

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 9th day of November, 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, Nellie R. Treviño, Monica Alaniz, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Betty M. Lopez, 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 AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY PASTOR ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Vela commended Commissioner Martinez for a great job at the cemetery. It is very clean and beautiful.

Judge Rathmell commented that Commissioner Elizondo worked on the Aguilares Road. Bruni donated the caliche for the improvement of the road. Commissioner Elizondo stated that she is storing the remainder of the caliche for a future park project.

Judge Rathmell also commented on his attendance at the "Fiesta de Juezes" which was hosted by Judge Tijerina. This event occurs every year. This was started by former judges. Judge Tijerina wants to start again with the tradition.

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 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve Treasurer's Report 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 CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$18,249.96 and Tax collections were \$4,201,209.43.

**ORDER APPROVING ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
"ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015"
DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN
COUNTY OFFICIALS AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR
AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Order Authorizing the Issuance of "Zapata County, Texas Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015," Delegating the Authority to certain County Officials and staff to execute certain documents relating to the bonds; entering into an escrow agreement and a paying agent/ registrar agreement; and authorizing other matters related thereto 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.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE TOTALING \$2,607.54
FROM HOTEL MOTEL TAX FUND FOR WORK DONE AT
SAN YGNACIO BIRD SANCTUARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoice totaling \$2,607.54 from Hotel Motel Tax Fund, for work done at the San Ygnacio Bird Sanctuary as requested by Honorable Olga Elizondo, Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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

**ORDER APPROVING FUNDING FOR BUILDING
REPAIRS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve funding for building repairs for the Boys and Girls Club of Zapata County. Repairs quoted by H & R Roofing are \$42,500, of which half will be paid from royalty funds and \$3,570 to Alice Pest Control, the Boys and Girls Club is willing to split the cost, as requested by Paco Mendoza, President & CVO Boys and Girls Club for Zapata County.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR 1ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
HOSTED BY PEDIATRIC PRACTICE ASSOCIATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the use of the Zapata County Community Center for the 1st Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Pediatric Practice Association and the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce. Event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 from 6-8PM. The event will be free to the public as requested by Paco Mendoza, President & CVO Boys and Girls Club for Zapata County.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AND ACCEPTING DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN
SIESTA SHORE/DAVIS LANE IN EXCHANGE FOR CONVERTING
RIGHT OF WAY INTO UTILITY EASEMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve and accept the drainage easement in Siesta Shores/Davis Lane in exchange for converting right of way into utility easement 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.

**REPORT BY MANUEL GONZALEZ ON
SIESTA SHORES WCID PLANT INCIDENT**

Manuel Gonzalez reported on the Siesta Shores WCID Plant incident. The tank has been constructed and samples have been sent for testing, once that is cleared they will start pumping water. The motors got wet and have been sent for repairs. They are waiting for TCEQ clearance. Emergency funding was provided.

Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager added they had started pumping water and Siesta Shores is on its own.

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AREA
FOR POLACK BROTHERS CIRCUS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the use of the Zapata Co. Fairgrounds Area for the Polack Bros. Circus on Nov. 11, 2015 as requested by Rachel Estrada, Polack Bros. Circus.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve installation of speed hump at the following location:

- a. 1915 Siesta Lane

as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTY OF ZAPATA TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution to Support and Participate in the South Texas Development Council and confirm the appointment of Judge Joe Rathmell and Commissioner Eddie Martinez as representatives from the County of Zapata, Texas to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 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 APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY 2016 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Resolution in support of the FY 2016 Indigent Defense Formula Grant 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.

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 AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY HECTOR URIBE TO HIRE AN EXPERT FOR JMI LANDFARM HEARING AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Attorney Hector Uribe to hire an expert for the JMI Landfarm hearing as discussed in executive session 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 AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY HECTOR URIBE TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE ASSESSMENT OF FRANCHISE FEES THROUGH COUNTY ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve and authorize Attorney Hector Uribe to continue to pursue assessment of Franchise Fees through County Ordinance 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.

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