

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 10th day of November 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
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT:

Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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VISITORS: Said Alfonso Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Chris Phillips, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Luis L. Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Juan J. Benavides, and Marco Ramirez.

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

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, advised that the Canvass for the November 4, 2014 General Election must be conducted on November 18, 2014

Audelia Hernandez announced that the Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 26, 2014 and asked for donations for door prizes.

Judge Rathmell thanks the voters for their support on the 2% local tax rate increase.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, 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 \$19,922.62 collected from Hotel Motel Tax, and \$4,862,871.52 in tax collections for 39.46%.

REPORT BY CHRIS PHILLIPS OF HYDROPRO SOLUTIONS ON METER PROGRAM FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WATER WORKS

Chris Phillips of HydroPro Solutions reported on the meter program for Zapata County Waterworks. He stated that 20 additional meters have been installed. A comparison was made between summer 2013 and summer 2014, data showed over 20% increase in monthly billed water accountability. Commissioner Vela suggested installation of household meters in phases and volunteered to start with precinct one.

ORDER APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COSTA RICA #1 / HOMERO FLORES PLAT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve preliminary plat for the Costa Rica #1/Homero Flores Plat as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING PLAT FOR RAMIREZ ADDITION UNIT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the plat for Ramirez Addition Unit 2 as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO R&G INC., DBA SERVPRO OF NORTHWEST DALLAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to R&G Clark, Inc., DBA ServPro of Northwest Dallas in the amount of

\$302,780.00 (three hundred two thousand seven hundred eighty dollars) for the Zapata County Courthouse renovation 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF MARIO MARTINEZ AND TRANSFER
PARAMEDIC IN SLOT #12 TO SLOT #23**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to accept the resignation of Mario Martinez and to transfer paramedic in slot #12 to slot #23 at \$12.60 per hour 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 NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND LEASE
AGREEMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL T-HANGARS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve negotiations for the construction and lease agreement of two additional T-hangars at the Zapata County Airport as requested by Charles Avaritt, Zapata County Airport.

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

**ORDER APPROVING 15' UTILITY EASEMENT ON LIFT STATION PROPERTY ON
US HWY 83 VELEÑO BRIDGE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a 15' utility easement on lift station property on US Hwy 83 Veleño Bridge Project 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, JR. REGARDING
RECONCILIATION OF PROJECT QUANTITIES ON VELEÑO RAMIREZ PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., regarding reconciliation of project quantities on Veleño Ramirez Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RECONCILIATION OF QUANTITIES ON FALCON LAKE
ESTATES PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve reconciliation of quantities on Falcon Lake Estates Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF THANKSGIVING WORKSHOP EXPENSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve payment of Thanksgiving Workshop expenses from line item 10-370-906 Thanksgiving Luncheon 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.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of as street light at 1614 Roma 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.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2015 INDIGENT DEFENSE
FORMULA GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution in support of the 2015 Indigent Defense Formula Grant as requested by Roxana Elizondo, 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 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**

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO GUERRA, LEEDS, SABO & HERNANDEZ
PLLC IN REGARDS TO ZARATE, FRANCISCO V. COMMUNITY ACTION
COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment in the amount of \$3,518.34 to Guerra, Leeds, Sabo & Hernandez, PLLC in regards to the Zarate, Francisco v. Community Action Council 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 AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ALL EASEMENTS ON
FOUR SEASONS PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to execute all easements on Four Seasons project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.072, Real Property.

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