

**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 January, A. D., 2013, 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 Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
	Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
	Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT: Saíd Alfonso Figueroa County Attorney

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Sylvia V. Santos, Myrna Bustamante, Dorothy Pizana, Joe Peña, Karran Westerman, Diana Villarreal-Cuellar, Joyce Currington, Rosie Gonzalez, and Thelma Gonzalez.

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, COUNTY CLERK

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Auddy Hernandez informed the Court that a letter had been received from FSA declaring Zapata as one of the counties in Texas declared a disaster area due to drought and heat using the new, streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process.

Furthermore, Auddy Hernandez also informed the Court that Jeremy Garza, Extension Agent, had presented his letter of resignation. Mr. Garza also delivered a Certificate to the Commissioners for attending the Agrilife Conference in Laredo in December 2012.

Fire Chief J.J. Meza, advised the Court that the new ambulance has been received and will submit paperwork to place ambulance in service.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Hon. Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela commented on an item on pg. 33 payable to Trueautomation which was also paid by the Appraisal District, Mr. Luis Gonzalez stated that this may be Zapata County’s share of the cost.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve checks issued, pending clarification by Mr. Luis Gonzalez on item payable to Truautomation, 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 REVISED ZAPATA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TITLE VI POLICY PROCEDURES AS REQUESTED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve revised Zapata County Transportation Department Title VI Policy and Procedures, pending correction on eligibility requirement, as requested by Texas Department of Transportation as requested by Rosie Gonzalez, Nutrition Center Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING REFUND OF DEPENDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE PREMIUM TO EMPLOYEES DUE TO CANCELLATION OF COVERAGE FOR NON-PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve refund of dependent insurance coverage premium to employees due to cancellation of coverage for non-payment as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Martinez, Garza and Vela. Commissioner Villarreal abstained. Motion carried.

ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER TO RECEIVE ALL INSURANCE BILLS FOR REVIEW AND PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve that County Treasurer receive all insurance bills for review and payment as requested by 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY KARRAN WESTERMAN TO USE THE
OSWALDO H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Karran Westerman, Zapata County Convention and Visitors Bureau, to use the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on March 30, 2013 for a Bully Dog Show.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ELECTRICAL REPAIRS TO CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 1 VEHICLE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve electrical repairs to the Constable Precinct 1 vehicle as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Constable Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Vela, Garza and Martinez. Commissioner Villarreal abstained. Motion carried.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

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

a. 111 Miraflores Street in Zapata
as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

b. 1913 Ramireño Street
as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

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

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF
THE 83RD LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND ITS ELECTED STATE SENATOR
AND REPRESENTATIVE TO OPPOSE DEMOLITION OF
ARROYO VELEÑO BRIDGE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a resolution in support of requesting the members of the 83rd Legislative Session and its elected State Senator and Representative to oppose the demolition of the Arroyo Veleño Bridge by the Texas Department of Transportation and to support the transfer of ownership to the County of Zapata and permit the conversion of the bridge from motor vehicle to pedestrian, scenic, and recreational purposes as requested by Hector Uribe, Attorney at Law.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, 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
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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