

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 29th day of May, 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, Gabriela I. Gonzalez, Jose F. Mendoza, Ricardo Guevara, Patricia V. Saldaña, Noemi Ramirez, Marlen Guerra, Jessica Cavazos, Amanda Villarreal, Sammy Luera and Jesus Rodriguez.

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

Judge Rathmell commented that there was a Memorial Day function at the cemetery followed by breakfast. Priscilla Elizondo performed the National Anthem.

Chief J.J. Meza commented that Zapata High School had a mock accident drill. Many emergency services were there. The drill was videotaped.

He also commented that the fire department was called to a fire at the Santo Niño Ranch. The fire was controlled, however, they had to walk to get to the fire due to the arroyos in the location.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that AgriLife planted a vegetable garden next to the San Ygnacio Nutrition 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 PROCLAMATION TO ZAPATA VILLARREAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS CAMPUS

Jesus Rodriguez, AgriLife Agent, stated that there were 14 participants in the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Healthy South Texas program. Healthy South Texas is a pilot program whose goal is to reduce the high impact diseases and their consequences, including diabetes, asthma and infectious disease. Mr. Rodriguez presented a proclamation to Zapata Villarreal Elementary School recognizing it as a Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Healthy South Texas campus.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO LAJITA GARAGE FOR DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment in the amount of \$5,042.68 to Lajita Garage for dump truck repairs from line item 15-621-456 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 TO TRANSFER \$25,000 FRP, TOBACCO FUND TO REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve transfer of \$25,000 from Tobacco Fund to (10-543-457) Repairs/Maintenance 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 RETIREMENT PLAN FOR 2018-2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve retirement plan for 2018-2019 as presented 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 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	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-394	Prisoner Supplies	\$2,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$2,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-337	Prisoner Clothing	\$2,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$2,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-336	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$1,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-391	Prisoner Medication	\$1,000.00

TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	10-561-394	Prisoner Supplies	\$1,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	10-561-337	Prisoner Clothing	\$1,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-456	Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000.00

as requested by Sheriff Alonso M. Lopez, Zapata County Sheriff.

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	District Clerks	10-450-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$1,000.00
TO	District Clerks	10-450-427	Workshops/Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00

as requested by Hon. Dora M. Ramos, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Fire Department	10-409-465	Building repairs	\$973.74
TO	Fire Department	10-543-457	Repairs and maintenance	\$973.74

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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	ZCWW	80-600-44	Electricity	\$8,000.00
TO	ZCWW	80-600-336	Repairs and maintenance supplies	\$8,000.00

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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	10-665-312	Communications & Program	\$1,000.00
TO	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	10-665-427	Workshops and Travel	\$1,000.00

as requested by Jesus Rodriguez, AgriLife Agent.

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 MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. To revisit and discuss possible action on RSL contract as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.
Closed/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5 Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (A)(B) Consultation with Attorney.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE, WITHOUT PAY, FOR
EMPLOYEE AT ZAPATA COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the request for a leave of absence, *without pay*, for employee at the Zapata County Reginal Jail as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director. Request is approved with the condition that the employee will be responsible for payment of any insurance policy he is enrolled in.
Closed/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5 Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (A)(B) 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