

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23rd day of June 2023, 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
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Roberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Pedro Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

VISITORS: Roger Miller, Karran Westerman, Delia Mendoza, and Sara Rathmell.

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

Commissioner Solis stated that he received calls regarding properties not being maintained. He reminded the public to mow due to snakes. Neighbors are complaining about abandoned properties. He added that there is a process and a complaint can be filed with environmental department.

He also thanked Hilcorp for swing sets that are being installed at the Siesta Shores Park.

Judge Rathmell commented that this is not a regular scheduled meeting, but they will be attending a conference next week.

Commissioner Garza stated that there is youth retreat taking place and asked to keep them in prayer.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from June 12 – June 15, 2023 in the amount of \$734,453.68, which included an additional \$1400.00 for repairs of grapple truck and \$798.00 for Golf Course mower 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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from June 12 – June 15, 2023 in the amount of \$734,453.68, which included an additional \$1400.00 for repairs of grapple truck and \$798.00 for Golf Course mower 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO REP & P FOR SEVERAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT ZAPATA COUNTY FACILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoice to REP & P for several projects throughout Zapata County facilities for a total amount of \$2,247.75; work was done at community center (\$1,900.00) and cemetery (\$347.75); 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 OF FIVE INVOICES FOR ESSER & COMPANY FOR WORK DONE ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, TXCDBG CARES ACT RESILIENCE GRANT AND TXDOT 2020 CTIF

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment five invoices to Esser & Company for a total amount of \$31,596.96 for work done on the American Rescue Plan (\$5,380.00), TxCDBG Cares Act Resilience Grant (\$12,956.96), and TxDot 2020 CTIF (\$2,500.00) 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 TO MARTINEZ ELECTRICAL FOR WORK DONE AT ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment in the amount of \$425.00, to Martinez Electric for work done at the Zapata County Cemetery Flagpole, to be paid out of cemetery funds, 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 OF INVOICES TO RAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOUTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH SERVICES, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoices in the total amount of \$ 19,325.00 to Raven Environmental and South Texas Archeological Research Services LLC for biological survey and archeological investigation, respectively, for work done on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Boat Ramp Improvements Project 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 TO INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR PRELIMINARY ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Integrated Environmental Solutions for preliminary archeological survey work done on the Medina Drainage Project, to be paid out of the Colonias grant, as requested by 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 TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL TO ACCEPT DONATED ONE ACRE PARCEL OF LAND IN BUSTAMANTE

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Judge Rathmell, to accept donated one acre parcel of land in Bustamante adjacent to Bustamante Cemetery 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 REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR USDA CDS CF-FIRE STATION GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to request qualifications for Engineering/Architectural Services for the USDA 2023 CDS CF-Fire Station 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 TO PAY \$25,000 SUPPLEMENT TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO ZAPATA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR PROSECUTION OF OPERATION LONE STAR CASES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve to pay a \$25,000.00 supplement to Assistant District Attorney assigned to the Zapata County Attorney's Office for prosecution of Operation Lone Star cases. All funds are to be paid from previously budgeted Operation Lone Star funds, at no cost to Zapata County, and will not include any additional fringe benefits as requested by Hon. Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF INCREASE OF \$80,000.00 TO LINE ITEM 010-567-426502 PRISONER MEALS REGIONAL JAIL (MALES)

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request of increase of \$80,000.00 to line item 010-567-426502 Prisoner Meals Regional Jail (Males) as requested by Chief Carlos Q. Ramirez, Sheriff's Office.

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

ORDER DENYING REQUEST BY JOHN ALBERT TO USE SHOW BARN

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to deny request by John Albert of Circus Wonderland, to use the show barn on Wednesday, March 20th or March 27th for the Circus Wonderland.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY FOR DIA DE SAN JUAN TRAIL RIDE

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve use of the County Right of Way for the Dia de San Juan Trail Ride as requested by Zaragoza Rodriguez III, Trail Boss.

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:

19. to allow the use of the Zapata County Community Center for a benefit dance for the Dia De San Juan celebration as requested by Hon. Roberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

ORDER APPROVING LINE-ITEM TRANSFER

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	Nutrition Center C1	038-647-43430	Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,500.00
TO	Nutrition Center C1	038-647-42616	Supplies Consumables	\$3,500.00

as requested by Bertha Lopez, Nutrition Center Director.

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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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