

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of February, A.D., 2016, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Elva Gonzalez, Pricilla Salinas, Jorge Leal, John Sharp, Enrique Gallegos, Roger Miller, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Karran Westerman, Kay Monroe, Luis Gonzalez, and Jesus D. Romero.

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 AND EX-OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**INVOCATION BY PASTOR ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vela commented that Dr. Flores, at the Zapata Museum of History, had a visitor from New York City who is interested in investing and bringing in other investors.

Brian Martinez commented that there was a reimbursement for Risk Management Seminar. Zapata County was allotted up to \$45,000 and Law Enforcement \$15,000.00.

Romeo Salinas stated that the Sheriff's Department is applying for body cameras and bullet proof vests.

Judge Rathmell informed the Court that LMC staff was present to give a report.

Commissioner Elizondo also commented that the Junior Royalty Pageant was very successful.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez. Commissioner Vela pointed out an invoice on page 1, Anderson Columbia is not to be paid by the County, ZCISD has reimbursed.

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

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Treasurer's Report 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$13,007.59 for YTD total of \$59,150.34 and tax collections in an amount of \$1,243,151.25.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF GRINDER PUMP AT
PRECINCT 4 SATELLITE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the payment of \$1,780.00 for the installation of a grinder pump at the Precinct 4 Satellite Office as requested by: Honorable Joseph 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 PAYMENT OF \$450.00 TO REPLACE FAULTY BREAKER
FOR PRECINCT 4 SATELLITE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the payment of \$460.00 to replace a faulty breaker for the Precinct 4 Satellite Office as requested by: Honorable Joseph 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 TO INCREASE SALARY OF JASON DELATTRE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to increase salary of Jason Delattre from \$10.85 to \$12.60. Money to come from stipend for paramedic firefighter as requested by: Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR PRINTER FOR JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Justice of the Peace, Anna Guerra.

Commissioner Vela, rescinded his motion to table said item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve use of Technology Fund for printer for the Justice of the Peace office during the current Fiscal year as requested by Anna Guerra, Justice of the Peace Pct.1/Fernando Muñoz, Justice of Peace Pct.3.

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

ORDER AWARDING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR TRUMAN PHELPS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CONTRACT NO. 7215085 TO MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve and award Management Contract for Truman Phelps Sewer Improvements Project-Contract No.7215085, to Mario Gonzalez-Davis, as recommended by the committee, as requested by Dioni Hernandez, County Project Office.

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

ORDER REQUESTING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR POLITICAL FORUM

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to request the use of the community center for the Political Forum on February 9, 2016. Forum to be sponsored by Zapata County News and Amistad Home Health as requested by Karran Westerman.

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

ORDER TO DENY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO CITY OF RIO BRAVO WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny request by City of Rio Bravo for assistance with their Animal Control Services as requested by Francisco I. Peña, MD Mayor of Rio Bravo.

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 THE FOLLOWING ITEM

To approve an optional service for those residents electing to pay an additional minimal fee to dispose large unused household items such as: mattresses, sofas, stoves, washers/dryers, and broken furniture as requested by Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

LMC REPORT BY ENRIQUE GALLEGOS

Enrique Gallegos gave a brief report on LMC. He distributed a written report that was retrieved at the end of the meeting stating that the report was not an open record for the public. (This item was not on the agenda.)

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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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