

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 10th day of February A. D., 2014, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Roger Miller, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Jaime Arispe, Jose Peña, Lupita Garza, Xavier Villarreal, Raymundo Del Bosque, Ramon E. Montes, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, and Manuel Gonzalez.

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 V ILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13 AND JANUARY 27, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Minutes of January 13 and January 27, 2014 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.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Treasurer's Report as requested 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested 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.

PRESENTATION ON CHRISTIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR 2013 – 2014 TO ZAPATA AND SAN YGNACIO

Mr. Jaime Arispe, HHSC Border Affairs, gave a presentation on services provided by Christian Medical and Dental Assistance for trips made in 2013 – 2014 to Zapata and San Ygnacio. These services are provided to border cities and service approximately 41 colonias in Zapata County. Assistance has been provided to 75-80 individuals at local churches. They will also soon be providing diabetes prevention services. They provide health screening for blood pressure and glucose prior to doing dental work. Vision screening is also provided. In addition to the health services mentioned, they have also provided shoes and backpacks with the assistance of the Becker Children and Family Services. They have also set up computers and the Lopeño Learning Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

PRESENTATION BY MISSIONARIES ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WORK PERFORMED IN ZAPATA AS REQUESTED BY JOSE PEÑA, MISSIONARIES ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Jose Peña, representative of Missionaries Alliance International, gave a presentation on services provided by the organization. Said organization promotes community development and services 8 colonias. The purpose of the alliance missionaries and humanitarians is educating the economically distressed.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO R & G CLARK, INC., DBA SERVEPRO

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment in the amount of \$44,244.13 to R & G Clark, Inc., dba Servpro for December invoice, to be paid out of the new loan for remediation of the courthouse roof, as requested by Hon. Joe 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 PAYMENT TO TEXAS A & I AGRILIFE EXTENSION
FOR SHARE-OF-COST PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FOR
AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the payment of \$400.00 dollars to Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service for the share-of-cost purchase of a computer for Agrilife Extension Agent, to be paid out of non-department supplies, as requested by Hon. Joe 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
JIM HOGG COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR TEMPORARY LOAN OF
PASSENGER VAN TO JIM HOGG COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Jim Hogg County and Zapata County for the temporary loan of a passenger van to Jim Hogg County's Transportation Program, while repairs are completed on the Jim Hogg County's bus, with a 90 day option to extend lease, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING FEASIBILITY STUDY BY PREMIER ENGINEERING TO
INSTALL CURB AND GUTTER ON VALLE VERDE DRIVE IN SAN YGNACIO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize a feasibility study by Premier Engineering to install curb and gutter on Valle Verde Drive in San Ygnacio, to be paid out of consulting, 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.

ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF FERNANDO ARAMBULA AS CDL DRIVER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve hiring of Fernando Arambula in position number 10-003-Slot #3, CDL Driver, replacing Jesus Hinojosa at \$9.00 per hour as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF TEN SETS OF BUNKER GEAR AS PER STATE
REQUIREMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve purchase of ten sets of bunker gear (helmet, boots, hats, coats, pants, gloves and Nomax

hoods) as per state requirements at \$2,000.00 per set for a total of \$20,000.00 as requested by Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

ORDER APPROVING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CDBG NO. 713521

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve authorized signatories for CDBG No. 713521.

- a. Joe Rathmell, County Judge
- b. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer
- c. Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor

as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Grant Administrator.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO DESIGNATE MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR CDBG NO. 713521

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to designate Mario Gonzalez-Davis to complete the Environmental Assessment for CDBG No. 713521 as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Grant Administrator.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER FOR POLITICAL FORUM

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Community Center on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m., for the political forum as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata County News.

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

ORDER DENYING CYA BENEFITS TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHIC CENSUS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Judge Rathmell, to deny CYA Benefits to conduct an employee demographic census as requested by Ozzie D. Jimmerson, South Texas Agent.

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 LIGHT AND STREET HUMP

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

- a. Corner of 7th and Flores (Flores Addition II)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of the following speed hump:

- a. 130 Valle Verde Drive in San Ygnacio

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.

ORDER APPROVING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL TOBACCO, SALTS, INCENSE AND DRUGS CAPABLE OF BEING INHALED OR INGESTED AND PARAPHERNALIA FOR INHALATION OR INGESTION AS WELL AS AN ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF ZAPATA, TEXAS, REGULATING PSYCHOACTIVE BATH SALTS, PSYCHOACTIVE HERBAL INCENSE AND SIMILAR SUBSTANCES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve ordinance regulating certain commercial establishments that sell tobacco, salts, incense, and drugs capable of being inhaled or ingested and paraphernalia for inhalation or ingestion as well as an ordinance for the County of Zapata, Texas, regulating psychoactive bath salts, psychoactive herbal incense and similar substances, establishments have between March 1 – 30 to register, ordinance approved is subject to corrections of typographical errors, as requested by Hector Uribe, Attorney at Law.

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 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