

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 21st 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:

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| 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: Romeo Salinas, Alfonso Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alaniz, Daniel Arriaga, Nellie Treviño, Gabriela Gonzalez, Juan J. Meza, Jorge Oyervides, Fidencio Mendoza, Delia Mendoza, Adriana Figueroa, Raquel Gonzalez, Rebecca Caballero, Amanda B. Caballero, Francisco J. Caballero, B. Salazar, and Joyce Currington.

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

Fire Chief Meza commented that there had been an award presentation ceremony. Awards were also presented to the Commissioners. He thanked the court for providing equipment. Fire Department donated gifts for needy kids; gifts were donated by Fire Department employees.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that there was a grand opening ceremony for the Laguna Dental Orthodontic Clinic. She also commented that the park across from the pavilion needs painting; her husband will donate the paint.

Nellie Treviño informed the court that one of the ambulances was delivered on December 20th and the other one will arrive next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Delia Mendoza addressed the court and stated that she had been told and had understood that she would be appointed as Tax Assessor Collector. She expressed that she felt that she deserved the position and had already been performing said duties. If not appointed, then today, December 21, 2018, is her last day of work.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez and include invoice in the amount of \$7,175 for repairs at show barn.

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, including additional invoice for \$7,175 for repairs at show barn.

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

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB REPORT

(No one present)

ORDER APPROVING REPAIRS FOR ROOF COVERING BLEACHERS IN ROPING AREA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve repairs for the roof covering the bleachers in the roping arena, work to be done by Deep South Haulers, LLC, for \$8,350.00 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF ZAPATA COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to accept the resignation of Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector Luis Lauro Gonzalez, effective December 10, 2018 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 TO CONVERT PART TIME MANAGER POSITION AT ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT TO FULL TIME

Motion was made by Judge Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to convert part time Assistance Manager position at the Zapata County Airport to full time at \$10.04 per hour and to make necessary funding (\$11,528) available 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.

NO ACTION ON REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL TO FILL SLOT #2 ASSISTANT MANAGER POSITION AT ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT

No action was taken by Commissioners Court to fill slot #2 Assistant Manager position at the Zapata County Airport as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

ORDER TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER GARZA AS MEMBER OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO SERVE ON ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to reappoint Commissioner Norberto Garza as a member of the Zapata County Commissioners Court to serve on the Zapata County Appraisal District Board to a two-year term 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 DENY PURCHASE OF APPLE IPADS FOR MEMBERS OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO USE FOR OFFICIAL DUTIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to deny the request by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2, regarding request to purchase Apple iPads for members of the Zapata County Commissioners Court for official use.

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

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CARLOS LEIJA, SLOT #25 AND ALLOW CHIEF MEZA TO HIRE PARAMEDIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to accept the resignation of Carlos Leija slot #25 at \$12.73 and to allow Chief Meza to hire a paramedic 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 PURCHASE OF A PIPE HUNTER 7934 SEWER CLEANING MACHINE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of a pipe hunter 7934 sewer cleaning machine at a cost of \$73,736.00; funding to be obtained at a rate no higher than 5% interest for 48 months and to be paid out of Water Plant Improvement Fund 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 WHOLESALE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SIESTA SHORES W.C.I.D. FOR EMERGENCY WATER USAGE ONLY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a wholesale contract agreement with Siesta Shores W.C.I.D. for emergency water usage only, complying with TCEQ requirements, 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 CONSTRUCTION TIME EXTENSION FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve extension of construction time for 150 days to July 8, 2019 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including engineering contract amendment for inspection services in the amount of \$43,000.00 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.

**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 APPOINTMENT ADRIANA FIGUEROA AS TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO FILL EXISTING VACANCY

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint Adriana Figueroa as the new Tax Assessor-Collector to fill existing vacancy 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.

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