



## 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

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# Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting December 22, 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: 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. Presentation of Delinquent Tax Collection Report for the period of October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025  
[Requested by: Jaime E. Gonzalez, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP]
9. Presentation regarding Vara Hospice Services.  
[Requested by: Reynaldo Villarreal, Vara Hospice]
10. Presentation on Health Services  
[Requested by: Manuel Sanchez, Pillar Co. Founder and CEO]
11. To present the Zapata County Fair Financial report  
[Requested by: Jaime A. Guerra, Fair Association]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

12. To allow the County Judge to sign on behalf of Zapata County a Landlord's Waiver and Consent for the Zapata County Fair Association.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

13. To consider and approve FM Tax and Consulting LLC to provide professional financial, accounting, payroll, utility billing, budget preparation and audit support services as outlined in attachment A of engagement letter.  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
14. To approve the hire of Deputy Sheriff positions in slot numbers 1, 3, & 4 Operation Lone Star (Department 410)  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
15. To approve the hire of a Detention Officer in Slot 6 Department 561 (Sheriff's County Jail)  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
16. To approve the transfer of Slot 9 from Department 561 (Sheriff's County Jail) to a new Slot under Department 567 (Sheriff's Regional Jail)  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
17. To approve the hire of a Detention Officer in added slot from Department 567 (Sheriff's Regional Jail).  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
18. To approve the hire of Detention Officer in Slot 21 under Department 567 (Sheriff's Regional Jail)  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
19. To approve the hire of Telecommunications Operator in Slot 34 in Sheriff's Department 560  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
20. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, United States Border Patrol and Zapata County Sheriff's Office  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
21. To approve payment for invoice #3735 from Rhyon Technology Services, LLC in the amount of \$13,500.00 for one (1) year of maintenance and support for the jail inmate cell check Login System.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
22. To approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Zapata County Sheriff's Office on U.S. Customs and Border Protection Component Frequencies.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
23. To approve payment to of \$12,750.00 to Local Government Solutions, LP (LGS) for installation of software and staff training; to be paid out of Records Preservation account.  
[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]
24. To approve the resignation of Ashley D. Dominguez general order 10-543 slot #30 effective 12-5-25  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]

25. To approve the hire of Erik I. Guzman as an EMT-A @ \$13.30 hr. General Order 10-543 Slot # 30  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
26. To approve the hiring of Isabel Lerma as an Administrative Assistant (Slot 4) at a rate of \$11.48/hr. effective December 22, 2025  
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
27. To request the use of the Zapata County Show Barn on January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for the Falcon Lake Classic Prospect Show.  
[Requested by: Jesus Rodriguez, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension]
28. To review status on existing projects and consider payment requests on approved budgeted projects  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
29. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into an Amended Tax Abatement Agreement with Falcon Bess, LLC.  
[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]
30. To request hotel motel funds for the 2026 Zapata County Fair  
[Requested by: Jaime A. Guerra, Fair Association]
31. To approve the establishment of the Zapata County Tourism Board.  
[Requested by: Jennifer Thatcher, Board President]

## **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

32. To approve a Resolution in support of an application for AWOS Replacement at the Zapata County Airport  
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport 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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2025

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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 16<sup>th</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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2025.

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

