

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th day of September, 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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VISITORS: Juan J. Meza, Nellie Treviño, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Ramona Martinez, Leslie Vela, Juana Maria Gutierrez and D. Austin Colina.

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

Fire Chief J.J. Meza stated that 800 sand bags were prepared for the expected rain. He asked if employees who worked the weekend would be paid over time or comp. time.

Commissioner Elizondo thanked the Fire Department and all those who helped prepare the sand bags. She also stated that the Aguilares Road is very bad with the rain. Mr. Bruni will donate caliche to fix the road.

Judge Rathmell also mentioned that he counted over 100 boats who were here for a fishing tournament.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, 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.

REPORT ON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA COUNTY

Leslie Vela reported that Boys and Girls Club attendees start daily activities with a meal then homework. If they have no homework, then they can go to the library. By 5 p.m. the older children start with outdoor activities, including playing basketball while the younger children play indoor. For Halloween they will have candy bags, cupcakes and a costume contest. The club has a safety committee headed by Chief Ray Del Bosque. (Written report attached for the record.)

ORDER APPROVING TO KEEP ZAPATA COUNTY DOMAIN NAME

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to take required action to keep the Zapata County Domain Name co.zapata.tx.us active with TAC CIRA 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 TEXAS STATE WIDE VINE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FY 2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the Texas State wide VINE Service Agreement for FY 2019 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 ADOPTING 2019 SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES FOR ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to adopt the 2019 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees for Zapata County 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 GMC HOUSE REMODELING FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED AT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT 2 OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment to GMC House Remodeling (Jorge Mendoza), being the lowest bidder, the amount of approximately \$7,000.00; for security improvements needed at the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 office as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF PLANTRONICS HEADSET AND LIFTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to purchase Plantronics headset & lifter for the purchase price of \$512.42 to be paid out of the Technology Fund as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2.

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

To approve the proposal for a removal of an existing wall and completely rebuild wall in line with new corridor at the Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 office as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO HERNANDEZ PEST CONTROL, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve payment in the amount of \$245.00 to Hernandez Pest Control, LLC for pest control pesticides at Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace office as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2.

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 ELOY CHAPA III FROM SEWER PLANT DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve and accept the resignation of Eloy Chapa III from the Sewer Plant Department, effective September 14, 2018 as requested by Nellie R. Treviño.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Tax Office	10-499-334	Scanning and Preservation	\$550.00
TO	Tax Office	10-499-310	Office Supplies	\$550.00
FROM	Tax Office	10-499-334	Scanning and Preservation	\$300.00
TO	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$300.00

as requested by Hon. Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Tax Assessor Collector.

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 approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Fire Department	10-543-330	Fuel and Lube	\$5,000.00
TO	Fire Department	10-543-401	Turn Out Gear	\$5,000.00
FROM	Fire Department	10-543-459	Building Repairs	\$3,000.00
TO	Fire Department	10-543-336	Repairs & Maint. Supplies	\$3,000.00

as requested by Fire Chief J.J. Meza, 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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-428	Travel	\$827.47
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies	\$827.47

as requested by Hon. Daniel D. Arriaga, Constable Pct. 2.

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 approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Aviation	10-667-458	Contract Services	\$3,000.00
TO	Aviation	10-667-456	Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000.00

as requested by Charlie Avaritt, Airport Supervisor.

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 approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-427	Workshops/Travel	\$951.00
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-330	Fuel & Lubricants	\$951.00
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-404	Engineering	\$10.00
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-462	Equipment Rental	\$10.00
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-310	Office Supplies	\$21.00
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-489	Refunds	\$21.00
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-227	License Stipends	\$4,000.00
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-336	Repair & Maint.	\$4,100.00

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-454	VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$2,010.87
TO	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-392	MISC. MAINT. EXPENSE	\$2,010.87
FROM	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-462	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,364.81
TO	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-392	MISC. MAINT. EXPENSE	\$1,364.81
FROM	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-311	POSTAGE EXPENSE	\$438.20
TO	CO. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	10-475-392	MISC. MAINT. EXPENSE	\$438.20

as requested by Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER OLGA M. ELIZONDO TO ACT ON BEHALF OF ZAPATA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a resolution authorizing Commissioner Olga M. Elizondo to act on behalf of Zapata County for the purpose of participating in the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program application as requested by 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 INVOICES FOR TRACT 5B ROBERTO CUELLAR SUBDIVISION ROW SURVEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$500 payable to Premier Engineering for Tract 5B Roberto Cuellar Subdivision ROW survey 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICES FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoice to EJCDC in the amount of \$972,363.72, plus field change order by contractor, and additional testing in the amount of \$6,178.38 for Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant project, including one field change 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICES FOR 11TH AND LOZANO ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$1,590.00 and payment to Terracon in the amount of \$2,610.00 for work performed on the 11th and Lozano Road Improvements 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.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ELIZONDO,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY TRIUNFO GONZALEZ REGARDING
REISSUANCE OF CHECK FOR MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by County Auditor Triunfo Gonzalez regarding request for re-issuance of check in the amount of \$28,000.00 for Mario Gonzalez-Davis for Administrative Management of TX CDBG Project 7215085 also known as Truman Phelps Project, pending more information.

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 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