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## Zapata County Commissioners Court

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ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS

BY *L. Solis* COUNTY CLERK

Joseph Rathmell  
County Judge

Paco Mendoza  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jose A. Solis  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Olga M. Elizondo  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Norberto Garza  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

# Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting October 8, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse  
200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 108  
Zapata, Texas 78076

## CALL TO ORDER BY HONORABLE JOE RATHMELL, ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Invocation: Pastor Roger Miller, Commissioners Court Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Communications
5. **Public Comment – This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a public participation form specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on.**
6. Approval of Invoices.  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
7. Approval of Treasurer’s Report.  
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
8. Approval of Checks Issued.  
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
9. Tax Assessor/Collector’s Departmental Report  
[Requested by: Delia Mendoza, Tax Assessor/Collector]

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

10. Submission of Petition by eligible Zapata County voters against the Zapata County Commissioners’ 20% pay increase.  
[Requested by: Jennie Thatcher, Resident]
11. Report on Affidavit of Joseph Rathmell pursuant to Local Government Code §152.052 on electing not to receive a raise on salary as County Judge.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

12. To withhold all funding for non-profits until budget and financials are submitted to the county.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

13. To address the inappropriate posting of political signs in Zapata County and to determine the imposition of fines and/or consequences to those who fail to adhere to policies  
[Requested by: Jorge Montes, Zapata Co. Democratic Party Chairman]
14. To request the use of the front steps of the Zapata County Courthouse on October 23, 2021 and April 23, 2022 for the DEA Drug Take Back Day.  
[Requested by: Sonia Montes, SCAN Inc.]
15. To award contract for biology survey for the Los Ebanos Golf Course property, as requested by the TPWD, to Dr. Mickey W. Hellickson, CWD.  
[Requested by: Carlos Colina Vargas, Consultant]
16. To approve the annual agreement between Serving Children and Adults in need (SCAN) and Zapata County for the use of office space and utilities  
[Requested by: Sonia Montes, SCAN Inc.]
17. To consider preliminary scores from TDA for 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Grant Application.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
18. To approve Esser & Company Consulting, LLC to assist Zapata County with the Border Zone Fire Department Grant Application.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
19. To approve Esser & Company Consulting, LLC to assist Zapata County with Operation Lone Star Grant Application.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
20. *To discuss and take possible action on update and possible action on border wall litigation.*  
[Requested by: Said Figueroa, County Attorney]

## **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

21. Proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness week.  
[Requested by: Jessica Hurtado, Border Region Behavioral Health Center]
22. To approve Resolution to apply for Border Zone Fire Department Grant to Governor's Office.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
23. To approve Resolution to apply for Operation Lone Star Grant to the Governor's Office.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]

## CONSENT ITEMS:

Honorable, Olga M. Elizondo Commissioner Pct. 2

24. To approve the following street lights.
  - a. 2506 Iturbide
  - b. 206 M Ramirez

**Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney**

**Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property**

**Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters**

**Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security**

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. *To discuss and take possible action on update and possible action on border wall litigation. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

[Requested by: Said Figueroa, County Attorney]

**ADJOURN**

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

DATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2021

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: *Monica Alanis*  
Monica Alanis  
Agenda Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING**

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Zapata County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Zapata County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2021.

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: *Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan*

