

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23rd day of June 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: Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy Hernandez, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Ramiro Hernandez, Jeff Snowden, Joyce Currington, and Carlos Treviño, Jr.

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

**REPORTS BY RAMIRO HERNANDEZ ON
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND ZAPATA COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE**

Mr. Ramiro Hernandez, Chief Professional Officer, presented his Boys and Girls Club Report. He stated that June had a general attendance of 188. There are 1242 supporting members. San Ygnacio had 45 attendants per day. Kid's Café served 5533 meals, while San Ygnacio served 1242, meals included mid morning snack and afternoon meal. Report is attached for the record.

Hernandez also reported that Zapata County Little League has a balance for the year of \$6,377.94. Report is attached for the record.

REPORT BY JEFF SNOWDEN ON ZAPATA COUNTY METER PROJECT

Jeff Snowden, of Capex Consulting, reported that the meter project is 55 to 60% completed. There are a total of 79 meters. Meters are being adjusted to make them accurate. Some of the meters are being refitted. Over 70% of the meters can be read electronically.

Meters that are set on concrete will be changed out and reset for easier maintenance. All commercial meters will be replaced. Mr. Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Director, added that the new meters are very expensive; those who tamper with them should be prosecuted.

ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF MAY 12, MAY 27 AND JUNE 5, 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of May 12, May 27 and June 5, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela commented that several payments had been made to Constellation New Energy, Inc. Mr. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, stated that this was the new company providing electricity services to the county.

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 BY PRIMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES

David and Katherine Reidenbach of Primerica Financial Services made a presentation to Commissioners Court. They stated that Primerica Financial Services is one of the largest organizations in America. Their mission is to help families. A representative will sit with the family and determine their needs. The organization offers various insurances and other financial needs. Services are one on one and are not payroll deducted, but rather on a personal basis. The program follows the employee. David and Katherine Reidenbach were informed by the Court that their services would cause a conflict with First Financial, the company that currently services Zapata County.

10. Presentation of "Building a Better Texan Award" to the Zapata County Commissioners Court as requested by Robert Valdez, Zapata County Extension Agent.
(No one present for this item.)
11. Presentation of both travel and duties performed since December 2013 to present as requested by Robert Valdez, Zapata County Extension Agent.
(No one present for this item.)

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO TEXAS A & M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
SERVICE FOR BALANCE OF NEW COMPUTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a payment of \$400.00 to Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service for the remaining balance of the purchase of a new computer for the Extension Office as requested by Robert Valdez, Zapata 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 LINE ITEM TRANSFER FROM TOBACCO FUND TO
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a line item transfer of \$10,000.00 for fuel filters to repair units, from Tobacco Fund to 10-543-457 Repairs and Maintenance as requested by Chief Juan J. Meza, Zapata County Fire Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REMOVAL OF BRUSH FROM ZCISD PROPERTY NOT
PLACED ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the removal of brush from the ZCISD property that was not placed on county right-of-way 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.

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Discussion and possible action to address employee compensation claim made while previously employed by the Zapata County Sheriff's Department as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the installation of a speed hump between 4th and 7th Street as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner, Pct. 4.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

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

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Zapata County Wastewater	08-602-443	Electricity	\$2,500.00
To:	Zapata County Wastewater	08-602-121	Over time	\$2,500.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by 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.

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

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	49 th District Court	10-435-400	Professional Serv.	\$3,000.00
To:	49 th District Court	10-435-403	District Court (CPS)	\$3,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Hon. Jose A. Lopez, 49th District Judge.

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:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Zapata County Museum of History	10-668-482	Contract Services	\$2,000.00
To	Zapata County Museum of History	10-668-336	Supplies and Services	\$2,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Hildegardo Flores, County Museum of History Director.

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:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$64,000.00
To	Non-Department	10-409-705	Appraisal District	\$64,000.00

in order to meet budget requirements 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	County Shop	15-621-427	Travel	\$1,500.00
To	County Shop	15-621-205	Uniforms	\$1,500.00

in order to meet budget requirements as requested by Jose F. Mendoza, County Shop.

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

ORDER TO TABLE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PIPELINE SAFETY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Amada Garza, Surefind Pipeline Markers, regarding approval of resolution supporting pipeline safety.

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
NELLIE R. TREVIÑO, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR**

15/23. Discussion and possible action to address compensation claim made while previously employed by Zapata County Sheriff's Department as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

**PRESENTATION OF "BUILD A BETTER TEXAS AWARD" TO
ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

Robert Valdez, Zapata County Extension Officer, presented the Court with the "Build a Better Texas Award."

**PRESENTATION / REPORT OF TRAVEL AND DUTIES PERFORMED BY
ROBERT VALDEZ, ZAPATA COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Mr. Robert Valdez, Zapata County Extension Agent, reported on travel and duties performed since December 2013 to present date. He stated that the first year is mostly training and working on programs for the children and getting acquainted with the families. He is looking forward to implementing the 4-H Club and helping students with their livestock. He is looking forward to organizing workshops and other activities such as roping, shooting events and archery.

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