

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 26th day of October, 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 and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Said A. Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Nellie R. Treviño, Monica Alaniz, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Janie de la Garza, Fortunato Paredes, Jose F. Mendoza, Betty M. Lopez, Manuel Gonzalez, Leo Cuellar, and Delia Mendoza.

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 AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**INVOCATION BY PASTOR ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Commissioners Court Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2015 and Special Meeting of September 28, 2015 as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, Zapata 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 Garza, 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, 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.

**AWARD OF RECOGNITION PLAQUES TO ZAPATA COUNTY
WATERWORKS EMPLOYEES WHO RESPONDED TO WEEKEND
EMERGENCY SITUATION AT SIESTA SHORES WCID PLANT**

Recognition plaques were awarded to Zapata Waterworks employees who responded to the weekend water emergency situation at Siesta Shores as follows: Domingo Eloy Castañeda, Carlos Ramos, Jesus Esequiel Gonzalez, Jr., Geronimo Galvan, Amador Sanchez, Meliton Valadez and Carlos Treviño, Jr. as requested by Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

**REPORT ON EMERGENCY WATER TANK SITUATION THAT OCCURRED
IN THE SIESTA SHORES WCID PLANT**

Commissioner Martinez commented on the Siesta Shores WCID Plant water tank incident. Although he was in Virginia, drinking water was provided for the residents.

Manuel Gonzalez provided two written reports on the Siesta Shores WCID Plant water tank incident.

The Incident Report of 10-18-2015, stated that a ground storage tank at the Siesta Shores WCID Plant collapsed on October 17 at approximately 4:15 p.m. The Zapata County Water Works is assisting in the repairs of the existing equipment and the District has retained JC Investments to perform cleanup and repairs to said plant. The damaged tank will be removed and replaced with a temporary tank. Residents have been asked to curtail water usage to essential needs due to the emergency situation. Siesta Shores WCID thanked Zapata County Judge and Commissioners for their assistance.

Update Report of 10-23-2015 stated that an interconnection has been made between Zapata County Waterworks and Siesta Shores that is currently providing water to the residents at a reduced pressure as of Monday morning. Webb County has loaned the District a water tank used to supplement water to the residents. HEB provided 1700 cases of bottled water which are distributed to customers on a daily basis. As of October 23, Siesta Shores WCID has acquired a new replacement tank. The new tank project should be completed by October 30. The District is in the process of applying for coverage through Insurance, USDA RD Emergency Grant and Communities Unlimited Loan, the estimated cost of repairs is approximately \$200,000.

**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**

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF STEEL WATER STORAGE
TANK FOR SIESTA SHORES WCID PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a steel water storage tank for the Siesta Shores W.C.I.D. in the amount of \$70,400.00, with funds to be allocated from the Catastrophic Fund, subject to agreement with

the Siesta Shores WCID pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Government Code as requested by Honorable 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD
AND ALLOW FIRE CHIEF TO HIRE A FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
OR PARAMEDIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to accept the resignation of William Butterfield and allow Fire Chief to hire a Fire Fighter/Paramedic or Paramedic, requested by Chief 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 2016 TCDRS PLAN FOR ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the 2016 TCDRS plan for Zapata County, requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ZAPATA COUNTY TO ENTER
FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTH TEXAS FOR LEASE
OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 605 U.S. HIGHWAY 83, SUITE B ZAPATA, TEXAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and authorize Zapata County to enter into a five year (November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020) lease agreement with Workforce Solutions for South Texas, whereby Workforce Solutions for South Texas will be leasing from Zapata County the property located at 605 U.S. Highway 83, Suite B, Zapata, Texas at a yearly rate of ONE (\$1.00) a year for a total amount of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) over the lease term and authorizing the county Judge to execute all relevant documents, requested by Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, J. Cruz & Associates.

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

**Consultation with Attorney and possible action to update on personnel claim
against Zapata County and address insurance deductible as
requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.
(This item was heard in Executive Session.)**

ORDER APPROVING CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of street lights as follows:

- a. 129 Nebraska Street at Black Bass Subdivision (Medina Electric Coop)
- b. 110 Veleño Road at Veleño Subdivision (AEP)

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of speed hump as follows:

a. 706 & Guerrero Street

as requested by Hon. Norberto Gaza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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 Garza, to approve installation of street light as follows:

a. 1312 4th & Medina

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 AUTHORIZING GRANT FROM
ZAPATA COUNTY TO ZAPATA COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution authorizing a grant from Zapata County to the Zapata County Nutrition Program as they apply for grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture to supplement and extend existing services of home delivered meals to home bound persons in the County, requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Program 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 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 REMAINING PAYMENT OF INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE
IN AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$6,400 AS DISCUSSED
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and authorize payment of deductible in an approximate amount of \$6,400 as discussed in executive session regarding personnel claim against Zapata County as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.072 (Real Property) and Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell addressed the Court and stated that County crews acknowledged that the County shop employees are prepared for the flood, if necessary.

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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL, COUNTY
CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF
THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS