

**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 February, A. D., 2011, 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. Joseph Rathmell	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, Audie Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Juan J. Meza, Emilio De Los Santos, Tony Cordova, Rey Molano, Mike Escobedo, Rey Oropeza, Manuel Uribe, Alberto Arambula, Jose A. Garcia, Rosendo “Lupe” Canales, Jr., Ernie Domenech, Laura D. Guerra, Carmen Reyes, Anna Juarez, Luis L. Gonzalez, Gonzalo Villagomez, Victor Uvalle, Jr., Lilonee Garza, Gaston Martinez, Jorge A. Garcia, Karran Westerman, James Bendele, Aaron Sanchez, Marco Solis, Sigifredo Gonzalez, Jr. Mario Elizondo, Dr. Hildegardo Flores, Olga M. Flores, Avon Hatfield, Brian Martinez, Roger Miller, Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez and Consuelo R. Villarreal.

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

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF JANUARY 10, 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2011 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.

ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Edmundo Garcia, Zapata County Medical Group, presented Commissioners' Court his monthly report. The numbers are still constant and private insurance continues to provide coverage to see more patients. (Financial Report attached for the record.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney, advised the court that item number 21 should be addressed in executive session.

Karran Westerman advised the Court that the Rio Grande Water Commission will meet in again in May.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported that the tax office collected \$1,939,228.69 in tax collections and \$12,657.79 in Hotel Motel Tax fees for January 2011.

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, was not present, however Audelia Hernandez presented Commissioners' Court with the monthly written report for January 2011. (Report attached for the record.)

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, 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.

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. (Report attached for the record.)

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 9, 2011 AS WELCOME HOME SOUTH TEXAS VIETNAM VETERANS DAY TO PROPERLY WELCOME HOME AND SALUTE OUR VIETNAM VETERANS FROM SOUTH TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a Resolution to proclaim April 9, 2011 as Welcome Home South Texas Vietnam Veterans Day to properly welcome home and salute our Vietnam Veterans from South Texas, as well as commit our support to assist with the success of the LZ:RGV Event as requested by Manuel Uribe, Veteran Service Officer.

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

REPORT ON JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FEES AND FINES WORKSHOP

Gustavo Villagomez of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, L.L.P., reported on the Justice of the Peace fees and fines workshop that was held on February 1, 2011. They met with all secretaries and went through procedures on how data is processed to collections office. They will return in six month with an update.

Mr. Villagomez also reported that \$128,823 was collected for the 11 properties that were sold at public auction on February 1.

UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF GATEWAY CLINIC

Commissioner Martinez reported that he has spoken to Israel Hinojosa and they are fine with the offer of \$65,000 to purchase the Gateway Clinic. They are having problems with the first appraiser and another appraiser has been hired.

PRESENTATION ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAVINGS

Victor Uvalle of Texas Association of Counties gave a presentation on Workers' Compensation savings. A estimated total of \$44,000 have been saved by Zapata County. (Report attached for the record.)

MONTHLY BUSINESS REPORT OF ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND STATUS REPORT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZEDC, reported that she requested the EDC grant reimbursement in the amount of \$685,702 on January 27. The certificate of completion for building B is pending.

Ms. Umphres-Moffett continues to generate business leads, however, the problem is finding land for new industry and businesses.

Commissioner Vela suggested that Commissioners' Court appoint a new board since current board members are not local. He also stated that negotiation of MOU has not been approved by Commissioners' Court.

Ms. Umphres-Moffett will consult with county attorney to comply with requirements of bylaws.

COLLEGE TRANSPORTATION/TxDOT YEARLY REPORT BY LAURA GUERRA

Laura Guerra, Transportation Director, presented Commissioners' Court with the College Transportation/TxDot yearly report. She stated that the transportation program has been a tremendous success. There are 37 students in the program. The two busses transport 14 passengers each. This semester's schedule is very flexible and allows all 37 participants to be transported. (Report is attached for the record.)

**PRESENTATION BY MR. CARLOS VILLARREAL REGARDING PREVIOUS
AGREEMENT WITH ZAPATA COUNTY AND UPDATE ON PROPOSED
INTERNATIONAL PORT OF ENTRY VENTURE**

Mr. Villarreal is not present at this time to give presentation.

END OF YEAR REPORT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Leticia L. Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President, was not present to give report, however, a written report was submitted. The Historical Commission Account has a balance of \$14,503.52 available. (Report attached for the record)

**ORDER AUTHORIZING JOSE F. MENDOZA, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
SUPERVISOR, TO ASSIGN HEAVY EQUIPMENT CREW TO ASSIST WITH BRUSH
FIRE EMERGENCIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Jose F. Mendoza, Zapata Maintenance Department Supervisor, to assign heavy equipment crew to assist with brush fire emergencies and allow employees to be compensated with time and a half for their supplemental duties as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge. County Attorney Figueroa recommended that said crew attend hazardous training class.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROTUNDA FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR MEDIA RECEPTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Zapata County Courthouse Rotunda for the Zapata County Fair Media Reception to take place on February 16, 2011 as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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

**ORDER CREATING A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO PLAN, ORGANIZE AND
OVERSEE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve creation of a beautification committee to plan, organize, and oversee community enhancement projects, terms to expire after one year with the possibility of reappointment as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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

ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT OF ENGAGEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HECTOR URIBE, P.C.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a contract of engagement for professional services with Hector Uribe, P.C. as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESTRICTION OF COMPUTER EXPENSES UNDER NON-DEPARTMENT FUND, LINE ITEM NUMBERS 10-409-335 AND 10-409-759

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve restriction of computer expenses under Non-Dept. Fund, line items 10-409-335 and 10-409-759, requiring prior approval from Commissioners' Court as requested by Hon. Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1. Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, advised the court that there is a contract with M1 for \$2,500 per month to service any county office or public official.

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

ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND A LOCAL LAND OWNER ALLOWING PARTIAL TRACT OF LAND TO BE USED AS RECREATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Zapata County and a local landowner allowing a 1.37 acre tract of land to be used for a ten year term, as a recreational little league baseball field for the surrounding area school children as requested by Hon. Jose Emilio 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 PROPOSAL BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND APPROVE RECOMMENDED LIST OF VOLUNTEERS TO RUN COUNTY MUSEUM

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve proposal by the Board of Directors of the Zapata County Museum of History and approve a recommended list of volunteers to run the County Museum as requested by Hon. Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

Update: Exhibits will be completed by end of March and grand opening will be in May. Parking lot is being paved; front doors have been ordered and will be replaced.

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

ORDER APPROVING REMODELING OF OLD BUILDING BEHIND COUNTY MUSEUM PROPOSED FOR ADDITIONAL NEEDED SPACE

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve remodeling of old buildings behind County Museum proposed for additional needed space at an approximate cost of \$15,000 to refurbish both building to be paid from San Ygnacio drainage project as requested by Hon. Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 11.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND A LOCAL LAND OWNER ALLOWING PARTIAL TRACT OF LAND TO BE USED AS RECREATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD
TO INCLUDE TAX ABATEMENT FOR SAID 1.37 AC. TRACT ONLY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between Zapata County and a local landowner allowing a 1.37 acre tract of land to be used for a ten year term, as a recreational little league baseball field for the surrounding area school children (*Memorandum of Understanding is to include a tax abatement for the 1.37 ac. tract only*) as requested by Hon. Jose Emilio 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 DENYING REQUEST BY HON. JOSE E. VELA, COMMISSIONER PCT.1 TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF BARBED WIRE FENCE ALONG A PARTIAL TRACT OF LAND OF ALEJANDREÑAS COUNTY ROAD

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to deny request by Hon. Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1 for approval of installation of barbed wire fence along a partial tract of the Alejandreñas County Road to prevent livestock crossings and avoid traffic accidents at an approximate cost of \$6,500.00 to be paid from the Pct. 1 road and bridge fund, line item # 15-011-554.

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 JOHN DEERE LOADER TRACTOR FOR PRECINCT 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the purchase a John Deere Loader Tractor for Precinct 4, to be paid from 09-010-691 at an estimated price of \$37,000.00 as requested by Hon. 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.

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF AN F-150 TRUCK FOR PRECINCT 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of an F-150 truck for Precinct 4, to be paid from 09-010-554, at an estimated cost of \$23,632.75 as requested by: Hon. 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.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. CARLOS VILLARREAL REGARDING
PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH ZAPATA COUNTY AND UPDATE ON
PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PORT OF ENTRY VENTURE**

Mr. Carlos Villarreal reported that studies had been done, previously at no cost to the County. They have met with Mexico and are in the process of getting the presidential permit to pursue this venture. However, an extension is needed on a previously approved resolution. There are interested investors who have the means to construct the international port of entry. The site would be 6-7 miles North of Zapata on private property. This venture would be at no cost to the county.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY MR. DAVID M. AUSTIN, AUSTIN COPELIN
& REYES, LLC, FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM RABBA-KISTNER
CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PREPARE PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR
PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PORT OF ENTRY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Mr. David M. Austin, Austin Copelin & Reyes, LLC, for approval of the proposal from Rabba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. to prepare a preliminary study for a proposed International Port of Entry.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY
ON OVERTIME AND "OTHER COMPENSATORY TIME" OFF FOR
ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES UNDER FEDERAL LABOR STANDARD ACT OF 1938**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Zapata County Sheriff's Office policy on overtime and "other compensatory time" off for eligible employees under the Federal Fair Labor Standard Act of 1938 as requested by Sigifredo Gonzalez, Zapata County Sheriff.

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

**ORDER ALLOWING ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO LEND
USDA-TICK INSPECTORS 25 SURPLUS PORTABLE RADIOS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to give the USDA-Tick Inspectors 25 surplus portable radios as requested by Mario Elizondo, Zapata County Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION OF LOCAL BORDER SECURITY
PROGRAM AND CERTIFY THAT OBJECTIVE OF GRANT APPLICATION
SUBMITTED HAVE BEEN REVIEWED**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve resolution in support of the local Border Security Program and to certify that the objective of the grant application submitted by the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition on behalf of Zapata County, Texas have been reviewed and that it is mutually agreed to cooperate to whatever extent is necessary in carrying out the objective described in this application as requested by Mario Elizondo, Zapata County Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF CEMETERY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM FROM RAMAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the purchase of a cemetery information management system from RAMAKER & Associates, Inc. from Cemetery Fund 900-109-3 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 NOTIFICATION OF NO INVESTMENT CHANGES TO
COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve notification of no investment changes to the County Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2011 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 ZAPATA COUNTY ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Zapata County Annual Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2011 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 NEW IRS 2011 MILEAGE RATE OF 51 CENTS PER MILE FOR BUSINESS MILES DRIVEN

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the new IRS 2011 mileage rate of 51 cents per mile for business miles driven 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 USE OF OSWADO H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL ON MAY 13, 2011 FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on May 13, 2011 for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life as requested by Bobby Meza, County Auditor's Office.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR MARIACHI HALCON TARDIADA

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion for the Mariachi Halcon Tardiada (on date needed) as requested by Victor Garcia, ZHS Mariachi Halcon Booster Club President.

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

ORDER TO AUTHORIZE MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS OF A NO COST LEASE AGREEMENT OF A COUNTY EASEMENT WITH DON SAUDER, 357 MANGO DRIVE, IN RETURN FOR PROVIDING A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT IN HIS PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to authorize Mario Gonzalez-Davis to enter into negotiations of a no cost lease agreement of a County easement with Don Sauder, 357 Mango Drive, in return for providing a permanent utility easement in his property. Mr. Sauder will fence and maintain the present county easement and provide gates for county utility crews to enter as needed for future repairs as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager.

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

ORDER APPOINTING COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to adopt a committee for the Animal Emergency Management Plan for Zapata County as follows:

County Emergency Management Coordinator. Juan J. Meza,

USDA-NRCS Representative. Blaz Martinez
USDA-FSA Representative. John Hinojosa
USDA-APHIS Tick Force Representative. Teofilo Vela
County Sheriff's Dept. Representative. Aaron Sanchez
County Animal Control Officer. Martin Saenz
County Elected Official. Norberto Garza

as requested by Caleb Eaton, County Extension Agent.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TERMINATION OF ALL CURRENT HISTORICAL
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the termination of all current Historical Commission Committee members and officers as requested by Leticia Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President.

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

**ORDER APPOINTING NEW HISTORICAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR 2011-2012**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint new Historical Commission Committee Members for 2011-2012 as follows:

Dr. Alma Perez	Diana Brandon	Auddy Hernandez
Anna Silva	Crissy Gutierrez	Omelia Zapata
Laura Ramirez	Yesenia Garcia	Anna G. Gonzalez
Ana Katrina Ramirez	Claudia Lerma	Rosa Nelia Treviño
Roberto Montes		

as requested by Leticia Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President.

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

**COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL WAS EXCUSED FROM
COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**ORDER APPROVING ASSISTANCE (BOTH MANDATORY AND IN-KIND) OF
\$8,000.00 FOR EACH FISHING TOURNAMENT BY THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION
BASS CLUB AND THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN BASS CLUB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve assistance (both monetary and in-kind) of \$8,000.00 for each fishing tournament held by the Texas Association Bass Club and the San Antonio Metropolitan Bass Club. Fishing tournaments tentatively

scheduled for the last week of September and the first week of October as requested by Karran Westerman, Z.C. Convention & Visitors' Bureau and Ed Calderone, President TABC.

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

ORDER TO CLOSE 23RD STREET BETWEEN GLENN STREET AND FRESNO STREET ON MARCH 5, 2011 FOR FAJITA COOK OFF, BULLY DOG SHOW, TRAIL RIDE AND LIVE MUSIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to close 23rd Street between Glenn Street and Fresno Street on March 5, 2011 for the Fajita Cook Off, Bully Dog Show, Trail Ride, and live music as requested by Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association.

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

ORDER TO CLOSE 23RD STREET BETWEEN GLENN STREET AND FRESNO STREET ON MARCH 10, 11, AND 12, 2011 FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to close 23rd Street between Glenn Street and Fresno Street on March 10, 11, and 12, 2011 for the Zapata County Fair as requested by Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF NORTH ZAPATA LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD FOR HELICOPTER RIDE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the North Zapata Little League Field for the helicopter ride as requested by Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association.

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

ORDER APPROVING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REPAIRS ON LIFT STATIONS AND MANHOLES AS PRESENTED JANUARY 10, 2011

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the advertisement for bids for repairs on lift stations and manholes as presented on the January 10, 2011 meeting as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Civil Engineering and Carlos Treviño Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF RIGOBERTO CANTU AS WATER PLANT
OPERATOR TRAINEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve hiring of Rigoberto Cantu as a Water Plant operator trainee. Mr. Cantu will fill vacant slot #22 at a starting salary of \$9.41 as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF VAN FOR NUTRITION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a van for the Nutrition Center of which a \$12,500 difference of total cost is to be paid as follows: \$6,500 from Com. Vela's line item #15-011-554 and \$3,000.00 each from Com. Garza and Com. Martinez to be paid from the improvements fund as requested by Carmen Reyes, Nutrition Center & Laura Guerra, Transportation Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following overpayment refunds:

1. ID # 90783, Dora Estella Garza, paid on estimated value requesting refund of \$677.19 (county only).
2. PID # 161471, Zions Credit Corp, double assessment requesting refund of \$4,763.94 (county only).

as requested by Luis Lauro Gonzalez, County Tax Assessor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING UPDATED CONTRACT WITH OFFICIAL PAYMENTS TO
ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR COUNTY WATERWORKS
DEPARTMENT AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve an updated contract with Official Payments to accept credit card payments for the County Waterworks Department and Justice of Peace Offices 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 INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS,
AND SPEED HUMP**

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

- a. 9th Ave. (between Hidalgo Blvd. and Glenn St.)

b. 6th St. and Bandera (Flores Addition II)
as requested by Hon. 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 Garza, to approve the installation of the following speed hump in Precinct 1:

a. 260 Mango Dr. (Falcon Lake Estates East)
as requested by Hon. 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 Garza, to approve the installation of the following speed hump in Precinct 2:

a. Evergreen Street in the Town of Zapata
as requested by Hon. 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 Garza, to approve the installation of the following speed humps in Precinct 3.:

a. 1213 Weslaco (Siesta Shores)
b. 213 Weslaco
as requested by Hon. 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 Garza, to approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 3:

a. 5308 Petty Lane (existing pole)
b. 1213 Weslaco Lane (existing pole)
c. 316 Cardinal Dr.
d. 213 Weslaco
as requested by Hon. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of the following street light in Precinct 4:

a. Corner of Mier & 7th St. (close to cluster boxes)
as requested by Hon. 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.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	10-695-667	100 Year Flood Control	\$5,000.00
To:	10-519-151	San Ygnacio Swimming Pool & Life Guard	\$5,000.00

as requested by Hon. 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 Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	10-550-330	Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,000.00
To:	10-550-310	Supplies	\$1,000.00

as requested by Adalberto Mejia, Constable 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 Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	10-550-332	Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,000.00
To:	10-550-312	Supplies	\$1,000.00

as requested by Eloy Martinez, Constable 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 Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	10-590-488	Pending Grants	\$64,750.00
To:	10-550-310	Las Palmas Sewer Project	\$64,750.00

as requested by Bobbie Meza, Auditor's Office)

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 Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	10-409-444	Electricity	\$856.38
To:	10-409-445	Water	\$856.38

as requested by Bobbie Meza, Auditor's Office)

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 GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE
OF 1.0 ACRE TRACT IN THE VICINITY OF FLORES PARK AS REQUIRED TO
COMPLY WITH TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE GRANT AWARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to negotiate the purchase of the 1.0 acre tract in the vicinity of Flores Park for an amount of \$25,000 to be paid out of line item #10-001-506 as required to comply with Texas Parks & Wildlife grant award as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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.

JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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