



Zapata County Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell
County Judge

José Emilio Vela
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gabriel Villarreal
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Eddie Martinez
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Norberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting May 13, 2013 9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse
200 E. 7th Ave, Suite 248
Zapata, Texas 78076

CALL TO ORDER BY HONORABLE JOE RATHMELL, ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call By: Honorable Mary Jane Villarreal-Bonoan
2. Invocation: Pastor Roger Miller, Commissioners' Court Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
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: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
9. Approval of Checks Issued.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]
10. Approval of Treasurers' Report.
[Requested by: Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer]

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

11. Status report and update by the Zapata Rising Committee on the planned commemoration of our 60th anniversary since the 1953 relocation of Zapata County Residents.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
12. Legislative report on House Bill 826 presented by Representative Patricia Harless
[Requested by: Hector Uribe, Attorney at Law]

TABLED ITEMS

13. To review and possibly accept the Texas Department of Transportation's offer regarding the Veleño Bridge Project Lift Station.
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

14. To approve the replacement of a 2-way stop with a 4-way stop at the intersection of Flores and 1st Street in Flores Addition, Zapata County.
[Requested by: Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
15. To authorize Romeo Benavides and Hector Sanchez to be moved to the Hwy 16 Drainage Project, for the installation of drainage pipe to alleviate any standing storm water (flooding) between 12th and 13th street.
[Requested by: Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4]
16. To approve the purchase of 3 Apple I-Pads for the Justice of Peace in Precinct 1, Precinct 2, and Precinct 4 in the amount of \$2,725.42 to be paid from the Technology Fund line item 62-582-392.
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
17. To approve payment in the amount of \$2,041.86 to Kearns, Brine & Monaghan to be paid from the Technology Fund line item 62-582-392.
[Requested by: Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor]
18. Discussion and possible action to engage the law firm of J. Cruz & Associates, LLC for general services and bond counsel with Winstead, P.C.; and in the matter of Zapata County v Satterfield & Pontikes, Cause No. 7,779, in the District Court of Zapata County, Texas, 49th Judicial District and discontinue legal services with any other law firm currently providing legal services on the same matters.
[Requested by: Juan J. Cruz, Attorney at Law]

CONSENT ITEMS

Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1

19. To install a speed hump at the following address:
 - a. 307 Glenn Street
 - b. 12th Ave. (between Carla St. and First Street)
 - c. 463 Falcon Shores Drive

Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2

20. To install a street light at the following address:
 - a. 405 Ocampo Ave. in San Ygnacio
 - b. 403 Uribe Ave. in San Ygnacio

Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

21. To install a speed hump at the following address:
 - a. Entrance of Cardinal Lane
 - b. 1807 N. Siesta Lane

Honorable Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

22. To install speed humps between 4th Street and 7th Street:

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

23. To approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements.

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Juvenile Probation	10-570-462	Maintenance	\$1,500.00
TO	Juvenile Probation	10-570-427	Workshop/Travel	\$1,500.00
FROM	Juvenile Probation	10-570-512	Juvenile Detention	\$2,000.00
TO	Juvenile Probation	10-570-427	Workshop/Travel	\$2,000.00

[Requested by: Chief Sandy Pippen-Gomez, Juvenile Probation]

24. To approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-446	Garbage	\$2,000.00
TO	Non-Department	10-409-394	Contingencies	\$2,000.00

[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

25. To approve the following line item transfer in order to meet budget requirements

	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM	County Clerk	10-403-484	Elections	\$1,000.00
TO	County Clerk	10-403-427	Workshops/Travel	\$1,000.00

[Requested by: Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk]

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

26. Consultation with attorney and possible action to approve a Non-Waiver agreement between Zapata County and Hilcorp Energy Company regarding Jennings Road.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.072 (Real Property)].

[Requested by: Said Alfonso Figueroa, County Attorney]

27. To acquire a 20 feet wide property containing .16 acres and a lift station with the understanding that Zapata County will maintain and operate said lift station. The acquisition will be at no cost to Zapata County

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.072 (Real Property)]

[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]

28. Discussion and possible action to address whether any Zapata County Employee Manual policies were violated by Zapata County Employees in regards to the misuse of county property.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

[Requested by: Honorable Joe 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 10th DAY OF May, 2013

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 10th day of May, 2013 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF May, 2013.

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

BY: _____