

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 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, Romeo Salinas, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian Martinez, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Betty M. Lopez, Manuel Gonzalez, and Luis L. Gonzalez.

**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**

Commissioner Martinez commented on the success of the fishing tournament held on the weekend of August 22.

Commissioner Elizondo also commented that a bazaar was held at the pavilion.

Commissioner Vela stated that the Clash of the Classes tournament was a success.

Judge Rathmell stated that he had contacted TxDot regarding overgrown grass; TxDot will be cleaning up the area.

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, advised the Court that the area representative for vital statistics will be visiting the office for training as the Clerk's office will soon be taking over all vital statistic records.

Ramiro Hernandez, of the Boys and Girls Club, reported that the Boys and Girls Club will keep their charter and all requirements have been met. Our local club has been recognized at the national level. Mr. Hernandez has applied for 2 \$500,000 grants which would be used to expand the building and add a teen room to separate older children for the younger children. Thirty-two children are participating in the tennis program.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

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

**NO TREASURER'S REPORT DUE AT THIS TIME**

**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 AMENDMENT TO ZAPATA COUNTY  
REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
LAREDO MEDICAL CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve amendment to the Zapata County Real Estate Lease Agreement with Laredo Medical Center, to be reviewed by Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney, as requested by Hon. Joseph 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  
(AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Service Renewal Agreement for the Zapata County VINE Service (Automated Victim Notification Service) as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 JOSE F. MENDOZA TO USE FY2015  
BUDGET LINE ITEM (15-621-330 FUEL)  
TO MAKE NECESSARY PURCHASES INCLUDING TIRES AND  
PART TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR COUNTY ROAD EQUIPMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to authorize Mr. Jose F. Mendoza, Maintenance Department Supervisor, to use FY2015 budget line item 15-621-330 (Fuel), allowing him to make any necessary purchases including tires and parts to maintain and repair county road equipment. Mr. Mendoza is to provide the Court with a detailed report of expenses as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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 JP RAMON BENAVIDES REGARDING  
PURCHASE OF SCANNER, MONITOR AND VIDEO CARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Justice of the Peace Ramon Benavides regarding the purchase of a scanner, monitor, and video card in the amount of \$1,400.00 from the Technology Fund (62-582-392).

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

**ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF BENJAMIN MARTINEZ AND ORDER  
ALLOWING CHIEF MEZA TO HIRE A REPLACEMENT FOR SLOT #31**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the resignation of Benjamin Martinez and order allowing Chief Meza to hire a replacement for slot 31 as requested by Juan Jose Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER RESCINDING AND AMENDING PREVIOUS COMMISSIONERS  
COURT ORDER REGARDING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS  
AND GO ON CASE BY CASE BASIS AT DISCRETION OF  
CARLOS TREVIÑO, WATER PLANT MANAGER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to rescind and amend previous Commissioners Court Order regarding delinquent accounts at the Zapata County Water Plant and go on a case by case basis at the discretion of Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager 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.

**ORDER AWARDING BID FOR ZAPATA COUNTY TXDOT LIFT STATION  
RELOCATION U.S. 83 PROJECT TO GUZMAN-JUAREZ BACKHOE SERVICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to award bid for the Zapata County TX-DOT Lift Station Relocation U.S. 83 Project to Guzman-Juarez Backhoe Services, being the lowest bidder, for labor and equipment only, 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 AND ACCEPTING COMPLETION OF VELEÑO RAMIREZ  
PROJECT AND FALCON LAKE ESTATES EAST PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve and accept the completion of the Veleño Ramirez project and the Falcon Lake Estates East 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 APPROVING CONSENT ITEMS**

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

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>FROM</b>	Adult Probation	10-572-330	Fuel	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>TO</b>	Adult Probation	10-572-310	Supplies	<b>\$700.00</b>

as requested by Monica Benavidez, Adult Probation.

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 following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>FROM</b>	County Judge	100-400-427	Travel	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>TO</b>	County Judge	10-400-330	Fuel	<b>\$300.00</b>

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 approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>FROM</b>	J.P. Precinct #4	10-455-459	Repairs Replacement	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>TO</b>	J.P. Precinct #4	10-455-313	Supplies	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>FROM</b>	J.P. Precinct #4	10-455-464	Equipment Rental	<b>\$1,800.00</b>
<b>TO</b>	J.P. Precinct #4	10-455-313	Supplies	<b>\$1,800.00</b>

as requested by Ramon R. Benavides, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza.

Commissioner Garza rescinds his motion to adjourn.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,  
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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