

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 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. Joseph Rathmell	County Judge
Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
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:**

Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Betty M. Lopez, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Jason Delattne, Xavier Villarreal, Joe Peña, Manuel Gonzalez, and Aaron Cruz.

**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 advised the Court that Judge Guerra will no longer be housed at the courthouse. She will be accommodated at his former office located behind the nutrition center.

Ramiro Hernandez gave a brief report. He stated that an anonymous donor paid for the renovation of the restrooms and concession stands for field in precinct 1.

He also stated that he made a trip to Austin for USDA grants. All went well and Zapata was recognized at the state level. He further stated that the school provides breakfast and lunch and the Boys and Girls Club will provide a mid-day snack. The Boys and Girls Club is currently being renovated and he may be able to use the nutrition center.

Mr. Hernandez also attended an LISD meeting and stated that they have a recovery meal plan. Leftovers are placed in a bin and are distributed to the Kids Café. There is also a backpack program. Granola bars are provided for weekends and are replenished every week. This is funded by the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Foundation.

### **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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, 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 TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO REPAIRS AND \$15,000 FROM THE TOBACCO FUND TO MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a transfer of \$15,000 from the Tobacco Fund to Repairs (10-543-457) and \$15,000 from the Tobacco Fund to Medical Supplies (10-543-460) as requested by Chief J.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 CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND AIR EVAC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve contract between Zapata County and Air Evac as requested by Chief J.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 AWARD OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR TRUMAN PHELPS SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT / CONTRACT NO. 7215085**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award Engineering Contract for Truman Phelps Sewer Improvements Project/ Contract No. 7215085 to Premier Engineering as requested by Dioni Hernandez, County Project Office.

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

### **ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY PLAZITA FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to request the use of the Zapata County Plazita for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life on May 20th from 6 p.m. -12 p.m. as requested by Diana Juarez, American Cancer Society.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of speed hump at 608 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 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 APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	Fire Department	10-543-400	Contract Services	\$600.00
<b>To</b>	Fire Department	10-543-205	Uniforms	\$600.00

as requested by Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**THE COURT RECESSED FOR 5 MINUTES**

**ORDER APPROVING BID AWARD FOR BLUFF SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve award of the Bluff Sanitary Sewer Project to Guzman-Juarez Backhoe Services, being the lowest bidder with a bid of \$264,715.00 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.

**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  
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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