

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of November, A. D., 2010, 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, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Audie Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Bobbie Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Avon Hatfield, Dahlia R. Lopez, Israel Hinojosa, Marisa Ramirez, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Carmen R. Reyes, Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez, Roger Miller, James Donnelly, Jose F. Mendoza, Gabriel Flores, Tirso H. Amesquita, Delia Mendoza, Carlos Figuardo, Juan M. Cantu, Miguel Treviño, Oralia Lichtenberger, Maria E. Gutierrez, Ignacio Salazar and Luis L. Gonzalez.

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

PRAYER BY REV. ROGER MILLER

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2010

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2010 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

Commissioner Vela advised the Court that he had received an email from the treasurer stating that the County had received \$134,000 from FEMA.

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk reminded the Court that Commissioners' Court needed to meet again on Friday, November 12, 2010 for the Canvass of the November 2 election.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Dr. Edmundo Garcia, Zapata County Medical Group, presented Commissioners' Court his monthly report. He stated that the clinic treated 891 patients in the month of October. He also mentioned that there is the possibility of remodeling the urgent care area for Dr. Cigarroa who may be coming in on Wednesdays. Dr. Cigarroa is willing to pay rent. Dr. Garcia also said that Dr. Cabrera sent a letter regarding a patient who had gone to the clinic and complained because there was no doctor at the clinic. Dr. Garcia immediately corrected the problem and further stated that he has been unable to convene with Dr. Cabrera. (Report attached for the record.)

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported that the tax office collected \$8,379.49 in Hotel Motel Tax fees and \$8,330,527.87 in tax collections in the month of October, which dropped 8M from last year.

Carlos Treviño, Jr., Waterworks Manager, advised the Court that Section 30 of the Wastewater Ordinance will be enforced. Violators have 90 days to comply with the removal of septic systems and are required to connect to the county's sewer system.

Mr. Treviño reported that the Lake Front Lodge project is 50% complete and the job is being done by Guzman-Juarez Backhoe.

Furthermore, Mr. Treviño also advised the Court that the Black Bass Subdivision project is 90% complete and everyone is starting to be hooked up.

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, presented Commissioners' Court with the monthly written report for October. (Report attached for the record.)

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORT PRESENTED BY ROMEO SALINAS, COUNTY TREASURER

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Departmental Report 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 INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented 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.

AUDIT REPORT ON ZAPATA COUNTY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE INVENTORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Audit report on the Zapata County Automobile Insurance Inventory for fiscal year 2010-2011 as presented and requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director. (Report attached for the record.)

**UPDATE ON BENCHES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED FROM
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Omelia Zapata submitted a report on benches that have not been delivered from the Sesquicentennial Committee. A total of 109 benches were sold and 83 have arrived. Twelve will be imported from Mexico and 14 are still pending. Update was requested by Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS OF DELINQUENT FINES AND FEES PROVIDED BY
LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR AND SAMPSON**

**Request by Commissioner Vela
(No one was present to make report. Commissioner Vela
requested that this report be given next month.)**

Public Comment/Report

Audie Hernandez reported that many issues were found upon inspection of the Museum.

**ORDER APPROVING COMMITTEE TO HOUSE / FIND LOCATION FOR ZAPATA
COUNTY STATE GUARD HEAD QUARTERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to form a committee to house/find location for Zapata County State Guard Headquarters. Mr. Tirso Amesquita advised the Court that the headquarters is presently located at the old Calcaneo building at Carla and 8th Street and is in need of repairs. Commissioners' will look into availability of a portable building. Commissioner Vela also suggested the old thrift store building.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY BUCKNER HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
TO DEMOLISH DILAPIDATED BUILDING AND DISPOSE OF DEBRIS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve request by Buckner Housing Assistance Program to demolish dilapidated building, belonging to Atilano Flores, and dispose of debris, as long as it satisfies legal requirements, as requested by Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROOF AND REPAIRS OF
BUILDINGS BEHIND ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to advertise for bids for roof and repairs of buildings behind the Zapata County Museum to provide additional space required for utilities as requested by Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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 COMMISSIONER JOSE E. VELA, PCT. 1, TO TRANSFER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY (“LESSOR”) AND COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS (“LESSEE”) FOR REAL PROPERTY AT 210 RATHMELL AVENUE ZAPATA, TEXAS TO ZAPATA COUNTY AND GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Commissioner Jose E. Vela, Pct. 1, to transfer lease agreement between Zapata County (“Lessor”) and Community Action Council of South Texas (“Lessee”) for real property at 210 Rathmell Avenue Zapata, Texas to Zapata County and Gateway Community Health Center, 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 IGNACIO SALAZAR, COLONIAL LIFE, TO APPROVE COLONIAL LIFE TO BE INCLUDED IN EMPLOYEE PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to table request by Ignacio Salazar, Colonial Life, to approve Colonial Life to be included in employee payroll.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO FIND COOK TO PREPARE TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to find cook to prepare turkeys for Thanksgiving Luncheon as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAY INCREASE FOR RUBEN G. PEÑA, JR., WASTEWATER OPERATOR TRAINEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a pay increase for Ruben G. Peña, Jr., Wastewater Operator Trainee, slot 9 from \$8.80 per hour to \$12.20 per hour to be paid from line item #08-602-227. Mr. Peña has fulfilled the TCEQ requirements in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas for a Class D Wastewater Treatment Operator as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Wastewater Director.

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 EDUARDO GRACIA, JR., TXDOT AREA ENGINEER, TO APPROVE CLEAN UP ASSISTANCE TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PICNIC PARKS AND SCENIC OVERLOOKS

**ORDER APPROVING AND APPOINTING JOE MEDRANO AS REPRESENTATIVE
OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO SERVE AS BOARD
MEMBER ON ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CENTER, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and appoint Joe Medrano, as representative of the Zapata County Commissioners Court to serve as a Board Member for a one year term on the Zapata County Economic Development Center, Inc. Board of Directors as requested by Peggy Umphres Moffett, Zapata Economic Development Corporation.

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

**ORDER APPROVING MONETARY ASSISTANCE FROM ZAPATA COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY VITA COALITION
FOR 2011 TAX SEASON**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve monetary assistance from the Zapata County Commissioners' Court for the Zapata County VITA Coalition for the 2011 Tax Season. Each Commissioner will contribute \$200 for office supplies, as requested by Audelia Hernandez, Zapata County VITA Chair.

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 ISRAEL HINOJOSA, FIRST
NATIONAL BANK OF HEBBRONVILLE, TO TRANSFER LEASE AGREEMENT
DATED AUGUST 14, 1995 BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY ("LESSOR") AND
COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS ("LESSEE") COVERING
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 N. RATHMELL AVENUE IN ZAPATA, TX
78076 FROM COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS TO
GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.**

**ORDER APPROVING SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN SOUTH TEXAS
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNTY OF ZAPATA, TEXAS TO SERVE ON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve support and participation in the South Texas Development Council and confirming the appointment of Joe Rathmell and Eddie Martinez as representatives from the County of Zapata, Texas to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council for the period of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 as requested by Rosalva Guerra, Zapata County Judge.

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,
SIGNS AND SPEED HUMP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 1:

- a. Corner of 1st Ave. & Carla St.
- b. Eight Ave. Between Glenn St. & Delmar St.
- c. Corner of 1st Ave. & Ramirez Road

as requested by Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 2:

- a. NW Corner of Benavides St. and Washington Ave., San Ygnacio
- b. 211 Elizabeth Lane, Zapata

as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of 4-Way signs at the intersection of 20th Ave. & Lincoln in Zapata as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 3.

- c. 5412 Atwood Lane
- d. 5th Ave. & Kennedy
- e. Monterrey & Rio Lane

as requested by Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of a speed hump at 1603 3rd St. Between Zapata & Guerrero as requested by Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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 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