

**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 October, A. D., 2012, 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
	Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk (Present for County Clerk)

ABSENT: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan County Clerk (attending County Clerk's area meeting)

VISITORS: Celica A. Rodriguez, Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Brian J. Martinez, J.J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Nellie R. Treviño, Joyce Currington, Mark Serna, Elva Gonzalez, Carlos Treviño, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Maria E. Gutierrez, Hector Medina, Martin S. Saenz, Javier Rizo, Aida Garcia, Amalia G. Navarro, Alicia C. Villarreal, Diana C. Villarreal, Beatriz M. Gutierrez, Leonel Guzman, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Francisca de los Santos, Lorena Peña, Sonia Garza, Enedina Vera, Yaritza Robles, Fred Gonzalez, Luis Villarreal, Jennifer Lozano, Carmen S. Davila, Humberto Leal, Vanessa Serna, Margarita Bautista, Alma D. Rodriguez, Gregoria Gonzalez, M. Espinoza Mirelez, Virginia Mendiola, Manuela Lara, Jose Luis Gutierrez and Ana Laura Lozano.

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

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER, KING'S WAY CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Minutes of September 10 and September 24, 2012, 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 commented on pictures taken of the Zapata welcome sign for the best lake in the U.S.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported that the tax office collected \$76,759.84 in tax collections and \$13,562.09 for Motel - Hotel Tax for an fiscal year total of \$201,596.94 at a rate of 96%.

PRESENTATION BY GRANDE GARBAGE COLLECTIONS

Mr. Patricio Hernandez submitted the report for Grande Garbage Collections. He stated that he would like to include garbage collection bill in the water bill. County Attorney Figueroa and Mr. Uribe will look into the ordinance.

ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Elva Gonzalez submitted report for Zapata Family Medical Clinic. Mrs. Gonzalez reported a total of 865 patient encounters in September.

PRESENTATION ON BENEFITS OF TEX FLEET FUEL

Mr. Javier Rizzo, Fieldman for Tex Fleet Fuel, made a presentation on services offered by Tex Fleet Fuel. He explained that county employees would fuel at Valero. There is a minimal fee and taxes are waived.

PRESENTATION ON HEALTH FAIR

Mr. Jose Luis Gutierrez, with the Texas A & M Colonia's Program, advised the court that the Health Fair will be held on Saturday, October 27 at the Zapata County Nutrition Center. Mr. Gutierrez asked for the court's blessing and said that they will be there to offer services, if needed.

PRESENTATION ON RENTAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FROM B-C EQUIPMENT SALES INC FOR COUNTY PROJECTS

Luis Daniel Villarreal, of B-C Equipment Sales, Inc., submitted a brochure and gave a presentation on rental equipment available at B-C Equipment Sales, Inc. Mr. Villarreal stated that they have excavators that are fuel efficient depending on size. He offered his products for future county projects. The court recommends negotiation with Martin Saenz.

ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF NEW HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding approval of appointment of new Historical Commission members in accordance to Chapter 318 Texas Government Code.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE TWO PARAMEDICS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to hire (replace) 2 (two) paramedics (slot #23 and slot #17) at \$12.39 an hour, due to resignation of two employees, as requested by Juan Jose Meza, Fire Chief.

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

ORDER ALLOWING USE OF OLGA V . FIGUEROA ZAPATA COUNTY LIBRARY AS SITE TO HOST DRUG OFFENDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND DWI EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow the use of the Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Library as a site to host Drug Offender Education Programs and DWI Educational Programs as requested by Jennifer Lozano, Texas Drug Offender Educational Program. Ten percent of profit will be donated to Zapata County. Mrs. Lozano will work to adjust to library accommodations.

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

ORDER ALLOWING USE OF LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD FOR FALL FEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to allow the use of a Little League Field for a fall Fest on October 27, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. as requested by Ramiro Hernandez, Zapata County Little League.

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 Vela, to approve the installation of the following street lights:

- a. 521 Eagle Street
- b. 5308 Juan Lane
- c. 5421 Lopez Lane
- d. 1723 North Siesta Lane
- e. 5330 Pascual Lane
- f. 2151 Pharr Lane
- g. Lincoln Street and 2nd Street (Border Patrol Yard and/or Station)

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of the following street light:

- a. 1306 Roma

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 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "TEXAS FEEDING TEXAS: HOME DELIVERED MEALS GRANT PROGRAM"

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution in support of the "Texas Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meals Grant Program" from the Texas Department of Agriculture as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Program.

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

COMMENTS

Mrs. Beatriz Gutierrez addressed Commissioners' Court and her expressed appreciation for the county's support for her class. Furthermore, she offered her classroom to Mrs. Jennifer Lozano for the Drug Offender Education Programs and DWI Educational Programs.

ADJOURN

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