

# Zapata County, Texas



## Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell  
County Judge

José Emilio Vela  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gabriel Villarreal  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

MARY JAYNE  
VILLARREAL-BONOAN  
COMMISSIONER

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Eddie Martinez *Eddie Martinez*  
Commissioner, Pct. 3 DEPUTY

Norberto Garza  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Public Notice**  
**Regular Commissioners Court Meeting**  
**January 10, 2011**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**Zapata County Courthouse**  
**200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 108**  
**Zapata, Texas 78076**

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer
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.

[Requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor]

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

9. Zapata County Medical Center's monthly report and an update on the office space requested by Dr. Cigarroa.  
[Requested by: Dr. Edmundo Garcia and Dr. Cigarroa]
10. Presentation by Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. in regards to a prime economic development project to benefit Zapata County.  
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3, and Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
11. Update and status report on the following Zapata County Projects due for completion:
  - a. Zapata County Museum
  - b. Zapata County Higher Education Center
  - c. CACST Health Clinic[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
12. Monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Corporation.  
[Requested by: Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZEDC]
13. A presentation by the Texas Department of Health Services regarding public health improvement services provided to counties without local health departments.  
[Requested by: Maria Canales, Texas Department of Health Services]
14. A presentation by Zapata County Independent School District and the Zapata Coalition regarding recent tragedies and ways to establish programs (that include drug awareness and prevention) to eliminate and/or reduce the number of incidents.  
[Requested by: Cynthia Villarreal, Zapata County Independent School District]

## DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

15. To approve the Zapata County Historical Commission Members to serve the required two-year terms with the addition of the following new member:
  - a. Mrs. Laura E. Ramirez
  - b. Miss Ana Katrina Ramirez
  - c. Mr. José Luis Elizondo[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
16. To approve the addition of video (technology already in place) to Commissioners Court meeting recordings and provide public access via the Zapata County Public Website.  
[Requested by: Honorable Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
17. To rescind the pay increase approved for the Tax Collector Department employees (slot 3 and slot 6) from \$9.49 to \$9.74, approved during the Regular Commissioners Court meeting held on 12/13/10, item # 34.  
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]



18. To require any proposed raises be presented during the budget process, unless mandatory to the specific department.  
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
19. To enter into contract with Premier Civil engineering, LLC to provide preliminary engineering/surveying services associated with a FEMA Grant Application for Arroyo Costa Rica in Precinct #4. Services to consist of Engineering Report, cost Estimates, Environmental Report and Preliminary Engineering Designs.  
[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
20. To approve Zapata County to remove fill dirt from the property belonging to Manuel Medina, Jr. for use at the Sheriff's Office Firearms Qualification Range, using county equipment. The property is located approximately ¼ mile from the range.  
[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4 and Sigifredo Gonzalez, Jr., Sheriff]
21. To approve that all Zapata County Department offices be open during lunch hour.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
22. To accept the letter of resignation for Estela D. Solis, Information Referral Specialist, effective December 31, 2010.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
23. To approve a 3 year agreement between Zapata County and AEP for a temporary work crew staging site at the Zapata County Fair Grounds in the event of electric power interruptions during emergencies.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joseph Rathmell, County Judge]
24. To authorize Mario Gonzalez-Davis to enter in to negotiations to purchase land adjacent to Sewer Plant to meet the new permitting requirement of a 150 foot Buffer Zone for new 1.6 MPD Sewer Discharge Permit from TCEQ. Permit is needed before the Sewer Plant Improvements to be made by: USDA/RD Grant and the Texas Water Development Board Loan/Grant can be made. Final purchase to be approved by Zapata County Attorney and Commissioners Court.  
[Requested by: Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Coordinator]
25. To approve the use of the Zapata County Courthouse Rotunda for the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Guide Unveiling Ceremony. Event will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.  
[Requested by: Paco Mendoza, President/CEO ZCCC]
26. To approve change order No. 6 for the new Zapata County Water Plant project.  
[Requested by: Rathmell Engineers and Surveyors]
27. To approve an ordinance relating to the licensing and regulation of amusement redemption machines.  
[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Consultant]

## RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

28. Approve a resolution opposing the application with the Railroad Commission of Texas for a Commercial Surface Disposal Facility permit by Texas Energy Services L.P., c/o Gordon & Lawton, Inc. 13377 Pond Springs Road, Suite 107, Austin, Texas 78729 to utilize land treatment and land farm cells and drilling fluid disposal pits.

## CONSENT ITEMS

### Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2

29. Approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 2.
- a. 1211 Falcon St. in Zapata
  - b. 1308 Lincoln St. in Zapata

### Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

30. Approve the installation of the following speed humps in Precinct 3:
- a. 1509 Weslaco (Siesta Shores)
  - b. 5327 López Lane (Siesta Shores)
  - c. 5120 McAllen (Siesta Shores)
31. Approve the installation of the following street lights in Precinct 3:
- a. 407 Eagle St.
  - b. 507 Robin Lane.
  - c. 153 Madison
  - d. 120 Santa Maria
  - e. 200 Doyle
  - f. 1509 Weslaco

**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

32. To discuss the Clinic Fund Account.  
[Requested by: Dr. Edmundo Garcia, Zapata County Clinic and Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor]
33. Consultation with attorney and possible action concerning the demand letter and potential litigation.  
[Requested by: Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney]



**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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2011

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA, TEXAS

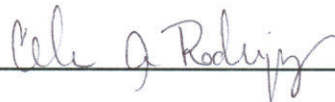
By:   
Audelia Hernandez  
Agenda Clerk

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF January, 2011.

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

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