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County Judge

David R. Moya
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 26, 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: Pastor 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 Checks Issued.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

8. Report on Texas A&M Extension 2024-2025 year
9. Report on planned wind energy projects.
[Requested by: Stevan Van Dyke, Bordas Renewable Energy]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

10. To submit an application to the Rural Ambulance Service Grant Program, County is eligible for a grant not to exceed \$350,000.00
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
11. To purchase a 2013 Nissan Frontier from the Appraisal District for \$8,750.00
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
12. Discussion and possible action to approve Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary Joint Resolution for March 3, 2026 Primary Election and May 26, 2026 Primary Election Runoff, if any.
[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]
13. To pay the remaining balance on the Skit Steer from the Certificate of Obligation
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]

14. To install a four way stop at the corner of 10th Ave and Delmar St.
[Requested by: David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1]
15. To request hotel motel funds for the 2026 Borderfest.
[Requested by: Pedro M. Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2]
16. To approve resubmission to TPWD the application for funding for the “Falcon Lake Neighborhood Trail” project by the firms of Premier Engineering and Carlos Colina-Vargas. APA
[Requested by: Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3]
17. To approve the intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the U.S. Marshals Service and Zapata County for the housing of federal female inmate per diem rate and increasing the federal inmate transportation overtime rate from \$16.00 to \$21.00. The last agreement between the U.S Marshals Service and Zapata County (ZCJFF) establishing the daily inmate rate was approved on 2005.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
18. To approve the purchase of three (3) SUV patrol units Operation Lonestar FY2026 for a budgeted total of \$225,000.00.
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
19. To approve the purchase of two (2) License Plate Readers under Operation Lonestar FY2026 for a budgeted total of \$88,827.84
[Requested by: Sheriff Ramon E. Montes, County Sheriff]
20. As per SB 546 a copy of the continuing education as a professional county collector designation has been met. Maintenance transcript it attached.
[Requested by: Delia R. Mendoza, Tax Assessor]
21. To approve provision of \$400,000.00 in IGT for Laredo Medical Center for the DY is advance 4C due on February 2, 2026.
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
22. To approve AWOS Replacement Airport Project.
[Requested by: Domingo Castañeda, Airport Director]
23. To approve the use of the open Pavilion at the County Fair Grounds for the Inaugural Heart & Sole 5k Run & Walk to be held on Saturday, February 14 2026
[Requested by: Ana Villarreal-Silva, Event Organizer]
24. To approve the TXDOT Right of Way Permit Application for the Inaugural Heart & Sole 5K Run & Walk to be held Saturday, February 14, 2026
[Requested by: Ana Villarreal-Silva, Event Organizer]
25. To consider authorizing the County Judge to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Bravo BESS LLC.
[Requested by: Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting]

26. To discuss and consider approval to take appropriate action on an order concerning the adoption and designation of the Zapata County Bravo BESS 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]

27. To review status on the Raw Water Intake project

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

28. To review status on the Zapata County Roping arena project

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

29. To review status on the Fire Department Project

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

30. To review status on the Zapata County Sheriff office

[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering]

CONSENT ITEMS:

Honorable, David R. Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1

31. To approve the following street lights.

- a. 408 1st St
- b. 210 1st St
- c. Tepozan Rd. (Pct 1 Yard)

Line-item Transfers

32. 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	County Jail	010-561-42652	Prisoner Clothing	\$2,600.00
TO	County Jail	010-561-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$2,600.00

[Requested by: Luis E. Guerra, Sheriff's Office]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

33. To approve Resolution for the Border Zone Fire Department Grant Funds

[Requested by: Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief]

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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 20th DAY OF January, 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 20th day of January, 2026 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2026.

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

BY: Lore L. Bonoan

