

**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 January, A.D., 2017, 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
Paco Mendoza	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: Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Jorge Oyervides, Roger Miller, Delia Mendoza, Luis L. Gonzalez, Jose F. Mendoza, Anselmo Treviño, Jr., Sergio X. Guevara, Ricardo Guevara, Luis Guevara, Lucila B. Mendoza, Laura Garza, Guillermo Saenz.

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 REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices, with the addition of a jail invoice with purchase order #1395869 in the amount of \$3,679.35 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 Mendoza, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 \$8,107.31 and tax collections in an amount of \$670,000 for a total of 67.87% total collections.

REPORT ON UPCOMING CHANGES TO I-9 REPORTING AS TO RULES OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, reported on the upcoming changes to the I-9 reporting as to the rules of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Department of Homeland Security. The I-9 form must be filled out by every employee. An online system is being added and the information is entered by personnel department to verify employee is able to work.

REPORT ON FINANCES FOR EMPLOYEE WORKSHOP

Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, reported on the finances for Employee Workshop. Donations were received in an amount of \$5,100 and expenditures were \$3,736.06, the remaining balance will be used for the following year's workshop as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director. (Report attached for the record.)

ORDER APPOINTING BOARD MEMBER TO BORDER REGION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint Commissioner Jose F. (Paco) Mendoza, Jr. to serve as board member to the Border Region Behavioral Health Center as requested by Hon. Joe 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 TO HIRE DAMPCO, LLC TO SEAL COPPER FLASHINGS ON COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to hire DAMPCO, LLC, as the contractor to seal copper flashings on courthouse exterior for the amount of \$6,600 as requested by Hon. Joe 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 FINAL PAYMENT FOR ATTORNEYS FEES FOR RETIRED COMMISSIONER ANGEL GARZA FOR COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL LAWSUIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to make the final payment, in the amount of \$3,637.99, for attorneys fees for retired Commissioner Angel Garza for Community Action Council lawsuit as requested by Hon. Joe 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 DEMOLITION OF STAGE ON WEST SIDE OF
ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the demolition of the stage on the west side of the Zapata County Pavilion. West side area of the pavilion will be designated as handicapped parking spaces. Work will be performed by county employees, as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner, Pct. 1 and 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 TO TRANSFER VICTOR VILLARREAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the transfer of Victor Villarreal from slot #24 to slot #4 as Captain at a rate of \$13.12 per hour 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 HIRE FIRE FIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to hire a Fire Fighter / Paramedic in slot #24 at a rate of \$12.60 per hour 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 AWARDING BID FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT
TO RSL WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to award bid for Garbage Collection Contract to RSL Waste Management, LLC, as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Mendoza, Elizondo, Martinez, and Garza. Judge Rathmell abstained. Motion carried.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHTS

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

- a. 1001 10th Avenue (Corner of 10th and Carla Street)
- b. 360 Gonzalez Road (Corner of Martinez and Gonzalez Street)
- c. 277 Lozano Road

as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, 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 GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY RAM HERNANDEZ

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Ram Hernandez regarding the finalization of all USDA documentation to include site/sites, locations and compensation policy to announce job openings with our local newspaper and Texas Workforce Office. Once approved by USDA the program will start immediately.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ATTORNEYS FOR PENDING LITIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize payment to attorneys representing Zapata County regarding pending litigation cases as 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 AUTHORIZING MR. TREVIÑO TO NOTIFY EMPLOYEES OF
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to authorize Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Director, to notify employees of licensing requirements as 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.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]

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-BONOAN,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS
COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS