

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 Rathmeil	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, Selina-Roxanne Davis, and Maria Sendejo Davis.

**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**

Brian Martinez thanked Commissioner Elizondo for distribution of freebies. He stated that he issued notices for ARM Ordinance renewals for next year. An inventory will be made. The amount of \$750 is collected per machine.

Commissioner Elizondo was approached by a vendor to try to lower the ARM Ordinance fee to \$500 since the economy is low.

The treasurer's office will handle monies that come in. One application is filled out per game room location. Commissioner Vela recommended for that an inspection and inventory be conducted randomly.

The ARM Ordinance was created to discourage not encourage the game rooms.

Commissioner Vela commented that Ramiro Hernandez sent him a picture of the umbrella at the pool splash area that was fixed.

**ORDER APPROVING COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
OF OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 9, NOVEMBER 23,  
DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 28, 2015**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of October 26, November 9, November 23, December 14, and December 28, 2015 as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

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 Martinez, 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.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY TRICIA CORTEZ OF RIO GRANDE  
INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER REGARDING  
PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF  
AERIAL HERBICIDE SPRAYING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Tricia Cortez of Rio Grande International Study regarding presentation and resolution in opposition of aerial herbicide spraying for the eradication of carrizo cane along the Rio Grande as requested by Tricia Cortez, Rio Grande International Study Center.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICE FOR \$795.00 TO PAY HERNANDEZ PEST  
CONTROL FOR WORK DONE AT SAN YGNACIO COMMUNITY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to pay invoice for \$795.00 to Hernandez Pest Control for work done at the San Ygnacio Community Center from non-department county property repairs (10-409-465) 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 PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SCANNER FROM RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT FUND FOR DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the purchase of an additional scanner from records management fund for the District Clerk's Office. This scanner is to be used for automation purposes to comply with state mandated e-filing. Purchase amount is \$989.75 plus \$200.00 for extended warranty as requested by Dora Mtz. Castañon, District Clerk.

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 CHIEF MEZA REGARDING  
PURCHASE OF SKID TANK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Fire Chief Meza regarding purchase of skid tank for one of the army trucks at a price of \$21,900 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 GENESIS KC SUBDIVISION PLAT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Genesis KC subdivision plat as presented by Kelley Heller-Vela, Melden and Hunt, Inc.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUIREMENT FOR CDBG CONTRACT  
NO. 7214095 AND 7215085**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following requirements for CDBG Contract No. 7214095 and Contract No. 7215085:

- Proclamation of Fair Housing
- Fair Housing Statement
- Excessive Force Resolution
- Excessive Force Policy Resolution
- Standards Officer for Section 504/Civil Rights Laws and Regulations
- Policy of Nondiscrimination/Equal Employment Opportunity Statement
- Section 3 Policy Resolution
- Adopting a Local Opportunity Plan Resolution
- Equal Opportunity Guidelines for Construction Contractors
- Section 504 Grievance Procedure

as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Administrator.

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

15. To amend and make changes to the animal and fowl ordinance as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

**ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>FROM</b>	Zapata Comm. Center	10-518-427	Travel	<b>\$403.96</b>
<b>TO</b>	Zapata Comm. Center	10-518-454	Pavilion/Fairground Repairs	<b>\$403.96</b>
<b>FROM</b>	Zapata Comm. Center	10-518-427	Travel	<b>\$596.04</b>
<b>TO</b>	Zapata Comm. Center	10-518-336	Supplies	<b>\$596.04</b>

as requested by Laura Garza, Community Center 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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>FROM</b>	Non-Department	10-409-465	Co. Property Repairs	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>TO</b>	Commissioner Pct. 3	10-003-394	Parks & Buildings	<b>\$4500.00</b>

as requested by Honorable 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 RESOLUTION DECLARING WEEK OF MAY 2-6, 2016 AS  
"JURORS APPRECIATION WEEK"**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, approving resolution declaring the week of May 2-6, 2016 as "Jurors Appreciation Week" in Zapata County as requested by Dora Mtz. Castañon, District Clerk.

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 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CLARIFY, AMEND AND MAKE  
CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and authorize County Attorney to clarify distance and buildings and amend and change distance from 100 feet to 24 feet, to the animal and fowl ordinance as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub 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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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