

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 27th day of **DECEMBER**, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Hon. Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, J.J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel Arriaga, Roger Miller, Severity Sanchez, Lesly M. Aguino, Joyce Currington, Laura Garza, and Delia Mendoza.

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

Judge Rathmell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Mendoza commented on the Christmas Parade and added that about 700 gifts were distributed.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that the Blue Santa was also going around.

J.J. Meza informed the Court that the new ambulance will be in service by the end of the week.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, 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 SEVERITA SANCHEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF WEBB COUNTY**

Ms. Severita Sanchez, Executive Director – Children's Advocacy Center of Webb County, gave a presentation of services provided to Zapata by the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Webb County. The program was started in 1993 by former District Attorney Joe Rubio. Ms. Sanchez makes presentations at school districts. The program is a nonprofit organization and it serves Zapata, Webb and Jim Hogg counties. She stated that she needs office space which will be occupied once a week; a counselor and crime victims coordinator will be available. She stated that she would like to try the program for one year in Zapata county.

**ORDER APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERPAID
FEMA FUNDS DURING HURRICANE ALEX**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the reimbursement of overpaid FEMA funds used during Hurricane Alex, to be paid in two payments ½ out of FY 2017-2018 budget and the second ½ out of FY 2018-2019 budget 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 USE OF COUNTY OWNED SPACE BY
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the use of county owned space, former DPS office, by the Children's Advocacy Center of Webb County. The CAC of Webb County will use the space once a week to provide services to the youth of Zapata County 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER GARZA
REGARDING REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF SECURITY CAMERAS
AT ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Commissioner Garza, regarding repair/replacement of all security cameras at the Zapata County Courthouse.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR PRINTER TONER
FROM TECHNOLOGY FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the payment of an invoice totaling \$905.92 for printer toner from the Technology Fund for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 office as requested by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2.

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 MICHAEL R. BONOAN FOR FULFILLING REQUIRMENTS TO PRACTICE AS CLASS D OPERATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve a pay increase for Michael R. Bonoan, from \$13.54 per hour to \$14.79 per hour. Mr. Bonoan has fulfilled all requirements of the State of Texas and is authorized to practice as a Class D Operator. Funding will be obtained from line item 08-602-227, License Stipend as requested by Carlos Treviño, 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 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLEXGRINNEL TO REBUILD FIRE PUMP AT ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a service agreement with SimplexGrinnell to rebuild the fire pump at the Zapata County Courthouse as requested by Maria Gutierrez, Courthouse Maintenance.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR 49TH DISTRICT COURT COORDINATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve purchase of a new desktop computer for the 49th District Court Coordinator. Computer to be paid from Non-Department, Computer Hardware as requested by Noemi Elizondo, 49th District Court.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICE FOR TRUMAN PHELPS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENET PROJECT, APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF AS BUILD PLANS AND TO CLOSE PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoice for the amount of \$13,691.76 for the Truman Phelps Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; approve acceptance of as build plans and close project, which is 100% complete 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 INVOICE FOR LAS PALMAS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, APPROVE ACCEPTEANCE OF AS BUILD PLANS AND APPROVE TO CLOSE PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve invoice in the amount of \$2,320 payable to Premier Engineering and invoice in the amount of \$19,440 payable to Premier Engineerig for the Las Palmas Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project; approve acceptance of as build plans and approve to close project, which is 100% complete 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 INVOICE FOR VELEÑO LIFT STATION PROJECT AND PROJECT REVIEW

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoice for \$27,750 payable to Guzman-Juarez Backhoe Services for the Veleño Lift Station Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Project is 97% complete and only needs fending around lift station.

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

ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Zapata County and the Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division to install network equipment in the Zapata County Commissioners Courtroom as requested by Alvaro Copa, Texas Attorney General – Child Support Division Program Specialist.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the installation of street light at the following location:

- a. 902 Fresno Street, Zapata townsite, Block 51, Lot 6
- 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the installation of a street light at the following location:

- a. 4115 Cantera
 - b. 110 Yaya Drive, Rhoda Maria Subdivision
- as requested by Hon. Olga Elizondo, Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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 MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO REACH OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND MAKE OFFER REGARDING COUNTY RIGHTS TO PROPERTY SITUATION ON RETAMA DRIVE – LAGO HALCON SECTION 3 AREA B

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize County Attorney to reach out to property owners and make offer regarding county rights to property situated on Retama Drive, Lago Halcon, Section 3 Area B, 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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