

**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 November 2022, 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

**VISITORS:** Nellie R. Treviño, Rafael Garcia, Aurelio Villarreal, Roger Miller, Joseph Peña, and Daniel Arriaga.

**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 COMMISSIONERS COURT  
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Judge Rathmell commented on the annual Thanksgiving Inservice stating that it was a very good event, with good speakers. Generosity of sponsors was overwhelming, we almost had two door prizes for each employee who attended. Judge Rathmell thanked all the sponsors that participated.

Covid-19 report:

7 positive cases for a total of 2,593  
8 probable causes for a total of 1,716  
No deaths reported since the last meeting.

Vaccines are still being provided by Fire Department.

6mo to adult -1 dose 72.38%  
6 mo. to adult - fully vaccinated 61.56%  
65+ 1 dose 93.43%  
65+ - fully vaccinated 83.92.

Commissioner Elizondo stated that she has been getting calls in regard to the pot holes in the roads due to the consistent rain. Judge Rathmell added that we got about 2” of rain. Pot holes will be plugged in.

Commissioner Mendoza announced that the Christmas Parade will be on December 1. Parade will end at the Zapata County Plaza with the lighting and events for the community.

### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from November 11 – December 22 in the amount of \$5,547,937.05, 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 Garza, to approve check issued from November 11 – December 22 in the amount of \$5,547,937.05, 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 RELEASE OF HOTEL MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF THE 2023 ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR EVENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Hotel Motel Tax Funds in the amount of \$23,783.00 for advertising and promotion of the 2023 Zapata County Fair Event 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 REAPPOINTING EXISTING MEMBERS TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Motion was made by Judge Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to reappoint existing members to the Texas Historical Commission for a two-year term as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Jose Luis Elizondo	Amparo Gutierrez
Olga Elizondo	Roberto Montes
Dr. Hildegardo Flores	Rosa Elena Martinez
Olga M. Flores	Anselmo Treviño
Laura Garza	Hector Uribe
Hector Lopez, Jr.	Jose Emilio Vela

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

**ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE RATHMELL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO THE ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to appoint Judge Rathmell for a two-year term to the Zapata County Appraisal District Board 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 OT ZAPATA Q.A. INC.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Zapata Q.A. Inc. in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the replacement of a 5-ton system at the Falcon Community Center 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 TRANSFER OF \$35,000.00 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO MAINTENANCE REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to transfer \$35,000.00 from Tobacco Fund 67-800-352 to Maintenance Repairs 10-543-457 as requested by Fire Chief Daniel Arriaga.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to purchase a Desktop computer for the Fire Department \$1,212.70 from Non-Department as requested by Fire Chief Daniel Arriaga.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of the following street lights:

- 130 Valle Verde, San Ygnacio Tx.
- 16<sup>th</sup> and Roma

as requested by Hon. Olga Elizondo, Commissioner 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	Airport Fund	081-46251-518	Contract Services	\$884.90
To	Airport Fund	081-46151-518	Supplies	\$884.90

as requested by Ramon Montes, Airport Manager.

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 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