



Zapata County Commissioners Court

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Joseph Rathmell County Judge

Paco Mendoza 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 October 15, 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 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. Update on USDA food program.

[Requested by: Ramiro Hernandez, USDA Food Program]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

11. To discuss and consider regarding the hiring of a Zapata County Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This individual will serve in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer for the county, with responsibilities to include overseeing the financial operations of the county, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations, managing the County budget, supervising financial reporting, and providing fiscal recommendations to the Commissioners Court.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

12. To approve payment to Capex Consulting in the amount of \$30,000 for professional services in relation to Ignis Energy

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

13. To accept donation of a 30ft easement to Zapata County for a road to Bustamante Cemetery of Highway 16.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To approve the FY25 VINES Service Renewal

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

15. To approve 2025 SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

16. To approve payments to RDO Equipment Co. for dozer repairs

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

17. To approve payment to Rafael Martinez for dozer parts.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

18. To approve payment for dozer parts to Auto Parts.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

19. To approve the transfer of Roel Ivan Guzman (Slot23, Meter Reader) at \$11.98/hr. to (Slot 27, Water Plant Maintenance) at \$12.85/hr. effective September 16, 2024.

[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

20. To approve estimate for a cement slab at the Zapata County Airport

[Requested by: Ramon Montes, Airport Director]

21. To approve Professional Service Agreement between Zapata County, Texas and Andres Garcia Zuniga, M.S. for Inmates Medical Services for an annual fee of \$100,000 for two (2) years.

[Requested by: Carlos Ramirez, Sheriff's Office]

22. To consider contracting a grant writing and management firm for the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Housing For Texas Heroes Grant.

[Requested by: Adolfo "Pope" Gonzalez, Veterans Service Officer]

23. To approve the use of the open pavilion for a Vendor's Market benefiting Zapata North Elementary on October 20, 2024

[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct.2]

- 24. To solicit bids for refilling of the old Zapata County landfill to meet TCEQ requirements
 [Requested by: Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director]
- 25. To review bids and award the CFC21-0191 Medina Addition Zapata Colonia Drainage Project [Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
- 26. To review status of the Jail Project Improvements

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

- 27. To review status of the CFC21-0191 Northwest Colonia Booster Station Project [Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
- 28. To review status of the San Ygnacio Water plant project
 [Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
- 29. To review ROW on Linda Vista Subdivision street for possible closure [Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
- 30. To review and approve plat on Ramirez Dr Lot 8 Vol 749 pg 522-523 into Lot 8A & 8B [Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
- 31. To approve the use the Zapata County Community Center parking lot on October 31, 2024 for Trunk or Treat.

[Requested by: Alejandro Barrera Jr., Sheriff's Office]

- 32. To approve the use of the County Fair Grounds for the Circus on February 10, 2025. [Requested by: John Albert, Circus Owner]
- 33. To request office space and use of utilities to continue to provide prevention, intervention and treatment services to the Community and discuss new programs available.

 [Requested by: Magdalena Amesquita, SCAN]
- 34. To request authorization to use the Oswaldo Ramirez Show Barn on December 14, 2024 to conduct a Hog Prospect Show.

[Requested by: Gabriel Lopez, Nuffy's MBE]

- 35. To discuss an issue related to a Sewer Service Dispute
 [Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
- 36. To take corrective action regarding compensatory time and FLSA law.

 [Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]

CONSENT ITEMS:

Line-item Transfers

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

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	LINE ITEM	<u>FUND</u>	AMOUNT
FROM	Justice of the Peace Pct.1	010-455-42611	General Supplies	\$300.00
ТО	Justice of the Peace Pct.1	010-455-43431	Repairs & Maintenance	\$300.00

[Requested by: Judge Anna M. Guerra, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1]

Honorable, Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2

- 38. To approve the following street lights.
 - a. 1013 Falcon Ave.

Honorable, Joey Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3

- 39. To approve the following street lights.
 - a. Petty & South Siesta Lane
 - b. 5305 Sean Lane
 - c. 306 Lincoln
 - d. 5417 Swoop Lane
 - e. 308 Seagull
 - f. 11th & Jackson Street
 - g. 110 JL Guevara Street
 - h. 237 Raven
 - i. 5210 Salvador

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

40. Proclamation for Down Syndrome Month of October 2024.

[Requested by: Diana L. Salazar, LIDDA Supervisor]

41. Proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness week.

[Requested by: Diana L. Salazar, LIDDA Supervisor]

42. Resolution of the Commissioners court to Zapata County, Texas, in support of STARR County's Request to transfer from Border Region Behavioral Health and Join Tropical Texas Behavioral Health.

[Requested by: Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]

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

43. To discuss an issue related to a Sewer Service Dispute. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 551, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074(A)(B) (Personnel Matters)]

[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

44. To take corrective action regarding compensatory time and FLSA law. .[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 551, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074(A)(B) (Personnel Matters)]

[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director

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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 15th DAY OF October, 2024

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

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 <u>15th</u> day of <u>October, 2024</u> and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF October, 2024.

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

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