

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 10th day of April, 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
Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Luis Daniel Villarreal, Jose F. Mendoza, Cipriana Wells, Ramona Martinez, Monica Saenz, Luis L. Gonzalez, Sonia Sanchez-Montes, Minnie Gonzalez-Flores, Berta Gonzalez, 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 CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Elizondo commented that the roping held over the weekend was a success, with over 30 participants for the cook-off. Boys and Girls Club will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt. An Easter celebration will also be held in San Ygnacio and also at the Siesta Shores Park.

Chief Meza stated that AirEvac will be at the courthouse rotunda on April 28 for screenings.

Zapata High School One-Act advanced to state level and will compete in Round Rock, Texas.

Judge Rathmell stated that Congressman Henry Cuellar will be here for the renaming of the post office.

Zapatan of the Year celebration will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse rotunda.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 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 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 \$11,390.81 for a year to date total of \$71,556.70 and tax collections in an amount of \$335,638.69 for a total of 84.12% total collections.

PRESENTATION BY VALLEY METRO

Minnie Cortez-Flores of Valley Metro gave a presentation on services provided. Participants would have to call to make appointments for trips. There is a minimum of 3-4 passengers per trip and they will be charged a minimal fee for out of town trips. Local trips are free. Passengers will be picked up at home and they will be taken wherever they need to go. The main office is located in Weslaco, Texas.

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND RSL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve amendment to Solid Waste Collection Agreement between Zapata County and RSL Waste Management 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 PURCHASE OF VINYL CUTTER MACHINE AND SOFTWARE FOR STREET SIGNS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a vinyl cutter machine and software for all street signs countywide 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.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF TECHNOLOGY FUND TO PAY FOR NEW COMPUTER FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF PRECINCT #4

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the use of the Technology Fund to pay for a new computer in the amount of \$1,552.63 for Justice of the Peace of Precinct #4 as requested by Hon. Ramon Benavides, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAY INCREASE FOR LUIS C. GARZA FOR FULFILLING
TCEQ LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a pay increase for Luis C. Garza from \$9.00 per hour to 11.00 per hour, Mr. Garza has fulfilled all TCEQ educational requirements and has achieved a class D water operator license. The funding will be obtained from line item 80-600-0227 as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REVIEW AND INVOICES FROM LAS PALMAS
SEWER PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve review and approve invoices from Las Palmas Sewer Project. Project is complete, connections have been upgraded and connected to US Hwy 83, reimbursement paperwork is being worked on as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING REVIEW AND INVOICES FOR BLUFF SEWER PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve review and approve invoices for Bluff Sewer Project. Project is complete, and reimbursement paperwork is being worked on 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.

ORDER APPROVING REVIEW AND INVOICES FOR PHELPS SEWER PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve review and approve invoices for Phelps Sewer Project. Project is ongoing, reimbursement due to county will be done after showing proof of payment as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF FRONT STEPS OF ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK PILL EVENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the front steps of the Zapata County Courthouse on April 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Prescription Take Back Pill Event 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

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

- a. 211 3rd Street in Falcon, Texas
- b. 406 Fourth Street in Lopeño, Texas

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.

ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 4, 2017 AS NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Proclamation declaring April 4, 2017 as National Service Recognition Day in Zapata County 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 DESIGNATING AND ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to designate and acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month 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 APPROVING CIVIL RIGHTS RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING ALL CIVIL RIGHTS DOCUMENTS AS APPROVED FOR PAST CDBG GRANTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Civil Rights Resolution reaffirming all Civil Rights Documents as approved for past CDBG grants as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Administrator.

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