

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of July, 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
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: Romeo Salinas, Said A. Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Roger Miller, Daniel Arriaga, Carlos Villarreal, Antonio Fernandez, Russel Fail, Antonio A. Mendoza, Ricardo Guevara, Joyce Currington, Adriana Figueroa, and Luis 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 thanked Karran Westerman for the 4th of July fireworks display.

Karran Westerman presented her expense report for the 4th of July fireworks display and thanked the Court for the donation.

Fire Chief J.J. Meza commented that he is working with Red Cross to get fire alarms for Zapata residents. He also stated that he is working with the Traveling Health Care Team so they can come to the Fire Department.

Judge Rathmell also stated that he attended a USDA round table discussion on fever tick eradication program. There is no immediate solution.

Carlos Villarreal approached the Court and mentioned that in 2004 he had come up with the idea of an international bridge. He is presenting the same idea again together with the Texas Regional Infrastructure Group, Tony Fernandez with Earthtech Resources PBC Inc. and Trans Pecos. They have approximately \$150,000,000-\$200,000,000 available from private investors and only have until December to use said funds.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$418,663.56 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 Martinez, 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 Mendoza, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$600,736.66, 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 \$6,830.29 for the month of June for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$85,790.64 and year-to-date tax collections at a rate of 88.07% for a total base tax collected of \$5,860,896.37.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO ZAPATA Q.A., INC

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve to pay invoice for the amount of \$2,131.50 to Zapata Q.A., Inc. 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 ABELARDO MENDOZA

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to pay invoice for the amount of \$2,657.74 to Abelardo Mendoza, for repair at Ramireño Dipping Vat #8, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioners Martinez, Garza, and Elizondo. Commissioner Mendoza abstained. Motion carried.

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF MARTIN ARREDONDO FROM SLOT #5 TO SLOT #1

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to transfer Martin Arredondo, 15-013 slot #5 from \$9.00 per hour to Labor/Maintenance 10-003 slot #1 at \$9.50 per hour as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF 2019 CHEVROLET TRUCK FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet truck for \$38,238.00, VIN: 1GCPWAEF7K233713. Funds are to be reimbursed by Operation Stonegarden Grant 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY DANIEL PEREZ REGARDING
CONSIDERATION OF INSTALLATION OF HANDRAILS ALONG
ENTRANCES TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Daniel Perez, a Zapata County resident, regarding consideration of installation of handrails along the entrances to the county courthouse as requested by Daniel Perez, Zapata County Resident.

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 JOHN ALBERT AGENT FOR CARSON &
BARNES CIRCUS REGARDING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by John Albert, Agent for Carson & Barnes Circus, regarding use of the Zapata County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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 installation of speed hump at the following location:

- a. 5315 Siesta Lane
- as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	County Clerk	10-403-437	Records Processing	\$2,000.00
TO	County Clerk	10-403-310	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00

as requested by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, Zapata County Clerk.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ORDER APPROVING INCREASE OF RSL RATE CHANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve RSL rates changes as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3, as follows:

	Monthly Charge		Extra Pick-Ups	
(1) 96 gallon bin	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
(2) 96 gallon bin	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
1.5 yard dumpster	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
3 yard dumpster	\$68.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$45.00
4 yard dumpster	\$82.41	\$85.00	\$60.00	\$60.00

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.072(A) (B), Consultation with Attorney/Real Property.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote Commissioner Garza, Elizondo, Martinez, and Garza. Judge Rathmell abstained. Motion carried.

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