



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

MARY JAYNE
VILLARREAL-BONAN
COUNTY CLERK

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Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting July 13, 2026 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. Presentation of 2026 Texas 4-H Round up participants
[Requested by: Jesse Rodriguez, Agrilife]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

11. To approve payment to Esser & Company Consulting in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Final closeout of CFC22-0086 San Ygnacio Water Improvements.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
12. To approve payment of \$5,750.00 to Zapata Quick Air for the replacement of a 5 Ton System at the Zapata Food Pantry.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

13. To approve the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$2,752.05 to Quick Air for work done at the San Ygnacio Civic Center
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct.2]
14. To approve the process to start the road bond
[Requested by: Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct.3]
15. To approve payments for pending invoices submitted by Quick Air and Joe Chick A/C & Electric for completed repair and maintenance work performed at the Regional Jail and County Jail facilities.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
16. To approve payment for the following invoices to be paid out of the County Clerk's Records Management/Preservation Fund: LGS \$1,373.00 & GovOS, Inc. (Neumo Tax & Licensing LLC \$3,608.90)
[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]
17. To discuss and take possible action on a Resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing "ELECTION EQUIPMENT"
[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]
18. To approve appraised value on parcels 1 and 3 for the Zapata County Airport expansion.
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Manager]
19. To consider bids and award for AWOS project.
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Manager]
20. To approve the hire of Esequiel Rodriguez Water Plant Operator in Training in 80-600-slot #31 at \$10.98/hour effective 7/13/2026.
[Requested by: Ruben Peña, Water Plant Manager]
21. To transfer \$46,517.00 from Tobacco Fund 67-800-43800 to Medical Supplies 10-543-42611
[Requested by: Chief Daniel D. Arriaga, Fire Chief]
22. To transfer \$39,616.67 from Tobacco Fund 67-800-43800 to Repairs & Maintenance 10-543-43430.
[Requested by: Chief Daniel D. Arriaga, Fire Chief]
23. To approve the use of the Zapata Pavilion on August 22, 2026 for a benefit event to assist a local cancer patient
[Requested by: Ely Zepeda, Event Organizer]
24. To consider and approve Application Filing and Authorized Representative Resolution for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Water Infrastructure Grant.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
25. To consider and approve Application Affidavit for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Water Infrastructure Grant.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]

26. To consider and approve Application Resolution Certificate of Secretary for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Water Infrastructure Grant.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
27. To consider and approve Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Affidavit of Environmental Compliance
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
28. To consider and approve signatory Authority Delegation for the Zapata County Water Supply and Infrastructure Project.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
29. To Consider Requesting proposals for Planning and Environment Services for the Zapata County Target Range Planning Grant.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
30. To consider Requesting Qualifications for Engineering, Architectural Services for the Zapata County Target Range Planning Grant.
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
31. To review and consider Loma Linda Ranchettes Phase 4 Plat located on the Mesa Salinas Rd.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering]
32. *To discuss and consider repairs for damage caused to a local residence.*
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
33. *To Deliberate and Consider Action regarding Attorney Reports for Zapata County Vs. Bigler*
[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Legal Consultant]
34. *To Deliberate and Consider Action regarding Attorney Reports for Border Barrier issues including response to U.S. Customs and Border Protection- Notice of Interest letter*
[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Legal Consultant]

CONSENT ITEMS:

35. 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	Indigent Health Care	010-640-42610	General Supplies	\$250.00
TO	Indigent Health Care	010-640-33540	Rentals/Contracts	\$250.00

[Requested by: Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent Director]

36. 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	County Judge	010-400-42618	Postage/Freight	\$800.00
TO	County Judge	010-400-42620	Fuel & Lubricants	\$800.00

[Requested by: Roxana Elizondo, County Judge's Office]

37. 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	Zapata Sheriff's Office	010-560-42618	Postage/Freight	\$272.00
TO	Zapata Sheriff's Office	010-560-43440	Rentals	\$272.00

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

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

38. Proclamation to honor Zapata High School student Alex Chapa, Jr. for his selection to represent U.S. Congressional District 26 at the 2026 Congressional Art Competition in Washington, D.C.

[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

39. To discuss and consider repairs for damage caused to a local residence. ***[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).***

[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]

40. To Deliberate and Consider Action regarding Attorney Reports for Zapata County Vs. Bigler ***[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).***

[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Legal Consultant]

41. To Deliberate and Consider Action regarding Attorney Reports for Border Barrier issues including response to U.S. Customs and Border Protection- Notice of Interest letter ***[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).***

[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Legal Consultant]

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 7th DAY OF July, 2026

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis

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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 7th day of July, 2026 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF July, 2026.

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

BY: Cecilia S. Molina, Deputy

