

**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 November 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, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Roger Miller, Ruben Saldaña, Roberto Valadez, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Chris Phillips, Ray del Bosque, Erika Martinez, Delia Mendoza, Luis Gonzalez, Jose Peña and Paco Mendoza.

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

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve invoices as presented 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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.

**PRESENTATION BY CHRIS PHILLIPS OF HYDRO PRO SOLUTIONS
ON WATER METER CHANGE-OUT PROGRAM**

Mr. Chris Phillips of Hydro Pro Solutions addressed the Court regarding a water meter change-out program. He presented the Court with an Economic Analysis for the Automated Metering Project. Said analysis was run to determine financial benefits from the implementation of an Automated Meter Reading project. The County is presently experiencing a 32.74% unaccounted for water loss. Half of all unaccounted for water loss experienced by a water utility is due to water passing through inaccurate meters without being measured. Mr. Phillips stated that the water loss is the result of aging water meters. The projected average annual loss is approximately \$280,737.28. The new automated metering system would recover approximately \$255,041.70 annually. The average cost of the project is 1.2 million dollars. Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager, stated that in the last 7 years, about 90% of the meters have been replaced. Commissioner Vela suggested that commercial meters be changed out first. This item will appear as an action item at the next meeting.

ORDER ADOPTING TCDRS RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR YEAR 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to adopt the TCDRS Retirement Assessment Plan for Year 2014 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.

**ORDER APPROVING THE OPENING OF NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH
STATE FORFEITURE GUIDELINES UNDER CHAPTER 59 OF
TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the opening of a new checking account for the Zapata County Sheriff's Department to comply with State Forfeiture guidelines under Chapter 59 of the Texas Local Government Code as requested by Alonso Lopez, County Sheriff.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO ZAPATA COUNTY
WATER SYSTEMS ORDINANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the amendment to Zapata County Water Systems Ordinance prepared by Jeff Snowden, Water System Consultant, as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ROBERT VALDEZ AS THE NEW
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Robert Valdez, the recommended candidate for the County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resource position serving Zapata County effective December 1, 2013 and continuing support of \$18,373.00 for the county position of the agent's salary as requested by Ruben J. Saldaña, Texas Agrilife Extension.

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 FOR PROSPECT SHOW**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on January 4, 2014 for a Prospect Show as requested by Fernando Rodriguez, ZCISD, FFA & 4H.

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 OSWALDO H. AND JUANITA G.
RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL FOR STOCK SHOW**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on December 14 and 15, 2013 for a stock show as requested by Corando Barrera.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL FIELDS
FOR CLASH OF THE CLASSES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Little League Softball Fields, two behind Catholic Church and two at Romeo T. Flores Park, for the Clash of the Classes Softball Tournament as requested by Corando Barrera.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT 3 AND 4 FOR 2013 BASSMASTER HOST FEE
APPROVED AUGUST 13, 2012**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve payment 3 and 4 for the 2013 BassMaster host fee approved August 13, 2012 in the amount of \$12,500.00 as requested by Francisco Mendoza, Zapata County Chamber of Commerce.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREET LIGHTS AND HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following street lights:

- a. 1008 Delmar Street (Zapata town site)
- b. 170 Veleño Street

as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the installation of a street hump at 2185 Retama Drive (Falcon Lake Estates East) as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a street light at 2306 Alamo Street in Zapata as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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 a speed hump at 5414 S. Siesta Lane (Siesta Shores) as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct .3.

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 street light at the following addresses:

- a. 1311 Mier
- b. 1015 Medina

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.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM FY 2014”

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a resolution in support of the “Local Border Security Program FY 2014 (IBSP-14)” grant application from Texas Homeland Security as requested by Alonso Lopez, Zapata County Sheriff.

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