

Zapata County, Texas



Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

José Emilio Vela
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gabriel Villarreal
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Eddie Martinez
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Norberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

MARY JAYNE
VILLARREAL-DONOAN
COUNTY CLERK

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ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS
By *Ann Miller*
CLERK

Public Notice
Regular Commissioners Court Meeting
May 9, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse
200 E. 7th Ave, Suite 108
Zapata, Texas 78076

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer: Reverend Roger Miller
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comment – This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a public participation form specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on.
7. Departmental Reports
8. Approval of Invoices.
[Requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor]
9. Approval of Treasurers' Report.
[Requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. Status report of the Zapata County Historical Commission.
[Requested by: Diana Brandon, Zapata County Historical Commission Chair]
11. Report of the Freer Rattlesnake Round up.
[Requested by: Karran Westerman, ZCV&CB]
12. Progress report on the Raba-Kistner International bridge study.
[Requested by: Raba Kistner Consultants]
13. Approve the Zapata County Fair Annual Financial Report for Fiscal year 2011.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]

TABLED ITEMS

14. To approve a street vendors and vending district ordinance.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

15. To approve a proposal from Flores Auditing, PLLC to assist Zapata County with auditing services.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, Zapata County Judge]
16. Approval to replace vacated position #1, tractor operator from Pct. 1 Special Road and Bridge Department with Mr. Enoch Lopez, CDL Driver at a salary of \$8.25 per hour.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
17. Approve request by the residents of Lopeño and Falcon (signed petition) to reopen the Lopeño Fire Station due to frequent wildfires appearing in this southern part of the county.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
18. To transfer Carlos Romero from slot 3 Dept. 003 (Parks, Buildings, Construction) to slot 5, Dept. 013 (Special Road & Bridge) \$9.00 per hour.
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
19. To hire Jesus Alaniz in slot 3 Dept. 003 Special Road & Bridge at \$8.25 per hour.
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
20. To hire 2 temporary employees for Precinct 4, (Special Road & Bridge) Slot 3 and Slot 4.
[Requested by: Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
21. To increase slot #4 in the Environmental Department from \$3.92 an hour to \$7.74 an hour.
[Requested by: Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department]
22. To implement an automatic payment withdrawal or ACH for the payment of retirees insurance premiums.
[Requested by: Nellie Trevino, Personnel Department]
23. To provide direction to Zapata County retirees on life insurance to be paid by retirees 100% as approved by Zapata County Commissioners Court in the summer of 2010.
[Requested by: Zapata County Retirees]

- 24. Requesting renaming of two streets; one to be named Kesinger and the other to be named Laningham in memory of James C. Kesinger and Ira B. Laningham.
[Requested by: Albert Arambula, American Legion & VFW]
- 25. To request the use of the Civic Center for the Zapata Back to School Fest on August 14, 2011.
[Requested by: Jaime Arizpe]
- 26. To approve the use of the Oswaldo H. & Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for the 2011 API Fishing tournament registration. Event will take place on June 3, 2011.
[Requested by: Paco Mendoza, President Zapata County Chamber of Commerce]
- 27. To approve change order #7 for the Zapata County Water Treatment Plant.
[Requested by: Rathmell Engineering and Mr. Carlos Trevino Jr. Water Plant Director]
- 28. To approve power of attorney and contingency fee contract between County of Zapata and Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP and Norma Jolly, P.C., James Parker and Mike Jolly, P.C.
[Requested by: Juan Cruz, Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP]
- 29. To approve the use of the Oswaldo H. & Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for a wrestling competition to raise funds for the 2012 Scholarship Program
[Requested by: Manuel Garcia Jr., Marine Corp]

CONSENT ITEMS

Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2

- 30. To install a street light at the following address:
 - a. 1409 Bravo in Zapata, TX.

Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

- 31. To install speed hump at the following locations:
 - a. 5215 Mission Lane

Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

- 32. To install a street light at the following address:
 - a. 1802 1st Street, Zapata
- 33. To install a speed hump at the following location:
 - a. On Zapata St.
 - b. Between 20th and Glenn St

Line Item Transfers

- 34. To approve the following line item transfers as requested, in order to meet budget requirements.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	County Shop	15-621-427		\$2,500.00
TO	County Shop	15-621-205		\$2,500.00

[Requested by: Jose F. Mendoza, County Shop Supervisor]

35. To approve the following line item transfers as requested to meet budget requirements.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Nutrition Program	38-648-336	Raw Food	\$1,000.00
TO	Nutrition Program	38-647-454	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Nutrition Program	38-648-336	Raw Food	\$1,000.00
TO	Nutrition Program	38-648-454	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Nutrition Program	38-649-392	Misc. and Safety	\$600.00
TO	Nutrition Program	38-647-467	Non-Food Consumable	\$600.00

[Requested by: Carmen Reyes, Nutrition Program]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

36. Resolution requesting additional studies for the preliminary FEMA Flood Map for Zapata County.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

37. Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of rural Affairs for funding from the Colonia Construction Fund of the Texas Community Development Program for first time sewer service.

[Requested by: Carlos Colina Vargas, Grant Writer]

38. Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for funding from the Colonia Planning Fund for planning studies of Zapata.

[Requested by: Carlos Colina Vargas, Grant Writer]

39. Proclamation for Mental Health Month.

[Requested by Cindy Buruato, Border Region MHMR]

Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

40. Discussion and possible action on proposed settlement offer from REIMS Construction's Insurance Carrier concerning the addition of two (2) inches of asphalt over the Indian Burial Mound located in San Ygnacio, Texas and any matters incident thereto. *(Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*

[Requested by: Juan Cruz, Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP]

41. Discussion and possible action concerning settlement with the Zapata County Economic Development Center, Inc. involving Economic Development Administration moneys owed and due to Zapata County from the construction of the Zapata County Advanced Education Center and any matters incident there to. *(Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*

[Requested by: Juan Cruz, Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP]

42. Discussion and possible action concerning the payment of invoice number 2011-2038 in the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EITHY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SIX CENTS (\$13,187.86) FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE Zapata County Economic Development Center concerning the Zapata County Advanced Education Center, and any matters incident thereto. *(Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*

[Requested by: Juan Cruz, Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP]

43. Consultation with legal counsel in regards to potential construction litigation re: Zapata County courthouse. *(Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*

[Requested by: Juan Cruz, Escamilla, Poneck, & Cruz, LLP]

44. To cancel and/or not renew contract between Zapata County and M1. *(Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*

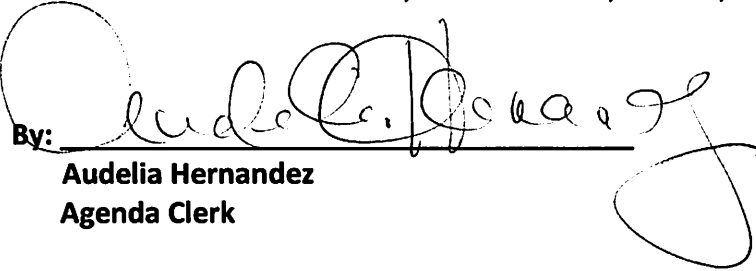
[Requested by: Sigifredo Gonzalez, Zapata County Sheriff]

ADJOURN

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF May, 2011

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA, TEXAS


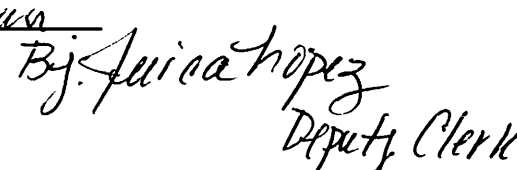
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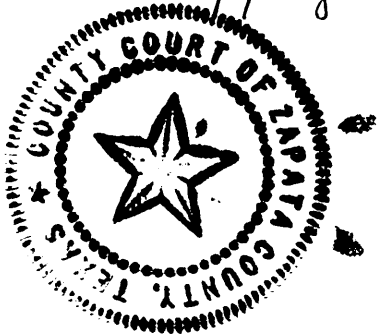
CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Zapata County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Zapata County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6th day of May, 2011 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF May, 2011.

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: 

Deputy Clerk.



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