

Zapata County, Texas



Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

José Emilio Vela
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gabriel Villarreal
Commissioner, Pct. 2

MARY JAYNE
VILLARREAL-BONOAN
COUNTY CLERK

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ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

BY *Eddie Martinez*

Eddie Martinez
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Norberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting February 14, 2011 9:00 A.M.

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

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer: Reverend Roger Miller
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Communications
6. 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.
7. Departmental Reports
8. Approval of Invoices.
9. Approval of Treasurers' Report.

[Requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor]

[Requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

10. Zapata County Medical Center's monthly report.
[Requested by: Dr. Edmundo Garcia]
11. Report on the Justice of the Peace fees and fines Workshop that was held on February 1, 2011
[Requested by: Gustavo Martinez, Linebarger Goggan Blair Sampson, LLP.]
12. Update on the purchase of the Gateway Clinic.
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
13. Presentation on Workers' Compensation savings.
[Requested by: Victor Uvalle, Texas Association of Counties]
14. Monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Corporation and status report on MOU between ZCEDC and Zapata County.
[Requested by: Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZEDC]
15. College Transportation/TxDot yearly report.
[Requested by: Laura Guerra, Transportation Director]
16. Presentation by Mr. Carlos Villarreal regarding a previous agreement with Zapata County and an update of that joint venture.
[Requested by: Carlos Villarreal]
17. Presentation of the End of Year Report for the Zapata County Historical Commission
[Requested by: Leticia L. Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

18. To authorize J. Mendoza, Zapata Maintenance Department Supervisor, to assign heavy equipment crew to assist with brush fire emergencies and allow employees to be compensated for their supplemental duties.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
19. To approve the use of the Zapata County Courthouse Rotunda for the Zapata County Fair Media Reception to take place on February 16, 2011.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
20. To create a beautification committee to plan, organize, and oversee community enhancement projects, terms to expire after one year with the possibility of reappointment.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
21. To approve the purchase of the 1.0 acre tract in the vicinity of Flores Park as required complying with Texas Parks & Wildlife grant award.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
22. To approve a contract of engagement for professional services with Hector Uribe, P.C.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

23. To approve restriction of computer expenses under Non-Dept. Fund, line items 10-409-335 and 10-409-759, requiring prior approval from Commissioners' court.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
24. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Zapata County and a local landowner allowing partial tract of land to be used as a recreational little league baseball field for the surrounding area school children.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
25. Approve proposal by the Board of Directors of the Zapata County Museum of History and approve a recommended list of volunteers to run the County Museum.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
26. Approve remodeling of old buildings behind County Museum proposed for additional needed space at an approximate cost of \$15,000. From line item # 10-409-465.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
27. Approve installation of barbed wire fence along a partial tract of the Alejandreñas County Road to prevent livestock crossings and avoid traffic accidents (Approximate cost of \$6,500.00 to be paid from the Pct. 1 road and bridge fund, line item # 15-011-554).
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
28. To approve the purchase a John Deere Loader Tractor for Precinct 4, monies to be paid from 09-010-691 at an estimated price of \$37,000.00.
[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
29. To approve the purchase of an F-150 Truck for Precinct 4, monies to be paid from 09-010-554, at an estimated cost of \$23,632.75.
[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
30. To approve the proposal from Rabba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. to prepare a preliminary study for a proposed International Port of Entry.
[Requested by Mr. David M. Austin, Austin Copelin & Reyes, LLC]
31. To approve the Zapata County Sheriff's Office policy on overtime and "other compensatory time" off for eligible employees under the Federal Fair Labor Standard Act of 1938.
[Requested by: Sigifredo Gonzalez, Zapata County Sheriff]
32. To allow the Zapata County Sheriff's Office to give the USDA-Tick Inspectors 25 surplus portable radios.
[Requested by: Mario Elizondo, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]
33. To approve the purchase of a cemetery information management system from RAMAKER & Associates, Inc. from Cemetery fund 900-109-3.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
34. To approve notification of no investment changes to the County investment policy for Fiscal Year 2011.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
35. To approve the Zapata County Annual Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2011.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

36. To approve the new IRS 2011 mileage rate of 51 cents per mile for business miles driven.
[Requested by: Nellie Trevino, Personnel Director]
37. To authorize Mario Gonzalez-Davis to enter into negotiations of a no cost lease agreement of a County easement with Don Sauder, 357 Mango Drive, in return for providing a permanent utility easement in his property. Mr. Sauder will fence and maintain the present county easement and provide gates for county utility crews to enter as needed for future repairs.
[Requested by: Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Manager]
38. To adopt a committee for the Animal Emergency Management Plan for Zapata County.
[Requested by: Caleb Eaton, County Extension Agent]
39. To approve the termination of all current Historical Commission Committee members and officers.
[Requested by: Leticia Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President]
40. To appoint new Historical Commissioner Members for 2011-2012.
[Requested by: Leticia Salinas, Zapata County Historical Commission President]
41. To approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on the May 13th, 2011 for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.
[Requested by: Bobby Meza, County Auditor's Office]
42. To approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion on Sunday February 20, 2011 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm for the Mariachi Halcon Tardiada.
[Victor Garcia, ZHS Mariachi Halcon Booster Club President]
43. To approve assistance (both monetary and in-kind) of \$8,000.00 for each fishing tournament, held by The Texas Association Bass Club and the San Antonio Bass Club. Fishing Tournaments tentatively scheduled for the last week of September and the first week of October.
[Requested by: Karran Westerman, Z.C. Convention & Visitors' Bureau and Ed Calderone, President TABC]
44. To close 23rd St. between Glenn St. and Fresno St. on March 5th, 2011 for the Fajita Cook Off, Bully Dog Show, Trail Ride, and live music.
[Requested by: Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association]
45. To close 23rd St. between Glenn St. and Fresno St. on March 10th, 11th, 12th, 2011 for the Zapata County Fair.
[Requested by: Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association]
46. To approve the use of the North Zapata Little League Field for the helicopter ride.
[Requested by: Rosendo "Lupe" Canales, President Zapata County Fair Association]
47. To approve the advertisement for bids for repairs on lift stations and manholes as presented on the January 10, 2011 meeting.
[Requested by: Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Civil Engineering and Carlos Treviño Jr. Water Plant Manager]
48. To approve the hiring of Rigoberto Cantu as a Water Plant operator trainee. Mr. Cantu will fill vacant slot #26 at a starting salary of \$9.41.
[Requested by: Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager]

49. To approve the purchase of a van for the Nutrition Center.

[Carmen Reyes, Nutrition Center & Laura Guerra, Transportation Director]

50. To approve the following overpayment refunds:

- a. PID # 90783, Dora Estella Garza, paid on estimated value requesting refund of \$677.19 (county only).
- b. PID # 161471, Zions Credit Corp, double assessment requesting refund of \$4,763.94 (county only).

[Requested by: Luis Lauro Gonzalez, County Tax Assessor]

51. To approve an updated contract with Official Payments to accept credit card payments for the County Waterworks Department and Justice of Peace Offices.

[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

52. Resolution to proclaim April 9, 2011 as Welcome Home South Texas Vietnam Veterans Day to properly welcome home and salute our Vietnam Veterans from South Texas, as well as commit our support to assist with the success of the LZ:RGV Event.

[Requested by: Manuel Uribe, Veteran Service Officer]

53. Resolution in support of the local Border Security Program and to certify that the objective of the grant application submitted by the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition on behalf of Zapata County, Texas, have been reviewed and that it is mutually agreed to cooperate to whatever extent is necessary in carrying out the objective described in this application.

[Requested by: Mario Elizondo, Zapata County Sheriff's Office]

CONSENT ITEMS

Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1

54. Approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 1:

- a. 9th Ave. (between Hidalgo Blvd. and Glenn St.)
- b. 5th Ave. (between Hidalgo Blvd. and Glenn St.)
- c. 6th St. and Bandera (Flores Addition II)

55. Approve the installation of the following speed hump in Precinct 1:

- a. 260 Mango Dr. (Falcon Lake Estates East)

Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2

56. Approve the installation of the following speed hump in Precinct 2:

- a. Evergreen Street in the Town of Zapata

Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

57. Approve the installation of the following speed humps in Precinct 3:

- a. 1213 Weslaco (Siesta Shores)
- b. 213 Weslaco

58. Approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 3:

- a. 5308 Petty Lane (existing pole)
- b. 1213 Weslaco Lane (existing pole)
- c. 316 Cardinal Dr.
- d. 213 Weslaco

Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

59. Approve the installation of the following street light in Precinct 4:

- a. Corner of Mier & 7th St. (close to cluster boxes)

Line Item Transfer Requests

60. To approve the following line item transfer

		Description	Amount
From Line Item	10-695-667	100 Year Flood Control	\$5,000.00
To Line Item	10-519-151	San Ygnacio Swimming Pool & Life Guards	\$5,000.00

[Requested by: Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2]

61. To approve the following line item transfer

		Description	Amount
From Line Item	10-550-330	a.	\$1,000.00
To Line Item	10-550-310	b.	\$1,000.00

[Requested by: Adalberto Mejia, Constable Pct. 1]

62. To approve the following line item transfer

		Description	Amount
From Line Item	10-550-337	a.	\$1,000.00
To Line Item	10-550-312	b.	\$1,000.00

[Requested by: Eloy Martinez, Constable Pct. 3]

63. To approve the following line item transfer

		Description	Amount
From Line Item	10-590-488	Pending Grants	\$64,750.00
To Line Item	09-010-680	Las Palmas Sewer Project	\$64,750.00

[Requested by: Bobbie Meza, Auditor's Office]

64. To approve the following line item transfer

		Description	Amount
From Line Item	10-409-444	Electricity	\$856.38
To Line Item	10-409-445	Water	\$856.38

[Requested by: Bobbie Meza, Auditor's Office]

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.

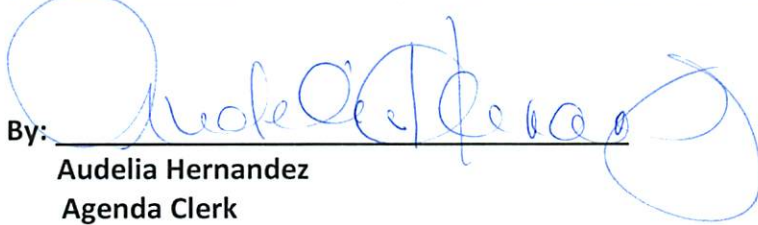
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 11th DAY OF February, 2011

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA, TEXAS

By: 
Audelia Hernandez
Agenda Clerk

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 11th day of February, 2011 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF February, 2011.

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

BY: 