

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Juan Navarro, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Joyce Currington, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Roger Miller, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Xavier Villarreal, Sean Kamber, Delia Mendoza, Ray Del Bosque, Tricia Cortez, and Leo Cuellar.

**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 CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY - COUNTY CLERK**

**INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013, NOVEMBER 15, AND  
AND NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of November 12, November 15, and November 25, 2013 as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

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

## **MONTHLY REPORT OF ZAPATA FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC**

Mr. Sean Kamber Laredo Medical Center presented the Court with the monthly report for October 2013. Mr. Kamber stated that if a patient is in the clinic to see a doctor during the night, the doctor should see the patient regardless of whether the doctor is sleeping or not.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Vela informed that North Elementary School will be having opening ceremonies tomorrow, December 10, at 6:00 p.m.

## **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, 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 AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve checks issued and Treasurer's Report 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.

## **REPORT ON ZAMOLARES FOR KIDS BENEFIT CONCERT**

Brian Martinez, Event Organizer for Zamorales, reported on the Zamorales for Kids Benefit Concert held on November, 2013. Gifts will be distributed on December 23 along with Judge Guerra's Blue Santa gift distribution.

## **ORDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the appointment of Zapata County Commissioner Jose E. Vela, as a member to the Zapata County Appraisal Board 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 PURCHASE OF 4 COMPUTER TOWERS FOR TAX OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve request to purchase 4 computer towers for the Tax Office as requested by Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector. Delia Mendoza stated that the school will be splitting the cost; Tax Office will transfer monies from supplies.

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

**ORDER AWARDING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT TO MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS  
FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS  
FOR CONTRACT NO. 713-521**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award the management contract for the Street Improvements Project under the Office of Rural Affairs for Contract No. 713-521 as requested by Dioni Hernandez, Project Administrator Assistant.

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

**ORDER AWARDING ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO PREMIER ENGINEERING  
FOR THE STREET IMPROVMENTS PROJECT UNDER OFFICE OF RURAL  
AFFAIRS FOR CONTRACT 713-521**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award the engineering contract to Premier Engineering for the Street Improvements Project under the Office of Rural Affairs for Contract No. 713-521 as requested by Dioni Hernandez, Project Administrator Assistant.

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 LIGHT AT 22<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE  
BETWEEN ELM AND DELMAR STREET IN ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the installation of a street light at 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Elm and Delmar Street in Zapata as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

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

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. Consultation with attorney and possible action to review appraisal for proposed land acquisition at the Zapata County Cemetery as requested by Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney. *Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072, Real Property.*
15. Consultation with attorney regarding personnel matters in recent EEOC claim filed against Zapata County as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director. *Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trisha Cortes of the Rio Grande International Study Center, address the Court, their mission is to preserve, protect and foster respect for the Rio Grande-Rio Bravo, its watershed, environment and cultures, through research, education and bi-national stewardship and alliances

with individuals, agencies and organizations. She urged the Court to pass a resolution against the weir project proposed by San Antonio Water System. San Antonio Water System is looking for water options, however said weir would be extracting our water and we do not support the project. She urged that Zapata County pass a resolution that fits Zapata County's needs.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- 14./17. Consultation with attorney and possible action to review appraisal for proposed land acquisition at the Zapata County Cemetery as requested by Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney. *Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072, Real Property.*
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**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, 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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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