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Zapata County Commissioners Court *JJ* DEPUTY

Joseph Rathmell  
County Judge

David Moya  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Pedro Morales  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jose A. Solis  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Roberto Garza  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Public Notice  
Regular Commissioners Court Meeting  
September 08, 2025  
9:15 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 Checks Issued.  
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

8. To certify the order for annual compensation for County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporters.  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. To adopt the Zapata County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
10. To adopt the 2025-2026 tax rate for Zapata County in accordance with Local Government Code Sections 111.007-111.010 by executing an "Order Setting Tax Rate for 2025-2026"  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
11. To set the salaries and the number of positions by approving the General Order of Personnel for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
12. To approve the "Operational General Order for Fiscal Year 2025-2026."  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]

13. To authorize the County Treasurer and the County Auditor to close all accounts and make all necessary line item transfers.  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
14. To award granting writing and administrative services for the 2026 TxCDBG Colonia Fund Construction.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
15. To award engineering services for the 2026 TxCDBG Colonia Fund Construction.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
16. To award granting writing and administrative services for the 2027-2028 TxCDBG Community Development Fund.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
17. To award engineering services for the 2022027-2028 TxCDBG Community Development Fund.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
18. To consider and approve a proposal from Zapata Q.A. to install an extended sun protection roof at the San Ygnacio Waterworks  
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct.2]
19. To approve the policies for Operation Lone Star for FY 2026.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
20. To approve the Final Compliance Project & Expenditure Report to the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds(ARPA)  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
21. To approve the Esser & Company Consulting LLC Invoices 2434 & Final for the Management of the Zapata County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA).  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
22. Update/Status on Zapata County FY 2026 Operation Lone Star Grant Program  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
23. To approve of 2026 CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurance from for FY 26 Operation Lone Star  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
24. To approve the TxDOT temporary closure State Right-of-Way Permit Application for the use of US Hwy83 for the Annual 2025 Hawk Fest Parade and approve the Resolution of said event.  
[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]
25. To request the use of the Zapata County Community Center on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8AM – 4PM for the Mesquite District FFA Leadership Club.  
[Requested by: Jiovanna Sanchez, Club Representative]

26. To approve program contract between Zapata Crime Stoppers and Zapata County Commissioners' Court with an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000 as stated in Section 351.901 of the Local Government Code.

[Requested by: Leslie V. Gutierrez, Board Member]

27. To review status and take action on Raw Water Intake Improvements

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

28. To review status and take action on Zapata County Fire Station Offices

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

29. To review status and take action on Zapata County Sheriff Office Improvements

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

30. To review status and take action on Zapata County 4H Arena Project

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

31. To review status and take action on Zapata County Waterworks General Engineering Services (Water Audit report, sewer plant permits, etc.)

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

## CONSENT ITEMS:

### Line-item Transfers

32. 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.	081-518-43580	Travel & Training	\$1,963.61
TO	Aviation Dept.	081-518-42610	General Supplies	\$1,963.61
FROM	Aviation Dept.	010-667-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$200.00
TO	Aviation Dept.	010-667-42620	Fuel & Lubricant	\$200.00

[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Director]

33. 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. 2	010-550-43582	Travel Training	\$800.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-42612	General Supplies	\$800.00

[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]

## RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

### 34. Proclamation declaring Suicide Awareness Month in Zapata County

[Requested by: Diana Salazar, Border Region Behavioral Health Center]

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 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF September, 2025

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF September, 2025.

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

By: Lora L. Lucio

