

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, Yvette Ramirez, Lamar B. Martinez, David Cantu, Jose Peña, Xavier Villarreal, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Zar Rodriguez, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Juan Garza, Javier Zapata, Debbie Zapata, and Paco Mendoza.

**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**

**NO MINUTES PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Zar Rodriguez, Code Enforcement Officer, approached the Court and stated that business owners have expressed concerns about the vendor ordinance. He suggested that the price of the permit be raised since street vendors do not pay taxes. Property owners are renting spaces to said vendors. Vendors will go to the pavilion for a day or two then go into the private businesses.

Commissioner Vela suggested that the ordinance be amended because vendors are finding a way to circumvent the order.

Judge Rathmell, expressed his concerns about property owner rights.

Juan Garza, owner of Lone Star Western Wear, Javier and Debbie Zapata, owners of Zapata Feed Store, approached the court and stated that feed is being distributed. Vendors are

selling feed from a warehouse at wholesale prices. Javier Zapata stated that if this continues these vendors could put him out of business.

Tony Mendoza approached the Court and asked if the owners of the property surrounding the County Fairgrounds can fence the 10' feet right of way.

#### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. *Commissioner Vela commented on an expense in an amount of \$6,000.00 payable from Precinct 1 – Parks line item, for Pedernales improvement project. This was an unexpected, but necessary, expense approved by Commissioner Vela.*

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 Villarreal, to approve Treasurer's Report as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. Commissioner Vela commended Justice of the Peace, Juana Maria Gutierrez for her collection of delinquent fines.

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 Vela, 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.

**No one was present at the time item #9 was called.**

**Presentation on services provided by TPC Family Medicine.**

**Doctor to provide home visits as requested by TPC Family Medicine.**

#### **ORDER APPOINTING NELLIE TREVIÑO AS ZAPATA COUNTY WELLNESS COORDINATOR FOR TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND EMPLOEES BENEFIT POOL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint Nellie Treviño as the Zapata County Wellness Coordinator for the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employees Benefit Pool as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell.

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

**ORDER ALLOCATING \$8,000 FOR SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN  
LEAGUE OF BASS CLUBS HELD OCTOBER 2014**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal to allocate \$8,000.00 from the 2014-2015 Hotel Motel Fund for the San Antonio Metropolitan League of Bass Clubs to be held in the month of October 2014.*

*Commissioners Martinez and Villarreal rescinded their motions.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to allocate a total of \$8,000.00 from Commissioners' (Pct. 1, 2, 3, and 4) Parks line item and be made payable to the San Antonio Metropolitan League of Bass Clubs to be held in the month of October 2014.

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

**ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF HERBERT SERNA FROM  
ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ALLOW FIRE CHIEF  
TO REPLACE VACANT POSITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the resignation of Herbert Serna from the Zapata County Fire Department and to allow the Fire Chief to replace the vacant position 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 CONTRACTOR FOR FOUR SEASONS  
SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Reim Construction, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$2,273,768.50, as the contractor for the Four Seasons Sewer Improvement project as recommended by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering Surveying.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REPLAT OF SHARE G-2-A, SHARE G-3-B AND  
SHARE G-2-C FOR A TOTAL OF 10.65 ACRES LOCATED IN ZAPATA, TEXAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to replat Share G-2-A (3.55 Acres) Velma Barrera Decker, Share G-2-B (3.55 Acres) Emma Cuellar Gutierrez and Share G-2-C (3.55 Acres) Elia Cuellar Graves for a total of 10.65 Acres, located in Zapata, Texas as requested by Velma Barrera Decker.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO HELP FIGHT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB-14 (TEXAS VOTER I.D. LAW)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve allocation of \$4,000.00 to a legal fund to help fight the implementation of SB-14 (Texas Voter I.D. Law) as requested by Rolando Rios, Rolando L. Rios & Associates.

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

**ITEM #16 TO BE HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING  
THE CLOSING OF OCAMPO STREET IN SAN YGNACIO, TEXAS 78076.  
*Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D,  
Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072, Real Property.***

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

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE REGARDING  
CONSULTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING  
CLOSING OF OCAMPO STREET IN SAN YGNACIO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Judge Rathmell, regarding consultation with attorney and possible action regarding the closing of Ocampo Street in San Ygnacio, Texas 78076

*Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072, Real Property.*

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT 2710002 – MENTORING AND WORK FORCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a Resolution approving submission of an application for grant 2710002 – Mentoring and Work Force Skills Development: A Delinquency Prevention Initiative, to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division as requested by Pastor Roger Miller, Juvenile Probation Officer.

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

**ORDER DENYING THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny request by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager regarding the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line-Item	Fund	Amount
From	ZC Wastewater	08-602-569	Improvements	\$3,335.04
To	ZC Wastewater	08-602-205	Uniform	\$3,335.04

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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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