

**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 January, A.D., 2016, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Norberto Garza (Representing Zapata County at arbitration proceedings in Houston, TX)	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Said A. Figueroa, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Nellie R. Treviño, Monica Alanis, Brian Martinez, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Luis Gonzalez, David Quin, and Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.

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 AND EX-OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY COM. EDDIE MARTINEZ
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Com. Elizondo thanked Gloria Villarreal for being the Madrina for the County Fair Tea Party. Roberto Vela allowed them to use the ranch for the photo shoot.

Nellie Treviño informed the Court that TAC started a reimbursement program which will help lower our liability insurance. Romeo Salinas forwarded the link to website to county officials.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez.

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 Elizondo, 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.

**MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT BY LMS ON PATIENT HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT
ZAPATA COUNTY HEALTHCARE CLINIC**

The report will be available for the first meeting of February

**ORDER APPROVING TWO YEAR REAPPOINTMENT OF J.J. MEZA AS ZAPATA
COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve reappointment of J.J. Meza as Zapata County Fire Marshall, for a term of two years, as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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 REGARDING PUBLIC
NOTICES CONCERNING RESTRICTION OF OPEN CARRY FIREARMS AT SELECT
COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to table request by Commissioner Vela regarding public notices concerning the restriction of open carry firearms at selected Zapata County Buildings, Public Recreational Facilities, and County Parks.

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

PRESENTATION BY DAVID QUIN FROM PUBLIC POWER POOL

Mr. David Quin, from Public Power Pool, gave a presentation regarding the County's current contract for electricity through 2019. Zapata County saves approximately \$37,783 each year compared to wholesale through the County's participation in Public Power Pool. The County is locked through 2019. See attachment for complete report.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER VELA REGARDING
OPTIONAL SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS ELECTING TO PAY ADDITIONAL
MINIMAL FEE TO DISPOSE OF LARGE UNUSED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to table request by Commissioner Vela, regarding an optional service for those residents electing to pay an additional minimal fee to dispose large unused household items such as mattresses, sofas, stoves, washers/dryers, and broken furniture 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.

**ORDER APPROVING TO CONVERT FOUR WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF
HAWK STREET AND ROBIN AVENUE INTO TWO WAY STOP ON ROBIN AVENUE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to convert the four way stop at the intersection of Hawk Street and Robin Avenue into a two way stop on Robin Avenue 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.

ORDER AWARDING COLORADO ACRES SEWER PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve and award the Colorado Acres sewer project to Guzman Juarez Backhoe Service being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$270,108.85 as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

15. To enter into a Land Lease agreement between Zapata County and Gateway Community Health Center for 25 years as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

16. To legally clarify the document titled "Dedication of the Tract of Land for Community Action Council of South Texas as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF NEW AMBULANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve purchase of new ambulance. First payment will be paid with next year's budget and may be paid out of tobacco fund. Ambulance purchase funded through Zapata National Bank as requested by Fire Chief J.J. Meza.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of the following speed humps:

- a. 515 Medina St.
- b. 17th & Diaz Ave.
- c. 715 Villa St.

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 DESIGNATING ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE JOSEPH RATHMELL AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS APPLICATION FOR SYSTEM ACQUISITION OF RAMIREÑO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve resolution designating Zapata County Judge Joseph Rathmell as the authorized signatory for the Zapata County Waterworks application for the system acquisition of the Ramireño Water Supply Corporation and the San Ygnacio Municipal Utility District as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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 ELIZONDO, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING LAND LEASE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND GATEWAY COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER FOR 25 YEARS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding a land lease agreement between Zapata County and Gateway Community Health Center for 25 years as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 REVISION TO LEGALLY CLARIFY THE DOCUMENT
TITLED "DEDICATION OF TRACT OF LAND FOR COMMUNITY ACTION
COUNCIL OF SOUTH TEXAS"**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve revision to legally clarify document titled "Dedication of the Tract of Land for Community Action Council of South Texas as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge.

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 Elizondo, 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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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