

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ZAPATA

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 28th day of August 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
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: Jason Duran, Julie Duran, Cynthia L. Duran, David Vasquez, Joeseph Peña, Delia Mendoza, Patricia Gonzalez, and Rosa E. Martinez.

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 the signing of Attendance Matters Proclamation took place. He added that the Bravo Park ponds are being drained. Concerned citizens have been asking about the ducks; they migrate from the Bravo Park to the Golf Course; the ducks are safe.

Judge Rathmell commented that the Zapata Hawks beat Cigarroa 42-10. He added that Zapata missed heavy rains from Hurricane Harold. He thanked the commissioners for clearing creeks in Medina Addition. The lake situation is still critical.

Commissioner Garza stated that the school had the Gingerbread Man event.

David Vasquez, with Concession Assessment and Wellness Center, addressed the court and stated that he works with a pharmacy that offers the most advanced concession assessment. They will be working with health providers covered by most insurance plans. They also have a mobile and RV unit.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from August 11 to August 24, 2023 in the amount of \$914,474.50 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 invoices from August 11 to August 24, 2023 in the amount of \$914,474.50 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 PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve proclamation declaring September 2023 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 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.

CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITOR, AND COURT REPORTER

Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, presented the Order Approving the Annual Compensation for County Auditor, Assistant Auditors and Court Reporters for certification. Salaries will be included in the 2023-2024 budget.

Slot #1	County Auditor	Triunfo Gonzalez	\$66,040.00
Slot #2	Deputy Auditor	Roberta S. Meza	\$37,951.00
Slot #3	Deputy Auditor	Dora B. Villarreal	\$32,912.00
49 th Judicial District Court (reporter)		Cynthia Lenz	\$13,842.00

ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS (LGS) COURT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve a contract amendment with Local Government Solutions (LGS) court management software to include the County Clerk, District Clerk, County Judge, and 49th District Court. Software to be paid with Operation Lone Star 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 FOR REPAIRS OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment for the repair of the sprinkler system at the Higher Education Center 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 INVOICE TO MARTINEZ ELECTRICAL
FOR REPLACEMENT OF BULBS AND BALLASTS AT SHOW BARN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the payment of an invoice to Martinez Electrical in the amount of \$3,833.20 for the replacement of bulbs and ballasts at the show barn as requested by Hon. Pete Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF ICE MAKER FOR USE AT
LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of ice maker, in the amount of \$1,099.74, for use at the Los Ebanos Golf Course as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO CANALES, GARZA, AND BAUM, PLLC
FOR AUDITING SERVICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment in the amount of \$45,000, to Canales, Garza, and Baum, PLLC for auditing services as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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

#14. To approve the use of Courthouse Security Fund for a printer lease an expense for the year. Printer lease is billed quarterly at approximately \$200.00 per month, other costs are monthly at varied amounts depending on printer usage. Approximate costs are \$2,400.00 per budget year for the lease and \$750.00 for other per budget year as requested by Hon. Fernando Muñoz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3.

**ORDER APPROVING ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS TO
LANDFILL COMPACTOR TRACTOR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve estimate in the amount of \$26,835.20 (including wheel caps and labor), for repairs to the landfill compactor tractor as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING OVER TIME PAYMENT TO ARMANDO DEL BOSQUE,
ENOCH LOPEZ, RAFAEL MARTINEZ, AND RAUL ONTIVEROS
FOR HOURS WORKED AT JENNINGS ROAD FIRE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the overtime payment to Armando Del Bosque, Enoch Lopez, Rafael Matinez, and Raul Ontiveros, for hours worked at the Jennings Road fire that occurred August 6, 2023, in the total amount of \$1,409.95, as requested by Nelli Treviño, HR Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO CARLOS COLINA VARGAS & ASSOCIATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Carlos Colina Vargas & Associates, in the amount of \$19,750.00, for work done on the following projects: Miraflores Neighborhood Park (50% complete \$7,500), Falcon Lake Boat Ramp Site (25% complete \$4,750), and Emergency Operations Center (25% complete \$7,500), pending approval by auditor, 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 PURCHASE OF TWO BOATS WITH BOAT TRAILERS
FROM AUCTION MARINE USING OPERATION LONE STAR
BORDER COUNTIES FUNDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the purchase of two (2) boats with boat trailers from Auction Marine using Operations Lone Star Border Counties funds for a total of \$104,375.55 as requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ANDRES GARCIA ZUÑIGA, M.D.
FOR INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve professional services agreement between Zapata County, Texas, and Andres Garcia Zuñiga, M.D., for inmate medical services, for the annual fee of \$80,000, to be paid out of jail budget and effective October 1, 2023, as requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING EXCHANGE OF EQUIPMENT OF STREET SENTRY FIXED
SYSTEM (POLE CAMERAS) AND ATS 380 LPR TRAILER WITH CAMERAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve exchange of equipment of Street Sentry Fixed System (pole cameras) and ATS 380 LPR Trailer with cameras for a total of \$158,197.00 from Operation Lone Star Border Counties are requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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 FOR \$2,000 TO INTEGRATED
ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR MEDINA
ADDITION DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the payment of an invoice for \$2,000.00 to Integrated Environmental Solutions for the archeological survey for the Medina Addition Drainage Project as requested by Kevin Stone, Integrated Environmental Solutions.

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	County Judge	010-400-43165	Indigent Defense	\$1,130.00
TO	County Judge	010-400-42610	General Supplies	\$1,130.00

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judges Office.

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 Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-43580	Travel & Training	\$1,500.00
TO	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-42610	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
FROM	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00
TO	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-42610	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
FROM	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-43612	Books	\$90.01
TO	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-42610	Office Supplies	3\$0.01
FROM	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-43612	Periodicals	\$500.00
TO	Olga V. Figueroa Zapata County Public Library	010-650-42610	Office Supplies	\$500.00

as requested by Rebecca Y. Gutierrez, Librarian.

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 Garza, to approve the following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	010-455-43580	Travel & Training	\$1,293.50
TO	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	010-455-42611	Supplies	\$1,293.50

as requested by Hon. Anna Guerra, Justice of the Peace, 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 Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Adult Probation	10-572-42620	Fuel	\$700.00
TO	Adult Probation	10-572-42610	Supplies	\$700.00
FROM	Adult Probation	10-572-42620	Fuel	\$28.00
TO	Adult Probation	10-572-43580	Travel	\$28.00

as requested by Monica Benavidez, Adult Probation.

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 Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$2,104.87
TO	Sheriff's Department	010-560-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,104.87
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$15.57
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43440	Miscellaneous & Rental	\$15.57
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$550.95
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	010-567-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$550.95
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	010-567-42654	Prisoner Medication	\$2,500.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	010-560-43430	Equipment Maintenance	\$2,500.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	010-567-42654	Prisoner Medication	\$2,500.00
TO	Sheriff's Department	010-560-43430	Equipment Maintenance	\$2,500.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	010-561-42654	Prisoner Medication	\$665.00
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-42610	General Supplies	\$665.00

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 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
OPERATION LONE STAR (OLS) FY-2024**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution in support of Operation Lone Star (OLS) FY-2024 as requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
OPERATION LONE STAR – BORDER COUNTY (OLS) FY-2024**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution in support of Operation Lone Star – Border County (OLS) FY-2024 as requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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 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