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## Zapata County Commissioners Court

Joseph Rathmell  
County Judge

*J. Lopez*

José Emilio Vela  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Eddie Martinez  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Gabriel Villarreal  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Norberto Garza  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

# Public Notice Regular Commissioners Court Meeting October 15, 2013 9:00 A.M.

Zapata County Courthouse  
200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 248  
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. 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]

### PRESENTATIONS:

2. Requesting status report on sewer project at Four Seasons, health concerns due to possible sewer malfunctions.  
[Vicki Anderson, Four Seasons Resident]

### DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

3. To accept a commitment to provide funding of \$250,000.00 for the construction of a Show Barn adjacent to the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall with the County providing in-kind services of site preparation.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
4. Review and possible action on agreement with First Financial Group of America.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
5. To designate a location on Zapata County Courthouse grounds for the burial of the Zapata Rising Time Capsule.  
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]

6. To approve a line item transfer from Royalties 10-370-901 to the Capital Outlay 10-695-693 Z.T.E.C. Infrastructure in the amount of \$20,000.00  
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
7. To amend line item 10-455-226 from General Fund Justice of the Peace Car Allowance Pct. 2 from ZERO dollars (\$0.00) to TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,400.00).  
[Requested by: Honorable Joe Rathmell, County Judge]
8. Discussion and possible action to address the recent newspaper letter written by City of Laredo Utilities Director, Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, regarding Region M. Water Planning Committee's approval and possible Federal funding (FRRA) of a proposed low water weir project for Webb County.  
[Requested by: Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1 ]
9. Approval to establish general guidelines regarding available plot reservations, purchases, improvements, and general maintenance of burial plots at Zapata County Cemetery.  
[Requested by: Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
10. Presentation by representatives of The Buckner Foundation regarding announcement of a proposed project to assist needy families.  
[Requested by: Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1]
11. To amend Fund 15 Special Road & Bridge Pct. 3 (page 4 of the General Order) Slot 5 to change the hourly rate \$9.00 to \$12.59 due to error.  
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
12. To amend Fund 10 Park Buildings Pct. 3 (page 4 of the General Order) Slot 3 from Labor/Maintenance to CDL Driver and change the hourly rate from \$8.25 an hour to \$9.00 an hour.  
[Requested by: Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3]
13. To hire Jose Homero Gonzalez in vacant slot 12 Fund 15 Special Road & Bridge at \$8.25 an hour.  
[Requested by: Jose Francisco Mendoza, County Shop Supervisor]
14. To approve the bid for repairs to the Lopeño Civic Center.  
[Requested by: Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director]
15. To approve the bid for repairs to the Zapata County Library.  
[Requested by: Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director]
16. To approve the bid for repairs to the Zapata County Fire Department.  
[Requested by: Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director]
17. To accept resignation from Gerardo Garza and allow the Fire Chief to hire a Fire Fighter/E.M.T for slot 14 at \$10.60 an hour.  
[Requested by: Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief]
18. To approve a pay increase of TWENTY ONE (21) cents for the employees that have successfully completed all course requirements to become certified Fire Fighters.
  - a. Jose Luis Resendez from \$12.39 an hour to \$12.60 an hour.
  - b. Jorge A. Gutierrez from \$10.29 an hour to \$10.54 an hour.
 [Requested by: Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief]

19. To approve a pay increase of FIFTEEN (15) cents to the employees that have successfully completed all course requirements to become Fire Investigators:
  - a. Jorge Oyervides, from \$13.25 an hour to \$13.40 an hour.
  - b. Daniel Arriaga, from \$10.54 an hour to \$10.69 an hour.
  - c. William Butterfield, from \$10.60 an hour to \$10.85 an hour.

[Requested by: Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief]
20. To approve a pay increase to Israel Gutierrez of \$2.13 from \$10.86 to \$12.99 due to his promotion Lieutenant.

[Requested by: Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief]
21. To request the use of the Zapata County Pavillion free of charge on October 31, 2013 for a Halloween Haunted House to benefit the Zapata High School class of 2015 and U.I.L. One Act Play.

[Requested by: Rene Salinas & Nora Benavides, Event Representatives]
22. To request continued use of the Office space and utilities based on past agreement through (SCAN) Serving Children and Adults in Need and Zapata County.

[Requested by: Magdalena Amesquita, SCAN]
23. Deliberate and consider action on the development of the museum grounds according to the master plan and dedication of Johnny Rathmell Plaza.

[Requested by: Hildegardo E. Flores, Ed.D., Director ZC Museum of History]
24. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract with MLD Architects, Inc. to perform architectural and roof consulting services not the exceed EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$89,960.00) and any matters incident thereto and to authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

[Requested by: Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, J.Cruz & Associates]
25. Discussion and possible action to enter in a professional engineering services contract with Edgar Stacy and Associates to address HVAC system (maintenance of positive air pressure), sprinkler system, and pluming issues in the Zapata county Courthouse not the exceed TWENTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$21,800.00) and any other matters incident thereto and to authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

[Requested by: Fortunato Paredes, Attorney at Law, J.Cruz & Associates]
26. To approve the use of the Oswaldo H. & Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on Saturday, October 26, 2013 for a wrestling fundraising event to benefit Toys for Tots.

[Requested by: Karran Westerman, Convention & Visitors Bureau]

## **RESOLUTIONS and PROCLAMATIONS**

27. Proclamation commemorating National 4-H Week in Zapata County.

[Requested by: Zapata County 4-H Clubs]
28. Resolutions authorizing a grant of \$637.75 from Zapata County to the Zapata County Nutrition Program for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meal Grant Program.

[Requested by: Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center Director]

## CONSENT ITEMS

### Honorable Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1

29. To approve the street light at the following address:  
a. 1407 Glenn Street (Zapata)

### Honorable Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2

30. To approve the street light at the following address:  
a. 302 Miraflores (Zapata)  
b. 204 Garza Ave. in San Ygnacio  
c. Guerrero Street (between Uribe and Mina Ave.) in San Ygnacio  
d. 2212 Brazos (Zapata)  
e. 2006 Alamo (Zapata)
31. To approve a speed hump at the following address:  
a. Hidalgo Street (between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Zapata)

### Honorable Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3

32. To approve the street light at the following address:  
a. 3708 Eagle St.  
b. 5321 Pascual Lane  
c. On dead end of Peña Lane  
d. 5411 Grande Lane  
e. 5003 Laredo Lane  
f. 5412 Monterey & McAllen Lane  
g. 5010 Pharr & Siesta Lane
33. To approve a speed hump at the following address:  
a. Siesta Lane & Monterrey

### Line Item Transfers

34. 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	Nutrition Center	38-648-427	Travel	\$528.00
TO	Information & Asst.	37-645-427	Travel	\$528.00

[Requested by: Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center Director]

**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.

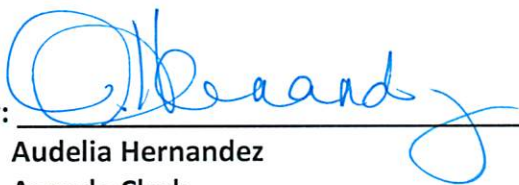
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2013

HONORABLE JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE, ZAPATA, TEXAS


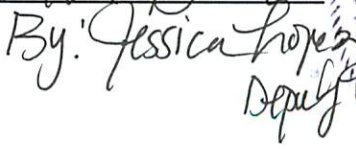
By:   
Audelia Hernandez  
Agenda Clerk


**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF October, 2013.

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

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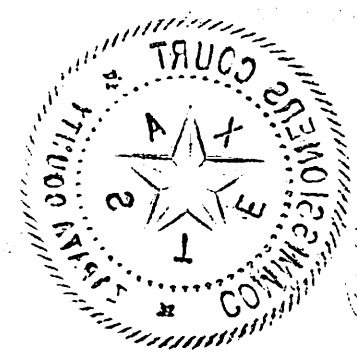
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