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Zapata County Commissioners Court *L. Dur*

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

Paco Mendoza
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Pedro Morales
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jose A. Solis
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Roberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice
Regular Commissioners Court Meeting
January 09, 2023
9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse
200 E. 7th Ave, Suite 108
Zapata, Texas 78076

CALL TO ORDER BY HONORABLE JOE RATHMELL, ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Invocation: Doctor Roger Miller, Commissioners Court Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Communications
5. **Public Comment – This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a public participation form specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on.**
6. Approval of Invoices.
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
7. Approval of Treasurer’s Report.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
8. Approval of Checks Issued.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
9. Tax Assessor/Collector’s Departmental Report
[Requested by: Della Mendoza, Tax Assessor/Collector]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

10. A County Assessor-Collector shall file annually a continuing education certificate of completion with the Commissioners’ Court of the County in which the County Assessor-Collector holds office.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

11. To determine a project for submission to the Texas Department of Agriculture 2023-2024 TxCDBG Program.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
12. To promote Becky Gutierrez from Slot #2 Clerk to Slot #1 Librarian at the Olga V. Figueroa Public Library.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
13. To advertise for clerk positions Slot #2 and Slot #3 at the Olga V Figueroa Public Library.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To advertise for the position of Indigent Care & Pauper Expense Department Administrator.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
15. To transfer Dioni Hernandez from the County Auditor's Department to Operation Lone Star Grant Slot #2 beginning Monday January 9, 2023.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
16. To hire Jose Alfonso Montes on Slot #1 Bailiff for Operation Lone Star grant.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
17. To select a firm for the Agriculture's TxCDBG Colonia Planning and Needs Assessment grant(CFP22-0236)
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
18. To approve payment to Emiliano Ramirez of \$1,000.00 for labor to repair the Northwest fence line at the Zapata County Shooting Range
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
19. To approve the estimate for the repairs of the San Ygnacio Water Plant office building and construction of the chain link fence.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
20. To review the use of the facial recognition time clocks by all County Department Employees as the Official time keeper of County Employee hours
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
21. To approve payment to Rene Garcia for repairs of the irrigation pump at the Zapata County Golf Course.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
22. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Altamira Solar, LLC.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
23. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Desert Vine Solar, LLC
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
24. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Rio Grande River Solar, LLC
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
25. To approve cost of materials and labor to replace the Falcon Senior Citizen Nutrition Center roof.
[Requested by: Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct.1]
26. To hire a Temporary Clerk for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Zapata Office.
[Requested by: Judge Olga Bruni, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2]

27. To approve a pay increase for Jose Peña from \$10.50 per hour to \$11.52 per hour (Slot #7). Mr. Peña has met all educational TCEQ requirements and has achieved a Wastewater Collection Operator Class I License. Funds to come from 08-600-227 (License Stipends)
[Requested by: Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director]
28. To pay rate increase to Jose D. Claudio & Amanda Molyneux due to certification from EMT-B to EMT-I from \$11.00 to \$12.00 hr. Monies are within budget
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
29. To pay rate increase to Luis Cuellar & Ezquiel Ramirez from \$10.00 to \$11.00 due to completion of temporary status for over one year. Increase is within budget.
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
30. To pay rate increase to Luis Lopez Jr EMT-B to EMT-I from \$11.35 to \$13.17 hr. Monies are within budget.
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
31. To approve quote for the purchase for a New Ambulance.
[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]
32. To review 2nd St paving status and approve invoices.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
33. To review and approve Final Plat Carla St.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
34. To review Flores Drainage; additional materials needed to complete project.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
35. To review and consider water and sewer line relocation in the Cardinal and Crane St. paving projects
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]
36. Discussion, consideration, and possible action relating to Cause Number 11,436 and styled Zapata County V. Shady Haven, LLC, filed in the 49th Judicial District Court in Zapata County, Texas and matters incident thereto.
[Requested by: Lisa M. Paul, J. Cruz & Associates, LLC]
37. To approve purchase of LPR (License Plate Reader) mobile trailer from Trinity for \$119,175.00 from Operation Lone Star grant.
[Request by: Joe Peña, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]
38. To approve purchase of LPR (License Plate Reader) Solar Pole Mounted Cameras from Trinity for \$77,118.00 from Operation Lone Star grant.
[Request by: Joe Peña, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]
39. To approve purchase of 9 Ford F-150 Patrol Units from Silsbee Ford Inc., 1211 US HWY 96 North, Silsbee, TX for a total of a total of \$473,264.00 from Operation Lone Star Grant
[Request by: Joe Peña, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]

40. To approve purchase of "The Sheriff's App" for \$7,497.50 from Operation Lone Star grant
[Request by: Joe Peña, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]
41. To hire Florina Covarrubias as temporary employee at \$10.00 per hour for 6 pay periods using unused funds from (10-567/#2) effective December 22, 2022.
[Request by: Joe Peña, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]
42. To approve contracts for grant administration services with Carlos Colina Vargas, AICP & Associates for the following projects Miraflores Neighborhood Park, Falcon Lake Ramp Site Improvements Project and FEMA Emergency Operations Center Project.
[Requested by: Carlos Colina Vargas, Consultant]
43. *To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Altamira Solar, LLC.*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
44. *To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Desert Vine Solar, LLC*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
45. *To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Rio Grande River Solar, LLC*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
46. *Consultation with legal counsel regarding status of litigation in Cause Number 11,436 and styled Zapata County V. Shady Haven, LLC, filed in the 49th Judicial District Court in Zapata County, Texas*
[Requested by: Lisa M. Paul,

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

47. To approve Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for TexPool
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

48. *To approve tax abatement agreement between Zapata County, Texas and Altamira Solar, LLC. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
49. *To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Desert Vine Solar, LLC. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
50. *To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Rio Grande River Solar, LLC [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
51. *Consultation with legal counsel regarding status of litigation in Cause Number 11,436 and styled Zapata County V. Shady Haven, LLC, filed in the 49th Judicial District Court in Zapata County, Texas [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).*
[Requested by: Lisa M. Paul, J. Cruz & Associates, LLC]

ADJOURN

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2023

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis
Monica Alanis
Agenda Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Zapata County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Zapata County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6th day of January, 2023 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2023.

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Lora L. Jerni

