

**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 December, 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: Monica Alanis, Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, J.J. Meza, Nellie R. Trevino, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Jose F. Mendoza, Gabriela A. Navarro, Amalia G. Navarro, Raymundo Del Bosque. Sara Rathmell, Jesse Rodriguez, Gisela Alaniz.

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 commented that the Christmas parade and lighting of the plaza was a success. There was a great turn out and approximately 700 gifts were passed out.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that the house tours in San Ygnacio was also a success with a great turn out. She thanked Constable Daniel Arriaga for his assistance in the San Ygnacio parade.

Judge Rathmell commented that he attended the Quinceañera Ball by the Historical Commission.

Juan Navarro was presented with a retirement plaque for his 35 years of service to the county.

Fire Chief Meza invited the court to a meeting on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the ZTAC building to discuss the Mitigation Plan and annual award ceremony.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, 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 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 Mendoza, 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

Tax Assessor/Collector's office reported Hotel-Motel tax collections in the amount of \$7,550.05, YTD collections are \$20,023.33; \$4,375,588.34 in tax collections were collected at the rate of 65.73%.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF UNPAID INVOICE TO ZAPATA Q.A., INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of an unpaid invoice of \$3,500.00 to Zapata Q.A., Inc., to be paid out of the Construction Fund 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER ELIZONDO REGARDING REQUEST TO PURCHASE IPADS FOR MEMBERS OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Commissioner Elizondo regarding request to purchase Apple iPads for members of the Zapata County Commissioners Court to use for official duties.

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

ORDER TO ALLOW BIRD WATCHERS ONTO ZAPATA COUNTY LANDFILL FOR BIRD WATCHING EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow bird watchers onto the Zapata County landfill on February 7, 8, & 9, 2019 for a bird watching event, specific site will be identified, as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2. Bird watchers will be watching the Tamaulipecan Crow.

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 CARLOS TREVINO FOR PURCHASE OF PIPE HUNTER 7934 SEWER CLEANING MACHINE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Carlos Trevino regarding the purchase of Pipe Hunter 7934 sewer cleaning machine at a cost of \$73,736.00, funding to be obtained from County Equipment Fund.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICE FOR PURCHASE OF PROTECTOR AND UPDATE FOR CALL MANAGER PHONE SYSTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an invoice in the amount of \$12,552.89, to be paid out of Non-Department Repairs and Maintenance Fund, for the purchase of protector and updates for the call manager phone system for Zapata County Courthouse, and Sheriff's Department and Regional Jail, and Waterworks Department as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Specialist Project.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of street light at the following locations:

- a. 150 Veleño Road (Veleño, Lot N/2 of 19 acres 0.5)
- b. 443 Falcon Shore Drive (Falcon Shores Unit 1, Block 7 Lot 35)

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 Mendoza, to approve installation of street light at the following location:

- a. 2502 Fresno Street

as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ORDER APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICY PROCEDURE FOR USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve implementation of new policy procedures for use of Zapata County material, equipment and personnel, including the requirement of a monthly report to Commissioners Court as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. Millings were laid out on a private road (Doyle Street) at the request of property owners. Two days of county labor and equipment were used.

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 AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A DEED
AND PAY NO MORE THAN \$2.00 TO ACQUIRE 1,000 SQUARE FEET
ON MIRAFLORES STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to execute a deed and pay no more than \$2.00 to acquire 1,000 square feet on Miraflores Street to satisfy existing road requirements as requested by Hon. Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney.

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 INVOICE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,500 payable to Premier Engineering for surveying a 36 acre tract at the Zapata County Airport 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICE AND STATUS REVIEW FOR
FALCON MEZA STREET PAVING PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$7,000 payable to Premier Engineering for the Falcon Meza Street Paving Project, Pelican and Raven Streets will be bided for paving by January, 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICE AND STATUS REVIEW
FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$14,079.76 payable to Premier Engineering and invoice in the amount of \$77,947.97 payable to EJCDC for the Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. The project is close to 90% complete. The contractor asked for a 5-month extension to complete the project.

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 AND STATUS REVIEW FOR
GOLF COURSE SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$2,567.50 payable to Guzman Backhoe Services for the Golf Course Sewer Line Replacement Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Project is up to pavement area; County will remove items on right of way.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES AND REVIEW STATUS FOR
CDBG 3RD, 4TH, & 7TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$18,426.00 to RapidHaul, LLC for the CDBG 3rd, 4th, & 7th Street Improvement Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Gaps have been filled in. Fiber was added and project will last longer. Sections are being removed to prepare for paving, they have been grated and milled.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REPLAT OF BLOCK 13 BUENA VISTA ADDITION
INTO LOTS 1A-11A BLOCK 13**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to replat Block 13 Buena Vista Addition into Lots 1A-11A Block 13 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 REALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO FINISH
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD SEWER PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve reallocation of funds to finish Texas Water Development Board Sewer Projects at Colorado Subdivision, Lake Front Lodge and Nopal Road, pending approval by TWDB, 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.

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