

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 14th day of January, A. D., 2008, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas, convened in REGULAR SESSION of said Court, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse of Zapata, Texas, with the following members of said Court, to-wit:

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Rosalva Guerra | County Judge |
| Jose Emilio Vela | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
| Gabriel Villarreal | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Joseph Rathmell | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| Norberto Garza | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Saíd Alfonso Figueroa | County Attorney |
| Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan | County Clerk |

VISITORS:

Celica A. Rodriguez (present for County Clerk), Romeo Salinas, Doroteo Garza, Ramiro V. Martinez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Laura Guerra, Hector Uribe, Juan J. Meza, Alberto Arambula, Paula D. Kant, Luis Dominguez, Manurl A. Uribe, Helen Byrn Sandler, Mike Chapa, Scot Luther, Pepe Guevara, Peggy Umphres, Davy Hite, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Luis L. Gonzalez, San Juanita Sanchez, Delia R. Mendoza, Jose F. Mendoza, Fernando Muñoz, Jr., Ana M. Muñoz, Dorothy Pizaña, Juan Alvaro Garza, Jr., Maria G. Davila, Beatriz M. Lopez, and Carlos M. Ramirez.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A. M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report as presented by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2007, as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Guerra congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for the bass tournament.

Romeo Salinas presented a three and a half minute video of the FLW Pro Bass Tournament in Falcon Lake. Mr. Salinas was informed that there were over 350 thousand hits on the first day.

Peggy Umphres thanked Commissioners' Court for their support.

Bass Masters will be coming back in April.

ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to appoint Manuel Uribe as Veteran Service Officer as requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING INITIATION OF PROPOSAL FROM LUTHER PROPERTIES TO CONSTRUCT A DIALYSIS CENTER BUILDING TO BE OPERATED BY FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE AND TO PROVIDE A ONE ACRE TRACT OF LAND FOR THIS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve initiation of proposal by Luther Properties, Houston, Texas to construct a dialysis center building to be operated by Fresenius Medical Care and to provide a one acre tract of land for this project. Final details to be reviewed by legal and fiscal officers of the County for final approval by the Commissioners' Court as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra and Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION LETTER FOR HISTORICAL COMMISSION FROM GUADALUPE PACHECO

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to accept resignation letter for the County Historical Commission from Guadalupe Pacheco as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA AND COMMISSIONER JOSEPH RATHMELL, PCT. 3, TO APPOINT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR PRECINCT THREE AS PER AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION OF JUAN A. GUEVARA, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 65 OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Judge Guerra, to TABLE the request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra, and Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3, to appoint Justice of the Peace for Pct. 3, as per the automatic resignation of Juan A. Guevara, pursuant to Article XVI, Section 65, of the Texas Constitution.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING TO SELECT SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FROM MEMBERS OF THE GRAND JURY

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to select a Salary Grievance Committee from members of the Grand Jury as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING MOTEL HOTEL MONEY FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ADVERTISEMENT (\$18,000)

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Motel Hotel money for Zapata County Fair Association advertisement (\$18,000) as requested by Annabel Navarro, President of Zapata County Fair Association.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION PLAQUE TO MR. HUGO GARZA, ZAPATA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Hugo Garza, Zapata County Maintenance Department Employee, was presented with an Appreciation Plaque for 32 years of service with Zapata County. Mr. Garza retired December 31, 2007.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION PROHIBITING SURFACE MINING AND MINERAL EXTRACTION IN THE ROMEO T. FLORES PARK SITE

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a resolution prohibiting surface mining and mineral extraction in the Romeo T. Flores Park site as requested by Carlos Colina Vargas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING DEDICATION OF AREA DESIGNATED AS THE ROMEO T. FLORES PARK FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve dedication of the area designated as the Romeo T. Flores park for recreation and open space in perpetuity as requested by Carlos Colina Vargas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF \$15,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF ONE-ACRE TRACT DESIGNATED FOR NATURE PRESERVE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TO BE PART OF THE ROMEO FLORES PARK PROJECT UNDER TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the expenditure of \$15,000 for the acquisition of a one-acre tract designated for nature preserve wildlife sanctuary to be part of the Romeo Flores Park Project under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1 and Carlos Colina Vargas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPOINTING MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO BE THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE ZAPATA COUNTY BOAT RAMP PROJECT 90921-28-006)

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint Mario Gonzalez-Davis to be the contact person for the Zapata Boat Ramp project (0921-28-006) effective immediately as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING TO PURCHASE ELEVEN ACRES MORE OR LESS OUT OF SECTION 5, AREA A, PORCION 33 AND 34 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ZAPATA BOAT RAMP PROJECT AT APPRAISED VALUE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to purchase eleven (11) acres more or less out of Section 5, Area A, Porcion 33 and 34 for the purpose of the Zapata Boat Ramp project (0921-28-006) at appraised value (appraised by Mrs. Hilda Flores) as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra and Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3. The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE GUERRA TO FILL COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT TO SERVE FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra, to fill County Historical Commission appointment to serve for the unexpired term in accordance to Local Government Code Chapter 318.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING PREPARATION OF STUDY BY PREMIER ENGINEERING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TRUCK/HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ROUTE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve to hire Premier Engineering to prepare a study for an alternative truck/hazardous material route, to come out of consultant line item, with option of getting figures, as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING AVIATION INVESTMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2007

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Aviation Investment and Modernization Act of 2007, as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING ZAPATA COUNTY PARTICIPATION WITH
TXDOT AVIATION DIVISION-RAMP GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve Zapata County participation with the TXDOT Aviation Division - RAMP Grant up to \$50,000.00 on a 50/50 cost share, as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER JOSE EMILIO VELA, PCT. 1,
TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FOR EIGHT COUNTY
MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES COMMUTING DAILY FROM FALCON, LOPEÑO
AND CHIHUAHUA TO ZAPATA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to deny the request by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct.1 to provide a transportation vehicle for (8) eight county maintenance employees commuting daily from Falcon, Lopeño, and Chihuahua to the Zapata County Maintenance Department.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING RFP'S TO AUGMENT EXISTING RECYCLING
FACILITY AND INITIATE EFFORTS TO ACCEPT PLASTICS, PAPER
AND OTHER RECYCLABLES BESIDES CARDBOARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve and accept RFP's to augment the existing recycling facility and initiate efforts to accept plastics, paper and other recyclables besides cardboard as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING FILLING OF OPEN POSITION UNDER
ZAPATA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve filling open position under the Zapata County Maintenance Department (heavy truck operator) with Mr. Marcial Cadena CDL driver applicant, at the rate of \$8.25 per hour effective January 21, 2008 as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING SECURITY LIGHT ON CORNER OF 1404 ALAMO STREET

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a security light on the corner of 1404 Alamo Street (Pole exists on corner) as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN JIM HOGG, STARR AND ZAPATA COUNTIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution in support of the South Texas Development Council application to administer the Community Services Block Grant, the Weatherization Assistance Program in Jim Hogg, Starr and Zapata Counties as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING RE-PLAT OF OAKS AT FALCON ESTATES AS PRESENTED

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve re-plat of Oaks at Falcon Estates as presented as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., P.E.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS FROM ALL CALICHE ACCOUNTS TO ALLOW FOR PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the removal of the restriction from all caliche accounts to allow for the purchase of supplies and equipment for road maintenance and repair as follows: 15-621-590 Caliche Pct. 1, \$75,000.00; 15-621-593 Caliche Pct. 2, \$100,000.00; 15-621-594 Caliche Pct. 3, \$50,000.00; 15-621-594 Caliche Pct 4, \$75,000.00 as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF A 672 D JOHN DEERE
MOTOR GRADER FOR PCT. 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the purchase of a 672 John Deere Motor Grader for Pct. 4 from line item 15-621-595 Caliche Pct. 4, purchase price not to exceed \$75,000.00 as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**NO ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY CARLOS TREVIÑO, JR. TO APPROVE HOLD
ON PAVING CONTRACTORS FROM PROCEEDING ON STREETS THAT HAVE
NOT HAD WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE**

No action was taken on the request by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Sewer Director to approve a hold on Paving Contractors from proceeding on streets that have not had water and sewer infrastructure upgrade, and to impose county repair costs on contractor line breaks due to irresponsible coordination of projects.

Judge Guerra recommended that contractor and waterworks get together and work it out.

**ORDER APPROVING CHARGING TO ROYALTY FUND OR OTHER MEANS,
WATER AND SEWER MATERIALS TO UPGRADE INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED
TO STREET PAVING PROJECTS FOR ALL PRECINCTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve charging to royalty fund or other means, water and sewer materials to upgrade infrastructure related to street paving projects for all precincts. Items to include: paving, valves, meters and appurtenances, and other occasional private contractor to assist with labor as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Sewer Director. (Commissioner Vela will send his crew to help remove fire hydrants that are not connected.)

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF ROSALINDA GUZMAN TO POSITION OF
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FOR WATER PLANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve hiring of Rosalinda Guzman to the position of Accounts Receivable, Slot #6, at \$9.34 per hour for Water Plant Administration Offices as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Sewer Director.

The above motion being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Rathmell, Villarreal and Vela. Commissioner Garza and Judge Guerra voted against. Motion to authorize carried.

**ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION BOARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve appointment of Eduardo Martinez as Member to the Planning and Zoning Commissioner Board as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING NOTIFICATION OF NO INVESTMENT CHANGES
TO UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2008**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve notification of no investment changes to updated Investment Policy for FY 2008 as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer/Certified Investment Officer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2008

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve updated Investment Policy for FY 2008 as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer/Certified Investment Officer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT ON FALCON LAKE
ESTATES WEST PHASE II - COLONIA PROJECT CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve award of contract on Falcon Lake Estates West Phase II - Colonia Project Contract No. 727-115 to SER Construction Partners as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the 2003 International Building Code, published by the International Code.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT UNIFORM CODE FOR ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1994 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code, 2000 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO
ADOPT 2003 EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO
ADOPT UNIFORM HOUSING CODE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the Uniform Housing Code, 1994 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO
ADOPT UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the Uniform Mechanical Code , 2003 Edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND
TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO
ADOPT INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND
TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to

adopt the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, 2000 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT UNIFORM SOLAR ENERGY CODE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt the Uniform Solar Energy Code, 1998 Edition, with Appendix, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY TO ADOPT CERTAIN BUILDING PLAN AND PERMIT FEES FOR FALCON LAKE AREA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on Resolution for County to adopt certain building plan and permit fees for the Falcon Lake Area.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE FOR FALCON LAKE AREA OF COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on an ordinance for the Falcon Lake Area of the County, establishing load limits on County streets; providing for a permit procedure for overweight trucks; providing for truck routes and for loading and unloading; establishing exceptions; providing enforcement procedures and definitions; and providing for a penalty.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE TO CONSIDER
AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE CREATING LAND
DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING REGULATIONS FOR FALCON LADE AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to TABLE the request by Hector Uribe, to consider and take appropriate action on an ordinance creating land development and zoning regulations for the Falcon Lake Area; creating distinct zoning districts; establishing the Falcon Lake Planning Commission; a Board of Adjustments; a Historic Landmark Commission; and providing for enforcement and penalties for violation of any provision of said ordinance.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the invoices as presented by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

REPORTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Zapata County Medical Group December 2007 monthly report as requested
by Mike Chapa, Indigent Director**

Mr. Mike Chapa presented his written report for December 1 - December 31, 2007. He stated that they finally got the Medicaid numbers. Starting January The Group will start reimbursing the County \$139,281.66 every month until September which will give the County \$1.2 Million for 2009 to work with the Indigent Health Care. Patient volume continues to grow.

Report from County Extension Agent Carlos Ramirez

Mr. Carlos Treviño, County Extension Agent reported that the agency's name had been changed six years ago from Texas Agricultural Extension Service to Texas Cooperative Extension. The marketing department at Texas A&M did some studies and they are having problems with brand identity so the decision was made to change the name again to Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

This year they established the Zapata County Extension Leadership Advisory Board to help identify relevant issues in the County and guide them to find out what people at local level wanted for the agency to provide.

The 4-H Club increased by 30 percent from last year. Mesquite 4-H, North 4-H and South 4-H have been opened. There will be a horse clinic sometime in June. Three 4-H members will participate in the San Antonio Live Stock Show.

OTHER REPORTS

Irma Espinoza addressed Commissioners Court regarding the late hours at the Zapata County Community Center. She stated that she had been before Commissioners' Court in April and had requested permission to leave the dance at 1:00 a.m. on a Friday and her request was denied. However, there were two dances in December and they were there until 1:00 a.m. on a Friday, one of the dances was a County dance and the other one was a quinceañera. Commissioners' Court will relate the message to Mr. Rolando Villarreal. She stated that if this continued she would request her money back.

Commissioner Vela stated that Mr. Aurelio Villarreal has donated some land and they would provide the Warranty Deed.

Mr. Vela also stated that he had a request from the South Elementary School regarding the traffic congestion in the areas of drop-off and pick-up of the children so they will be planning a new entrance. It will be done through Commissioner Vela's budget and will be reimbursed part of it. Mr. Gonzalez helped out with the design free of charge and came up with a plan.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve line item transfers from 10-598-205 \$389.84 to 10-598-427 \$389.84 and from 10-598-205 \$229.98 to 10-598-427 \$229.98 as requested by Hector Lopez, Jr., Recycling Supervisor.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, and being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

There being no further business for disposition at this term, the Court adjourned.

ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS