

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Said A. Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Trevino, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Danny Arriaga, Roger Miller, Carlos Villarreal, James Bendele, Leslie Vela, Joyce Currington, and Manuel Gonzalez.

**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 stated that a jamaica will be held at South Elementary and also one in San Ygnacio on October 28. She added that she attended a meeting at South Padre Island.

Monica Alanis commented that Halloween candies will be handed out at the library.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$926,866.17, 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 in the amount of \$1,148,809.88 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**

Leslie Vela, C.E.O. Boys and Girls Club, reported that the club was given a new look as in was painted. Manuel Longoria and Danny Arriaga painted the San Ygnacio location. The roof will be replace at San Ygnacio. Trick or Treating will take place at the club.

### **ORDER APPROVING CRITERIA TO SELECT TXCDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICE PROVIDERS AND REVIEW AND RATE PROPOSALS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve criteria and send out packages to three TxCDBG Grant Administration Service Providers in our area, they must respond by November 16. The selected consultant will close out TxCDBG #72144095, 7215085, 7216511, and 7217511 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 APPOINTING SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RATE PROPOSAL FOR TXCDBG ADMINISTRATION SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint Roxana Elizondo, Triunfo Gonzalez, and Nellie R. Treviño as members of the Selection Review Committee to review and rate proposal for TxCDBG administration service providers 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 COM. ELIZONDO REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL TRAIL ROADSIDE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SAN FRANCISCO PARK NORTH OF SAN YGNACIO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Com. Elizondo regarding participation in the National Trail Roadside Enhancement Program for the San Francisco Park North of San Ygnacio as requested by Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

### **ORDER APPROVING USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER AND APPROVE FUNDING FOR EXPENSES FOR TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BASS CLUB STATE TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve use of Community Center and approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 for expenses for the Texas Association of Bass Club State Tournament on October 10 and 11, 2019, as requested by James Bendele, Zapata County CVB.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE ACT CONTRACT  
FOR METER PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Public Property Finance Act Contract for the Meter Project, pending review by legal counsel, as requested by Stephanie Cates, Client Service.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of streetlight at the following address:

- a. 5424 Peña Lane
- b. 5229 Pharr Lane

as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY2020 INDIGENT DEFENSE  
FORMULA GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution in support of the FY2020 Indigent Defense Formula Grant 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 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FINANCE CONTRACT FOR  
PURPOSE OF PROCURING AMI METER SYSTEM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve Resolution to authorize the Finance Contract for the purpose of procuring the AMI Meter System 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.

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

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

**ORDER APPROVING JOSE RAFAEL TREVIÑO'S REQUEST ON HIS NEW  
POSITION AS ZAPATA COUNTY WATER PLANT MANAGER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Jose Rafael Treviño's request on his new position as Zapata County Water Plant Manager as follows: annual salary of \$62,500 and car allowance in the amount of \$2,500 effective November 1, 2019, as requested by Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3. *Closed*

*Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071/551.072 (A) 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 REPLAT OF LOT 661 SIESTA SHORES SECTION 2 IN  
PRECINCT #3**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve replat of Lot 661 Siesta Shores Section 2 in Precinct #3, pending signature from owners, 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 RESOLUTION FOR VILLA-ZAPATA  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution for Villa-Zapata International Bridge, except for the last paragraph which will be removed, as requested by Carlos Villarreal.

Mr. Russel of Earth Tech Consulting stated that it is a \$600,000,000 for construction of a 12 lane bridge. A revenue of 70,000,00 annual revenue is expected. He added that it would take 45 years to break even.

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