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## Zapata County Commissioners Court *ch*

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 November 24, 2025 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: 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 on Proposal to Establish the Zapata County Tourism Board.  
[Requested by: Jennifer Thatcher, Board President]
9. Presentation & action on the Zapata County soil & Water Conservation District budget request.  
[Requested by: Jose Dodier., Zapata Soil & Water Conservation District]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

10. To transfer Corando Garza, Labor/Maintenance in 15-422- slot #5 @ \$11.00/hr. to Equipment Operator in 15-422- slot#2 @\$12.75/hr. effective 11/17/2025.  
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2]
11. To hire Labor/Maintenance Position in 15-422- slot #5 @ \$11.00/hr. effective 11/17/2025.  
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2]
12. To request street closures surrounding the San Ygnacio Fort to include the following streets: Uribe Street; Benavidez Street; Treviño Street and Washington Avenue on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for the Lighting Parade by the River Pierce Foundation.  
[Requested by: Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2]

13. To allow County Commissioners to purchase holiday decorations from the Parks Line item.  
[Requested by: Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3]
14. To approve the repairs to the Sheriff's Office and County Jail Roof due to water damages.  
[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]
15. To approve invoice payment to DBT Transportation Services, LLC. for Contract Service.  
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Director]
16. To accept the resignation of Linda E. Meza General Order 10-543- Slot #24 effective November 8, 2025.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
17. To accept the resignation of Jon-Carlo Gutierrez General Order 10-543-Slot #20 Effective October 30, 2025.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
18. To approve the hire of Adalberto Solis III as an EMT-B @13.00/hr. General Order 10-543 Slot #20.  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
19. To approve payment to Laredo Dodge Chrysler Jeep for repairs to ambulance in the amount of \$15,500.96  
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
20. To hire Leonardo Zavala on slot #10 at the Landfill at \$10.48/hr. He completed his 90 day probation.  
[Requested by: Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director]
21. To transfer Mario Salinas from slot #3 @ \$10.48 to Slot #2 at \$11.69 at the Recycling Department  
[Requested by: Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director]
22. To consider and approve Resolution to apply for the 2026 CDBG Colonia Fund Construction Program to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Pre-Application Deadline is January 8, 2026.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
23. To consider and approve Esser & Company Consulting LLC Contract for Pre-Funding and Post Funding Administration Services for the 2026 CDBG Colonia Fund Construction Program.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
24. To consider and approve Application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a Target Range Facility Planning Grant and approve Esser & Company to prepare application. Deadline is February 2, 2026.  
[Requested by: Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC]
25. To review and act on the Zapata Co. Raw Water USDA Project.  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
26. To review and take action on Flores Street drainage culvert.  
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

27. To discuss and take possible action by Zapata County Commissioners' Court to consider and take appropriate action on a Resolution to reauthorize County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones in the jurisdiction of Zapata County, Texas for Property Tax Abatement under the Property Re-Development and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]

28. To discuss, consider, and possibly approve extending the contract with Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC, for an additional six months.

[Requested by: Yvette Utley, Lone Star Strategy Group]

29. *To discuss issues related to employee holiday compensation*

[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]

30. *To accept from the duly elected Zapata County Attorney, the Honorable Alfonso Figueroa, an offer to recuse himself and his office from all matters related to the investigation and prosecution of suits involving the negotiations, purchase, payments, installation, malfunctioning or non-functioning of a remote control camera system or systems in the County of Zapata's Jail facilities*

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

31. *To authorize the law firm of Hector Uribe, P.C. to represent the County of Zapata in matters related to the malfunctioning or non-functioning of a remote control camera system or systems in the County of Zapata's jail facilities and further authorizing the firm to file suit in appropriate courts, hire legal associates to assist the firm, technical experts, investigators and other staff.*

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

## CONSENT ITEMS:

Honorable, Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3

32. To approve the following street lights.
- a. 193 Madison
  - b. 257 Sierra Vista
  - c. 236 Raven St.
  - d. 5321 Atwood Lane
  - e. 1814/1816 North Siesta
  - f. 5412 Juan Lane
  - g. 5411 Salvador Lane
  - h. 5426 Mercedes Lane
  - i. 1931 North Siesta Lane
  - j. 5310 Rio Lane

### Line-item Transfers

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	Environmental	10-595-49100	Capital Outlay	\$19,189.73
TO	Capital Outlay	10-695-49401	Truck-Environmental	\$19,189.73

[Requested by: Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director]

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

34. *To discuss issues related to employee holiday compensation***[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).**

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2025.

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

BY: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan

