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## Zapata County Commissioners Court *JK*

Joseph Rathmell  
County Judge

David R. Moya  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jose A. Solis  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Pedro Morales  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Roberto Garza  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice  
Regular Commissioners Court Meeting  
January 12, 2026  
9:05 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 advertise and solicit Grant Writing and Administrative Services through an RFP and Engineering Services through an RFQ for the DTOS59-26-RA-BUIID FY 2026 National Infrastructure Investment Department of Transportation.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
11. To appoint presiding judges & alternate judges for March 2026 Primary Election.  
[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk  
Dr. Diana Brandon, Democratic Party Chair]
12. To review and consider approval of the proposal for a new air conditioning unit at the Zapata County Jail.  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]

13. 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]
14. 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]
15. To approve payment for invoice #3735 from Rhyan 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]
16. To approve the Fourth Amendment for the Medical Office Space Lease  
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
17. To request \$15,000.00 from tobacco fund 67-800-43800 to Medical supplies 10-543-42611.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel D. Arriaga, Fire Chief]
18. Request to approve the hiring of Rodolfo Guerra as an Operator (Slot 17) at a rate of \$12.85hr effective January 13, 2026.  
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
19. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Bravo BESS LLC.  
[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]
20. To discuss and consider approval to take appropriate action on an order concerning the adoption and designation of the Zapata County Bravo BESS Reinvestment Zone #1 pursuant to the County's Guidelines and criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.  
[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]
21. To review status on the Raw Water Intake Project  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
22. To review status on the Sheriff's Office improvements Project  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
23. To review status on the 4H Arena Project  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
24. To review drainage issues on the Cardinal St in Falcon Mesa  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
25. To review drainage issues on 5<sup>th</sup>/Hwy 16  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
26. To review drainage issues on Lincoln/15<sup>th</sup> St  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

27. To review drainage issues on Lozano Rd  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
28. To approve the use of the Zapata County Fair Grounds and Pavilion on March 28, 2026 for the 2026 BorderFest.  
[Requested by: Ely Zepeda, Event Organizer]
29. To request the use of the Zapata Community Center for the event “Play Day” for children and families to connect with resources while children enjoy positive play on April 15, 2026.  
[Requested by: Maggie Amesquita, SCAN Inc.]
30. To request the use of the Zapata Community Center for the political forum on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by: Zapata County News and Amistad Home Health  
[Requested by: Karran Westernman, Zapata County News]

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

##### Honorable, Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

31. To approve the following street lights.
  - a. 705 Zapata Blvd

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

32. To approve Resolution in support of FY2026 Bullet-Resistant Components for Law Enforcement Vehicles  
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon 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 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2026

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis  
Monica Alanis  
Agenda Cordinator

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2026.

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

BY: Lora S. Stein

