

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 14th day of March, 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, Evaristo Botello, Laura Garza, Betty M. Lopez, Luis L. Gonzalez, Sonia Sanchez, Berta Gonzalez, and Gloria M. Thatcher.

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

Mr. Figueroa commented that he has received calls regarding the bridge crossing being very dark because several bridge lights are out. Commissioner Vela contacted TxDOT and the problem will be addressed accordingly.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 \$14,041.26 for YTD total of \$73,191.60 and tax collections in an amount of \$604,359.40 for a total of 85%.

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS RE-SET FOR THE NEXT MEETING
(NO ONE WAS PRESENT)**

To recognize Bryana Saldaña for the Texas All State Band Flute competition as requested by Honorable Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

PRESENTATION ON VALUATION OF ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

A presentation was made regarding the valuation of Zapata County Appraisal District. The outlook for 2016 is not looking good. Valuation is down by 50%. Appraisals have not been completed. Another factor is the drop in drilling rigs.

**ORDER APPROVING FUNDING TO ASSIST CVB IN HOSTING
SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF
BASS CLUBS (METRO) TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve request for funding in the amount of \$8,000 from Hotel Motel Tax, to assist the CVB in hosting the San Antonio Metropolitan Area Association of Bass Clubs (Metro) Tournament to be held on October 1 and 2, 2016 as requested by James Bendele, Convent Visitors Bureau.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK PILL EVENT
TO BE HELD IN FRONT OF ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Prescription Take Back Pill Event that will be held in front of the Zapata County Courthouse on April 30, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm. as requested by Sonia Sanchez Montes, Scan.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF EMPLOYEE FOR PRECINCT 4
TO FILL VACANCY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to hire employee for Pct. 4 to fill Vacancy 15-014-slot #2 Equipment Operator at \$12.59 per hour as requested by Honorable 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.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
EXPERIENCE WORKS EMPLOYEES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS
FOR CONTRIBUTION TO HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to David Navarrete, Miriam Chapa, Evaristo Botello, Olga Elizondo, Laura Garza, Romeo Salinas, Andiccia Piña and Alma De Los Santos, some are employees of Experience Works employees and other volunteers for their contribution to the Helping Hands Food Pantry as requested by Brian Martinez.

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

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

**ORDER TO TRANSFER EMPLOYEE FROM OLGA V. FIGUEROA
ZAPATA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO NUTRITION CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to transfer Amalia Navarro from the Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library to the Zapata County Nutrition Center as requested by Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, 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.

**ORDER TO APPROVE TO KEEP OPERATOR AT
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT UNDER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION
AND PAY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to keep operator at Environmental Department under workmen's compensation and to pay temporary employee \$10.26 per hour as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, 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.

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