

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 13th day of May, A.D., 2019, 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: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Trevino, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Robert Tijerina, Joyce Currington, Alejandro Barrera, Jr., Joe Peña and Adriana Figueroa.

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 stated that she attended the Lupus Awareness balloon release function. She added that there were issues at the San Ygnacio Community Center during a party; a stem valve blew, and smoke was coming out.

Judge Rathmell commented that Nellie R. Trevino, Personnel Director, joined the Sheriff's Office in the auction and 13 vehicles were sold; \$14,400 were collected in the sale. He added that other departments will follow in selling vehicles.

Judge Rathmell stated that he attended the recognition of the 100th birthday celebration for Dr. R.G. Sanchez where he was presented with plaques. Dr. Sanchez was a WWII veteran.

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 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.

Commissioner Elizondo questioned the amount paid for electricity at the Oswaldo and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Building

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 in the amount of \$1,125,129.51, 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

Tax Assessor/Collector's office reported Hotel-Motel tax collections in the amount of \$9,677.72 for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$71,642.12 and tax collections at a year-to-date rate of 86.07%.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB REPORT

(No one was present to make the report.)

PRESENTATION BY DAVID QUINN REGARDING POWER POOL'S REVISED FORWARD BUDGET REPORT PROJECTIONS

A presentation was made by Mr. David Quinn regarding Public Power Pool's revised Forward Budget Report projections and anticipated reductions in the county's electricity expenditures under the new 2020-2022 contract. Mr. Quinn reported that Zapata County saved approximately \$643,556. On average members save about 3.2 million per year. There are currently 99 members. (Presentation attached for the record.)

ORDER APPROVING DOUBLE YELLOW CENTER LINE STRIPING ON LAS PALMAS ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve double yellow center line striping on Las Palmas Road and to hire striping crews when they are working in that area, for the approximate cost of \$5,000 for a 2 mile stretch, pending availability of funds, 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 OF INVOICE PAYABLE TO DEEP SOUTH HAULERS, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve invoice for Deep South Haulers, LLC for \$730 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 PURCHASE OF TWO DESKTOPS FOR JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of two desktops for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 for the purchase price of \$2,530 to be paid out of the Technology Fund, as requested by Hon. 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 PURCHASE OF A WIRELESS ROUTER FOR JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the purchase of a wireless router from the Technology Fund for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 as requested by Hon. Fernando Munoz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3.

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 COUNTY CLERK REGARDING REQUEST
TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT
OF INFORMATION RESOURCES AND ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, regarding request to approve an interlocal agreement between the Department of Information Resources and Zapata County to perform an election security assessment through the Texas Department of Information Resources 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 2019-2020 PROPERTY RENEWAL FROM TEXAS
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the 2019-2020 Property Renewal from Texas Association of Counties. Annual cost is \$127,597 for the period of July 1, 2019 – July 1, 2020; deductibles are to remain the same, as requested by Nellie R. Trevino, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE ISMAEL MORALES, JR. AT
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to hire Ismael Morales, Jr., in slot #11 at the Environmental Department at \$8.50 per hour as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY HIRE OF RODOLFO GUERRA AND JOSE PEÑA, JR. TO BE ASSIGNED TO DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the temporary hire of Rodolfo Guerra and Jose Pena, Jr., to be assigned to the Distribution Department for a period of 3 months at an hourly rate of \$9.00 per hour to be paid out of line item 80-600-172, effective May 14, 2019, as requested by Carlos Trevino, 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 INVOICE AND REVIEW STATUS FOR ZAPATA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoice in the amount of \$14,079.76 payable to Premier Engineering for Zapata Wastewater Treatment Plant as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. They are currently working on adding power to the clarifiers, and also removing debris and re-grouting. They are installing conduit for electrical. There is grating to be done to reduce the slope leading to the belt press; however, there is already conduit buried in said location.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of street lights at the following locations:

- a. 602 Elm Street (Zapata townsite, Block 31, Lots 6 & 7)
- b. 139 Veleño Road (Veleño, Lot 29 & 30)

as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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	Zapata Co. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-427	Workshop/Travel	\$295.50
To	Zapata Co. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-456	Repairs/Maintenance	\$295.50
From	Zapata Co. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-316	Dues Pct. 1	\$90.00
To	Zapata Co. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	10-455-310	Supplies Pct. 1	\$90.00

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

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-429	Prisoner Transportation	\$3,000.00
To	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-428	Education	\$3,000.00

as requested by Sheriff Alonso M. Lopez, Sheriff's Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INSTALLATION OF
“NO PARKING” SIGNS ALONG PORTION OF U.S. HWY 83 IN
SAN YGNACIO, TEXAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a resolution in support of the installation of “No Parking” signs along a portion of U.S. Hwy 83 in San Ygnacio, TX 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 AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation for \$2,000,000 for projects and equipment for 10 years at the same interest rate 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 RESOLUTION FOR OPERATION STONE GARDEN GRANT
FOR FY 2018**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve resolution from Zapata County Commissioners Court for (OPSG) Operation Stone Garden Grant for FY 2018 as requested by Joe Pena, Sheriff’s Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR LOWER BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM
GRANT FOR FY 2019**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution from Zapata County Commissioners Court for (LBSP) Lower Border Security Program Grant for FY 2019 as requested by Joe Pena, Sheriff’s Department.

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