

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of April, 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
Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Jorge Oyervides, Selina-Roxanne Davis, Maria Sendejo Davis, Delia Mendoza, Luis L. Gonzalez, B. Salazar, Lucia V. Garcia, Dr. Yesenia Garcia, Mariamanda G. Perez, Mario H. Garcia, Jr., Juan H. Navarro, Ramiro Hernandez, Jessica Buruato, Carla Y. Vela, Emma, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Bustamante, Berta Gonzalez, Betty M. Lopez, Myra Garcia, Rebecca Salinas and Natalia Castañeda.

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 PASTOR ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT
CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Com. Elizondo stated that the API Roping was a success. The announcing booth was repaired. Com. Vela commended Jose Mendoza for preparing the arena.

Com. Elizondo commented that trash bins were put up in Medina Addition for large household items.

Vickie Vela-Garcia commented that the Farmers and Artisans Market consists of merchants who sell handmade and locally grown items. She is thinking of having a kids cool off and talent show to bring in more people. She would also like to change the venue to the plaza. She asked for a recycling bin to promote recycling. Street vendors have been approached, but are not interested because they park by the road for free.

Ramiro Hernandez reported that the Boys and Girls Club will be preparing 300 meals per day at the Nutrition Center. Supper will be served June 6 – August 19. If inspection passes they will provide meals for the entire school year. The club will hire one additional employee and eight

more once the grant is in place. Children ages four to 17 eat on site. The parents are encouraged to stay while the children eat.

Little League starts in two weeks. Participation is down to \$250 from \$400.

Selina-Roxana Davis and Maria Sendejo Davis addressed the Court regarding item #16 on the agenda pertaining to the amendment of Fowl Control Addendum (section 19) of Animal Fowl Ordinance in reference to animal control and the limit of fowl and livestock on personal property. They stated that the complaining neighbor had no problems with the animals until he decided that he wanted to sell his property. They have 3 goats, 4 ducks and chickens. All animals are well kept and contained.

Mr. Saenz responded to the complaints and enforces what is brought to his attention.

Mr. Hector Uribe will refine the ordinance.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

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

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$14,347.48 for YTD total of \$87,539.08 and tax collections in an amount of \$296,997.62 for a total of 86.78%, which is 2% below last year. The auction was held but, there is no report from tax attorney at this meeting.

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

PRESENTATION

Bryana Saldaña was recognized and awarded a plaque for her participation in the Texas All State Band Flute competition.

ORDER DESIGNATING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to designate and acknowledge April as Autism Awareness Month 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

11. To discuss where sewer department should take dry sludge. Landfill does not want it there any longer as requested by Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

**ORDER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF FIREWORKS ORDINANCE NO. 2007-03
WITH CHANGES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve amendment of Fireworks Ordinance –No. 2007-03, with fee change of \$50 to \$150, as requested by Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

ORDER TO APPROVE ALEGRIA SUBDIVISION PLAT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Alegria Subdivision Plat as presented 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.

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR FOUR SEASONS PROJECT AND
REVIEW AND APPROVE INVOICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the attached change order #4 for Four Seasons Project and review and approve invoices. Payment #12 in the amount of \$44,415.08 and remove fees and decommission stated in the attached change order 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.

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR LAS PALMAS PROJECT AND
REVIEW AND APPROVE INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve change order #2 for Las Palmas Project and review and approve invoices. Additional time of 150 days was requested for design changes and ROW easement acquisition. New time for completion of changes is June 19, 2016 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.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY MARIA SENDEJO DAVIS REGARDING
AMENDMENT OF FOWL CONTROL ADDENDUM OF ANIMAL ORDINANCE TO
ANIMAL CONTROL AND LIMIT OF FOWL AND LIVESTOCK ON PERSONAL
PROPERTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Maria Sendejo Davis regarding discussion on the amendment of Fowl Control Addendum (section 19) of Animal Fowl Ordinance in reference to animal control and the limit of fowl and livestock on personal property, pending discussion and clarification by attorney as requested by Maria Sendejo Davis.

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

ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED SUBDIVISION SITE IN ZAPATA FOR A DAVITA DIALYSIS CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve proposed subdivision site in Zapata for a Davita Dialysis Center as requested by Kelley Heller-Vela, Melden & Hunt, Inc.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-336	Supplies General	\$2,007.85
TO	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage	\$2,007.85

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judge's Office.

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

ORDER PRESENTING PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICORP PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve Proclamation for the Americorp Program as requested by Ramiro Hernandez, Zapata County Boys & Girls Club.

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

ORDER APPROVING HONORARY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ROBERTO O. HEIN AS "ZAPATAN OF THE YEAR"

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve an Honorary Proclamation Recognizing Zapata County Independent School District Superintendent, Mr. Roberto O. Hein, after being selected by a Zapata Citizens Committee, to become "Zapatan of the Year". This prestigious honor bestowed upon him will take place at the Zapata High School cafeteria from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 23, 2016 as requested by Honorable J.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.

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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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