

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 15th day of December A. D., 2008, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas, convened in **SPECIAL 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:

Hon. Rosalva Guerra	County Judge
Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Joseph Rathmell	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

Absent:

Hon. Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
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VISITORS:

Doroteo Garza, Ramiro V. Martinez, Nellie R. Treviño, Hector Uribe, Juan J. Meza, Jose W. Lopez, Zach Lindsey, A. Villarreal, Jose Angel Gutierrez, Wesley McMeans, Yadid Piña, Isela Piña, Ma. Veronica Lopez, Flora Torres, Aminta R. Villarreal, Roberto Villarreal, Josefina Forthun, Eugenia Cuellar, Amapola Cavazos, Alicia Guevara, Melba Stukel, Ray Stukel, Patricia G. Medina, Harold Herring, Mario J. Garza, Amada V. Garza, Avon Hatfield, Trinidad Salazar Edgerton, Richard Edgerton, Hilda G. Flores, Melida G. Slayton, Mabel CM, Preston Taylor, Edna Umphres, Jaime A. Gonzalez, Lalo Guzman, and San Juana Guzman.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05 A.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Amada Villarreal-Garza addressed Commissioners' Court and presented a petition signed by many members of the community who are against the sexually oriented business. Mrs. Villarreal-Garza also provided Commissioners' Court with a list posted by the Texas Department of Public Safety listing 16 registered offenders in Zapata County. Mrs. Eugenia Cuellar, Mr. Jaime Gonzalez, and Mrs. Avon Hatfield, all Zapata County residents, also voiced their concerns and opposition regarding said sexually oriented business.

Mr. Hector Uribe, representing Zapata County, also addressed Commissioners' Court and the public. He explained Section 243.003 of the State Legislature. He also stated that Zapata County will soon be dealing with zoning regulations.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL TO ENTER INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:45 A.M.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER RATHMELL TO RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION AT 12:20 P.M.**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND
MR. HECTOR URIBE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING
THE CREATION OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
ADULT ORIENTED BUSINESSES WITHIN THE ZAPATA COUNTY FALCON ZONE
AREA AS REQUESTED BY JOSEPH RATHMELL, PCT. 3**

Mr. Hector Uribe announced that a hearing would be held at which time appropriate action would be taken.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND
MR. HECTOR URIBE REGARDING THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH
ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL GROUP AS REQUESTED
BY COMMISSIONER JOSE EMILIO VELA, PCT. 1.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Guerra announced that she had receive a letter from TCEQ stating that our water system has been chosen to receive a TCEQ 2008 Public Drinking Water Recognition Program award. She also mentioned that she receive a letter from USDA of grant approval for the Las Palmas drainage project.

ORDER APPROVING \$40,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 60'X24' METAL BUILDING AT RECYCLE CENTER FOR HORIZONTAL BALER

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve \$40,000 for the construction of a 60'x24' metal building at the recycling center for the horizontal baler. (Funds from acct. 10-409-706 or 10-590-488), 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 RENEWAL OF THE ZAPATA COUNTY GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FY 08-09 PROVIDED BY TRIDENT INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve renewal of the Zapata County General Liability Insurance coverage for FY 08-09 provided by Trident Insurance Services, LLC., as requested 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.

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW BUNKER GEAR
FOR FIRE FIGHTERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of new bunker gear (10) for the fire fighters at a cost of \$17,150.00, as requested by Fire Chief Juan Jose Meza.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW SCBA AIR PACS
FOR FIRE FIGHTERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the purchase of new SCBA Air pacs (10) for fire fighters at a cost of \$45,000, by requested by Fire Chief Juan Jose Meza.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW AMBULANCE FOR FIRE/EMS
FROM TOBACCO FUNDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the purchase of a new ambulance for the Fire/EMS from the tobacco funds at approximately \$120,000.00., as requested by Fire Chief Juan Jose Meza.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CONTRACTOR BID FOR RE-ROOFING OF
COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR, COUNTY JAIL, AND COUNTY LIBRARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the contractor bid by Jaco-Roofing in the amount of \$197,356 with an additive alternate bid of \$18,815 (County Jail), being the lowest bidder for the re-roofing of the County Airport Hangar, County Jail, and the County Library with a Dura-Last or equivalent roofing system, as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Projects Coordinator.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO PREMIER CIVIL ENGINEERING, L.L.C.
FOR MAPS PRESERVATION, COPY, SCAN AND INDEX
TO BE PAID FROM COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS
MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve payment to Premier Civil Engineering, L.L.C. the amount of \$2,600.00 for maps preservation, scan, copy and index to be paid from the County Clerk's record's management and preservation funds, as requested 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.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHT ON
HWY 16 AND 14TH STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve installation of a security light on Hwy 16 and 14th Street, pole already exists, 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP ON ZAPATA STREET,
BETWEEN 7TH AND 10TH STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a speed hump on Zapata Street, between 7th and 10th Street, 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.

REPORTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON HOSPITAL PROJECT FOR ZAPATA
BY FRANK SALAZAR**

Mr. Frank Salazar, with Valencia Development addressed Commissioners' Court regarding the hospital project for Zapata County. He stated that they have secured the Counties of Brooks, Starr and Jim Hogg and all hospitals will be identical. Physicians and specialists will work on a rotation basis. Cardiologist will work on contract basis. All physicians are screened. Indigent care pay is not a problem. However, immigration is a problem. The first hospital is in Brooks County (Falfurrias) and then Zapata. They would like to propose long term leasing. Dialysis center is waiting for Dr. Patel and the space is available. Additional health care providers will be available at all clinics and are also looking at including a dentist. They are hoping for construction to begin this Spring. Dr. Sands has been asked to be the medical director. They would absorb the costs of the County. Doctors that are contracted will be committed for a 10 year term. These facilities will run \$14-15 million dollars per site. Attorney Juan Rocha will take care of the legal part.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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