

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 27<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
Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

**ABSENT:**

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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**VISITORS:** Ralph Trevino, N. Garza, Carlos & Sara Garza, Joe Pena, Daniel Arriaga, and Delia Mendoza.

**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, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Judge Rathmell announced that the County will be off Thursday and Friday for the New Year Holiday.

Commissioner Elizondo wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Judge Rathmell reported that CVS is testing for Covid-19, the Fire Department is not.  
A total of 20,132 tests have been conducted  
1,694 positive tests  
20 active tests

There are no confirmed cases of the Omicron virus; we still need to follow all precautions. There are plenty of vaccines available.

Judge reported on Covid-19 vaccines	
65 and over 1 <sup>st</sup> vaccine	90%
65 and over 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	81.4%
5 and over 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose (fully vaccinated)	63.05
5 and over 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	73%

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices in the amount of \$1,401,478.28 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$1,401,478.28 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.

**RECOGNITION OF RESIDENT FRANCIS SANCHEZ FOR HER EXEMPLARY ACTIONS**

Ms. Francis Sanchez was recognized for her exemplary actions as a bus driver and avoided a collision with an 18-wheeler on the way back from a band field trip

**ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH CARLOS COLINA VARGAS AND ASSOCIATES FOR PROCUREMENT OF FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve contract with Carlos Colina Vargas and Associates for the Procurement of Funding and Management Services for the Los Ebanos Golf Course and Nature Park with compensation in the amount of 3% of \$750,000 which is what the state allows 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 PAYMENT NO. 1 TO CARLOS COLINA VARGAS & ASSOCIATES FOR GRANT PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE AND NATURE PARK**

Motion was made Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve request for Payment No. 1 to Carlos Colina-Vargas & Associates for Grant Procurement and Management Services for the Los Ebanos Golf Course and Nature Park in the amount of \$24,000 out of consulting services 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 was taken on the following item**

11. To approve the installment of a Security light at the corner of Hidalgo Blvd and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL TO CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR FALCON LAKE NURSING HOME**

Motion was made Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table

request by Judge Rathmell, to consider tax abatement for the Falcon Lake Nursing home.

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

**REPORT ON FINDINGS AND REMEDIES BY TCEQ AT ZAPATA COUNTY SAN YGNACIO AND RAMIREÑO WATER PLANT**

Ralph Trevino, Water /Wastewater Director, reported that TCEQ conducted an inspection at the Zapata County San Ygnacio and Ramireño Water Plant. Fifteen violations were found, of which 13 were record keeping. Calibration, paperwork, daily logs, lack of documentation were some of the violations. Two licensed operators will be working in San Ygnacio. They are working on remediation of violations. (No report was provided for the record.)

**ORDER TO APPROVE MOU BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND CURATIVE INC TO PROVIDE COVID TESTING COVID-19 TESTING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve MOU between Zapata County and Curative Inc. to provide COVID testing for the community as requested by Fire Chief Daniel D. Arriaga.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-336	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$1,558.30
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-560-336	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$1,558.30

as requested by: Sheriff Raymundo Del Bosque Jr.

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 SOLIS,  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ELIZONDO,  
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER TO APPROVE AND FILE RELEASE OF LEASE AGREEMENT OF  
SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL AND SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis to approve and file release of lease agreement of the San Ygnacio landfill and together with a Special Warranty Deed as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (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 FINAL SETTLEMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AT  
SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL EXPANSION SITE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve final settlement statement of land acquisition at the San Ygnacio landfill expansion site, pending review by County Attorney as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (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 Elizondo, 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,  
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ATTEST:

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MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-  
BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK AND  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS