

**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 June A. D., 2015, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	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, Auddy M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Joyce Currington, Maria I. Gutierrez, Juan J. Meza, Hector Uribe, Betty M. Lopez, Laura Garza, Dan King, Alonso M. Lopez, Juan H. Navarro, Delia Mendoza, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, and Manuel Gonzalez, 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 COMMISSIONER VELA  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

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 Martinez, to approve Treasurer's Report as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. Treasurer's report was presented by Com. Vela, due to Mr. Salinas being at a conference.

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.

**ORDER APPROVING  
TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Tax / Assessor Collector's report for Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$16,502.79 for a year to date collection of \$160,206.19. YTD tax collections are at \$89.54% with \$126,624.23 collected this year.

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

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Hector Uribe gave the Legislative update and reported that the bill pertaining to heavy equipment inventory tax had been unsuccessful. This is in reference to oil companies that are setting up rental companies and are renting heavy equipment to themselves.

**OVERVIEW OF BORDAS WIND ENERGY**

No action was taken on item regarding overview of Bordas Wind Energy and discussion/action regarding establishing a Wind Reinvestment Zone in Zapata County including granting the authority to publish notice of the proposed reinvestment zone in the local newspaper for designation of such Wind Reinvestment Zone and matters related thereto as requested by Juan Cruz, J. Cruz & Associates.

**ORDER TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to solicit Request for Proposals for the Zapata County Medical Insurance and ask TAC for different proposals 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER ELIZONDO  
REGARDING PREPARATION OF COLONIA  
CONSTRUCTION FUND APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANK  
INSTALLATION IN COLONIA RAMIREÑO AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Commissioner Elizondo regarding preparation of a Colonia Construction Fund application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for septic tank installation in the Colonia Ramireño area and authorize the firm of Carlos Colina Vargas, AICP & Associates to prepare the application as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, 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 ON REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER ELIZONDO  
REGARDING FUNDRAISER FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo to approve a fundraiser for the Zapata County Fire Department through the “Fill the Boot Campaign” for purchase of furniture for sleeping quarters as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2. Motion dies for lack of a second. No action taken.

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF SCANNER FOR  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3 OFFICE  
FROM TECHNOLOGY FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the purchase of a scanner for the Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Office from the Technology Fund for the purchase price of \$450.00 as requested by Hon. Fernando Muñoz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the line item transfers for postage used on main postage machine, a total of \$8,918.87.

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	County Judge’s Office	10-400-431	Postage	\$293.37
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$293.11
<b>From</b>	County Clerk	10-403-311	Postage	\$514.75
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$514.75
<b>From</b>	District Clerk	10-450-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$1,471.47
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$1,471.47
<b>From</b>	JP’s	10-455-314	Postage all Precincts	\$96.12
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$96.12
<b>From</b>	County Attorney	10-475-311	Postage	\$21.60
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$21.60
<b>From</b>	Auditor	10-495-311	Postage/Express/Freight	\$76.62
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$76.62
<b>From</b>	Tax Office	10-499.311	Postage	\$5,955.63
<b>To</b>	Postage	10-409-311	Postage	\$5,955.63

as requested by Audelia Hernandez, Zapata 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 approve the line item transfers to meet departmental needs

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-330	Fuel & Lubricants	\$3,800.00
<b>To</b>	Zapata County Waterworks	08-602-121	Sewer Plant Overtime	\$3,800.00

as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plat 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 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 REQUEST BY NELLIE TREVIÑO  
REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS AT ZAPATA COUNTY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No action taken on request by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director, regarding personnel matters at the Zapata County Fire.

*Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Governmental Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.*

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 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.

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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