

**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 April 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: Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Aurelio Villarreal, Joyce Currington, Carmen G. Zavala, Nannette Treviño, Xavier Villarreal, Cristina Garcia, Delia Mendoza, Alicia C. Villarreal, Luis L. Gonzalez, Maria E. Gutierrez, Fortunato Paredes, Isela Wells, Maclovia Singleterry, Norma Gomez, Bertha A. Montes, Ma. Isabel Zuniga, Diana Villarreal, Jessica Navarro, Jaime A. Gonzalez, Maria Eva U. Ramirez, Nellie R. Treviño and Santiago 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

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Maria Eva Uribe-Ramirez thanked Commissioners Court; especially Commissioner Villarreal. She presented each Commissioner and the Judge with a token of appreciation, a picture taken on October 2013 when Zapata celebrated the 60th anniversary of the new town site.

**ORDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS
NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to adopt the resolution declaring April as National Autism Awareness Month 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 RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 4, 2014
ZAPATA LIONS CLUB DAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a Resolution declaring May 4, 2014 Zapata Lions Club Day. This marks the Zapata Lions Club 60th Anniversary. The Club was started May 4, 1954 at the Blue Bonnet Café as requested by Aurelio Villarreal, Lions' Club President.

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 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.

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.

REPORT BY LUIS L. GONZALEZ, COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR / COLLECTOR

Mr. Gonzalez reported \$15,586.05 collected from Hotel Motel Tax, \$70,710.31 have been collected in total for this fiscal year and \$211,610.49 in tax collections for a total of 87%.

NO ONE PRESENT FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

11. Report of Communities in Schools-Advocate of Education Response as requested by Norma I. Gonzalez, Site Coordinator.

12. Presentation of Intergovernmental Agreement between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Zapata County Jail as requested by Chief Raymundo Del Bosque, Sheriff's Department.

**PRESENTATION BY CRISTINA GARCIA OF
GARDENIAS NURSERY & MORE**

Cristina Garcia of Gardenia's Nursery & More presented Commissioners Court with a Spring planting schedule and offered her business to the County.

AWARD OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO CANDELARIO HERRERA FROM WATER PLANT FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ZAPATA COUNTY

A retirement plaque was awarded to Candelario Herrera from the Water Plant for his 20 plus years of service to Zapata County as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

ORDER APPROVING TO CONTINUE LETTER OF CREDIT TO ESTABLISH STAND BY TRUST FUND FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OF SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL NO. 783 AND CLOSURE OF LANDFILL NO. 1528 AS REQUESTED BY TCEQ

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to continue letter of credit to establish stand by trust fund for the financial assurance for the closure and post closure of San Ygnacio Landfill No. 783 in the amount of \$522,215.00 (Five Hundred Twenty-Two thousand Two hundred Fifteen Dollars) and closed landfill No. 1528 in the amount of \$262,929.00 (Two hundred Sixty Two thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars) as required by TCEQ, Deborah Wisneski, Financial Analyst as requested 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 TO HIRE EVATISTO BOTELLO IN SLOT #4 PARKS, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to hire Evaristo Botello in Slot #4, Parks, Buildings, and Construction Department for 28 hours per week with a salary of \$8.00 per hour 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

16. To approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for the Metro Fishing Tournament of October 3-5, 2014 and to approve the use of the Zapata County Advanced Education Center on October 3rd and 5th, 2014 as requested by Karran Westerman and James Bendele, Zapata County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MARTIN ZAMORA, JR. FROM ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO ALLOW FIRE CHIEF TO REPLACE VACANT POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the resignation of Martin Zamora, Jr., 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 PURCHASE OF SECURITY SYSTEM FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE IN PRECINCT #2 IN SAN YGNACIO, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of a security system/surveillance camera for the Justice of the Peace Office Pct. 2 in San Ygnacio, Texas. Funds to come from Courthouse Security Fund, not to exceed \$2,500, as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2.

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 DANCE MARATHON

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve use of the Zapata County Pavilion, subject to availability, at no fee, on Friday, April 25th for a dance marathon with proceeds going to the Zapata County Relay for Life as requested by Isela Wells, Zapata Girl Scouts Troop Leader.

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

ORDER APPROVING CLOSURE OF 23RD STREET BETWEEN GLENN STREET AND FRESNO STREET ON MAY 2ND FOR RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the closure of 23rd Street between Glenn Street and Fresno Street (in front of Pavilion) on May 2nd for the Relay for Life event as requested by Lilonee Garza, Relay for Life, Chair person.

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

ORDER AWARDING COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL NO. 2014-001 TO SERVPRO FOR RENOVATIONS TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE INCLUDING RE-ROOFING COURTHOUSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to award Competitive Sealed Proposal No. 2014-001 to ServPro for renovations to the County Courthouse including re-roofing the courthouse, maintaining the positive air pressure to the building and dealing with issues with the sprinkler/plumbing systems within the building and any matters incident thereto; subject to negotiation with proposer, as requested by Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, J. Cruz & Associates, LLC.

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

**ORDER TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FG&R, LLC FOR RECOVERY
OF PAST DUE AMBULANCE BALANCES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve agreement with FG & R, LLC for the recovery of past due ambulance balances as requested by Paul Dominguez, FG & R, LLC.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF DOZER FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve purchase of dozer for the Zapata County Maintenance Department from Anderson Machine for purchase price of \$254,788.53 with trade-in in the amount of \$30,000.00, subject to financing terms with first payment after October 1, 2014, 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 THE FOLLOING LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line-item transfers

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	ZC Maintenance Tax Series	102-410-465	Roof Repair	\$6,694.60
TO	Non-Department	10-409-730	Consulting Fees	\$6,694.00

as requested 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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Precinct 2	10-002-398	Bird Sanctuary	\$3,000.00
TO	Precinct 2	10-002-392	Parks Pct. 2	\$3,000.00

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line-item transfer:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	County Clerk	10-403-310	Office Supplies	\$350.00
TO	County Clerk	10-403-427	Travel	\$350.00

as requested by Hon. Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, Zapata County Clerk.

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**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST BY TRIUNFO
GONZALEZ, ZAPATA COUNTY AUDITOR**

22/29. Consultation with attorney and possible action regarding the review of Zapata County College Transportation Program financial audit as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, Zapata County Auditor. (Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, and Consultation with Attorney.)

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