Subchapter D, Section 551.071, Deliberation with Legal Counsel.

ADJOURN

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