



## 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

HARRY JAYNE  
CLERK  
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ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS  
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# Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting December 08, 2025 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: 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]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

10. To approve a lease agreement extension with Merit Energy.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
11. To approve Texas Parks and Wildlife Department County Boat Agent Agreement.  
[Requested by: Delia Mendoza, Tax Assessor/Collector]
12. To approve a four year contract for Body Worn Camera Cloud Service by WRAP.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
13. To approve Amendment One to Inmate Telephone and Video Visitation Service Agreement with Prodigy Solutions  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
14. To approve the purchase of Kenwood radios (mobile and handheld) through OLS FY26 grant funding  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]

15. To approve the purchase of three units: One (1) unit funded through OPSG in the amount \$74,644.00 and two (2) units funded through OLS for the amount of \$150,050.00.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
16. To approve the hire of Victor D. Perez General Order 10-543-Slot#24 as a Paramedic @\$15.19hr.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel D. Arriaga, Fire Chief]
17. To approve the hire of Sebastian Villarreal General order 10-543- Slot#26 as a EMT-Basic @13.00 hr.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel D. Arriaga, Fire Chief]
18. To approve the use of the Show Barn for a Pig Prospect Show on January 3, 2026  
[Requested by: Arnulfo Puente, Organizer]
19. To approve the establishment of the Zapata County Tourism Board.  
[Requested by: Jennifer Thatcher, Board President]
20. To approve Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC to apply for the Recreational Trails Grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife.  
[Requested by: Yvette Utley, Lone Star Strategy Group]
21. To approve resolution for the Recreational Trails Grant Through Texas Parks and Wildlife.  
[Requested by: Yvette Utley, Lone Star Strategy Group]
22. *Consultation with legal counsel in executive session regarding potential litigation involving the construction of border barriers and related federal actions affecting Zapata County.*  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
23. *Discussion and possible action to retain outside legal counsel to represent the County in such matters involving the construction of border barriers and related federal actions affecting Zapata County.*  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
24. To approve the Interlocal Agency Agreement between Falfurrias Police Dept. and Zapata County Sheriff's Office.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. Consultation with legal counsel in executive session regarding potential litigation involving the construction of border barriers and related federal actions affecting Zapata County.***[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).***  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

26. *Discussion and possible action to retain outside legal counsel to represent the County in such matters involving the construction of border barriers and related federal actions affecting Zapata County.[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

27. *To approve the Interlocal Agency Agreement between Falfurrias Police Dept. and Zapata County Sheriff's Office.[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]

## 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 December, 2025

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica B. 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 December, 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 December, 2025.

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

By: Lou L. Lujan