

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23rd day of April, A.D., 2019, 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 |
| 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 |

ABSENT:

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| Olga M. Elizondo | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
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VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Trevino, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Daniel D. Arriaga, Rolando Ramirez, John Pope, John Pope IV, Jesus Farias, Yiwei Cano, Joyce Currington, Zerlima Salinas, Juany Gonzalez, Jose A. Salinas, Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez, Laura Garza, and Armando Guerra.

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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell recognized and congratulated Fire Chief Juan J. Meza for his induction into the 2019 Texas Division of Emergency Management Hall of Fame after 46 years of service. Judge Rathmell added that the after Easter cleanup has begun.

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 CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, 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.

REPORT ON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA

No report presented at this time. There was a conflict with schedule; will be heard at the next meeting.

ORDER APPROVING \$8,500 FROM BASS TOURNAMENT FUNDING FOR TWO BASS CHAMPS TOURNAMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve \$8,500 from Bass Tournament Funding for two Bass Champs Tournaments for January 2020 and March 28, 2020, to be funded out of the 2020 budget General 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 APPROVING FUNDING OF \$8,000 FOR SAN ANTONIO BASS METRO CLUB AND USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve funding of \$8,000 for the San Antonio Bass Metro Club on October 2019 and the use of the Zapata Community Center 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 MRS. OLGA FLORES AS MEMBER OF THE ZAPATA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve Mrs. Olga Flores as member to the Zapata County Historical Commission 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 INVOICE FROM DEEP SOUTH HAULERS FOR WORK DONE AT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the invoice from Deep South Haulers for \$5,350.00 for work done at the Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 office 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND ZAPATA COUNTY TO PERFORM ELECTION SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve an interlocal agreement between the Department of Information and Zapata County to perform an election security assessment through the Texas Department of Information Resources, pending review by County Attorney, as requested by Hon. Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF FEE SCHEDULE TO COVER
NUISANCE CITATION FEES ISSUED BY GUILLERMO MARTIN SAENZ OF
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve establishment of a fee schedule to cover nuisance citation fees issued by Guillermo Martin Saenz of the Environmental Director as requested by Guillermo Martin Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING BIDS RECEIVED FOR DECEMBER 4, 2018 ZAPATA COUNTY
TAX RESALE OF PROPERTIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve bids received for December 4, 2018 Zapata County Tax Resale of Properties as requested by Michael Cano, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, LLP.

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

REPORT ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS

Michael Cano of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, reported on the delinquent tax collections. Over half a million dollars were collected for sales of delinquent tax properties. The company hired attorney Jimmy Gonzalez of Laredo, Texas to assist with tax collections. Mr. Gonzalez possesses good experience and reliability. They have not hired anyone to replace Lilonee Garza. They are looking for someone from Zapata or Roma, if possible.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR REPAIRS OF DRIVEWAY FOR
PROPER DRAINAGE FOR 3RD, 4TH, & 7TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoice in the amount of \$2,000 payable to Premier Engineering for repairs of driveway for proper drainage for 3rd, 4th, & 7th Street Improvement Project 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 FOR 11TH STREET PAVING
PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$3,825.36 payable to Premier Engineering for 11th Street Paving Project 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 REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR
ZAPATA HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI BINGO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use Zapata County Pavilion for the Zapata High School Mariachi bingo on May 5, 2019 as requested by Sandy Pippin-Gomez, Mariachi Halcon parent.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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

| | Department | Line Item | Fund | Amount |
|-------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|
| From | Wastewater | 08-602-341 | Chlorine | \$12,000.00 |
| To | Wastewater | 08-602-336 | Repair –Maintenance | \$12,000.00 |

as requested by Eloy Chapa, Wastewater Manager.

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 Garza, to approve the following line item transfers to meet departmental needs:

| | Department | Line Item | Fund | Amount |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-561-337 | Prisoner Clothing | \$2,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$2,000.00 |
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-561-454 | Vehicle Maintenance | \$1,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$1,000.00 |
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-330 | Fuel | \$2,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$2,000.00 |
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-391 | Prisoner Medication | \$2,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$2,000.00 |
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-561-394 | Prisoner Supplies | \$1,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$1,000.00 |
| From | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-561-336 | Law Enforcement | \$1,000.00 |
| To | Sheriff’s Regional Jail | 10-567-456 | Equipment Maintenance | \$1,000.00 |

as requested by Sheriff Alonso M. Lopez, Sheriff’s Department.

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 GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO AMEND
AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINE (ARM) ORDINANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize the County Attorney to amend the Amusement Redemption Machine (ARM) Ordinance and to formally adopt Section 3, Subsection 11 and Code F, to include distance restrictions from all school, public park, or place of worship and to amend Section 4 (A), annual registration fee increase from \$750 to \$1000 per machine per year as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza,

Commissioner Pct. 1. *Closed/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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, 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