

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 9th day of November, A. D., 2009, 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:

Hon. Rosalva Guerra	County Judge
Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Doroteo N. Garza, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Brian Martinez, Humberto Zamarripa, Adolfo Villanueva, Ramona Villanueva, Laura Garza, Rev. Roger Miller, Jaime A. Gonzalez, Sylvia R. Mendoza, Abelardo Mendoza, Hector M. Medina, Maria E. Gutierrez, Carmen R. Reyes, Diana C. Villarreal, Laura Guerra, Delia Mendoza, and San Juanita Sanchez

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

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

ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER BY REV. ROGER MILLER

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2009

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2009 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 Rosalva Guerra congratulated Eddie Martinez and announced that he was appointed Commissioner for Precinct 3.

Dr. Edmundo Garcia presented Commissioners' Court with the Daily Clinic Census and Financial Report for October 2009 for the Zapata County Health Center. Dr. Garcia reported that a total of 1021 patients had been served in October. (Written report attached for the record.)

Judge Rosalva Guerra reminded Commissioners' Court of the Customer Services Course that will take place the week of November 16 and encouraged everyone to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Brian Martinez, reported on the auction of county surplus materials. He stated that the auction would take place from November 12 thru the day before Thanksgiving from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., this is a public auction.

Mr. Martinez also reported that the EFCBG Grant letter of intent will be sent November 10, 2009.

Judge Rosalva Guerra thanked Jose Francisco Mendoza and his crew for transporting auction items from the old Lions Club building to the exhibit hall.

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, presented Commissioners' Court with a written report and update on the Extension Office. (Report attached for the record.)

Romeo Salinas, Zapata County Treasurer, presented Commissioners' Court with a written Treasurer's Report. (Report attached for the record.)

Karran Westerman, presented Commissioners' Court with the written report for the Zapata County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. (Report attached for the record.)

PRESENTATION ON LAND FORAGE MANAGEMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

A presentation was made by Mr. Adolfo Villanueva regarding the Land Forage Management Insurance Program available to Zapata County Farmers and Ranchers as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1. Mr. Villanueva stated that this insurance program is subsidized by the Federal Government at a rate of 64% of premium. The cost is based on the value purchased. There are different deductibles to choose.

ORDER ASSIGNING HUMBERTO ZAMARRIPA AS YOUTH LEADER IN CHARGE OF ROMEO T. FLORES PARK SOCCER FIELD

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to assign Humberto Zamarripa as youth leader to be in charge of the Romeo T. Flores Park Soccer Field for a one (1) year term as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct.

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

ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS TO HOUSE THEIR INMATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the request by Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, Jr., Zapata County Sheriff, to enter into an agreement with Webb County, Texas to house their inmates at the rate of \$40.00 per day.

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

Sheriff Gonzalez asked Commissioners' Court for assistance in passing a resolution to relook and give priority to county jails and require that all private jails be inspected.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR INTOCABLE HOLIDAY CHILDREN EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve use of the Zapata County Pavilion for the Intocable Holiday Children Event on December 22 and 23, 2009 as requested by Maricela Muñoz.

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 invoices as presented by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela asked Mr. Garza to look into certain invoices submitted for payment by Zapata County Waterworks.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC METER AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AT FLORES PARK TO PROVIDE LIGHTING FOR BASEBALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of electric meter and necessary appurtenances at the Flores Park to provide lighting for the baseball fields and the newly remodeled concession stand 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 HIRING OF ROGELIO BARROW AND HILARIO ARAMBULA

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve hiring of Rogelio Barrow as labor/maintenance at \$7.25 per hour, slot #2 and Hilario Arambula as welder/labor/maintenance at \$8.60 per hour, slot #6 from Road and Bridge Department #15-012-554 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA TO ALLOW MR. MERCURIO MARTINEZ TO EXTEND LANDFILL WATERLINE WITH THE CONDITION THAT MR. MARTINEZ WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LABOR WORK AND COUNTY WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra to allow Mr. Mercurio Martinez to extend landfill waterline with the condition that he will be responsible for all labor work and county will be providing materials 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 PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ASSIST ZAPATA COUNTY WITH PRELIMINARY COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR COUNTY'S SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve proposal for engineering services to assist Zapata County with a preliminary compliance plan for County's San Ygnacio Landfill, to be paid out of the landfill account, 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 RESIGNATION OF RANDY SAUCEDA AND ALLOW FIRE CHIEF TO HIRE PARAMEDIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the resignation of Randy Saucedo and allow Fire Chief to hire a paramedic at \$12.39 per hour as requested by Juan Jose Meza, Zapata County Fire Chief.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF OSWALDO H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL FOR FFA AND 4-H PROSPECT SHOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve use of the Oswaldo H. And Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for the FFA and 4-H Prospect Show on January 9 and 10, 2010 as requested by Zapata High School FFA and Zapata County 4-H.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) TRAILERS FOR RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of five (5) trailers for the recycling department, in the amount of \$2,595.00 each as requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

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

ORDER AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BID FOR JENNINGS ROAD PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to award Jennings Road Project bid to 4-Big Construction and Enterprises, LLC, being the lowest bidder with a total base bid of \$265,733.00, but project is not to commence until the completion of the litigation declaring the County's rights to the road, as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH TEXAS
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve support and participate in the South Texas Development Council and confirming the appointment of Judge Rosalva Guerra, representing Zapata County and Zaragoza Rodriguez, representing agriculture, to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council for the period of October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 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 INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of street lights at the following areas:

- 1001 Fresno Ave. (Zapata Townsite)
- FM 2687 (Chihuahua Subdivision)
- 912 Carla St. (Zapata Townsite)
- Flores St. (Falcon Shores Subdivision)

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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMP AT 1104 LAREDO STREET

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of speed bump at 1104 Laredo Street in the townsite of Zapata, Medina Addition 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP BETWEEN
4TH AND ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of speed hump between 4th and Zapata 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 SECURITY LIGHT AT
5418 PHARR LANE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a security light at 5418 Pharr Ln. as requested by Jose Francisco Mendoza, Zapata County Shop Foreman.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	Pct. 4 Paving Project	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$5,000.00
To:	Pct. 4 Paving Project	10-409-457	Special Material	\$5,000.00
From:	Pct. 4 Paving Project	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$25,000.00
To:	Pct. 4 Paving Project	10-409-764	Special Contract Service	\$25,000.00

to meet budget requirements.

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

**CENSUS 2010 AWARENESS PRESENTATION AS REQUESTED
BY FELICIA RAMIREZ, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALISTS**

No one present to give presentation.

**PRESENTATION AND DEMO OF ASPHALT ZIPPER PRODUCT AS REQUESTED
BY BARRY DILL, ASPHALT ZIPPER**

No one present to give presentation.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VELA, SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL, SECONDED
BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER JOSE EMILIO VELA,
PCT. 1, TO ADDRESS COUNTY EMPLOYEE ISSUES**

**ORDER APPROVING TO OFFER \$200,000 TO PURCHASE COMMUNITY ACTION
COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL CLINIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra to offer \$200,000.00, to purchase the Community Action Council of South Texas medical clinic in Zapata.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA
TO ENTERTAIN IDEA OF PURCHASING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 178
SOUTH US HWY 83 FOR RECREATIONAL WATER PARK
FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**ORDER APPROVING PERMISSION TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATE SURPLUS LAND
LOCATED IN COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve permission to inquire about State surplus land located in the County of Zapata 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joel Ruiz addressed Commissioners' Court regarding information received by him pertaining to his property in San Ygnacio. Judge Guerra advised Mr. Ruiz that he needed to place this item on the Commissioners' Court Agenda for the next regular meeting.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER NORBERTO GARZA, PCT. 4, TO
LEASE/PURCHASE ASPHALT ZIPPER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4, to lease/purchase Asphalt Zipper.

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 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