

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 10th day of February 2023, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas convened in **SPECIAL 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
Pedro M. Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Roberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	Zapata County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Luis Gonzalez, Andres Gonzale, Daniel D. Arriaga, Joseph Peña, and Raymundo Del Bosque.

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 HON. 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

Commissioner Solis thanked the individuals and companies that donated playground equipment for the Siesta Shores Park.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices in the amount of \$1,035,175.17 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 TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$1,016,495.33 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 \$11,256.32 for the month of January with a year-to-date total of \$35,508.75. Net collections were \$1,113,928.10 with tax collections at a rate of 75.76%.

Mrs. Mendoza stated that applications are still being accepted for the Texas Home Owner's Program.

PRESENTATION OF \$1,000,000 CHECK

Mr. Carl Esser made a check Presentation to Zapata County Commissioners Court by Esser & Company Consulting LLC for \$1,000,000.00 awarded for Colonia Fund Construction CFC 22-0086 for the San Ygnacio Water Improvement Project. Commissioner Mendoza commended Mr. Esser and Manuel Gonzalez.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL FOR OPERATION LONE STAR EMPLOYEES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the payment of payroll for Operation Lone Star to bailiff and clerk for the month of February 2023 at their OLS rate 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ARRIAGA AS FIRE MARSHALL FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 2 YEARS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the reappointment of Daniel Arriaga as Fire Marshal, for a period not to exceed 2 years 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 THE COST AND PAYMENT FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR FINISHING FALCON NUTRITION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of \$9,400 to Dagoberto Rivera for labor and invoice in the amount of \$2,261 from Dr. Ike's for materials for the installation and finishing of the interior ceiling drywall and painting of all interior walls of the Falcon Nutrition 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.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

16. To approve the submission of a resolution in support of Federal DOT Regulation 49 CFR s372.237 and to request to add Zapata County to the Federal Commercial Zone as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO CREATIVE THREADS
FOR EMPLOYEE WORK SHIRTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the payment of two invoices to Creative Threads for Precinct 4 employee work shirts (\$1,600.00) and Precinct 4 door decal (\$75.00) to be paid out of line item 015-424-42700 as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioners Morales, Solis, and Mendoza, and Judge Rathmell. Commissioner Garza abstained. Motion carried.

**ORDER APPROVING THE HIRING OF DOMINGO DELGADO
IN SLOT #3 DEPARTMENT #014
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE PRECINCT 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve to hire Domingo Delgado in slot #3, Department #014 Special Road & Bridge Pct. 4 at \$11.48 per hour as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER TO PROMOTE DAVID GUZMAN FROM
ASSISTANT CREW LEADER TO CREW LEADER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to promote David Guzman, slot #2, Department #014 from Assistant Crew Leader to Crew Leader at \$15.07 per hour as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER TO ADJUST JOB TITLE OF BALDOMERO FLORES, JR. TO
OPERATOR/LABOR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to adjust job title of Baldomero Flores Jr. to Operator/Labor, Department #014; salary will remain unchanged as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

ORDER TO ADJUST SLOT #7 CDL DRIVER FROM \$14.09 TO \$14.21 PER HOUR

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to adjust slot #7 CDL Driver from \$14.09 to \$14.21 per hour Department #014 as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR
MEET & GREET HOSTED BY STATE GUARD AND
NATIONAL GUARD BASE CAMP KELLY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion on February 11th at 9:00 a.m. for a Meet & Greet Hosted by

the State Guard & National Guard Base Camp Kelly as requested by Hon. Delia Mendoza, Tax Assessor.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING CARLOS COLINA-VARGAS
TO SOLICIT AN ARCHEOLOGICAL/CULTURAL SURVEY
INCLUDING PLANT SURVEY OF BOAT RAMP PROJECT SITE
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to authorize Carlos Colina-Vargas to solicit an archeological/cultural survey, including a plant survey, of the boat ramp project site for the purpose of environmental clearance from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, as long as it is within the budget parameters, as requested by Carlos Colina Vargas, Consultant.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION
FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR EVENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of Zapata County Pavilion from March 4-12, 2023 for Zapata County Fair events as requested by Rafael Garcia, Zapata Co. Fair Association.

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

**ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
CITY OF LAREDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND
ZAPATA COUNTY ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
HEALTH CARE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Laredo Health Department and Zapata County on public health and health care emergency response and preparedness as requested by Brenda L. Perez SNS Coordinator City of Laredo Health Dept.

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

ORDER APPROVING 2023 CDBG SIGNATORY RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the 2023 CDBG Signatory Resolution appointing Judge Joe Rathmell, Authorized Official(s) and Triunfo Gonzalez, Financial Representative(s) for Zapata County CDBG Program as requested by Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING
FOR 2023-2024 CDBG PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Affidavit of Posting for the 2023 2024 CDBG Public Hearing Notices. Public Hearing held February

9, 2023 5:10 PM, Zapata County Courthouse as requested by Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC.

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

ORDER APPROVING CDBG APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION CDV 23-0213 NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve CDBG Application Resolution for Application CDV 23-0213 Neighborhood Facility Project requesting \$500,000.00 for Community Center as requested by Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales to approve the following street lights:

- Delmar Street (Lots 2&3, Block 14, Zapata Townsite) 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the following street light:

- 201 Guerrero in San Ygnacio as requested by Hon. Pedro Morales, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Texas A & M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-310	Office Supplies	\$500.00
TO	Texas A & M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshop/Travel	\$500.00
FROM	Texas A & M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-312	Communication & Programs	\$1,000.00
TO	Texas A & M AgriLife Ext.	10-665-427	Workshop/Travel	\$1,000.00

as requested by Jesus F. Rodriguez, Agrilife Ext.

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

ORDER APPROVING CDBG RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR 2022 COLONIA PLANNING

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissions Morales, to approve CDBG Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block

Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2022 Colonia Planning 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 SOLIS,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:52 A.M.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SOLIS,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 11:34 A.M.**

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST ON POSSIBLE ACTION ON
GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT AND RATES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table request by Judge Rathmell on possible action on garbage collection contract and rates 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 TO GO OUT FOR BIDS AND
AUTHORIZE HECTOR URIBE TO DRAFT CONTRACT AND
REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF
LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to go out for bids and authorize Hector Uribe to draft contract and requirements for operation of Los Ebanos Golf Course

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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, 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