

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of January, A. D., 2010, 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. Rosalva Guerra	County Judge
Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney

ABSENT:

Hon. Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk
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VISITORS: Celica A. Rodriguez, Romeo Salinas, Doroteo N. Garza, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Roger W. Miller, Carlos Colina Vargas, Caleb Eaton, Nereida Garza, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Dereck Cenca, Jose F. Mendoza, Rudy Llamas, Manuel Gonzalez, Sara Rocha, Peggy U. Moffett, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roberta Meza, William Butterfield, Romeo Rodriguez, and Abel A. Peña.

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 CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER BY REV. ROGER MILLER

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Edmundo Garcia, Zapata County Medical Group, presented Commissioners' Court his monthly report. He stated that although the collection process is slow, things are going good. (Report attached for the record.)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief, reported that there was shelter available at the Zapata County Pavilion on January 9-10, 2009 due to cold weather, however no one showed up. Fire Fighters, County shop and Red Cross employees were there as volunteers.

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, presented Commissioners' Court with a written report and update on the Extension Office. (Report attached for the record.)

Romeo Salinas, Zapata County Treasurer, presented Commissioners' Court with a written Treasurer's Report. (Report attached for the record.)

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 14, 2009
AND DECEMBER 22, 2009**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2009 and December 22, 2009 as submitted by 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 INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices, with corrections, as presented by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

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

ORDER APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT TO NEGRETE & KOLAR ARCHITECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve final payment to Negrete & Kolar Architects in the amount of \$37,310.00 for plans and design, Phase 2, of the Flores Park. Payment to be made from Precinct 1, line item #10-590-506, as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1, and Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PREMIER ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR TDRA-TxCDBG COLONIA GRANT FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
IN COLONIA LINDA VISTA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve proposal received by Premier Engineering for the TDRA-TxCDBG Colonia Grant for sewer improvements in Colonia Linda Vista and authorized to negotiate a contract for services as requested by Carlos Colina-Vargas, Zapata County Consultant.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROPOSAL BY CARLOS COLINA-VARGAS FOR
MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR TDRA-TxCDBG COLONIA GRANT FOR SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS IN COLONIA LINDA VISTA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve proposal received by Carlos Colina-Vargas for management services for the TDRA-TxCDBG

Colonia grant for sewer improvements in Colonia Linda Vista, and authorized a contract for services as requested by Carlos Colina-Vargas, Zapata County Consultant. Mr. Carlos Colina-Vargas, advised the court, for the record, that Carlos Colina-Vargas and Associates was the only firm that submitted a proposal for management services.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING SIGNATORS FOR DRAWDOWN OF FUNDS FROM TDRA-TxCDBG COLONIA GRANT CONTRACT #729 155

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Conty Judge Rosalva Guerra, County Treasuer Romeo Salinas, and County Auditor Doroteo N. Garza as the three (3) signators for drawdown of funds from the TDRA-TxCDBG Colonia grant Contract #729 155 as requested by Carlos Colina-Vargas, Zapata County Consultant.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY CLERK TO PLACE TEMPORARY “VOTER PARKING” SIGNS IN COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT DURING ELECTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to authorize Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, to place temporary “Voter Parking” signs in front row of North side of Courthouse parking lot during early voting for Primary Elections held February 16-26 and during run offs, if any April 5-9, and on run-off election day, April 13. This will allow parking privileges to voters and facilitate curb side voting, if needed, as requested by 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 16 FEET GATE LOCATED ON OSWALDO AND JUANITA RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL GROUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a 16 ft. gate located on the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Exhibit Hall Grounds with a street access, on west side, and an addition of a concrete connection from the existing concrete slab to the street. The cost is approximately \$1,500.00 and is to be paid from line item 10-518-454 Pavilion / Fair Ground Repair as requested by Fernando Rodriguez, ZHS Ag. Teacher; Baldemar Montes, Building Trades Teacher; ZCFA Livestock Committee; and Mr. And Mrs. O.H. Ramirez.

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

ORDER APPROVING LOWEST BIDDER FOR BULLDOZER FOR ZAPATA COUNTY LANDFILL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Doggett Heavy Machinery Services, as the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$261,872.64, for a 2008

Dogget bulldozer for the Zapata County Landfill as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director and Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

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 HUMPS AND SECURITY LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of a speed hump at

- a. 1714 Juarez
- b. 1202 Juarez

as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

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 installation of a speed hump at 15127 Laredo Street (Medina Addition) as requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, 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 Martinez, to approve installation of security light at 3286 N. Hwy. 83 (San Jose Ranch) as requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, 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 Martinez, to approve installation of security lights at the following locations:

- a. 1357 Roma Lane (Siesta Shores)
- b. 5224 Grande Lane (Siesta Shores)
- c. 149 Riverdrive in the Linda Vista Subdivision

as requested by Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Pct. 3.

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:

From: Water Works	80-600-488	Inspection Fees	\$7,065.79
To: Water Works	80-600-485	TCEQ Assessment	\$7,065.79
From: Water Works	80-600-488	Inspection Fees	\$1,534.20
To: Water Works	80-600-481	State Fees	\$1,534.20

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Waste Water Director.

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 VELA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ORDER TO DENY REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA TO RECONSIDER PROPOSED OFFER TO PURCHASE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL CLINIC AND ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF APPRAISER TO APPRAISE PROPERTY VALUE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to deny the request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra, to reconsider the proposed offer to purchase the Community Action Council of South Texas Medical Clinic in Zapata, however the motion was made to approve hiring of appraiser to appraise property value.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Pct. 1	09-001-679	Carry Over	\$33,804.19
To: Pct. 1 Special Road & Bridge	15-011-157	Salaries & Wages	\$33,804.19

to supplement salary as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, clarified for the record, the error on the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Salinas stated that the report was not run correctly, and voided checks should have been left out on page 73.

MONTHLY BUSINESS REPORT OF ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZCEDC President, gave the December 2009 monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Center (ZCEDC). (Report attached for the record.) Commissioner Vela requested that a list of donors for 2009 be submitted.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY AS A TAXING UNIT TO CONSIDER AND PROVIDE TAX ABATEMENT AS A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO ENTERPRISES THAT INVEST, CREATE OR RETAIN QUALITY JOBS IN THE COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY AS A TAXING UNIT TO CONSIDER AND PROVIDE TAX ABATEMENT AS A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO ENTERPRISES THAT INVEST, CREATE OR RETAIN QUALITY JOBS IN THE COUNTY to encourage promote expand business growth in Zapata County as requested by Zapata County Economic Development Center.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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.

ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS