

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 25th day of August 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
	Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT:

Hon.	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Auddy Hernandez, Romeo Salinas, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Nellie R. Treviño, Jose F. Mendoza, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Dora A. Martinez, Pete Garza, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Dioni Hernandez, Delia Mendoza, Jeff Snowden, Mike Chapa, Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Guillermo Saenz, Dr. Hildegardo Flores, Paco Mendoza, Eloy A. Lopez, Jr., Dorothy Pizaña, Xavier Villarreal, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Monica L. Benavidez, Alonso M. Lopez, Elisa Lozano, Isidro Alaniz, and Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A. M.

ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK

INVOCATION BY AUDDY HERNANDEZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**INTERESTED PARTIES COMMENTED AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET**

**PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONCLUDED AND COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A. M.**

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, 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 CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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.

**END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2013 – 2014
ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

Paco Mendoza, VP Zapata County Fair Association, presented the court with the end of year financial report for the 2013 – 2014 Zapata County Fair Association. (Complete report attached for the record.)

Mr. Mendoza also reported on the 4th Annual Fishing Tournament. There were a total of 543 children participating. The event took place at the Bravo Park and 100% sponsored.

PRESENTATION ON FLEET FUELING SYSTEM

Michelle Molina, Fleet Fueling System Manager for Arguindegui Oil Company, made a presentation regarding the Fleet Fueling System (credit cards) from Arguindegui Oil Co. as requested by Elisa Lozano, Arguindegui Oil Co. (Report is attached for the record.)

ORDER ADOPTING COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to adopt and approve the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, with recommendations and changes as approved by majority of vote, 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 TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to adopt a tax rate of 0.790000/\$100 valuation for Zapata County in accordance with Local Government Code Sections 111.007-111.010 by executing an “Order Setting the Tax Rate for “2014-2015, ” be approved as follows:

General fund	0.624000
Interest and Sinking Fund	0.155974
Special Road & Bridge	0.010000
<u>F.M./Flood Control</u>	<u>0.000026</u>
TOTAL TAX	0.790000

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 SETTING SALARIES AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS BY APPROVING
GENERAL ORDER OF PERSONNEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to set salaries and the number of positions by approving the “General Order of Personnel for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as request 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 OPERATION GENERAL ORDER FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve request by County Auditor Triunfo Gonzalez, to approve the "Operation General Order for Fiscal Year 2014-2015".

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

**ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER AND
COUNTY AUDITOR TO CLOSE ALL ACCOUNTS AND MAKE ALL
NECESSARY LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve and authorize the County Treasurer and the County Auditor to close all accounts and make all necessary line item transfers 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 SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant contract between the office of the Attorney General and Zapata County for 2014 – 2015 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 SERVICE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY VINE SERVICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Service Renewal Agreement for the Zapata County VINE Service (Automated Victim Notification Services) 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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND
FREDRICK, PERALES, ALLMON & ROCKWELL, P.C.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an agreement between Zapata County and Fredrick, Perales, Allmon, & Rockwell, P.C. for representation of the County proceedings related to the J. Moss Investments (JFM) Land Treatment Facility 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chilo Alaniz, District Attorney and Alonso Lopez, Zapata County Sheriff, communicated that a police vehicle was transferred to Zapata County for highway interdiction. A summary judgment was filed for a 2009 Mac pumper truck which will also be given to Zapata County.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF TWO INVOICES FOR CAROLYN ARNOLD
COMMUNICATION CONSULTANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve payment of two (2) invoices for Carolyn Arnold Communication Consultant totaling the amount of \$2,775.24 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 ADOPTING ZAPATA COUNTY CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 – 2015

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to adopt the Zapata County Calendar for Fiscal year 2014 – 2015 which includes holidays, pay days, and Commissioners Court schedule as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING TAC HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the TAC Health Insurance Renewal as presented for fiscal year 2014 – 2015 as requested by Nellie R. Treviño.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
GRANT APPLICATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a Texas Department of State Health Services grant application of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a new ambulance as requested by Chief J.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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR FALCON LAKE ESTATES EAST

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve change order No. 1 for Falcon Lake Estates East. Changes needed to remove extra lift station, generator and auto transfer switch and add channel embankment, remove / replace concrete slabs and add manhole as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY MANUEL GONZALEZ TO CHANGE ORDER NO.
1 VELEÑO / RAMIREZ SEWER IMPROVEMENT CHANGES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez, of Premier Engineering, regarding change order No. 1 Veleño / Ramirez Sewer Improvements. Changes are needed to add extra manholes and line to existing building and extend service to existing apartments and add sewer transfer pump requested by Zapata County.

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

ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR FOUR SEASONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve change order No. 1 for Four Seasons. Changes are needed to remove excess line and manholes that have been included in a grant application as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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 REQUEST BY ISELA WELLS

No action was taken on request by Isela Wells, of Girl Scouts of America regarding a request by Zapata Girl Scouts who are looking for a house to perform meetings and troop activities.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HEALTH FAIR

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Zapata County Community Center on August 30, 2014 for the purpose of a Health Fair as requested by Jose Peña, Human Health Services.

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

ORDER TO DENY REQUEST BY CLAUDIA BURUATO OF PROYECTO AYUDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny request by Claudia Buruato of Proyecto Ayuda regarding request for financial support for Alcohol & Drug Abuse programs formally conducted by South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (STCADA).

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

ORDER APPRIVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	County Clerk	10-403-484	Elections	\$1,700.00
To:	County Clerk	10-403-462	Equipment Rental	\$1,700.00

as requested by Hon. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	ZC Civic Center	10-518-336	Supplies & Services	\$175.00
To:	ZC Civic Center	10-518-454	Pavilion/Fairgrounds Repairs	\$175.00
From:	ZC Civic Center	10-518-427	Travel & Per Diem	\$1,000.00
To:	ZC Civic Center	10-518-454	Pavilion/Fairgrounds Repairs	\$1,000.00

as requested by Laura Garza, Civic Center.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-336	Supplies & Services	\$461.08
To:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-482	Contract Services	\$461.08
From:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-480	Subscriptions	\$500.00
To:	ZC Museum of History	10-668-482	Contract Services	\$500.00

as requested by Dr. Hildegardo Flores, ZC 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Zapata Waste Water	08-602-428	Conference / Seminar	\$1,000.00
To:	Zapata Waste Water	08-602-310	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
From:	Zapata Waste Water	08-602-443	Electricity	\$1,500.00
To:	Zapata Waste Water	08-602-121	Overtime	\$1,500.00
From:	Zapata Waste Water	80-600-443	Electricity	\$3,000.00
To:	Zapata Waste Water	80-600-121	Overtime	\$3,000.00

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Tax Office	10-499-462	Equipment Rental	\$500.00
To:	Tax Office	10-499-427	Travel/Workshops	\$500.00

as requested by Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Tax Assessor / Collector.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Indigent Health	10-640-310	Supplies	\$1,184.22
To:	Indigent Health	10-640-336	Computer Programs	\$1,184.22

as requested by Lupita Garza, Indigent Health 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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Adult Probation	10-572-330	Fuel	\$800.00
To:	Adult Probation	10-572-310	Supplies	\$800.00

as requested by Monica Benavides, Probation Office.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	County Judge's Office	10-400-431	Postage	\$209.54
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$209.54
From:	District Clerk	10-450-311	Postage	\$775.72
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$775.72
From:	JP's	10-455-314	Postage	\$49.47
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$49.47
From:	Auditor	10-495-311	Postage	\$85.40
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$85.40
From:	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$8,000.00
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$8,000.00
From:	Sheriff's Office	10-560-311	Postage	\$217.00
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$217.00
From:	Code Enforcement	10-596-311	Postage	\$156.21
To:	Postage	10-409-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$156.21

as requested by Audelia Hernandez, County Judge's Office.

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 Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer to meet budget requirements:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Special R & B	15-621-330	Fuel	\$813.00
To:	Special R & B	15-621-205	Uniforms	\$813.00

as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, 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 VELA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VILLARREAL,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING LEGAL
SERVICE INVOICES FOR LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST FORMER ZAPATA COUNTY
EMPLOYEES WHILE SERVING ON CACST**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding legal service invoices for legal services invoices for lawsuit filed against former Zapata County employees while serving on the Community Action Council of South Texas (CACST).

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

ADJOURN

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