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Zapata County Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

David R. Moya
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

July 14, 2025
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 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. Presentation on Zapata and Starr County farm bureau.
[Requested by: Jesse Rodriguez, Agrilife Extension]
11. Presentation on the Summer Reading program and new website
[Requested by: Rebecca Gutierrez., Library Director]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

12. To approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation (RPDO) and Zapata County for the FY 2026-2027 biennium.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
13. To approve a light on 6th St and Hidalgo Blvd on alleyway.
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct.1]

14. To approve payment for street lights at the Romeo Flores Park.
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct.1]
15. To approve the use of the show barn during the month of December for a prospect show.
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct.2]
16. To approve the purchase of \$1,511.86 for golf balls for the Los Ebanos Golf Course.
[Requested by: Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3]
17. To transfer Raul Ontiveros from 15-424 slot #7 to 15-424 slot #6 at \$15.05 hr. effective 7/14/2025.
[Requested by: Robert Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
18. To accept the retirement for Juan Jose Benavides from Road & Bridge Pct. 4 Department 15-424 slot #6 effective 6/27/2025 with 16 years of service.
[Requested by: Robert Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
19. To approve the purchase of 240 new mattresses for regional and county jail cells in the amount of \$22,548.00
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff]
20. To approve the transfer of two vehicles a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and 2011 Ford F350 from the Sheriff's Office to the Zapata County Water Plant.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff]
21. To approve a cash match for Operation Body Cameras grant # 4372502 Annual Amount \$18,656.00
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff]
22. To discuss payment of \$16,931.36 for two invoices for Company Wrap Intrensic that were left from the previous administration.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff]
23. To discuss and take possible action to amend the budget to reflect the change in status of employment of Zapata County Attorney Investigator. The investigator is listed under the budget as a grant employee and hence not eligible for full Zapata County employee benefits. Make his hours retroactive.
[Requested by: Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney]
24. To approve the Zapata County Holiday Calendar for FY. 2025-2026 as presented.
[Requested by: Nellie R. Treviño, HR Director]
25. To approve the TAC HEBP Renewal for FY 2025-2026 as presented
[Requested by: Nellie R. Treviño, HR Director]
26. To approve the hiring of Juventino Zapata as Treatment Operator (Slot 4) at \$13.60 hr. effective July 9, 2025
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

27. To request the hiring of Herman Velasquez as Operator in Training (Slot 9) at \$10.98 hr. effective July 9, 2025.
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
28. To discuss the Zapata County Waterworks Stage IV- Mandatory Water Use Restrictions
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
29. To approve a county match for the TxDOT Airport runway rehabilitation project.
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Director]
30. To request monies for Prescription Assistance in the amount \$3,000.00 to cover three months.
[Requested by: Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent Director]
31. To approve the preliminary plat for Burger King.
[Requested by: Paulino Paredes,]
32. To review the Booster Station and the Drainage project.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
33. To review final plat for Loma Linda Ranchettes Unit II
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
34. To review Zapata Raw Water Intake
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
35. To review San Ygnacio Water Plant project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
36. To review Zapata Drainage project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
37. To review Booster Station project
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
38. *To discuss issue regarding loose dogs in town.*
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
39. *To discuss and take possible action regarding land usage during the Hwy 16 Drainage project.*
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
40. *To consider and take action on the recommendations of the Zapata County Water Plant Manager, Ralph Treviño, regarding an "at-will" employee at the plant.*
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

CONSENT ITEMS:

Line-item Transfers

41. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Road & Bridge Pct. 1	015-421-42700	Road Construction	\$1,000.00
TO	Road & Bridge Pct. 1	015-421-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00

[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct.1]

42. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	County Clerk	010-403-42611	Elections	\$10,000.00
TO	County Clerk	010-403-43740	Records Processing	\$10,000.00

[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]

43. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Zapata Co. Library	010-650-43612	Books & Periodicals	\$500.00
TO	Zapata Co. Library	010-650-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00
FROM	Zapata Co. Library	010-650-42610	General Supplies	\$800.00
TO	Zapata Co. Library	010-650-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$800.00

[Requested by: Rebecca Gutierrez., Librarian Director]

44. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Aviation Dept.	010-667-43580	Travel & Training	\$400.00
TO	Aviation Dept.	010-667-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$400.00
FROM	Aviation Dept.	010-667-43580	Travel & Training	\$325.00
TO	Aviation Dept.	010-667-42620	Fuel Lubricants	\$325.00

[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Director]

45. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Constable Pct.4	010-550-43584	Travel & Training	\$1,068.00
TO	Constable Pct. 4	010-550-42614	General Supplies	\$1,068.00

[Requested by: Adrian Lopez, Constable Pct. 4]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

46. To approve a Resolution in Support of Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff]

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

47. *To discuss issue regarding loose dogs in town. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
48. *To discuss and take possible action regarding land usage during the Hwy 16 Drainage project [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
49. *To consider and take action on the recommendations of the Zapata County Water Plant Manager, Ralph Treviño, regarding an "at-will" employee at the plant. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

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 11th DAY OF July, 2025

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis
Monica Alanis
Agenda Administrator

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 11th day of July, 2025 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF July, 2025.

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

BY: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan

