

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th day of June A. D., 2013, 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
	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: Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Jesus D. Romero, Kevin McCarthy, Gilberto Gonzalez, Roger Miller, Ray Del Bosque, Hugo Villarreal, Maria E. Gutierrez, Marisa Ramirez, and Eduardo Gracia, Jr.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT BY CHIEF MEZA ON FIRE DEPARTMENT

J.J. Meza, Zapata County Fire Chief, reported that \$61,000 were collected in June. Chief Meza also introduced Jesus Romero, a representative for Air Evac. Air Evac offers emergency ambulance helicopter services. The cost for household membership is \$60.00 per year and includes everyone residing in the address provided. Self pay cost for transporting a patient from Laredo to San Antonio would cost approximately \$25,000.00. Medicaid may cover 100%, while some Medicare covers 80% and some insurances may allow \$2,500. The company is currently going business by business and home by home offering the services. Mr. Romero suggested enrolling interested county employees using payroll deductions.

PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Alonso Lopez and Chief Deputy Ray Del Bosque introduced Bryan Bartula of Crown Correctional Phone Company. Mr. Bartula made a presentation and explained the new inmate calling system. Revenues will increase to approximately \$7,260 per month for regional jail and \$8,000 for county jail. Amounts will vary depending on the number of inmate calls. This will be at no cost to the county.

Commissioner Vela commended the Sheriff's Office for working with the county to help the budget.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, 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 all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

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

**PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC POWER POOL (P3) ON THE NEW
ELECTRICITY CONTRACT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
BY MR. DAVID QUINN, PROGRAM MANAGER
(No one present for presentation.)**

**ORDER ACCEPTING OPTION FIVE AS PRESENTED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to accept option number five in regards to the reconstruction of the Veleño Bridge as presented by Eddie Gracia of the Texas Department of Transportation. Alcoves will be placed and will not require additional structures for the bridge. They will go out for bids in March of 2014 and construction will take approximately 3 years to complete.

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

Dr. Hildegardo Flores commented on the scenic area park which has been trashed and covered with debris. Mr. Gracia will look into this and try to resolve the issue.

**ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO WALLACE GROUP
FOR ADDITIONAL VISITS TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF
MOLD REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve additional payment in the amount of \$2,878.00 to be paid to the Wallace Group for additional visits

to verify completion / punch list of the projects for mold remediation project 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 SERVICES OFFERED BY KEVIN McCARTHY OF FIRST FINANCIAL GROUP OF AMERICA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the services as presented and offered by Kevin McCarthy, Life & Health Insurance Consultant, of First Financial Group of America and provide said services to Zapata County as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY FIRE CHIEF MEZA FOR SALARY INCREASE FOR EMS COORDINATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, to approve salary increase for EMS Coordinator. Commissioner Garza rescinded his motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Fire Chief Meza regarding request for salary increase of .25 cents per hour for the EMS Coordinator to come from line-item 10-543-167 Salaries.

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 FIRE CHIEF MEZA FOR SALARY INCREASE FOR LIEUTENANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Fire Chief Meza regarding request for salary increase of .90 cents per hour for the Lieutenant, to come from line-item 10-543-167 Salaries.

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

ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve adoption of Investment Policy for Zapata County as required under Local Government Code 116.112 and Government Code Chapter Section 2256.005(e) as 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.

ORDER APPROVING NOTIFICATION TO COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NO INVESTMENT CHANGES IN CURRENT INVESTMENTS METHOD AND PROCEDURES AS PER SECTION IV OF COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY FOR 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve notification to Commissioners Court of no investment changes in current investments method and procedures as per Section IV of County Investment Policy for 2013 as 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.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF THE OSWALDO H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL FOR A WRESTLING EVENT FOR THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for a fee of \$500.00 on Saturday, July 13, 2013 for a wrestling event for the Convention & Visitor's Bureau as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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 transfer:

FROM:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-482	Contract Services	\$5,000.00
TO:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-336	Supplies & Services	\$5,000.00

as requested by Dr. Hildegardo E. Flores, Zapata County Museum

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line-item transfer:

FROM:	Rents & Royalties	10-370-801	Royalties	\$10,000.00
TO:	Custodial Maintenance	10-516-456	Maintenance	\$10,000.00
FROM:	Rents & Royalties	10-370-801	Royalties	\$6,850.00
TO:	Contracted Services	10-516-730	Contract Services	\$6,850.00

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.

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

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

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST BY TRIUNFO GONZALEZ, COUNTY AUDITOR,
REGARDING APPROVAL OF ESCAMILLA & PONECK, INC, AS BOND COUNSEL
FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to deny request by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, regarding approval of Escamilla & Poneck, Inc. as bond counsel for continuation of negotiations with IRS concerning \$9,050,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2000 and \$9,975,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. *Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)*

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 Garza, 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.

JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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