

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Olga Elizondo, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Jose F. Mendoza, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Maria I. Gutierrez, Juan J. Meza, Diana Villarreal, Joe Peña, Joyce Currington, Manuel Gonzalez, and Charles Avaritt.

**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**

Brian Martinez announced that a Surplus Auction will be held by the County. A memo will be sent to all departments. He is still working on finalizing the date.

Commissioner Vela stated that he received a call from a person who is interested in starting an ARM'S machine business. Brian Martinez commented that the information for the ARM ordinance is on the County's website.

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, JULY 14, AND JULY 28, 2014**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the minutes of June 23, July 14, and July 28, 2014 as presented 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.

### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, including P.O. #1378086, payable to Steicycle, Inc. in the amount of \$4,053.48.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve Treasurer's report as presented by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. Mr. Salinas advised the Court that the landfill check for August, in the amount of \$28,915.00, is not reflected in the report because it was submitted late.

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 Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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 \$20,595.26 collected from Hotel Motel Tax, \$159,802.09 has been collected in total for this fiscal year and \$185,756.03 in tax collections for a total of 93.16%.

### **ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF RAMIREÑO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BY ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Judge and County Attorney to look into, and discuss, with San Ygnacio Municipal Water District Board, the possible acquisition of Ramireño Water Supply Corporation and the San Ygnacio Municipal Water District by Zapata County and, possibly, hire outside counsel, if necessary, 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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 VELEÑO/RAMIREZ SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order No. 1, Veleño/Ramirez Sewer Improvements. Changes are needed to add extra manholes and line to avoid existing building, and extend service to existing apartment and add sewer transfer pump, with the exception of rock excavation, requested by Zapata County 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 APPROVING INCENTIVE PAY INCREASE FOR IVAN GARZA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve an incentive pay increase for Ivan Garza, slot #14 EMT 1 from \$10.60 per hour to \$10.85 per hour 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 INCENTIVE PAY INCREASE FOR CARLOS TALAMANTE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an incentive pay increase for Carlos Talamante, slot #24 EMT 1 from \$10.60 per hour to \$10.69 per hour 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 INCENTIVE PAY INCREASE FOR RAMIRO GARCILAZO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an incentive pay increase for Ramiro Garcilazo, slot #20 Fire Inspector from \$10.54 per hour to \$10.69 per hour 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 FY 2015 ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE GRANT FOR  
ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the FY 2015 Routine Airport Maintenance Grant for the Zapata County Airport as requested by Charles Avaritt, Airport Manager.

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. 2 FOR FALCON LAKE ESTATES EAST**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order No. 2 for Falcon Lake Estates East for the consideration of rock excavation as an alternative item and add drainage inlet 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 APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line-item transfer in order to meet budget requirements:

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	Non-Department	10-409-401	Auditing Fees	\$3,000.00
<b>To</b>	Non-Department	10-409-730	Consulting	\$3,000.00

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

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	Zapata Co. Branch Library	10-651-463	Repairs & Maint.	\$430.00
<b>To</b>	Zapata Co. Branch Library	10-651-310	Office Supplies	\$430.00

as requested by Aida R. Garcia, Library 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 Vela, to approve the following line-item transfers in order to meet budget requirements:

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-330	Fuel	\$1,175.65
<b>To</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-310	Office Supplies	\$1,175.65
<b>From</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	110-650-427	Travel & Workshops	\$330.00
<b>To</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-310	Office Supplies	\$330.00
<b>From</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-335	Computer Expense	\$1,510.00
<b>To</b>	Zapata Co. Public Library	10-650-310	Office Supplies	\$1,540.00

as requested by Aida R. Garcia, Library 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 Vela, to approve the following line-item transfers in order to meet budget requirements:

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	County Attorney	10-475-310	Office Supplies	\$2,646.00
<b>To</b>	County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc.	\$2,646.00
<b>From</b>	County Attorney	10-475-462	Equipment Rental	\$706.00
<b>To</b>	County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc.	\$706.00

as requested by Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

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<b>From</b>	Non Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$10,000.00
<b>To</b>	Non Department	10-409-420	Telephone	\$10,000.00
<b>From</b>	Non Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$400.00
<b>To</b>	Non Department	10-409-445	Water	\$400.00

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 VELA,  
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  
COUNTY TREASURER REGARDING PAYMENT OF  
COMPENSATORY HOURS FOR JUAN REYES**

To approve payment in the amount of \$4,971.24 before taxes for approximately 128.24 hours of annual leave and 240 hours in compensatory hours at the rate of \$13.50 for Juan Reyes as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

**ADJOURN**

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