

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Jose A. Solis	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:**

Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
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**VISITORS:** Nellie Trevino, Roger Miller, Zenon Perez, Luis Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Ray Del Bosque, Jr., Joseph Pena, Armando Guerra, and Nereida 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 Elizondo reported that the lighting of the San Ygnacio Plaza took place last week. Christmas carols were sung by San Ygnacio students. The lighting of the Zapata County Plaza also took place; there was also a Christmas market which was also a success. She added that the show barn is ready for the prospect show.

Judge Rathmell presented report of Fire Chief Daniel D. Arriaga. Moderna vaccines are being administered by the Fire Department; approximately 436 have been administered as of November 1. No testing is available as of now. Vaccination is done Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fire Department will not provide vaccines December 24 – 31. CVS, DSHS, Daniel's Pharmacy and the pediatric clinic are also vaccinating. There are currently 30 active cases in Zapata County.

Congressman Cuellar will be in Zapata to present Stone Garden Grant.

Judge Rathmell added that Congressman Cuellar will be in Zapata County on Thursday to announce \$10 Million for broadband connectivity for Zapata County.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices in the amount of \$1,611,655.86 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 Garza, 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 Elizondo, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$1,611,655.86 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 \$8,496.00 for the month of November with a year-to-date total of \$18,089.23. Tax collections at a rate of 55.52%.

#### **NO ONE WAS PRESENT FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

10 Presentation from the Zapata County Museum of History Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as requested by Dr. Hildergardo E. Flores, Museum Director.

#### **ORDER APPOINTING COMMISSIONER SOLIS AS MEMBER FOR TWO-YEAR TERM TO ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD**

Motion was made by Judge Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to appoint Commissioner Solis as member for a two-year term to the Zapata County Appraisal District Board 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 TO TAKE NO ACTION ON REQUEST TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF 11 PATROL UNITS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (THIS ITEM WAS RECALLED AND APPROVED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to take no action on request to solicit bids for the purchase of 11 patrol units for the Zapata County Sheriff's Office as requested by Sheriff Raymundo Del Bosque Jr., County Sheriff.

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

#### **ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGET LINE-ITEMS FOR OPERATION LONESTAR BORDER COUNTIES GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the proposed budget line-items for Operation Lonestar Border Counties Grant (\$523,894.94) as requested by Sheriff Raymundo Del Bosque Jr., County Sheriff.

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

**UPDATE ON PURCHASES THROUGH CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION  
SERIES 2021**

County Auditor Triunfo Gonzalez gave update on the purchases through the Certificate of Obligation Series 2021.

The following were secured: 5 – F-150 crew cab trucks \$155,353.75  
7 – F-250 \$242,571.75, 4 will have gooseneck hitches  
4 dump trailers (\$14,000 ea.) \$56,998.00

**ORDER TO APPROVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FUND TO PAY FOR JUSTICE OF  
THE PEACE PCT 3 PRINTER LEASE AND PRINTER INK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the use of the Technology Fund to pay \$606.54 for the Justice of the Peace, Pct.3 printer lease and printer ink for the budget year as requested by Judge Fernando Munoz, 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 BIDS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve bid by Campos Construction, being the lowest bidder, with a bid in the amount of \$17,950 to be paid out of Maintenance and Operations.

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

**ORDER APPROVING COMPLETION OF COLORADO ACRES SEWER  
IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve completion of the Colorado Acres Sewer Improvements and approve payment in the amount of \$14,764.45 invoice (retainage) as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., 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 SUPPORTING TEXAS OPIOID ABATEMENT  
FUND COUNCIL AND SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION TERM SHEET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve resolution supporting the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas, Zapata County will be receiving \$56,480, 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 RESOLUTION REGARDING CONTRACT FOR PURPOSE OF  
LEASING A "BODY SCANNER" FOR COUNTY JAILS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of leasing a "Body Scanner" for county jails, annual

lease in the amount of \$19,080.00 to be paid out of commissary funds, as requested by Sheriff Raymundo Del Bosque Jr., County Sheriff.

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 SOLIS,  
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ITEM #14 WAS RECALLED AND APPROVED  
ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF 11  
PATROL UNITS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve request to solicit bids for the purchase of 11 patrol units for the Zapata County Sheriff's Office as requested by Sheriff Raymundo Del Bosque Jr., County Sheriff.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

11. To approve settlement terms for the purchase of the Los Ebanos Golf Course as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

**ORDER APPROVING TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAILY  
OPERATIONS OF LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to solicit request for proposals for the daily operation of the Los Ebanos Golf Course and include requirements that the County would like to see if any bid proposals that come in as a part of negotiations with Los Ebanos Golf Course and, include continued operations until we can implement a different vendor and not close the golf course at any time, 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.

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

24 update and possible action on border wall litigation as requested by Hon. Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney.

*Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

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

25 To discuss matters pertaining to the landfill as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director.

*Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, 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