

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23th 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
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, Brian J. Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Brett Starr, Chris Phillips, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Joyce Currington, Lupita Garza, Jose F. Mendoza, Xavier Villarreal, Efrain Morales, Jr., Manuel Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Leo Cuellar and Jose Peña.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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 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 APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH ALLISON BASS & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P
FOR COMPLETION OF TXDOT COUNTY ROAD GRANT APPLICATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve agreement with Allison Bass & Associates, L.L.P. for the completion of the TxDot County Road Grant Application. Zapata County is eligible for approximately \$509,000.00. There is a \$5,000.00 fee by Allison Bass & Associates, if application is not approved, NO fee will be paid to Allison Bass & Associates 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 CONTRACT BETWEEN INDIGENT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS (HIS) AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR USE OF HIS SOFTWARE PROGRAMAS AND RELATED MATERIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve a contract between Indigent Healthcare Solutions and Zapata County for the use of the HIS (Indigent Healthcare Solutions) software programs and related materials for the designated data processing system. The contract is to be reviewed by County Attorney. There is no software fee, however, there is a cost of \$1,059.00 per month with a 30 day cancellation notice 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 FINANCING FOR HYDROPRO WATER METERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the financing for HydroPro water meters as requested by Chris Phillips, HydroPro Solutions. Only commercial and industrial meters will be replace for a total of 164 meters. The cost for Zapata County is approximately \$408,000.00 which will be paid out of the County Fund Balance – Royalties account.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO CONTINUE LETTER OF CREDIT TO ESTABLISH STAND BY TRUST FUND FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OF LANDFILL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to continue the letter of credit to establish stand by trust fund for the financial assurance for the closure and post closure of the San Ygnacio Landfill Permit No. 783 in the amount of \$514,496.00 and the closed landfill permit No. 1528 in the amount of \$259,042.00 as requested by TCEQ, Deborah Wisenski, Financial Analyst 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.

ORDER APPROVING CREATION OF COMPUTER PROGRAM EXPENSE LINE-ITEM FOR INDIGENT DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the creation of Computer Program expense line-item 10-640-336 for the Indigent Department 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.

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Consultation with attorney and possible action to address counter offer made by land owner for the acquisition of three (3) acres situated adjacent to 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.*

ORDER APPROVING INMATE AND INDIGENT HEALTHCARE RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Inmate and Indigent Healthcare Resolution 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 RESOLUTION OF ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS OPPOSING EXPORTATION BY SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES FROM THE REGION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve Resolution of the County of Zapata, Texas opposing exportation by the San Antonio Water System of ground water resources from the region as requested by Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS COUNTER OFFER
MADE BY LAND OWNER FOR ACQUISITION OF THREE ACRES ADJACENT TO
ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize County Attorney, to address counter offer made by land owner for the acquisition of three (3) acres situated adjacent to 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.*

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

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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