

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 26th day of June, 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Hon. Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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VISITORS: Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Anselmo Treviño, Dora Mtz Castañon, Laura Garza, Kelly Hellen Vela, Lupita Trinidad, and Ricardo Guevara.

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**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mendoza mentioned that the public pool has been a success with almost 200 kids per day. He thanked Nellie R. Treviño and Laura Garza for taking over the scheduling of rentals at the pool.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 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.

PRESENTATION BY MARK ZOLLITCH ON WELLNESS PROGRAM

Mark Zollitch, TAC Wellness Consultant, gave a presentation on a Wellness Program for Zapata County employees.

ORDER APPROVING REMOUNT OF DAMAGED AMBULANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to set damaged ambulance for remount after getting results from insurance company, approximate cost \$55,200.00, 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.

ORDER APPROVING AND ALLOWING SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO SUBMIT HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve and allow the South Texas Development Council to submit on behalf of Zapata County a Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Application 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 REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$15,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request the transfer \$15,000 from Tobacco Fund to Repairs and Maintenance (10-543-457) 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.

UPDATE ON SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Ramiro Hernandez gave an update on the Summer Food Program. He presented a financial report and a total of \$49,000 have been received in reimbursements. The program provides a snack and a hot meal. The program will be in effect through the end of the summer and will commence again at the beginning of the school year. Excess funds are being used for the At-Risk Program.

ORDER APPROVING 28 HOURS PER WEEK FOR ADMINISTRATION ONLY OF USDA SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve 28 hours a week for administration only of the USDA Summer Food Program as requested by Ramiro Hernandez, USDA Food Program.

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

ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LAREDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR ZIKA PREVENTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve Memorandum of Agreement between City of Laredo Health Department and Zapata County for Zika Prevention 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 COMPUTERS FOR DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to purchase one computer from the Jury Fund (10-409-485), two computers from the Technology Fund (62-582-392) and one computer from Records Management (075-800-352) totaling \$5,163.00, pending verification by Auditor, as requested by Hon. Dora Martinez-Castañon, District Clerk.

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

ORDER ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF SYLVIA FLORES AT ZAPATA NUTRITION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to accept the retirement of Sylvia Flores (cook) slot #1 at the Zapata Nutrition Center, effective June 22, 2017 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 RESIGNATION OF RICARDO DE LOS SANTOS FROM ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the resignation of Ricardo De Los Santos from Zapata County Waterworks Department effective June 9, 2017 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 PROGRESS REPORT ON TxDOT CERTZ PAVING PROJECTS

Mr. Gonzalez was not present (handout attached for the record)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve progress report on TxDot CERTZ paving projects and approval of invoices as follows:

- San Ygnacio Viejo Road (approved)
- Mesa Salinas Road (approved)

The following items are still in progress:

- 16th Street (in progress)
- Villarreal Street (in progress)

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 MANUEL GONZALEZ REGARDING VALLE VERDE ROAD PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza to table the following item:

- Valle Verde Road (tabled)

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 TO APPROVE CVS ZAPATA SUBDIVISION PLAT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve CVS Zapata Subdivision Plat as requested by Kelley-Heller Vela, Melden and Hunt, Inc.

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

ORDER TO APPROVE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Commissioner Pct. 4	10-004-310	Supplies Pct .4	\$850.00
To:	Commissioner Pct. 4	10-004-310	Travel Pct. 4	\$850.00

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judge’s Office.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Non-Department	10-409-420	Telephone	\$60.21
To:	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$60.21

as requested by Bobbie Meza-Barrera, County Auditor’s Office.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Sewer Plant	08-602-443	Electricity	\$1,668.90
To:	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$1,668.90

as requested by Bobbie Meza-Barrera, County Auditor’s Office.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From:	Indigent Care & Pauper	10-640-395	Indigent Care Terp.	\$50.00
To:	Indigent Care & Pauper	10-640-392	Indigent Care (Co. Mercy)	\$50.00

as requested by Bobbie Meza-Barrera, County Auditor’s Office.

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 MENDOZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Consultation with Attorney regarding Personnel at the Zapata County Community Center 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).]*

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, 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