

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 13th day of July, A. D., 2009, 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
Sáid Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Doroteo N. Garza, Ramiro V. Martinez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Juan J. Meza, Dorothy Pizaña, Paco Mendoza, Jose F. Mendoza, Avon Hatfield, Teresa Hein, Celia Balderas, Julieta Uriguillo, Luis L. Gonzalez, Robert Mezquiti, Karran Westerman, Juan Coterra, Carmen Reyes, Laura Guerra, Sylvia Mendoza, Diana C. Villarreal, David Negrete, Andres Mata, Jr., O.J. Hale, Isidro R. Alaniz, Pete Garza, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Manuel A. Uribe, Jose A. Garcia, Alberto Arambula, and Marco Serna.

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

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

ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER BY REV. ROGER MILLER

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
JUNE 5, 2009 AND JUNE 8, 2009**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the Minutes of **JUNE 5, 2009 and JUNE 8, 2009**, 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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Collector, reported that the tax office collected \$7,615.67 in hotel/motel taxes and \$111,169.06 in disbursements.

Romeo Salinas, Zapata County Treasurer, gave a detailed treasurer's report. (Copy attached for the record.)

ORDER APPROVING LOCATION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve Maintenance Supervisor's office space, the adjacent storage room and an outside lobby area, designated as Suite #243 on second floor, as location for District Attorney's Office as requested by Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney. Mr. Alaniz agreed that remodeling is to meet building specs.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING SHERIFF TO USE FUNDS TO EXTEND MECHANIC SHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize the Sheriff to use funds from line item 10-695-532 to extend Mechanic Shop for storage of valuable surveillance equipment, amount not to exceed \$27,000 as requested by Sigifredo Gonzalez, Jr., County Sheriff.

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 STANFORD C. TODD, PITNEY BOWES
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, TO LEASE MAIL MACHINE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to table request by Stanford C. Todd, Pitney Bowes Account Executive, to lease mail machine with Pitney Bowes Inc.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY ZAPATA COUNTY CONVENTION
AND VISITORS BUREAU TO USE THE OSWALDO H. AND
JUANITA G. RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL FOR A RAMON AYALA
DANCE ON JULY 25TH FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 2:00 A.M.**

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE HECTOR GARZA AS LABOR/MAINTENANCE,
SLOT #2 ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to hire Hector Garza as labor/maintenance, at \$7.25 per hour, slot #2 Road and Bridge Department #15-012-554 as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, County Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVESTMENT RESOLUTION FROM
LONE STAR INVESTMENT POOL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve investment resolution from Lone Star Investment Pool as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF THREE 16 PASSENGER SHUTTLE BUSES
WITH FTA GRANT FROM CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of three 16 passenger shuttle buses with FTA grant TX-04-0033-00 federal grant from Congressman Henry Cuellar at \$67,963.84 each as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

**ORDER APPROVING \$24,000 FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND
TO CONTINUE PROVIDING MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT
HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve request in the amount of \$24,000.00 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to continue providing monthly food distribution at the Helping Hands Food Pantry as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

**ORDER APPROVING NOTIFICATION OF NO INVESTMENT CHANGES TO
UPDATE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2009**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve notification of no investment changes to updated investment policy for FY 2009 as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

ORDER APPROVING ANNUAL UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 2009

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve annual updated investment policy for FY 2009 as requested by Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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

**ORDER TO DENY HIRING OF MR. RAMIRO MARTINEZ AS CONSULTANT
FOR TWO DAYS PER WEEK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to hire Mr. Ramiro Martinez as consultant for two days per week and pay out of line item 10-409-730 Consulting Fees as requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was denied by Commissioner Vela and Garza and Judge Guerra. Motion **TO DENY** carried.

**ORDER APPROVING PLANS AND SPECS TO BEAUTIFY AND REMODEL
COUNTY PLAZA AND APPROVE FUNDS TO ASSIST
OR COMPLETE PROPOSED PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve plans and specs to beautify and remodel the County Plaza and approve funds to assist with the proposed project as requested by Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Garza will contribute \$5,000; Commissioner Vela, Rathmell and Villarreal will contribute \$2,500 each for a total contribution of \$12,500 to assist in the completion of the project.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF OSWALDO AND JUANITA RAMIREZ EXHIBIT
HALL FOR 1ST ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS BOW-HUNTER SHOOTOUT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Exhibit Hall for the 1st Annual South Texas Bow-Hunter Shootout to be organized by the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce on September 5, 2009 as requested by Zapata County Chamber of Commerce. Chamber of Commerce will provide electricity, cleaning and security.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMP AT 2212 ELM STREET

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of speed bump at 2212 Elm Street in the town of Zapata as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, County Commissioner, 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 4-WAY STOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of 4-way stop at the following intersections:

- a. Flores and 4th Street (Flores Addition)
- b. Park and Retama (Falcon Lake Estates East)
- c. Hidalgo Blvd. and 10th Avenue

as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of speed hump at the following locations:

- a. Falcon Shores Drive between Martinez and Villarreal Avenues (Nicholson Subdivision)
- b. 6th Street between Serna Street and East Street (Falcon Community)

as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of speed humps at the following locations:

- a. Between 4th and 7th on Villa Street
- b. 13th and Villa on 1214 Ramireño Street
- c. 1505 Medina Street
- d. 13th and 16th Street on Diaz Street
- e. 7th and 4th Street on Diaz Street
- f. 1416 Medina Street
- g. 608 Bravo Street
- h. Between 7th and 10th Street (in front of Villarreal Elementary)

as requested by Norberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

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

From: Raw Food	38-648-336	\$500.00
To: Repair and Maintenance	36-647-454	\$500.00
From: Fuel and Lubricant	38-647-330	\$700.00
To: Repair and Maintenance	36-648-454	\$700.00
From: Fuel and Lubricant	38-647-330	\$700.00
To: Repair and Maintenance	36-649-454	\$700.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carmen Reyes, Nutrition Center, Department Head.

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

From: Electricity	80-600-443	\$2,500.00
To: Uniforms	80-600-205	\$2,500.00
From: Electricity	80-600-443	\$28,000.00
To: Overtime	80-600-121	\$28,000.00

as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Sewer Director.

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

From: Postage	08-602-31	\$1,200.00
To: Uniforms	08-602-205	\$1,200.00
From: Equipment Rental	08-602-462	\$5,000.00
To: Repairs and Maintenance	08-602-336	\$5,000.00
From: Chlorine and Chemicals	08-602-341	\$12,000.00
To: Repairs and Maintenance	08-602-336	\$12,000.00

as requested by Eloy Chapa, Sewer Plant Supervisor.

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

ORDER APPROVING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve support and assistance of the San Ygnacio Municipal Utility District with \$100,000.00 out of the San Ygnacio Drainage Project Fund to replace about 22,000 feet of asbestos water lines with PVC lines. The total cost of the project is about \$600,000.00 as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, County Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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

ORDER APPROVING BID AWARDS FOR MATERIALS ONLY FOR PRECINCT 3 AND PRECINCT 4 ROAD BOND PAVING PROJECT PHASE II

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the lowest bid submitted for materials only for Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 Road Bond Paving Project Phase II as follows:

L.A. Contractors, LTD Total Bid: \$58,500.00 (\$6.50 per yard)
9,000 Cubic Yards/Flexible Base Caliche (Delivered to site)

Brothers Materials, LTD Total Bid: \$66,000.00 (\$55.00 per ton)
1,200 Tons/Type "D" Asphaltic Pavement (Delivered to job site)

Benavides Trucking Total Bid: \$17,500.00 (\$5.00 per gallon)
3,500 Gallons /SSI Emulsion (Delivered to County yard)

as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Coordinator.

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

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO FILL MAINTENANCE POSITION IN PRECINCT ONE TO REPLACE EMPLOYEE RECENTLY TRANSFERRED TO PRECINCT THREE AS GRADER OPERATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to fill road maintenance position in Precinct 1 at a salary of \$7.85 an hour to replace employee recently transferred to Precinct 3 as grader operator as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1.

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

ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL AMENITIES NEEDED TO COMPLETE PROJECT IN COMPLIANCE WITH MASTER PLAN APPROVED BETWEEN TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve additional amenities needed to complete the Flores Park project in compliance with master plan approved between Texas Parks and Wildlife and Zapata County as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1. Carlos Colina Vargas and Andy Mata, Negrete and Kolar Architects gave a status report on said amenities. (Copy attached for the record.)

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

ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, ADDITION OF 0.75 MGD PRECAST GROUND STORAGE TANK

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve Change Order No. 1, the addition of a 0.75 MGD Precast Ground Storage Tank at a cost of \$564,000.00 for the Zapata County Water Treatment Plant Contract as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Coordinator and Jake Rathmell, Project Engineer.

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

ORDER APPROVING REPAIRS TO FENCE ON CATTLE DIPPING VAT NEAR ZAPATA WEBB COUNTY LINE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve repairs to fence on cattle dipping vat near the Zapata/Webb County line at a cost of \$8,820.00 as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, County Commissioner, Pct. 2. Each Commissioner will contribute \$2,205 from the Road Construction Fund.

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 AT 1903 FALCON STREET IN MEDINA ADDITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a street light at 1903 Falcon Street in Medina Addition in Zapata, Texas as requested by Gabriel Villarreal, County Commissioner, Pct. 2.

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

ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY HIRE OF SECRETARY FOR PRECINCT THREE OFFICE FOR TWO WEEKS IN PLACE OF MISSY GARZA

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Rathmell, to approve temporary hire of a secretary for the Precinct 4 Office for two weeks to be paid from line item 10-004-690, in place of Missy Garza as requested by Norberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING BID AWARD FOR MATERIALS ONLY FOR FENCE IN
PRECINCT 4 PARK AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the bid submitted by V&D Corp. for materials only for the fence in Precinct 4 park area, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$12,859.18 as requested by Norberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct.4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING BID AWARDS FOR LABOR ONLY FOR FENCE
IN PRECINCT 4 PARK AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the bid submitted by Javier Salinas, for labor only for the fence in Precinct 4 park area, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$4,410.00 as requested by Norberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

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

**ORDER APPROVING BID AWARDS FOR LABOR ONLY FOR ZAPATA
COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE PARK AREA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the bid submitted by Elizondo's Construction, for labor only for the Zapata County Little League Park area, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$27,875.00 as requested by Norberto Garza, County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

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

ORDER APPROVING ELECTRICAL WORK FOR ZAPATA COUNTY LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the electrical work for the Zapata County Library, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 as requested by Aida Garcia, County Library.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON
ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve to advertise for Request for Proposals on the Zapata County Medical Clinic as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TXDOT IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the TxDOT Imposition of Optional Fees for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR FUNDS UNDER SECTION 74.604 OF TEXAS
PROPERTY CODE FROM TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request for funds (\$974.90) under Section 74.604 of the Texas Property Code from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR USE OF
OSWALDO AND JUANITA RAMIREZ SHOWBARN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve proposed contract for the use of the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Showbarn, the rules for Community Center shall apply to the showbarn with the exception of dances, as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING ZAPATA COUNTY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PEDERNALES ROAD AND JENNINGS ROAD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to authorize Zapata County to advertise for bids on drainage improvements for Pedernales Road and Jennings Road as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH SIESTA SHORES WCID**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to ratify memorandum of understanding with Siesta Shores WCID as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS TO ADVERTISE
FOR BIDS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR LAS PALMAS
BOOSTER SYSTEM/WATER TANK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to authorize Zapata County Waterworks to advertise for bids for Water System Improvements for

Las Palmas booster system/water tank as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water/Sewer Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING ORDER FOR AN ELECTION TO CREATE A COUNTY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT WITH AUTHORITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX AND SET RATE AT ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO FINANCE OPERATIONS OF DISTRICT AND BE PLACED ON BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the order for an election to create a County Assistance District with the authority to levy a sales tax and set the rate at one-half of one percent to finance the operations of the district and be placed on the ballot for the general election of November 3, 2009, which shall read:

Authorizing the creation of the Zapata County Assistance District and the imposition of a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent for the purpose of financing the operations of the district.

The order was approved with changes as recommended by Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney, which include addition of 1) construction maintenance of roads and bridges, and 2) law enforcement and detention services. Item was requested by Zapata County Economic Development Center.

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY ZAPATA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ON COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT SALES TAX

ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL LANDFILL FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve proposed San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill fees as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.

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

ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL LANDFILL

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve proposed Hours of Operation for the San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill. Landfill will open Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; it will remain closed on Monday and County Holidays as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.

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

ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL LANDFILL DUE TO REACHING MAXIMUM CAPACITY LEVEL

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the temporary closure of the San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill due to reaching its maximum capacity level effective July 13, 2009 as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY GUILLERMO M. SAENZ, ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR TO APPROVE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION FOR PROBATION, PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK FOR WEEK OF JULY 19-25, 2009

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Proclamation for Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week for the week of July 19-25, 2009 as requested by Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Monica L. Benavidez, CSCD Supervisor.

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

ORDER APPROVING DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL STONE TO HONOR DECEASED VETERANS FROM FALCON, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve dedication of Memorial Stone donated by Maria Eva U. Ramirez to honor deceased Veterans from Falcon, Texas on November 2009, in observance of Veteran's Day as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1.

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

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FROM ZAPATA COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ON TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMORIAL BENCHES AND PAVERS

No one was present to give financial status report from the Zapata County Sesquicentennial Committee on total donations received from memorial benches and pavers compared to number delivered and installed to this day as requested by Jose Emilio Vela, County Commissioner, Pct. 1.

REQUEST FOR 3RD PARTY FUNDING -STACADA YOUTH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES

Mr. Chris Laurel, STACADA Executive Director, reported that STACADA Youth Prevention and Treatment Services serves 837 clients in Zapata County and require \$15,000 per Fiscal Year. Mr. Laurel requested 3rd party funding and asked for this amount to be placed in the budget.

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF ZAPATA COUNTY CONVENTION
AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Karran Westerman, presented Commissioners' Court with the Quarterly Report of the Zapata County Convention and Visitors Bureau as requested by Zapata County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. (Report attached for the record.)

**MONTHLY BUSINESS REPORT OF ZAPATA COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZEDC President, gave the monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Center (ZEDC). Ms. Umphres Moffett stated that ZEDC will enter into a partnership agreement with the TAMIU Small Business Development Center and will hire full time business advisers and would like to have an office at the ZEDC. ZEDC will be working on a real estate inventory. The unemployment rate for 2000-2009 was an 8% average. A prototype of the Garza Pipeline Marker is currently under production.

STATUS REPORT ON SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL LANDFILL

No one present to give Status Report on San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill by Raul Garcia, Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

**REPORT ON REMOVAL OF DILAPIDATED BUILDING AT NORTH
ENTRANCE OF ZAPATA**

Mr. Said A. Figueroa, reported on the removal of the dilapidated building at the North entrance of Zapata. Mr. Figueroa stated that the owner of the building had been contacted and promised to remove the building before the July 13, 2009 deadline. Owner of the building can be charged with trespassing.

STATUS REPORT ON FALCON RWSC WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Manuel Gonzalez reported that the Falcon water line improvement project would cost an estimated amount of \$430,000.00 at the rate of \$12 per foot and 26,000 linear feet. The County's contribution is \$75,000.00.

**PRESENTATION OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE OF ZAPATA COUNTY
FAIR GROUNDS AND MIRA FLORES PARK**

Juan Coterra and Robert Mezquiti with Coterra + Reed Architects gave a power point presentation/slide show of the Schematic Design Phase of Zapata County Fair Grounds and Mira Flores Park as requested by Coterra + Reed Architects. (Disc and printout attached for the record.)

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER VELA, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER VELA, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING ZARAGOZA RODRIGUEZ IV TO HIRE TEMPORARY
PART-TIME EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to authorize Zaragoza Rodriguez IV to hire temporary part - time employee at the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Swimming Complex at the rate of \$7.25 per hour out of line item 10-409-730 as requested by Zaragoza Rodriguez IV and Maria E. Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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

From: CACST Rental	10-409-467	\$8,200.00
To: Consulting Fees	10-409-730	\$8,200.00
From: Insurance	10-409-467	\$1,800.00
To: Consulting Fees	10-409-730	\$1,800.00

as requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.

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

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rathmell, 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.

ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
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