

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 25th day of February, 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
	Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Joyce Currington, Omelia Zapata, Maria de los Angeles Z. Flores, Maricela Munoz, Stephanie Koch, Jose F. Mendoza and Diana Villarreal.

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

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve invoices as presented by Hon. Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor. Commissioner Vela commented on an item on pg. 38 for invoice payable to QA, Inc., for \$835 and invoice on page 15 for \$1,000.00 payable to La Casita Fire Department.

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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER VELA AND L. CUELLAR REGARDING REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE OF COUNTY UTILITY EASEMENT ON FM 496

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner, Pct. 1 and L. Cuellar, Landowner, to have temporary use of a county utility easement located on the south side of FM 496 facilitating a shorter distance to access his property and allowing him to egress and regress as needed.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO JOIN THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT POOL-WORKERS COMPENSATION ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL 4% INCENTIVE DISCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to join the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool-Workers Compensation Alliance in order to receive an additional 4% incentive discount as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT POLICY TO BE INCLUDED IN PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve Retiree Health Insurance payment policy to be included in the Personnel Policy Handbook addressing NSF returns and non-payment in cash. Retirees have 30 days to pay insurance premiums, as requested by Nellie Treviño, Personnel 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 HILL COUNTRY SOFTWARE FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the payment to Hill Country Software for annual software maintenance for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 in the amount of \$2,350.00 to be paid from the Technology Fund Line item 62-582-392 as requested by Bobbie Meza-Barrera, Deputy County Auditor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF OSWALDO H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ
EXHIBIT HALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on April 20, 2013, pending purchase of event insurance, as requested by Omelia Zapata, Zapata Environmental Civic Organization.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS

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

a. Valle Verde Drive in San Ygnacio (Lot #2 one block before dead end)
as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Precinct 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of the following street lights:

a. 515 Medina Street (existing pole)
b. 511 Ramireño (existing pole)
as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING PASSAGE OF
HB 958 WHICH PROPOSES TO REDUCE INTEREST CREDITING RATE
ON ALL TCDRS FUNDS FROM 7% TO 5%**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a resolution strongly opposing the passage of HB 958, which proposes to reduce the interest crediting rate on all TCDRS Funds from 7% to 5% as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Precinct 1.

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

Fire Chief J.J. Meza, address the Court regarding a question of whether fire academy students from Zapata could travel in a county vehicle. County Attorney suggested that said students should not be allowed to travel in County vehicles due to liability issues. These students may be hired if certified.

Chief Meza also commented that a rollover simulator was placed at the middle school. This simulator teaches the students the importance of wearing a seatbelt.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR AN UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE BY COUNTY EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to deny the request for an unpaid leave of absence by a county employee as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel 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 Garza, 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-BONAN
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS