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Zapata County Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

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BY: *[Signature]*

David R. Moya
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Jose A. Solis
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Pedro Morales
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Roberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice

Regular Commissioners Court Meeting

April 13, 2026

9:05 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: Delia Mendoza, Tax Assessor/Collector]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

10. To accept resignation of Jose Rafael Treviño III as Waterworks Manager [Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
11. To solicit application for the position of Waterworks Manager [Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
12. To approve the estimate for \$7,400.00 for repairs at the Texas Driver License Department [Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
13. To approve a pay increase for Ruben Elizondo from \$10.98 per hour to \$13.00 per hour (Slot #16). On March 17, 2026. Ruben Elizondo met all educational TCEQ requirements and achieved a Water Operator Class D License. [Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]

14. To approve a pay increase for Jonathan Griffin from \$10.98 per hour to \$13.00 per hour (Slot #18). On March 17, 2026. Jonathan Griffin met all educational TCEQ requirements and achieved a Water Operator Class D license.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
15. To approve the payment of \$28,345.76 (Invoices 56170 & 56171) to South Texas Machine Shop, Inc. for repairs and the fabrication of parts for the Aeration Tank Gear Box located at the Zapata County Waste Water Plant. Funds to come from the Certificate of Obligation.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
16. To approve the payment of \$18,279.32 (Invoice RI-1686) to Lewis Electric Motors and Pumps, Inc for repairs on both the 8" diesel pump and trailer which is used to supply water to our water plant while are being made to our main river pump. Funds to come from the Certificate of Obligation.
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
17. To approve a pay increase for Meliton Valadez from \$18.41 per hour to \$19.00 per hour (Slot #6). Meliton Valadez has met all educational. TCEQ requirements and achieved a CSI Customer Service Inspector license. He is now certified to perform all cross connection inspections for Zapata County Waterworks
Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
18. To consider the reduction of costs associated with installation of a water meter to service park areas within Romeo Flores Park
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
19. To repair 18 wheelers located at County Shop
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
20. To advise the court regarding the donation of hardware and software by Justice Solutions to the Zapata County Sheriff's Office.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
21. To consider and approve contract for the Audit of the Financial Statement of Zapata County by Canales, Garza, & Baum, PLLC for the four years ending September 30, 2025 through September 30, 2028
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
22. To request payment of 4-H animal projects from Wind Farm contributions.
[Requested by: Jaime Guerra, ZCFA President]
23. To discuss and consider approval or take appropriate action on an order concerning the adoption and designation of the Zapata County Zapata Wind Reinvestment Zone#1 pursuant to the County's guidelines and criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.
[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]

24. To discuss, consider, and possibly approve Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC to apply for the Rural Community Health Support Program.

[Requested by: Yvette Utley, Lone Star Strategy Group]

25. To request the use of the Zapata Community Center for our May 2026 Mental Health Awareness event.

[Requested by: Diana Salazar, Border Region Behavioral Health Center]

CONSENT ITEMS:

Honorable, David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1

26. To approve the following street light.
a. 1008 Elm St

27. To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Tax Office	010-499-33540	Computer Software	\$1,000.00
TO	Tax Office	010-499-42610	General Supplies	\$1,000.00
FROM	Tax Office	010-499-42611	Scanning/Preservation	\$3,383.00
TO	Tax Office	010-499-42610	General Supplies	\$3,383.00
FROM	Tax Office	010-499-43440	Rentals	\$2,000.00
TO	Tax Office	010-499-43430	Repairs/Maintenance	\$2,000.00

[Requested by: Delia R. Mendoza, Tax Assessor]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

28. To approve the temporary closure of Hwy 16 for the 2nd Annual IBC Give Cancer the Boot 5K Run/Walk on April 18, 2026.

[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]

29. Resolution to designate the month of April as Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month.

[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]

30. Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

[Requested by: Dr. Severita Sanchez, Executive Director-Children's Advocacy Center]

31. Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness month

[Requested by: Sonia Montes, SCAN, Inc.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

32. To discuss and possible approval of an extended leave of absence for employee in the Water Department **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).**

[Requested by: Nellie Treviño, HR Director]

33. To discuss settlement request on Shady Haven, LLC account. **[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]

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 7th DAY OF April, 2026

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Monica Alanis

Monica Alanis
Agenda Coordinator

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 7th day of April, 2026 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2026.

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

BY: Mary Jayne Villarreal Bonoan

