

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of January, A.D., 2016, 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. Jose Emilio Vela (Presiding)	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

ABSENT:

Joseph Rathmell	County Judge
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VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Luis Gonzalez, 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**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karran Westerman announced that her term for Water Commission is up. Commissioner Vela nominated Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Director, to take over the position.

Commissioner Vela expressed his concern regarding the new law on Open Carry.

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 Martinez, 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 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$13,517.91 for YTD total of \$47,057.50 and tax collections in an amount of \$717,616.00 for 70.80% total collections.

ORDER APPROVING REMOVAL OF OLD DOORS AT SAN YGNACIO CIVIC CENTER AND INSTALLATION OF NEW METAL DOORS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to remove old doors at the San Ygnacio Civic Center and install two new 6'4" x 7'4" metal doors at the quoted price of \$4,200.24, to be paid out of line item # 10-409-465 County Property Repair and Maintenance 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.

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF GABRIEL ZAMORA AND TO ALLOW CHIEF MEZA TO HIRE PARAMEDIC OR PARAMEDIC/FIRE FIGHTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to accept resignation of Gabriel Zamora and to allow Chief Meza to hire paramedic or paramedic/firefighter as requested by Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Department.

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 CHIEF MEZA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Chief, regarding discussion to purchase a new ambulance.

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

ORDER APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS AND ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING HOUSING OF WEBB COUNTY INMATES AS ZAPATA COUNTY JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Webb County, Texas and Zapata County, Texas regarding housing of Webb County inmates at the Zapata County jail as requested by Said A. Figueroa, Zapata County Attorney.

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consultation with County Attorney and possible action to address property damage caused to a home as a result of an alleged Zapata County water leak as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Manager.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of security lights at the following addresses:

- a. San Ygnacio Viejo Unit 23
- b. 4143 Las Canteras
- c. 21 Evergreen (Rancho San Jose)
- d. 806 Miraflores Ave.
- e. 130 Evergreen Lane
- f. 22nd between Carla and Brazos

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.

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

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PROPERTY OWNER AS PER PERIMETERS SET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to enter into negotiations with property owner as per perimeters set in Executive Session regarding property damage caused to a home as a result of an alleged Zapata County water leak as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Manager. Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Consultation with Attorney).

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