

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA  
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D., 2008, the Commissioners Court of Zapata County, Texas, convened in **REGULAR SESSION** of said Court, at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse of Zapata, Texas, with the following members of said Court, to-wit:

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Rosalva Guerra	County Judge
Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Joseph Rathmell	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

**VISITORS:**

Romeo Salinas, Doroteo Garza, Ramiro V. Martinez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Hector Uribe, Juan J. Meza, Joyce Carrington, Armando Gutierrez, Robert Patterson, Consuelo R. Villarreal, Avon Hatfield, Roberto O. Montes, Marisa Ramirez, Eduardo Gracia, Jr., Manuel A. Uribe, Angel Garza, Alberto Arambula, Alba Benavidez, Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez, Hector M. Medina, and Karran Westerman.

WHEREUPON, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A. M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(RPO) TO FACILITATE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND  
DESIGNATING STDC AS RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF STDC-RPO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution supporting the creation of a Rural Planning Organization (RPO) to facilitate regional transportation planning and designating the STDC as the responsible political subdivision for the implementation of the STDC-RPO as requested by Juan Rodriguez, STDC.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. ARMANDO GUTIERREZ AND  
MR. ROBERT PATTERSON FROM PETRO COUSTICS ON  
OILFIELD NOISE ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Armando Gutierrez and Mr. Robert Patterson from Petro Coustics gave a presentation on oilfield noise abatement equipment. The noise level is tested with a dosimeter. A blanket 30' high cuts sound from 140 decibels to 50 decibels. The equipment is at no cost to the County. Commissioners have received calls reporting the noise problem. The Nuisance Abatement Ordinance could be amended to state the number of decibels allowed. Chesapeake is very proactive in this matter.

**REPORT FROM MR. ROBERTO MONTES, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
AD-HOC SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Roberto Montes, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Sesquicentennial Committee reported that the group has been meeting for the last three months on a weekly basis. The Sesquicentennial Celebration has been set for November 7 and 8, at Zapata; and November 9<sup>th</sup> at Falcon, Lopeño and San Ygnacio. A Sesquicentennial Park and Trail will be dedicated. One hundred and fifty trees will be planted in honor of the 150 years along with pavers with family names. The Falcon Committee will beautify their park and have a dedication. San Ygnacio will receive a proclamation from the Governor and School District proclaiming these days as days of celebration. (A written report is attached for the record.)

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA TO  
APPROVE HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OPTION FOR U.S. 83 ZAPATA BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY TXDOT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to **TABLE** request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra, to approve horizontal alignment option for the U.S. 83 Zapata Bridge Replacement Project as presented by TxDOT.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR  
LAURA GUERRA, TO HANDLE ADMINISTRATION OF AVAILABLE  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve and authorize Health and Human Services Director, Laura Guerra, to handle administration of available transportation services grant provided by Congressman Henry Cuellar in FY2005 as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FROM FALCON RURAL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH APPROXIMATELY 6.2 MILES OF A WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT TO SERVE AREA LANDOWNERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request from Falcon Rural Water Supply Corporation to provide assistance with approximately 6.2 miles of a water distribution project to serve the area landowners; Zapata County will provide equipment and manpower to dig trench as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR MADISON AVENUE AND DENTON DRIVE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO TRIPLE O CONSTRUCTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to award construction contract for the Madison Avenue and Denton Drive Sewer Improvements to Triple O Construction, being the lowest bidder with a bid of \$61,100.00 as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3 and Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., P.E., S.I.T., Premier Civil Engineering.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION PROHIBITING USE OF RESTRICTED AERIAL FIREWORKS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, approving resolution prohibiting the use of restricted aerial fireworks as requested by Fire Chief Juan Jose Meza.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING REVISION OF COUNTYWIDE BURN BAN AND TEMPORARILY LIFT BURN BAN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve revision on the countywide burn ban and temporarily lift burn ban with option to enforce Emergency Burn Ban as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING TO ERECT MEMORIAL IN SAN IGNACIO PLAZA IN HONOR OF RESIDENT ALFREDO SALINAS, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION DURING WORLD WAR II IN 1945 ON THE ANNAPOLIS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to erect a memorial in the San Ygnacio Plaza in honor of resident Alfredo Salinas, who was killed in

action during World War II in 1945 on the Annapolis as requested by Veterans Service Officer, Manuel Uribe.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF PIPELINE ROAD CROSSING AT ALEJANDREÑAS ROAD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of a pipeline road crossing at Alejandreñas Road as requested by Richard Maxwell, Senior Agent, Conoco Phillips.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING NONPARTICIPATING ROYALTY INTEREST OWNED BY ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS IN 4747.9 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF LAS COMITAS AND VILLA GRANT IN ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS WHICH IS LEASED BY LAREDO ENERGY, IV AND SHOULD RATIFY ITS INTEREST TO CURRENT OIL AND GAS LEASE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve that Zapata County, Texas owns a Nonparticipating Royalty Interest in 4747.9 acres of land out of the Las Comitas and Villa Grant in Zapata County, Texas which is leased by Laredo Energy, IV and should ratify its interest to the current oil and gas lease as requested by Abstract & Title Resources, Inc. Landman, Rowdy Zett.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008 AND FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Minutes of **February 14, 2008** and **February 21, 2008** as presented by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report as presented by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN,  
ZAPATA COUNTY CLERK**

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, reported that, for the month in May 2008, the Zapata County Clerk's Office collected \$1,255.00 in fines and \$875.00 in court costs for a total of \$2,140.00.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT BY JUAN J. MEZA, FIRE CHIEF**

Juan J. Meza, Fire Chief reported that from October 1, 2008 to the present the Fire Department has collected \$200,238.65. On average they collect \$35,000 to \$36,000 per month.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT BY SIGIFREDO GONZALEZ, JR.,  
ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF**

Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, submitted a written report of fees collected October 2007 to May 2008. The report stated that he had collected Civil Process fees in the amount of \$2,975; Medical Visits in the amount of \$201.00; Medication reimbursement in the amount of \$2,186.25; and Fair Defense Act Bond fees in the amount of \$5,400.00.

**ORDER APPROVING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA AND PATRICIO HERNANDEZ, DBA AS GRANDE GARBAGE  
COMPANY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the solid waste collection contract between the County of Zapata and Patricio Hernandez, DBA as Grande Garbage Company, effective June 1, 2008 with a fuel adjustment clause as requested by Attorney-at-Law Hector Uribe.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH LAW FIRM OF BAKER & BOTTS  
TO REPRESENT COUNTY OF ZAPATA IN MATTERS RELATING TO  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA'S APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FROM TCEQ  
TO EXPAND SAN IGNACIO LANDFILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the contract with the law firm of Baker & Botts to represent the County of Zapata in matters relating to the County of Zapata's application for a permit from TCEQ to expand the San Ygnacio Landfill as requested by Attorney-at-Law Hector Uribe.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR, JUAN ALVARO GARZA, TO APPROVE \$20,000 FOR THE SAN IGNACIO LAND FILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to **TABLE** request by Environmental Health Inspector, Juan Alvaro Garza, to approve \$20,000 for the San Ygnacio Landfill Acct. # 10-595-330 to meet (diesel) fuel demand.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER AMENDING BUDGET FUEL LINE FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS AS PER ESTIMATE PREPARED BY TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR NEXT MONTH OF FY 07-08**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to amend budget fuel line items for all departments as per estimate prepared by the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$100,820, for the next month of FY 07-08 as requested by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARMANDO MARTINEZ TO INCLUDE ZAPATA COUNTY RETIREES TO PARTICIPATE IN LIFE INSURANCE PLAN AT NO COST TO ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to authorize Zapata County Attorney to negotiate with Armando Martinez to include Zapata County retirees to participate in the life insurance plan at no cost to Zapata County as requested by Angel Garza.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY ANGEL GARZA TO ASK TXDOT TO PLACE SIGNS ON ARROYO ZOPILOTE ON U.S. HWY 83 - 12 MILES NORTH OF ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the request by Angel Garza, to ask TxDOT to place signs on Arroyo Zopilote on U.S. Hwy 83- 12 miles North of Zapata.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**NO ACTION ON REQUEST BY ANGEL GARZA TO ASK CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR TO INFLUENCE 2010 CENSUS ADMINISTRATORS TO HIRE ZAPATA COUNTY RESIDENTS TO DO CENSUS IN ZAPATA COUNTY**

**NO ACTION ON REQUEST BY ANGEL GARZA TO ASK ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO WORK ON ORDINANCE REMOVING ABANDONED VEHICLES ON ZAPATA COUNTY STREETS AND ROADS**

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY ANGEL GARZA TO CLARIFY STREET MEASUREMENTS AND ZAPATA COUNTY WATER WORKS WATER LINES ON WATER STREET AND MOCKINGBIRD STREET IN FALCON MESA SUBDIVISION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to **TABLE** request by Angel Garza, to clarify street measurements and Zapata County Water Works water lines on Water Street and Mockingbird Street in Falcon Mesa Subdivision.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY ANGEL GARZA TO CONSIDER PAYING MILEAGE TO JURORS WHO LIVE FURTHER THAN 10 MILES FROM 49<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to **TABLE** request by Angel Garza, to consider paying mileage to jurors who live further than 10 miles from 49th District Court.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING AMOUNTS FOR CELLULAR PHONE USAGE AS FRINGE BENEFIT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND SUPERVISORS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the amount of \$100 for Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Supervisors and \$50 for regular employees for cellular phone usage as a fringe benefit as requested by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas. The usage of cellular phones by regular employees will be as recommended by Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Supervisors.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO RECESS FOR LUNCH 12:10 - 1:30**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to recess for lunch from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**RECONVENED AT 1:30 P.M.**

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING SCOPE OF WORK THAT CAN BE USED TO DEVELOP JUSTICE SYSTEM SOFTWARE BY COUNTY INFORMATION RESOURCES AGENCY (CIRA)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Resolution to participate in developing a scope of work that can be used to develop justice system software by the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) as recommended by Texas Association of Counties as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**NO ACTION ON REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA TO APPROVE MONIES TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK OF CIRA**

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA TO ADOPT REVISED ZAPATA COUNTY POLICY MANUAL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to **TABLE** request by County Judge Rosalva Guerra to adopt revised Zapata County Policy Manual.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF LOTS 16 THRU 43, BLOCK 200 LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION AKA MEDINA ADDITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to purchase lots 6 through 43, Block 200 Lakeview Subdivision aka Manuel Medina Addition at the appraised value of \$102,000, subject to legal posting requirements being met; to be paid out of land acquisition line item, as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF ONE ELECTRIC METER AND ONE WATER METER FOR FALCON COMMUNITY PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve installation of one (1) electric meter and one (1) water meter for the Falcon Community Park, to be paid from parks line item in Precinct 1, as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.



**ORDER APPROVING INITIATION OF PROCUREMENT PROCESS TO SELECT  
2009-2010 PROJECT UNDER THE CDBG PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve initiation process to select the 2009-2010 project under the CDBG Program as requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$9,500.00 FROM 10-695-676 TO 10-660-393**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve transfer of \$9,500.00 from 10-695-676 to 10-660-393 as requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHT AT  
1115 LAREDO STREET IN MEDINA ADDITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of security light at 1115 Laredo Street in Medina Addition, Zapata, Texas as requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF ONE STREET LIGHT ON  
224 CERRITO DRIVE IN FALCON LAKE ESTATES WEST AND  
ONE STREET LIGHT ON BERTHA DRIVE, LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of one street light on 224 Cerrito Drive in Falcon Lake Estates West and one street light on Bertha Drive in Linda Vista Subdivision as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE ONE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR  
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to hire one temporary employee, Derly Thatcher, for the Maintenance Department as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF PREMIER ENGINEER TO SURVEY AND DETERMINE EXTENT OF COUNTY OWNERSHIP ON HAYNES POINT ROAD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve hiring of Premier Engineer to survey and determine the extent of County ownership on Haynes Point road, to be paid from Road and Bridge line item, Precinct 3, as requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Rathmell, Villarreal, and Vela. Commissioner Garza Abstained. Motion carried.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP AT 612 LAREDO STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve installation of a speed hump at 612 Laredo Street between 7th and Laredo Street in Medina Addition as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT ON 1713 RAMIREÑO STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of street light on 1713 Ramireño Street between 16th Street and Ramireño Street, pole already exists as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING TO REAPPLY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER GRANT FOR \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS FROM OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ORCA)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve to reapply for the Higher Education Center Grant for \$1.5 million dollars from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to be used for the intended purpose. ORCA will provide additional time, LCC has committed to provide instructors, ZCISD will provide classrooms and lab areas, as requested by Project Coordinator, Mario Gonzalez-Davis and County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING BOND PAVING AIRPORT ROAD TO SETUP A SPECIAL CREW WITH LEASED EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMPLISH PROJECT AND OTHER FUTURE PAVING PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve leasing of equipment and hire individuals who work for the County to accomplish this project and other future paving projects as requested by Projects Coordinator, Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST BY PROJECT COORDINATOR MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS TO RECORD ORIGINAL 0.6 ACRE BOAT RAMP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve request by Project Coordinator Mario Gonzalez-Davis to record the original 0.6 acre Boat Ramp as requested by TxDot.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL WORK CONTRACT FOR SER CONSTRUCTION ON HOUSE CONNECTIONS ON FLEW SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALL ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE DONE AT SAME RATE AS ORIGINAL CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve an additional work contract for SER Construction on house connections on FLEW Sewer Improvement Project, all additional work to be done at the same rate as the original contract. Additional work to be paid from Pct. 3 Sanitary Sewer Improvement fund, approval subject to recommendation by County Attorney as requested by Project Coordinator Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER AWARDING PUBLIC POWER POOL CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY FOR ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to award Public Power Pool contract for the procurement of electric power supply for Zapata County as per presentation to Commissioners' Court on May 12, 2008 as requested by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**REPORTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**REPORT BY ROMEO SALINAS, COUNTY TREASURER**

Mr. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, informed Commissioners' Court of General Ledger (G/L) corrections of line item approved on March 10, 2008 and May 12, 2008 as requested by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

**ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL GROUP MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2008 AS REQUESTED BY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE DIRECTOR MIKE CHAPA**

Mr. Mike Chapa, Indigent Health Care Director, submitted his written report for the Zapata County Medical Group for May 2008; Mr. Chapa was not present.

**REPORT ON AVAILABLE FEDERAL GRANTS BY ZARAGOZA RODRIGUEZ IV AS REQUESTED BY COUNTY JUDGE ROSALVA GUERRA**

Mr. Zaragoza Rodriguez IV, reported that he would be looking into the Henry Cuellar website for available federal grants.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST OF \$23,000 FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND TO PAY OUTSTANDING BALANCE OWED TO SOUTH TEXAS FOOD BANK FOR FOOD PURCHASES AND CONTINUE PROVIDING MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY UNTIL END OF FY 07-08**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve request of \$23,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to pay outstanding balance owed to the South Texas Food Bank for food purchases and to continue providing monthly food at our food pantry until the end of FY 07-08 due to loss of federal funding as requested by County Treasurer Romeo Salinas.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Office Supplies	10-495-310	\$3,000.00
To: Workshops & Travel Expenses	10-495-427	\$3,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Executive Administrator	10-400-103	\$4980.00
To: Assistant Administrator	10-400-105	\$4980.00
From: Executive Administrator	10-400-103	\$2141.00
To: Grant Writer	10-400-158	\$2141.00
From: Executive Administrator	10-400-103	\$1171.00

To: Court Coordinator 10-400-153 \$1171.00  
in accordance with Sec. 111.010 (d) of the Legal Government Code as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Office Supplies 10-665-310 \$1,500.00  
To: Workshops & Travel Expenses 10-665-427 \$1,500.00  
travel needed for rest of fiscal year to attend Extension related events and workshops as requested by County Extension Agent Carlos M. Ramirez.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Repair Maintenance 37-645-336 \$1,200.00  
To: Fuel & Lubricants 37-645-330 \$1,200.00  
From: Cellular Phone 37-645-420 \$800.00  
To: Fuel & Lubricants 37-645-330 \$800.00  
From: Raw Food 38-648-336 \$1,000.00  
To: Fuel & Lubricants 38-648-330 \$1,000.00  
to meet budget requirements as requested by Nutrition Center Director Carmen R. Reyes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Center Equipment 38-647-589 \$700.00  
To: Repairs & Maintenance 38-647-454 \$700.00  
From: Misc. Safety Service 38-648-392 \$350.00  
To: Repairs & Maintenance 38-648-454 \$350.00  
From: Misc. Safety Service 38-647-392 \$350.00  
To: Repairs & Maintenance 38-648-454 \$350.00  
to meet budget requirements as requested by Nutrition Center Director Carmen R. Reyes

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Royalty Fund 10-370-901 \$10,000.00  
To: Pct. 1 Special Materials 10-409-751 \$10,000.00  
From: Royalty Fund 10-370-901 \$8,000.00  
To: Pct. 2 Special Materials 10-409-752 \$8,000.00  
From: Royalty Fund 10-370-901 \$10,000.00  
To: Pct. 3 Special Materials 10-409-753 \$10,000.00  
From: Royalty Fund 10-370-901 \$8,000.00  
To: Pct. 4 Special Materials 10-409-754 \$8,000.00  
requested by Water/Sewer Director Carlos Treviño, Jr.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Royalty Fund	10-370-901	\$10,626.36
To: Pct. 3 Special Materials	10-409-753	\$10,626.36
From: Royalty Fund	10-370-901	\$20,421.44
To: Pct. 4 Special Materials	10-409-754	\$20,421.44
From: Royalty Fund	10-370-901	\$7,866.42
To: Special Contract Services	10-409-732	\$7,866.42
From: Royalty Fund	10-370-901	\$15,421.00
To: Special Contract Services	10-409-764	\$15,421.00

to cover negative G/L balances as requested by Water/Sewer Director Carlos Treviño, Jr.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Caliche, Pct. 4	15-621-595	\$36,906.06
To: Repairs & Maintenance	15-621-557	\$36,906.06

to meet budget requirements as requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Uniforms	10-598-205	\$935.00
To: Supplies	10-598-310	\$935.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Recycling Center Director Hector Lopez, Jr.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

#### **ORDER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to enter into Executive Session at 2:35 P.M.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

#### **ORDER TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to return to Open Session at 3:11 P.M.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**ORDER TO DENY REQUEST BY COUNTY ATTORNEY SAID ALFONSO FIGUEROA TO AUTHORIZE ZAPATA COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION TO DECLARE SECTIONS OF JUAREZ AND GUTIERREZ STREETS IN SAN YGNACIO, TEXAS COUNTY PROPERTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to deny request by County Attorney Saíd Alfonso Figueroa to authorize Zapata County Attorney to take legal action to declare sections of Juarez and Gutierrez Streets in San Ygnacio, Texas county property. By the county taking the action they took today, they are in no way waiving any right to the property in question.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER JOSE EMILIO VELA, PCT. 1, TO TAKE PROPER LEGAL ACTION ON CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BY ZAPATA COUNTY ATTORNEY RELATING TO THEFT OF COUNTY FUEL**

**ORDER APPROVING PERSONNEL REORGANIZATION IN COUNTY DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to reorganize personnel in County department as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Garza and Villarreal and Judge Guerra.

Commissioner Rathmell and Vela voted AGAINST. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, and being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Court.

There being no further business for disposition at this term, the Court adjourned.

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ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN  
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK  
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS