

**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 September, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Doroteo Garza, Celica Rodriguez, Belinda Bravo, Brent Maclaran, David G. Perez, Juan D. Ramon, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Teresa Hein, Maria Eugenia Gutierrez, Paco Mendoza, Luis L. Gonzalez, San Juanita Sanchez, Amada Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Diana C. Villarreal, Jacob Rathmell, Peggy Umphres Moffett, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Karran Westerman, Dorothy Pizaña, Juan Jose Meza, Roberta Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Olga M. Flores, Hildegardo E. Flores, Avon Hatfield, Celia Balderas, Antonio Mendoza, Dora M. Ramos, Marco Serna, Mario H. Arambula, Jr., Jose F. Mendoza, Blanca Guerrero, Myrna Bustamante, Rosa Isela Mejia, Caleb Eaton, Marco Gonzalez, Alfonso Araiza, Jr., Aida Garcia, Amalia G. Navarro, Maria S. Tovar, Brice Calahan, Ken Enler, Laura Garza, Rosa E. Martinez, Monica L. Benavidez, Maria A. Sanchez, and Isidro Alaniz.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A. M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

**INTERESTED PARTIES COMMENTED AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET**

Rene Garcilazo asked the court to reconsider reinstating his travel allowance since he uses his own personal vehicle to travel to all locations in the county. Another suggestion was to provide him with a county vehicle.

Paco Mendoza, presented a survey of events and asked the court to consider funding in the amount of \$140,000.00 instead of \$100,000 as proposed in the budget. (Copy attached for the record.)

Dr. Hildegardo Flores presented the court with a financial solution for the museum. He asked that the museum be funded from the hotel/motel tax. He proposed that the CVB not be funded. He further suggested that the county cut personnel and reduce retirement benefits. (Copy not provided for the record.)

Antonio Mendoza, addressed the court and expressed his concerns regarding the budget. He mentioned several projects and stated that he had not seen a cut in the budget and that there was a lot of wasteful spending.

Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, gave a presentation clarifying issues on revenues. He stated that revenue for both facilities is not as shown on proposed budget. Actual figures for FY 2010 are \$1,135,460.18. Reimbursements for travel are deposited in the general fund instead of the line item number from which they were spent. Actual budget is \$2,062,178 and budget analysis shows expenses of \$1,650,022. Furthermore, Sheriff Gonzalez stated that it is recommended that the jail be populated at no more than 90% capacity. He also explained the different rules that apply to inmates. He also asked that the court for help to get more federal prisoners. (Copy provided for the record.)

Said A. Figueroa addressed the court regarding the two positions that were cut from the County Attorney's office. He asked the court to reconsider and leave the positions in the budget. He stated that he had voluntarily cut the operational budget in his department by 28% and it is imperative to keep the two investigator positions.

Carlos Treviño advised the court that with the operation of the new water plant additional controlled chemicals would be used and line item #800-60-341 must be increased by an additional \$30,000 in order meet the requirements. He also asked that line item #800-60-404 remain at \$20,000 since engineers are used for all projects.

Pete Garza, assistant District Attorney, was present for D.A. Isidro Alaniz, he stated that the District Attorney's office had not been included in the budget. He made a presentation showing program operations and the number of aggregated felons in Zapata County. He further stated that Mr. Alaniz has spent \$20,000 to furnish and equip the local office. A proposed budget of \$174,712 was submitted for consideration in order to supplement salaries and hire personnel.

Carlos Treviño asked the court to reinstate his car allowance.

**MOTION FOR RECESS WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL**

**MOTION TO RECONVENE PUBLIC HEARING WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER
GARZA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL**

A list of amendments, as recommended by Commissioners' Court was typed by Audie Hernandez.
(This list was not approved as presented at this time.)

PUBLIC HEARING RECONVENED

Interested parties and/or tax payers were once again allowed to comment and/or make recommendations on the proposed budget.

Isidro Alaniz addressed the court and stated that the Zapata County of today is not the Zapata County from before and that they are now dealing with transnational groups. He also stated that the constitution requires that the county fund the District Attorney's office. He submitted a proposed budget of \$174,712. After a brief discussion he agreed to make certain cuts to said proposed budget.

Amada Gonzalez also addressed the court and advised the board of directors had met and approved a budget in the amount of \$556,344 and Zapata County's share is 38% for a budget of \$219,755.88.

Dora Ramos, District Clerk, commented on the salary for the administrative assistant for the District Attorney's office. She feels that \$30,000 is too much compared to what other clerk's make and said position should also start at the bottom.

Commissioner Vela recommended that a curator be hired at the museum.

Commissioner Garza asked Sheriff Gonzalez if he could operate with an additional cut of \$300,000.

Commissioner Vela stated that the food pantry had been operating with one employee and should remain as is and that said position should be deleted from the museum.

Commissioner Vela recommended that the Appraisal District budget be reduced from \$230,000.00 to \$180,000.

Commissioner Martinez recommended that the two positions from the museum be transferred back to the Water Plant.

Commissioner Martinez also recommended that the District Attorney's office be funded \$140,000.00 and Mr. Alaniz can decide how these monies be used. (Commissioner Martinez, later recommended that the District Attorney's Office be funded \$50,000.)

Commissioner Vela recommended that the salaries for the CDL drivers in the Transportation Services department be \$13.50.

Commissioner Vela recommended that the hotel/motel fund for the Chamber of Commerce be increased to \$130,000 and not fund the CVB.

Judge Guerra recommended an increase in line item 10-370-600 to bring the total to \$1,120,000.00.

Judge Guerra recommended to lower the Farm to Market tax rate and delete \$300,000.

Judge Guerra recommended debt services \$495,000 to user's fee be transferred to Water Plant.

Commissioner Garza recommended that the salaries of the two investigators remain at the County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Garza recommended that Adalberto Mejia be added as bailiff.

Commissioner Garza recommended that \$4,000 be added to Pct. 4 for supplies.

Bobbie Meza advised the court a typographical error in the fuel budget for Environmental Department line item 10-595-330 to reflect \$60,000.00 instead of \$6,000.00.

Commissioner Villarreal recommended to reinstate car allowance for J.P. Pct. 2.

Several departments asked to carry over left over monies to new budget.

Motion to close Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried.

No official action was taken to approve the budget by commissioners at this time.

**MOTION FOR RECESS WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VELA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA
JUDGE VOTED AGAINST, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO RECONVENE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VELA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ**

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:30 P. M.

ORDER ADOPTING COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to adopt and approve the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, with recommendations and amendments as approved by majority of vote, as requested by Doroteo 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 MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2010

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2010, with correction on report by Amada Gonzalez, as presented 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brice Calahan and Ken Enler of Air Evac Lifeteam were present to offer air lift services to Zapata County.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, delivered the August monthly report to Commissioners' Court for the record.

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported that the tax office collected \$11,530.54 in Hotel Motel Tax fees and \$67,035.76 in tax collections being 95% of collection fees for the month of August.

Fire Chief J.J. Meza, briefly reported on the disaster refunds expected from FEMA.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices 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.

ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Edmundo Garcia, Zapata County Medical Group, delivered the Zapata County Medical Center's monthly report to Commissioners' Court.

Report of the Zapata County Waterworks and Sewer Departments regarding emergency flood preparations at raw water pumps and sewer lift stations as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Waterworks Manager

(This item was placed on the agenda by mistake.)

**ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER MONTHLY
BUSINESS REPORT**

Peggy Umphres-Moffett, ZEDC President, gave the monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Center (ZEDC). She stated that the economic assessment will be submitted in October. Zapata has a lot of new business development. The market analysis stated that the income average in Zapata is below average per capita. Education is also behind. Employment shifted an 11% drop. 11.2% changed industries. Five year employment has remained steady. She also reported that Zapata has high potential for business opportunities.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY MS. ANNA GRAVES TO USE
ROMEO T. FLORES PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve request by Ms. Anna Graves to use Romeo T. Flores Park for a Halloween Festival as requested by Jose E. Vela, 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 RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT FOR TAX
COLLECTION SERVICES AND EARLY TURNOVER RESOLUTION
WITH LINEBARGER GOGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the renewal of the agreement for Tax Collection Services and Early Turnover Resolution with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as requested by Gustavo Martinez, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

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

**ORDER ALLOWING USE OF \$65,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND FOR
REMOUNT OF 2011 AMBULANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to allow the use of \$65,000.00 from the Tobacco Fund for the remount of a 2011 ambulance (\$30,000.00 via a Texas Department of Health Grant) as requested by 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.

**ORDER APPROVING COST OF INSTALLATION OF CARPET FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the cost of installation of carpet (\$7,246.00) for the Zapata County Museum of History as requested by Zapata County Museum of History. The remaining balance of \$4,246 will be paid out of the following line item numbers 09-001-679 (Com. Vela) 10-004-385 (Com. Garza) and 10-003-394 (Com. Martinez).

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

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
WATERWORKS WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve change order #3 for the Zapata County Waterworks Water Treatment Plant Expansion. \$185,000 are requested out of the construction fund for a new generator and other incidentals most of which have been completed as requested by Carlos Treviño Jr., Water Plant Director & Rathmell Engineers.

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

**ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF HENRY MARTINEZ,
CONSTABLE PCT TWO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the resignation of Henry Martinez, Constable Pct. 2 as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER APPOINTING JULIAN GUTIERREZ AS
CONSTABLE FOR PCT TWO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to appoint Julian Gutierrez as Constable for Pct. #2 as per resignation of Constable Henry Martinez, Jr. as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct 2.

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

**DISCUSSION TO HIRE MRS. AMPARO MONTES-GUTIERREZ AS CURATOR
FOR ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, to hire Mrs. Amparo Montes-Gutierrez as Museum Curator for the Zapata County Museum of History as requested by Dr. Hildegardo E. Flores, President Zapata County Museum of History.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Olga M. Flores addressed the court and stated that they put a lot of time and energy into the museum and it is ridiculous to join the Chamber of Commerce with the museum.

Mrs. Avon Hatfield also addressed the court and stated that Zapata County had invested in the museum and should hire professionals in that office.

Judge Guerra thanked the Museum Board for their time and effort in the museum project. She also wished the Chamber of Commerce luck in the venture at the museum.

Dr. Flores addressed the court and stated that professional persons should be hired to run the museum.

Paco Mendoza, CEO of Chamber of Commerce, stated that although he was working on getting his degree he felt he and his staff were capable of operating the museum and should be given the opportunity to do so.

**ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH LETTER OF CREDIT TO ESTABLISH
STAND BY TRUST FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE
AND POST CLOSURE OF SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL NO. 783**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to continue with the Letter of Credit to establish stand by trust fund for the Financial Assurance for the closure and post closure of San Ygnacio Landfill No. 783 in the amount of \$490,588.00 and closed landfill No. 1528AE in the amount of \$247,004.00 as required by TCEQ, Deborah Wisneski, Financial Analyst, as requested by Doroteo 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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STAFF TO OPERATE
MUSEUM TOGETHER WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to use Chamber of Commerce staff to operate museum as agreed upon with Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce will run the museum together with Zapata County Museum Board as requested by 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 IMPLEMENTATION OF HIRING FREEZE IMMEDIATELY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve implementation of a hiring freeze effective immediately as requested by 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 DENYING REQUEST BY CARLOS TREVIÑO, JR.,
WATER PLANT DIRECTOR, TO PURCHASE TWO TRUCKS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to deny request by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Director to purchase two trucks as follows:

- A new 2011 Ford F150 single cab from the government buy program for \$15,240.00 funding from line item 80-600-589 (equipment)
- A used 2006 F-150 Ford truck for the purchase price of \$7,200.00 funding from line item #80-600-336

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

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST BY ELOY CHAPA,
WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR, TO PURCHASE TRUCK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny request by Eloy Chapa, Jr., Wastewater Supervisor to purchase a new 2011 Ford F-150 crew cab from the government buy program for the sum of \$23,650.00, funding to be paid from line item 80-602-589.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CARRYOVER OF MONIES IN LINE ITEM #10-409-766
COUNTY FAIR GROUND AND LINE ITEM #09-001-720 O.H. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT
HALL TO NEW FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve carryover of monies in line item #'s 10-409-766, County Fair Ground in the amount of \$70,106.93 and #09-001-720, O.H. Ramirez Exhibit Hall in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the new fiscal year 2010-2011 to be used for improvements to the area and surrounding area as requested by Jose F. Mendoza, County Shop Supervisor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME POLICY
IN ZAPATA COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to include the law enforcement overtime policy in the Zapata County Personnel Policy Manual, limited to law enforcement funded by grant monies, as requested by Mario Elizondo, Zapata County 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 REIMBURSEMENT TO HWY 16 WCID FOR TRENCHING
AT LA MOTA RANCH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to reimburse Hwy 16 WCID for trenching at La Mota Ranch for line improvements in the amount of \$71,425 to be paid out of the Royalty Fund as requested by Zapata WCID.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING JUAN G. GONZALEZ, MAJ GRANT WRITING
SERVICES, TO LOCATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS IN PRECINCT FOUR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Juan G. Gonzalez, MAJ Grant Writing Services, to locate funds for the construction of storm drainage improvements in Precinct 4 as requested by Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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 MARTIN SAENZ, ENVIRONMENTAL
DEPARTMENT, TO INSTALL CLEANERS ON A16 COMPACTOR AT
SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to table request by Martin Saenz, Environmental Department, to install cleaners on the A16 compactor at the San Ygnacio Landfill.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR
SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to change the operational hours for the San Ygnacio Landfill, effective September 20, 2010, landfill will be open Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will be closed on Sunday, as requested by Martin 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 DOCUMENT TO SERVE AS WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO
RENT OR LEASE LOPEÑO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a document to serve as a written agreement to rent or lease the Lopeño Community Center, a Zapata County owned public building, as requested by Jose E. Vela, 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 FIVE-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO MANAGE LOPEÑO
COMMUNITY CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a five-member committee to manage the Lopeño Community Cemetery. Appointed members are: Lourdes Lopez, Alonso Lopez, Mario Martinez, Jerica Sanchez, and Belia Salinas as requested by Jose E. Vela, 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 BURIAL POLICY FOR LOPEÑO COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a burial policy for Lopeño Community Cemetery as requested by Jose E. Vela, 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for funding under the 2011/2012 Community Development Fund for Street Improvement as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Coordinator.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION THAT RECOGNIZES BORDER REGION
MHMR COMMUNITY CENTER’S VITAL ROLE IN MANAGING AND
DELIVERING SERVICES FOR TEXANS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a Resolution that recognizes Border Region MHMR Community Center’s vital role in managing and delivering services for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness, and substance disorders as requested by Daniel Castillon, Director Border Region MHMR Community Center.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SECURITY LIGHTS, SPEED HUMPS AND
“NO PARKING” SIGN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of speed hump at 406 Zapata St. (Medina Addition) as requested by Norberto Garza, Commissioner 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 Villarreal, to approve installation of security lights at the following addresses:

- Corner of Guerrero St. & Mina Ave. (San Ygnacio)
- 101 Ocampo (San Ygnacio)
- 4747 North Hwy 83 (San Ygnacio)

as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner 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 Villarreal, to approve installation of speed hump at the following addresses:

- Eleventh Ave. between Glenn & Hidalgo (Zapata Townsite)
- Bandera Ave. between Third & Fourth St. (Flores Addition)

as requested by Jose E. Vela, Commissioner 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 Villarreal, to approve installation of “No Parking” sign on Flores Drive in Nicholson Addition (Guerrero Chiquito) as requested by Jose E. Vela, 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	County Attorney	10-475-310	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
To:	County Attorney	10-475-392	Other/ Maintenance Exp	\$1,000.00
From:	County Attorney	10-475-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$300.00
To:	County Attorney	10-475-392	Other/ Maintenance Exp	\$300.00
From:	County Attorney	10-475-427	Travel Expense	\$3,2400.00
To:	County Attorney	10-475-392	Other/ Maintenance Exp	\$3,2400.00
From:	County Attorney	10-475-454	Vehicle Expense	\$2,500.00
To:	County Attorney	10-475-392	Other/ Maintenance Exp	\$2,500.00
From:	County Attorney	10-475-462	Equipment Expense	\$1,400.00
To:	County Attorney	10-475-392	Other/ Maintenance Exp	\$1,400.00

to meet budget requirements 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	Water Plant	80-600-447	Fencing Las Palmas	\$4,000.00
To:		09-001-750	Las Palmas Water Storage Tank	\$4,000.00
From:	Water Plant	80-600-427	Workshop Trave	\$2,500.00
To:		09-001-750	Las Palmas Water Storage Tank	\$2,500.00
From:	Water Plant	80-600-341	Chemicals	\$20,000.00
To:	Water Plant	80-600-121	Las Palmas Water Storage Tank	\$20,000.00
From:	Water Plant	80-600-443	Electricity	\$7,000.00
To:	Water Plant	80-600-336	Las Palmas Water Storage Tank	\$7,000.00
From:	Water Plant	80-600-443	Electricity	\$6,000.00
To:	Water Plant	80-600-121	Las Palmas Water Storage Tank	\$6,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño Jr., Water Plant 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	District Clerk	10-450-462	Equipment Rental	\$500.00
To:	District Clerk	10-450-310	Office Supplies	\$500.00
From:	District Clerk	10-450-462	Equipment Rental	\$1,000.00
To:	District Clerk	10-450-427	Workshops Travel	\$1,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Dora Mtz. Ramos, District Clerk .

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 REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS BY ELOY CHAPA, JR., WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR

From:	Wastewater	80-602-341	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$13,500.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Repair & Maintenance	\$13,500.00
From:	Wastewater	80-602-427	Mileage & Travel	\$3,300.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Repair & Maintenance	\$3,300.00
From:	Wastewater	80-602-428	Conference & Seminar	\$3,000.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000.00
From:	Wastewater	80-602-310	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00
From:	Wastewater	80-602-311	Postage	\$1,200.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,200.00
From:	Wastewater	80-602-227	License Stipends	\$8,000.00
To:	Wastewater	80-602-336	Over-time	\$8,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Eloy Chapa Jr., Wastewater Supervisor.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	TX Coop. Ext 10-665-310	Supplies	\$200.00
To:	TX Coop. Ext 10-665-427	Travel	\$200.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Caleb Eaton, Extension Agent.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	Public Library 10-650-330	Fuel	\$900.00
To:	Public Library 10-650-463	Books	\$900.00
From:	Public Library 10-650-427	Travel	\$2,300.00
To:	Public Library 10-650-310	Supplies	\$2,300.00
From:	Public Library 10-650-462	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500.00
To:	Public Library 10-650-310	Supplies	\$2,500.00
From:	Public Library 10-650-444	Utilities	\$1,400.00
To:	Public Library 10-650-310	Supplies	\$1,400.00
From:	Public Library 10-651-463	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00
To:	Public Library 10-651-310	Supplies	\$1,000.00
From:	Public Library 10-651-444	Utilities	\$500.00
To:	Public Library 10-651-310	Supplies	\$500.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Aida R. Garcia, Director Zapata County Library.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	09-001-682	San Ygnacio Drainage Pro	\$30,000.00
To:	10-002-684	Nutrition Center	\$30,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	Judge's Office 10-400-431	Postage	\$403.30
To:	Judge's Office 10-400-462	Rentals & Maintenance	\$403.30

to meet budget requirements as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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 REQUEST BY ISIDRO R. ALANIZ, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TO AMEND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PROPOSED BUDGET

ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR TO CLOSE ALL ACCOUNTS AND MAKE NECESSARY LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to authorize County Treasurer and County Auditor to close all accounts and make all necessary line item transfers as requested by Doroteo Garza, County Auditor.

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

MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2010 MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 14th day of September, A. D., 2010, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas, reconvened 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Doroteo Garza, Paco Mendoza, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Brian Martinez, Maria I. Gutierrez, Bobbie Meza, Maria E. Gutierrez, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Luis L. Gonzalez, Nellie R. Treviño, Carmen Reyes, Laura Guerra, Blanca Lopez and Blanca Guerrero.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT 11:00 A.M.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ**

ORDER APPROVING TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the tax rate of \$0.776096 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in accordance with Local Government Code Sections 111.007-111.010 by executing an "Order Setting the Tax Rate for 2010-2011" and that the Order Setting the Tax Rate be approved as follows:

General fund.	0.630263
Interest and Sinking Fund.	0.073278
Special Road & Bridge.	0.072455
F.M./Flood Control.	0.000100
TOTAL TAX	0.776096

as requested by Doroteo Garza, County Auditor.

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

**NO ACTION TAKEN ON REQUEST BY DOROTEO GARZA, COUNTY AUDITOR,
TO SET SALARIES AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS BY APPROVING GENERAL
ORDER OF PERSONNEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

(This item was approved 09/13/2010 with approval of County Budget for FY 2010-2011)

COMMUNICATIONS

Blanca Guerrero addressed Commissioners' Court regarding her position at the Waterworks/Wastewater Department. She was advised to speak to, her supervisor, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Director.

**ORDER APPROVING OPERATIONAL GENERAL ORDER FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve request by County Auditor Doroteo Garza, to approve the "Operational General Order for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

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 Martinez, 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