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Joseph Rathmell
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Commissioner, Pct. 1

Pedro Morales
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jose A. Solis
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Roberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice

Regular Commissioners Court Meeting

January 22, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse
200 E. 7th 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: Doctor 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 Checks Issued.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

8. Texas A&M Agrilife Extension 2023 Year in Review presentation
[Requested by: Jesse Rodriguez, Agrilife Agent]
9. Presentation of funds received from auctions conducted December 14, 2023
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

10. To approve reimbursement to Jorge Flores in the amount of \$1,182.99 for expenses made on behalf of the Los Ebanos Golf Course.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
11. To award engineering services for the FY2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
12. To consider the purchase of a Greenmaster 3150-Q for the Los Ebanos Golf Course
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
13. To approve the travel mileage went up to .67/mile.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To approve payment of invoices to purchase materials for site prep and rehabilitation of the Rio Grande overlook at Arroyo San Francisco. Reimbursement will come from awarded National Parks Service grant.
[Requested by: Pedro M. Morales, Commissioner Pct.2]
15. To approve provision of \$500,000 in IGT for Laredo Medical Center for the UC DY13 Advance IGT due on February 2nd.
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
16. To approve pay increase for Sergio Cavazos from \$12.88 per hour to \$13.98 per hour (Slot#4). Mr. Cavazos has met all educational TCEQ requirements and has achieved a wastewater Treatment Operator Class C License. Funds to come from 08-600-41110 License Stipends)
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
17. To participate in the annual TAC Cybersecurity training course as mandated by Texas Government Code 2054.5191 and allow the HR Director and IT Technician to be the administrators for training.
[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director]
18. To approve payment for concrete slab work done at the Zapata County airport, RAMP funds to be utilized.
[Requested by: Ramon Montes, Airport Manager]
19. To approve purchase of Bullet Resistant Body Armor from Galls for the amount of \$147,267.50 from Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (BAGP) FY-2024
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]
20. To approve Project Completion Report for TDHCA Ambulance Contract and approve Esser & Company Consulting LLC Invoice #2 & Final.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
21. To approve certificate of Construction Completion for Zapata County CDV 21-0307 Cardinal 7 Crane Street Improvement with invoice from Esser & Company.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
22. To review status of the Miraflores Park Improvements
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
23. To review status of the Miraflores Paving Project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
24. To review status of the Pelican Paving Project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
25. To review status of the Sheriff Office Project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
26. To approve the use of the Zapata Community Center on February 13, 2024 for a Forum sponsored by Zapata County News and Amistad Home Health
[Requested by: Karren Westerman, Zapata County News]

27. To approve the use of the Zapata Community Center for the Winter Texan and Senior Citizen Appreciation Day sponsored by Zapata County Chamber of Commerce doors open at 9 a.m.
[Requested by: Karren Westerman, Zapata County News]
28. To request the use of Romeo Flores Park April 13, 2024 for Low Gear benefit Car Show
[Requested by: Ely Zepeda, Member]
29. To request the use of Hotel/Motel Funds for the Zapata County Fair.
[Requested by: Jaime Guerra & Rafael Garcia Zapata Co. Fair Assoc.]

CONSENT ITEMS:

Honorable, Pete Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2

30. To approve the following street lights.
 - a. 21st and Delmar St.
 - b. 25th and Alamo St.
 - c. 27th and Brazos St.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

31. To approve Resolution in support of Frontline Wellness Program FY-2025
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]
32. To approve Resolution in support of Operation Mindguard FY-2025
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]
33. To approve Resolution in support of Victims Crime Program FY-2025
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]
34. To approve Resolution in support of Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program (BAGP) FY-2024
[Requested by: Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office]

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.

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 19th DAY OF January, 2024

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis
Monica Alanis
Agenda Coordinator

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 19th day of January, 2024 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF January, 2024.

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

BY: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan

