

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 12th day of August, 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:

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, Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Roger Miller, Daniel Arriaga, Joyce Currington, Karren Westerman, Daniel Chapa, Adriana Figueroa, Kelley Heller-Vela, and Laura Garza.

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 stated that the kids fishing tournament had a great turnout. Backpacks were provided and lots of vendors participated.

Commissioner Elizondo also stated that there was a back to school event in San Ygnacio where school supplies were supplied.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$1,162,596.81 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 Elizondo, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$1,597,276.81 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 \$6,604.15 for the month of July for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$92,394.79 and year-to-date tax collections at a rate of 88.88% for a total base tax collected of \$5,914,340.96.

CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITOR, AND COURT REPORTER

Certification of annual compensation for County Auditor, Assistant Auditor, Assistant Auditor and Court Reporter, as follows:

Slot#	Title	Name	Compensation
1	County Auditor	Triunfo Gonzalez	\$64,000.00
2	Deputy Auditor	Roberta S. Meza	\$35,011.00
3	Deputy Auditor	Dioni Hernandez	\$30,872.00
	49 th District Court Reporter	Cynthia Lenz	\$12,322.00

(No motions were made.)

No one was present for the following item

Presentation on the International Bridge Project as requested by Carlos Villarreal.

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REPAIR OF THE ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve request proposals for the repair 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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REPAIR OF ZAPATA COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL/SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve request proposals for the for roof repair of the Zapata County Regional Jail/Sheriff’s Department Jail as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 LUBBOCK COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES FY 2020-2021

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County and Zapata County for the Regional

Public Defender for capital cases FY 2020-2021, County portion is \$4,267.00, 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 APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM FUND BALANCE TO
LINE ITEM 10-516-730**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to transfer \$15,000 from the fund balance to line item 10-516-730 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 APPROVE PAYMENT TO ZAPATA COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE FOR 2019 BASS CHAMPS SOUTH REGION FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve payment of \$3,500, out of the Hotel Motel Tax Fund, to the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce for the 2019 Bass Champs South Region Fishing Tournament 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 PURCHASE OF KEYBOARD AND PRINTER FROM
TECHNOLOGY FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the purchase of a keyboard and printer for the amount of \$1,518.20 to be paid from the technology fund as requested by Hon. Fernando Muñoz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING FY 2019-2020 ZAPATA COUNTY CALENDAR

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the FY 2019-2020 Zapata County Calendar with holidays, commissioners court, and payday schedule 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 APPROVING 2019-2020 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BLUE
CROSS BLUE SHIELD RATES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the 2019-2020 Texas Association of Counties Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan 1400NGS – Option 1 rates 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 APPROVING 2020 RENEWAL RATES FOR AMERITAS DENTAL AND
VISION PLAN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the 2020 renewal rates for Ameritas Dental and Vision plan 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 DANIEL CHAPA DIRECTOR OF SMARTCOM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Daniel Chapa, Director of SmartCom, regarding request to approve the purchase of the abandoned water pipe that crosses underneath the Veleño Bridge to cross a fiber optic cable through the pipe.

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

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED PLAT FOR FAMILY DOLLAR STORE ZAPATA SUBDIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve amended plat for Family Dollar Store Zapata Subdivision as presented by Kelley Heller-Vella, Melden and Hunt, Inc.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Justice of the Peace 2	10-455-432	Equipment Rental	\$1,000.00
TO	Justice of the Peace 2	10-455-428	Workshop Travel	\$1,000.00

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.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Library	10-650-427	Travel	\$500.00
TO	Library	10-650-310	Supplies	\$500.00

as requested by Amalia Navarro, Librarian.

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 the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs: *To reapprove items due to a line item error.*

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-443	Electricity	\$8,500.00
TO	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-341	Chlorine-Chemicals	\$8,500.00
FROM	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-443	Electricity	\$1,000.00

TO	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-336	Repair & Maint.	\$1,000.00
FROM	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-443	Electricity	\$8,000.00
TO	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-341	Chlorine-Chemicals	\$8,000.00
FROM	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-443	Electricity	\$2,000.00
TO	Zapata County Waterworks	80-600-336	Repair & Maint.	\$2,000.00

as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant.

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 the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Constable Pct. 4	10-550-313	Supplies Pct. #4	\$100.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$100.00
FROM	Constable Pct. 4	10-550-333	Fuel Pct. #4	\$244.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$244.00
FROM	Constable Pct. 4	10-550-430	Workshop/Travel Pct. #4	\$14.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$14.00
FROM	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-455	Repairs Pct. #2	\$43.41
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$43.41
FROM	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-428	Workshop/Travel Pct. #2	\$267.58
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$267.58
FROM	Constable Uniform	10-550-305	Uniforms	\$631.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies Pct. #2	\$631.00

as requested by Hon. Daniel Arriaga, Constable 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 GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To address possible property right affecting Zapata County in reference to the Lozano Road as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071/551.072 (A)(B), Consultation with Attorney/ Real Property.

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER AND INVOICES FOR WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve change order and invoice for the amount of \$3,230.00 payable to ACP Construction and invoice in the amount of \$14,079.76 payable to Premier Engineering as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Construction of the Wastewater Treatment plant is 99% complete.

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