

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 9th day of July, 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

VISITORS: Juan J. Meza, Nellie. R. Treviño, Daniel D. Arriaga, Jorge Oyervides, Daniel Barrera, Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Joyce Currington, Roger Miller, Jose F. Mendoza, Luis Guevara, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., and Ricardo Guevara.

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 stated that the fireworks took place as usual, however, more advertisement is needed. There was also a fireworks display in San Ygnacio.

Judge Rathmell also reported that the show barn and North Park Little League were vandalized, the vandals were apprehended.

J.J. Meza reported 7/8" of rain.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez with the addition of invoice payable to Matias Prieto in the amount of \$850.00, P.O. #1407810 and invoice payable to Brush Country in the amount of \$50, P.O. #1407862 to pay bonding for 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, with the addition of a check payable to RSL in the amount of \$61,953.30.

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

Tax Assessor/Collector's office reported Hotel-Motel tax collections in the amount of \$11,930.11 for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$76,472.27 and tax collections in the amount of \$267,913.53 for 87.03% year-to-date collections.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO HERNANDEZ PEST CONTROL FOR REMOVAL OF BATS AND SEALING OF ENTRANCE AT ZAPATA COUNTY CLINIC BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the payment to Hernandez Pest Control for the removal of bats and sealing of entrance at the Zapata County Clinic building 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 TRANSFER FUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to transfer \$30,000.00 from Royalty Fund balance to Special Road and Bridge, \$15,000.00 to line item 15-621-330 (Fuel) and \$15,000.00 to line item 15-621-351 (Repairs/Maintenance) 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 ALLOW ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE ZAPATA COMMUNITY CENTER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and allow the Zapata County Independent School District to use the Zapata Community Center on August 7, 2018 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon for a Back to School Event 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 PAYMENT TO GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES OUT OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Government Forms and Supplies invoice #0309240 in the amount of \$567.37 and invoice #0307174 in the amount of \$567.37 for a total of \$1,137.74 for the purchase of binders for Minutes of Guardianship and Criminal binders to be paid out of Records Management Fund line item #73-802-336 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 NEW LAND/VITALS SYSTEM WITH KOFILE TECHNOLOGIES FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a new land/vitals system with Kofile Technologies; as the current Conduent contract expires on December 30, 2018. This solution fits with the current budget of the County Clerk's Office allowing for improved technology and increase copy revenues and to include option daily indexing service at \$2.45 per instrument. Funding is available via the Records Processing line item 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 ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO KOFILE TECHNOLOGIES FOR TRANSFER, INSPECTION, RE-INVENTORY AND STORAGE OF MICROFILM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a one-time payment of \$500.00 to Kofile Technologies for the transfer, inspection, re-inventory, and storage of 550 rolls of microfilm, to be paid out of the County Clerk's Archival Fund line item #72-568-336 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 TO TRANSFER ANTONIO SAAVEDRA III FROM PARAMEDIC TO PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to transfer Antonio Saavedra III from Paramedic at \$12.47 per hour to Paramedic/Firefighter at \$12.75 per hour (slot #15) increase to be paid out of incentive pay as requested by Chief J.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.

ORDER APPROVING 2018-2019 ZAPATA COUNTY CALENDAR

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the 2018-2019 Zapata County Calendar as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

ORDER TO APPROVE THE TAC HEBT 2018-2019 RENEWAL FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the TAC HEBT 2018-2019 Renewal for employee health insurance at a 90/10 rate as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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	\$180.00
TO:	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-427	Workshop/Travel	\$180.00

as requested by Judge Anna 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.

ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION OF JULY 2018 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a Proclamation proclaiming July 2018 as Fair Housing Month in the County of Zapata as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES AND REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF ZAPATA COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment #13 to EDCDC in the amount of \$228,911.72 and payment to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$20,189.76, including Terracon Invoice #14682 for construction of the Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant, as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. Premier Engineering. The project is moving along smoothly and employees will be receiving training for some of the operations of the newly installed equipment.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICE AND REVIEW AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF COLORADO ACRES SEWER PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$1,600.00 for consultation of Colorado Acres Sewer Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Renewed letter of credit was received from contractors, lift station is completed. Contractor was paid at the beginning of the year.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICE AND REVIEW AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF 11TH AVENUE AND LOZANO ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$3,180 for consultation of the 11th Avenue and Lozano Road (CERTZ Project) as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Waiting for go-ahead on the above mentioned project.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES AND STATUS REVIEW FOR CDBG PROJECTS
AND TRUMAN PHELPS SUBDIVISION SEWER PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Premier Engineering for invoice #14036 in the amount of \$10,332.00 for Truman Phelps Subdivision Sewer Project and Invoice #14406 in the amount of \$8,204.00 for the CDBG No. 7216511, 3rd, 4th and 7th Street Improvement Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering. Approval of funds from TDA is pending.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RE-PLAT OF LOT 123 BLOCK 5 OF THE
FLORES ADDITION UNIT 1**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the re-plat of Lot 123 Block 5 Flores Addition Unit 1 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.

**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 TO HIRE ENGINEER TO DETERMINE IF COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY
IS INFRINGING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND SURVEY AND GET
METES AND BOUNDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to hire Premier Engineering to determine if the county right of way is infringing on private property (1209 Miraflores Avenue); engineer will also survey and provide metes and bounds for property 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 JUDGE RATHMELL TO
REVIEW RSL CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Judge Rathmell, regarding request to review RSL contract. 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.

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