

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, A. D., 2012, 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
	Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
	Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
	Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

**ABSENT:** Gabriel Villarreal Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Auddy Hernandez, Brian J. Martinez, J.J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Nellie R. Treviño, Joyce Currington, Sean Kamber, Josefina Villarreal, Melinda Esquivel, Victor Uvalle, Jr., Hildegardo E. Flores, Javier Zapata, Cynthia Martinez, Manuel Gonzalez, Peggy U. Moffett, Avon Hatfield, and Olga M. Flores.

**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**

**INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER, KING'S WAY CHURCH**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF  
JULY 30, 2012, AUGUST 13, 2012 AND AUGUST 27, 2012**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Minutes of July 30, 2012, August 13, 2012 and August 27, 2012, 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.

## **MONTHLY REPORT OF ZAPATA FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC**

Mr. Sean Kamber of Laredo Medical Center presented Commissioner Court with the monthly report for August 2012.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Vela stated that the local newspaper had reported that Zapata County would not be funded under Section 5310 Grant Assistance Program which provides funding for the transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. Commissioner Vela further stated that he had been informed by Mrs. Gonzalez of the Nutrition Center, that she had forgotten and the application had not been submitted on time. Zapata County would have been eligible for a \$13,000.00 grant.

Judge Rathmell informed the court that Home Land Security is asking for the County's support to host a roping event for United Way.

Commissioner Vela stated that a tax payer had inquired about the plaque with board member names that was at the old water plant. Commissioner Vela stated that the old plaque is still there and will be placed alongside a new plaque at the new water plant.

Dr. Hildegardo Flores approached the court regarding agenda item #16... . Dr. Flores spoke highly of Ms. Belen Del Bosque and recommended that she be placed as a permanent employee.

### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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

### **ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented 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.

### **PRESENTATION ON PROGRAMS OFFERED BY BUCKNER**

Mr. Javier Zapata, informed the court of programs offered by Buckner, a non-profit organization. He stated that two homes have been built at no cost to the county. Buckner helps people in rural colonia areas. They also donate to schools and aid in the needs of children and assist families in need.

### **SUMMARY OF COVERAGE ON PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Mr. Victor Uvalle, Jr. of TAC, gave a summary of coverage on property and liability insurance. TAC will come and appraise buildings to assure proper coverage. The old water plant

was removed and the new plant was added. Also added was the museum and the old civic center was removed.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER VELA REGARDING USE OF COUNTY LABOR FOR LANDSCAPING AND MAINTAINING FALCON LAKE ESTATES EAST PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Commissioner Vela, regarding the use of county labor for landscaping and maintaining the Falcon Lake Estates East park in order to promote the availability of an existing recreational park and provide accessibility to Falcon Lake as requested by Falcon Lake Estates Association and Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner, Pct. 1. The park is owned by IBWC. Presently, only members are allowed in the park due to illegal activity. The park is mostly part of the 307 flood area.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL COST TO COMPLETE PAVING PROJECT AT ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the additional cost to complete paving project at the Zapata County Cemetery. Total cost for additional asphalt paving material runs approximately \$7,000.00 over the previous allocation in April 2012 as requested by Hon. 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 ORDINANCE CREATING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an ordinance creating a conservation easement program, with option to change, if necessary, as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner, Pct. 4 and Hector Uribe, Attorney at Law. Dr. Hildegardo Flores recommended beginning with highly populated flooding areas.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FORUM FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Community Center on October 16, 2012 for a forum for election candidates as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata County News.

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

**ORDER ALLOWING JUNTOS PODEMOS OF SCAN, INC., TO OFFER FREE HIV TESTING SERVICES IN HONOR OF NATIONAL HIV TEST DAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow Juntos Podemos of SCAN, Inc., to offer free HIV testing services in honor of National HIV Test Day at the Zapata County Nutrition Center on September 18, 2012 as requested by Melinda Esquivel and Josefina Villarreal, SCAN, Inc.

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

**ORDER APPROVING MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE BELEN DEL BOSQUE TO MOVE FROM TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TO PERMANENT FULL TIME EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve maintenance employee, Belen Del Bosque to be moved from temporary employee to permanent full time status as requested by Maria Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE FROM WATER PLANT SLOT #25 TO PRECINCT 4 SLOT #4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve transfer of employee from Water Plant 80-600- Slot #25 at \$8.29 per hour to Pct. 4 10-004-Slot #4 at \$8.29 per hour as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE FROM PRECINCT 4 SLOT #4 TO WATER PLANT SLOT #25**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve transfer of employee from Precinct 4 slot 10-004-Slot #4 at \$8.60 per hour to Water Plant 80-600-Slot #25 at \$8.60 per hour as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE FROM SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE - EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SLOT #8 TO SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE SLOT #7**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve transfer of employee from Special Road and Bridge - Equipment Operator 15-621-Slot #8 at \$10.29 and hour to Special Road and Bridge 15-011-slot #7 at \$13.59 per hour as Equipment Operator as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

**COMMISSIONER GARZA EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
AT 10:50 A.M. DUE TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT**

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF LOT 433 AND LOT 434 IN FALCON LAKE  
ESTATES FROM RITA I. RAMIREZ PENDING CLEARANCE OF PROPERTY DEED**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of Lot 433 and Lot 434 in Falcon Lake Estates from Rita I. Ramirez, pending clearance of property deed 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 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: County Attorney	10-475-462	Equipment Rental	\$700.00
To: County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc. Maintenance	\$700.00
From: County Attorney	10-475-454	Vehicle Expense	\$1,300.00
To: County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc. Maintenance	\$1,300.00
From: County Attorney	10-475-454	Vehicle Expense	\$500.00
To: County Attorney	10-475-427	Travel	\$500.00

to meet budget requirements are requested by Said A. 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Constable Pct. 2.	10-550-331	Fuel and Lubricants	\$1,100.00
To: Constable Pct. 2.	10-550-311	Supplies	\$1,100.00

to meet budget requirements are requested by Julian Gutierrez, Constable 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Wastewater	08-602-227	License Stipends	\$8,000.00
To: Wastewater	08-602-336	Repairs and Maintenance	\$8,000.00
From: Wastewater	08-602-310	Office Supplies	\$3,140.00
To: Wastewater	08-602-336	Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,140.00
From: Wastewater	08-602-341	Chlorine and Chemicals	\$1,380.00
To: Wastewater	08-602-336	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,380.00
From: Wastewater	08-602-427	Mileage and Travel	\$1,390.00
To: Wastewater	08-602-336	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,390.00

to meet budget requirements are requested by Eloy Chapa, Wastewater Manager.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: County Treasurer	10-497-310	Office Supplies	\$816.00
To: County Treasurer	10-497-427	Travel	\$816.00

to meet budget requirements are requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Recycling	10-598-310	Office Supplies	\$442.00
To: Recycling	10-598-456	Repairs and Maintenance	\$442.00
From: Recycling	10-598-205	Uniforms	\$353.00
To: Recycling	10-598-456	Repairs and Maintenance	\$353.00

to meet budget requirements are requested by Laura Garza, Recycling Department.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Non-Department	10-409-336	General Supplies	\$2,400.00
To: Non-Department	10-409-730	Consultant Fees	\$2,400.00

to meet budget requirements are 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF TEXAS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund 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.

Mr. Figueroa advised the Court that he had notified Falcon Lake Estates East on why the above action had been taken.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, 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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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