

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, A.D., 2018, 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 Treviño, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Xavier Villarreal, Ricardo Guevara and Jesus Rodriguez.

**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 Elizondo announced that she just returned from Las Vegas.

Judge Rathmell commented that the central air conditioner in the courthouse is out. The chillers went out due to power failures.

J.J. Meza, Fire Chief, stated that there is a typo in the last commissioners' court agenda, the number should be 59 instead of 94. Firefighters attended a funeral for a fellow firefighter in Laredo.

**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 Martinez, 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.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM ASASH TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoice from Asash Termite & Pest Control in the amount of \$6,310.50 for bat proofing the Zapata County Regional Jail, to be paid out of non-department, 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 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPTIONAL FEES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2019 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 AMENDING SPEED LIMIT FOR SURROUNDING STREETS FOR ROMEO T. FLORES PARK AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to amend speed limit for surrounding streets for the Romeo T. Flores Park area. Hidalgo Boulevard and Delmar Street on 1<sup>st</sup> Street will be changed to 20 mph and 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Glenn between park and pool will be changed to 10 mph 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 TO CONTINUE LETTER OF CREDIT TO ESTABLISH STAND BY TRUST FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OF SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL NO. 783 AND CLOSED LAND FILL NO 1528**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to continue the letter of credit to establish stand by Trust Fund for the Financial Assurance for the closure and post closure of San Ygnacio landfill no. 783 in the amount of \$553,710 and closed land fill no. 1528 in the amount of \$278,788 as requested by TCEQ, Deborah Wisneski, Financial Analyst, as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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 LIGHT**

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

a. 180 Flores Drive (Flores Shores Unit 1, Block 5, Lot 6 thru 8)  
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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the installation of a speed hump at the following address:

- a. 1312 & 4th Street
- b. 911 Diaz Street

as requested by Hon. 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.

**ORDER APPROVING LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4	10-455-464	Equipment Rental	\$1,300.00
<b>TO</b>	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4	10-455-313	Supplies	\$1,300.00

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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Auditor’s Office	10-495-335	Equipment Rental	\$913.56
<b>TO</b>	Auditor’s Office	10-495-427	Travel	\$913.56

as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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 following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Waste Water	08-602-593	TCEQ	\$1,000.00
<b>TO</b>	Waste Water	08-602-205	Uniforms	\$1,000.00
<b>FROM</b>	Waste Water	08-602-311	Postage	\$800.00
<b>TO</b>	Waste Water	08-602-205	Uniforms	\$800.00
<b>FROM</b>	Waste Water	08-602-341	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$8,000.00
<b>TO</b>	Waste Water	08-602-336	Repair & Maintenance	\$8,000.00

as requested by Eloy Chapa, Jr., Waste Water Supervisor.

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 following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	49 <sup>th</sup> District Court	10-435-335	Equipment	\$2,500.00
<b>TO</b>	49 <sup>th</sup> District Court	10-435-464	Fuel	\$2,500.00

as requested by Noemi Elizondo, 49<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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 following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Texas ATM AgriLife Ext.	10-665-312	Communication Program	\$400.00
<b>TO</b>	Texas ATM AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshops & Travel	\$400.00
<b>FROM</b>	Texas ATM AgriLife Ext.	10-665-313	Membership Dues	\$160.00
<b>TO</b>	Texas ATM AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshop & Travel	\$160.00

as requested by Jesus Rodriguez, AgriLife Agent.

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**

**ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF BALDEMAR MONTES,  
CONSTABLE PCT. 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to accept the resignation of Baldemar Montes, Constable Pct. 4, effective June 22, 2018 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA  
REGARDING AMENDMENT OF AMUSEMENT  
REDEMPTION MACHINE ORDINANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Commissioner Mendoza regarding amendment of Amusement Redemption Machine (ARM) Ordinance.

*Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5 Subchapter D, Section 551.071(A)(B) Consultation with Attorney.*

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

**ORDER APPROVING RE-PLAT OF LOT 123 OF BLOCK 5 IN  
FLORES ADDITION UNIT 1**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve re-plat Lot 123 of Block 5 Flores addition Unit 1 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.

**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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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