

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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
Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
Romeo Salinas	County Treasurer
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Doroteo N. Garza, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Nellie Treviño, Hector Uribe, Celica A. Rodriguez, Maria I. Gutierrez, Elvia Mendoza, Isela Wells, Omar Hinojosa, Jessica Rodriguez, Estela Gonzalez, Olivia Gomez, Melissa Peña, Tirso H. Amesquita, Manuel Garcia, Antonio A. Mendoza, Rolando Villarreal, Leo Cuellar, Jose Dodier, Xavier Villarreal, Marisela Gutierrez, Olga M. Elizondo, Ernest E. Cabrera, M.D., Yvonne Trapp, Maria E. Gutierrez, James D. Burnham, Fred Calderas, Carolina Calderas, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Laura D. Guerra, Carmen R. Reyes, Blanca Lopez, Magali Rojas Webber, Tony Webber, Anita R. Medina, Avon Hatfield, Olga M. Flores, Hildegardo E. Flores, Luis L. Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Ernie Domenech, Margarita Cantu, Belinda Lozano, Graciela Padron, Sebastian T. Padron, M.D., E. Garcia, M.D., Alicia C. Villarreal, Eloisa M. Castillo, Juan J. Meza, Victor Sermino, Rene R. Rivera, Yolanda Mena, Dorothy Pizaña, Paco Mendoza, Celia Balderas, Roberta S. Meza, Teresa Hein, Maribel Bustamante, Dora Mtz. Ramos, Caleb Eaton, Patricia V. Garica, Sandra M. Falcon, Maria D. Guzman, Irma Buruato, Adam Escamilla, Ed Romero, Luis Lopez, Hector M. Medina, Jr., Patricio Hernandez, Nereida Garza, Mike Chapa, Rosa Elena Martinez, Manuel Gonzalez, Myrna Bustamante, Dahlia R. Lopez, and Laura Garza.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A. M.**

**ROLL CALL BY MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**No comments or remarks on 2009-2010 Zapata County Budget**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing 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.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:15 A. M.**

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> AND  
AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of **August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 REPORTS**

Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Zapata County Tax Assessor/Collector, presented Commissioners Court with the August report. He reported that the tax office collected \$15,502.55 in hotel/motel taxes and \$55,803.75 in county collections. A total of \$270,433.39 has been collected for the year. (Report attached for the record.)

Dora Ramos, District Clerk, presented Commissioners' Court with a written report for October 2008 - September 2009. The District Clerk's office collected \$96,718.75. (Report attached for the record.)

Romeo Salinas, Zapata County Treasurer, presented Commissioners' Court with a written Treasurer's Report for August 2009. (Report attached for the record.)

Caleb Eaton, Zapata County Extension Agent, presented Commissioners' Court with a written report and update on the Extension Office. (Report attached for the record.)

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented 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.

**ORDER ADOPTING COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to adopt the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, with changes, 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.

**ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION OF TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the tax rate at \$0.736096 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 by executing an "Order Setting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2009-2010" as requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor and that the order setting the tax rate be approved as follows:

<b>General fund</b> .....	<b>0.592055</b>
<b>Debt Service</b> .....	<b>0.075000</b>
<b>Special Road &amp; Bridge</b> .....	<b>0.069000</b>
<b>F.M./Flood Control</b> .....	<b>0.000041</b>
<b>-TOTAL TAX</b>	<b>0.736096</b>

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

**ORDER SETTING SALARIES AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS BY APPROVING GENERAL ORDER OF PERSONNEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to set the salaries and the number of positions by approving the General Order of Personnel for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 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.

**ORDER APPROVING "OPERATIONAL GENERAL ORDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010"**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the "Operational General Order for Fiscal Year 2009-2010" 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.

**ORDER APPROVING INCENTIVE PAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following incentive pay:

- Roel Gonzalez, Jr. from \$10.27 to \$10.52, Fire Fighter
- William A. Butterfield from \$10.35 to \$10.60, Fire Inspector
- Fermin Orta from \$10.36 to \$10.61, Peace Officer
- Gabriela Gonzalez from \$10.28 to \$10.53, Fire Fighter
- Gerardo Garza from \$10.36 to \$10.86, EMT-1
- Benjamin Martinez from \$12.39 to \$12.64, Fire Fighter
- Carlos Talamante from \$10.33 to \$10.60, Fire Inspector
- Daniel Arriaga from \$10.29 to \$10.54, Fire Fighter
- Jorge Oyervides from \$12.98 to \$13.25, Fire Inspector

These monies will come out of page 26, line item 10-543-107 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 REMOUNT OF AMBULANCE AND STRETCHER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the remount of one ambulance for the total cost of \$82,603.00. Received grant of \$30,000.00, requesting \$55,000.00 for remount and stretcher from tobacco funds 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 CHANGE ORDER FOR ROMEO T. FLORES PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the change order in the amount of \$25,000 for unexpected expenses for excavation of rocks during construction of swimming pool at the Romeo T. Flores Park as presented and requested by John Rigney, Rigney Construction.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY DR. EDMUNDO GARCIA FOR ZAPATA COUNTY CLINIC MANAGEMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Judge Guerra, to approve proposal submitted by Dr. Edmundo Garcia for Zapata County Clinic Management 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 RESOLUTION FOR ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TASK FORCE OPERATION BORDER STAR GRANT #1982103**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve resolution for the Zapata County Sheriff's Office Task Force Operation Border Star Grant #1982103 as requested by Captain Victor Sermino, Zapata County Sheriff's Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF LITTLE LEAGUE PARK FOR ZAPATA LITTLE LEAGUE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the use of Little League park to the end of 2009 for Zapata Little League Developmental Program as requested by Norberto Garza, 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 AWARD TO ELIZONDO'S CONSTRUCTION FOR DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF LITTLE LEAGUE PARK RESTROOMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to award bid to Elizondo's Construction, being the lowest bidder, for the demolition and reconstruction of Little League Park restrooms 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.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY FRED CALDERAS, HEAD COACH OF THE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE, TO APPROVE USE OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD FOR PRACTICE FROM 7 PM - 9 PM AND FOR THE LIGHTS TO BE TURNED ON**

**ORDER APPROVING NECESSARY FUNDING NEEDED TO COMPLETE ZAPATA COUNTY PLAZA PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the necessary funding needed to complete the Zapata County Plaza Project funding to be provided from the Hotel Motel Tax Fund as requested by the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce. \$22,488.25 will be funded from Motel/Hotel Tax Funds, balance will be funded by Commissioner Vela, Pct. 1 and Commissioner Rathmell, Pct. 3 for total funding in the amount of \$34,197.00.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR ANNUAL MARIACHI HALCON JAMAICA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve use of the Zapata County Pavilion for the annual Mariachi Halcon Jamaica on October 11, 2009.

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

**ORDER TO TABLE CHANGE ORDER FOR NEW WATER PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager and Joseph Rathmell, County Commissioner, Pct. 3, to approve a change order for the new water plant.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR GIRL SCOUT MEETING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Zapata County Community Center for Girl Scout meeting on September 30, 2009 from 6 pm to 8 pm as requested by Isela Wells, Girl Scout Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PERMISSION TO USE PAVILION BY MARINE CORPS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request for permission to use pavilion on December 13, 2009 by Marine Corps for Toys for Tots as requested by Sgt. Manuel Garcia.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF ONE TEMPORARY CLERS TO BE PAID FROM DISTRICT CLERK'S RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve hiring of one (1) temporary clerk, at the rate of \$7.50 per hour, to be paid from the District Clerk's Record Management and Preservation Fund under Section 118.0216 of the Local Government Code, to scan and/or index minutes and documents. Employment shall be effective September 14, 2009 and last until the project is completed as requested by Dora A. Ramos, District Clerk.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Rene Ricardo Rivera presented his resume to Commissioners' Court for their consideration.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING MIKE CHAPA TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF ZAPATA COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Mike Chapa to conduct an inventory of the Zapata County Medical Clinic on September 30, 2009 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.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY HECTOR URIBE, LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT, TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ZONING REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 63 OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO MAKE GRANT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve a resolution authorizing the County to make a grant for the Zapata County Nutrition Program as they apply for grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture to supplement and extend existing services to homebound persons in the County as requested by Rosie Gonzalez, Zapata County Nutrition Program.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ASSISTANCE TO ZAPATA COUNTY WCID WITH IN-KIND LABOR FOR PROPOSED WATER LINE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve assistance to Zapata County WCID with in-kind labor, so long as labor is available, for the proposed water line project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

**REPORT ON ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM PROJECT**

Dr. Hildegardo Flores reported on the Zapata County Museum project. Dr. Flores informed the court that it is projected that the museum will be completed next month. There are two proposals for installation of exhibits. He recommends Mr. Webber of the Southwest Museums. Dr. Flores will be requesting funds to pay Mr. Webber.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR TO CLOSE ALL ACCOUNTS AND MAKE ALL NECESSARY LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to authorize County Treasurer and County Auditor to close all accounts and make all necessary line item transfers 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.

**ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TO REPLACE CREW MEMBER (PCT. 1) OUT ON WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve temporary employee to replace a crew member (Pct. 1) out on worker's compensation 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 CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCK FENCE ON SOUTHEAST SIDE OF NEW SECTION OF ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the construction of a block fence on the southeast side of the new section of the Zapata County Cemetery with the adjoining landowner to provide all materials and the county agrees to provide labor for construction of fence as requested by Joseph Rathmell, County Commissioner, Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STORM GUTTERS ON COUNTY EASEMENT ON COLORADO LANE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of storm gutters on county easement on Colorado Lane with needed materials to be provided by adjoining landowners as requested by Joseph Rathmell, County Commissioner, Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ZAPATA COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the Zapata County Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Holiday Schedule as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.

Columbus Day - Monday, October 12, 2009  
Veteran's Day - Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26, 2009  
Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27, 2009  
Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2009  
Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2009  
New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31, 2009  
New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2010  
Martin Luther King - Monday, January 18, 2010

President's Day - Monday, February 15, 2010  
Election Day - March 2, 2010  
County Fair - Thursday, March 11, 2010  
County Fair - Friday, March 12, 2010  
Easter Monday - Monday, April 5, 2010  
Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2010  
Fourth of July - Monday, July 5, 2010  
Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 2010

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

**ORDER APPROVING 2009-2010 ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETINGS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the 2009-2010 Zapata County Commissioners Court Regular Meetings as requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.

October 13, 2009 (Tuesday)  
November 9, 2009  
December 14, 2009  
January 11, 2010  
February 8, 2010  
March 8, 2010

April 12, 2010  
May 10, 2010  
June 14, 2010  
July 12, 2010  
August 9, 2010  
September 13, 2010

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

**ORDER APPROVING OSWALDO AND JUANITA RAMIREZ EXHIBIT HALL  
SCHEDULE FEES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez exhibit hall schedule fees, effective November 1, 2009, 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 2009-2010 INDIGENT ATTORNEY'S FEE SCHEDULE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve 2009-2010 Indigent Attorney's fee schedule, at the rate of \$175.00 for representation of the indigent, 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 BY ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE TO SEND WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE TO GRANDE GARBAGE COLLECTION COMPANY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge, to send written termination notice to Grande Garbage Collection Company as per Solid Waste Collection Agreement.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PERMIT MODIFICATION TO LANDFILL SITE OPERATING PLAN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve permit modification to landfill site operating plan as recommended by landfill consultant as requested as 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 OPERATING HOURS FOR SAN YGNACIO MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL PERMIT 783A**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve operating hours for the San Ygnacio Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit 783A in accordance with Section 11 of the Standards of Operation (SOP) as requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge. Landfill will be open Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF AN EMPLOYEE FOR SLOT #5 AT SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve hiring of an employee for slot #5 at \$7.74 per hour at San Ygnacio Landfill as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SHERIFFS' AND CONSTABLES' FEES FOR 2010**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Sheriff s' and Constables' fees for 2010 as authorized by Local Government Code Section 118.131 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 COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE (S.T.C.A.D.A.)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve cooperative working agreement with The South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (S.T.C.A.D.A.) for the program year September 1, 2009 to November 30, 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.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY ZAR RODRIGUEZ IV, COUNTY INSPECTOR, TO PURCHASE SECOND VEHICLE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT FROM ESCAMILLA FORD IN ZAPATA, TEXAS**

**ORDER AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PEDERNALES ROAD PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award construction contract, to Reim Construction, Inc., being the lowest bidder, for the Pedernales Road Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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 MANUEL GONZALEZ OF PREMIER ENGINEERING, TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR JENNINGS ROAD PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering, to award construction contract for the Jennings Road Project.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF RUBEN PEÑA, JR. AS TREATMENT OPERATOR TRAINEE AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rathmell, to approve the hiring of Ruben Peña, Jr. as a treatment operator trainee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for slot #9, vacant position, at a starting salary of \$8.00 per hour as requested by Carlos Treviño, Utilities Director and Eloy Chapa, Jr., Wastewater Supervisor.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR GILBERTO SALINAS, JR.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve salary adjustment for Gilberto Salinas, Jr. to \$12.00 per hour as he has fulfilled his training

requirements and has obtained his Wastewater Class 1 Collection System Operator's License as requested by Carlos Treviño, Utilities Director and Eloy Chapa, Jr., Wastewater 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 FRANCISCO SAN MILLAN, HTM, INC. TO REQUEST COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOR DANCE ON OCTOBER 14, 2009 OR NOVEMBER 7, 2009. PERCENTAGE OF PROFIT WILL GO TO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY NELLIE R. TREVIÑO, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, TO PLACE A DOOR AT THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE LEADING TO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

**ORDER APPROVING PERMISSION TO WRITE A WASTEWATER ORDINANCE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WASTE WATER PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve permission to write a Wastewater Ordinance for the Zapata County Waste Water Plant as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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 ROSALVA GUERRA, COUNTY JUDGE, TO APPROVE THAT ANY EXISTING AND NEW TAPPING CONTRACTS WITH THE ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS BE AUTHORIZED BY THE ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF A NEW ½ TON PICK-UP TRUCK FOR WATER PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of a new ½ ton pick-up truck for the water plant. Water analysis locations have changed and a dependable vehicle is required for this important function. Purchase price of \$25,000.00 to be obtained from line item 80-600-336 as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TxCDBG COLONIA CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize initiation of procurement of professional services for the implementation of the TxCDBG Colonia Construction Grant Project, ORCA FY 2009-2010, for sewer improvement in Colonia Linda Vista as requested by Carlos Colina-Vargas and Joseph Rathmell, County Commissioner, 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 USE FRONT OF ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
FOR ZAPATA COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY PEP RALLY TO  
KICK OFF RED RIBBON WEEK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve use of the front of the Zapata County Courthouse for the Zapata County Drug Free Community Pep Rally to kick off Red Ribbon Week on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm as requested by Fina Villarreal, Scan Director.

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 AT 2510 ITURBIDE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a speed hump at 2510 Iturbide 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 SIGNS AT INTERSECTION  
OF ITURBIDE STREET AND 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Iturbide Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue 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 SECURITY LIGHT AT CORNER OF 14<sup>TH</sup>  
AVENUE AND JACKSON STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a security light at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jackson 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 SPEED BUMP AT  
416 HIDALGO STREET IN SAN YGNACIO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a speed bump at 416 Hidalgo Street in the town of San Ygnacio 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 SPEED HUMPS ON CARRIZO LANE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of speed humps on Carrizo Lane as requested by Joseph Rathmell, County Commissioner, Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING SPEED HUMPS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AND MEDINA AVENUE, PRECINCT 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of speed humps on 4<sup>th</sup> and Medina Avenue, Precinct 4, 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 INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHT  
AT 1407 DIAZ STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a security light at 1407 Diaz Street 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP BETWEEN  
7<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> ON VILLA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a speed hump between 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on Villa 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 INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHT BETWEEN  
4<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> ON VILLA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a security light between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on Villa 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP BETWEEN  
13<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> ON JUAREZ**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a speed hump between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> on Juarez 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 INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHT AT 1405 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve installation of a security light at 1405 7<sup>th</sup> Street 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Environmental	10-595-330	Fuel	\$10,000.00
To: Environmental	10-595-456	Maintenance	\$10,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

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

From: Nutrition Program	38-647-330	Fuel and Lubricants	\$350.00
To: Nutrition Program	38-647-454	Repair & Maintenance	\$350.00
From: Nutrition Program	38-647-427	Travel	\$450.00
To: Nutrition Program	38-647-454	Repair & Maintenance	\$450.00
From: Nutrition Program	38-647-336	Raw Food	\$350.00
To: Nutrition Program	38-647-467	Non-Food Consumable	\$350.00
From: I & A Program	37-645-330	Fuel and Lubricants	\$150.00
To: I & A Program	37-645-427	Travel	\$150.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carmen R. Reyes, Nutrition Center Supervisor.

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

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

From: Library	10-695-681	Roof Public Library	\$115,000.00
To: Library	10-650-335	Computer Maintenance	\$15,000.00
From: Library	10-695-681	Roof Public Library	\$2,000.00
To: Library	10-650-462	Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Aida R. Garcia, County Librarian.

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

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

From: County Attorney	10-475462	Equipment Rental	\$2,500.00
To: County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc. Maintenance Exp.	\$2,500.00

From: County Attorney	10-475-310	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
To: County Attorney	10-475-392	Misc. Maintenance Exp.	\$1,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Said A. Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

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

From: Auditor's Office	10-495-335	Equipment Rental & Repair	\$500.00
To: Auditor's Office	10-495-311	Postage	\$500.00
From: Auditor's Office	10-495-335	Equipment Rental & Repair	\$3,000.00
To: Auditor's Office	10-495-427	Workshop & Travel Exp.	\$3,000.00

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

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

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

From: Constable Pct. 2	10-550-331	Fuel & Lubricants	\$2,100.30
To: Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies	\$2,100.30
From: Constable Pct. 2	10-550-455	Repairs	\$1,085.40
To: Constable Pct. 2	10-550-311	Supplies	\$1,085.40

to meet budget requirements as requested by Henry Martinez, Constable Pct. 2.

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

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

From: County Wastewater	08-602-341	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$15,000.00
To: County Wastewater	08-602-336	Repair & Maintenance	\$15,000.00
From: County Wastewater	08-602-481	State Fees	\$2,000.00
To: County Wastewater	08-602-488	Inspection Fees	\$2,000.00
From: County Wastewater	08-602-311	Postage	\$2,500.00
To: County Wastewater	08-602-336	Repair & Maintenance	\$2,500.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Zapata County Wastewater.

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

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

From: JP Pct. 1	10-455-412	Autopsy	\$5,000.00
To: JP Pct. 1	10-455-310	Supplies	\$5,000.00
From: JP Pct. 2	10-455-412	Autopsy	\$5,000.00
To: JP Pct. 2	10-455-311	Supplies	\$5,000.00

From: JP Pct. 3	10-455-412	Autopsy	\$5,000.00
To: JP Pct. 3	10-455-312	Supplies	\$5,000.00
From: JP Pct. 4	10-455-412	Autopsy	\$5,000.00
To: JP Pct. 4	10-455-313	Supplies	\$5,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Justice of Peace, Pct. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

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

From: Constable Pct. 4	10-550-313	Supplies	\$150.00
To: Constable Pct. 4	10-550-430	Uniforms	\$150.00
From: Constable Pct. 4	10-550-457	Repairs	\$100.00
To: Constable Pct. 4	10-550-430	Uniforms	\$100.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Manuel M. Flores, Jr., Constable Pct. 4.

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

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

From: Zapata Co. Ext. Office	10-665-427	Travel	\$2,400.00
To: Zapata Co. Ext. Office	10-665-310	Supplies	\$2,400.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Caleb Eaton, County Extension Agent.

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

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

From: District Clerk	10-450-457	Equipment Rental	\$425.00
To: District Clerk	10-450-429	Trips to Laredo (Cases)	\$425.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Dora M. Ramos, District Clerk.

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

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

From: Water Plant	08-602-589	Equipment	\$1,359.02
To: Water Plant	08-602-602	Backhoe Lease Purchase	\$1,359.02

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

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

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

From: Water Plant	80-600-443	Electricity	\$25,500.00
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To:	Water Plant	80-600-336	Repair and Maintenance	\$25,500.00
From:	Water Plant	80-600-488	Inspection Fees	\$3,455.84
To:	Water Plant	80-600-569	Improvements	\$3,455.84
From:	Water Plant	80-600-488	Inspection Fees	\$638.18
To:	Water Plant	80-600-589	Equipment	\$638.18
From:	Water Plant	80-600-330	Fuel and Lubricants	\$9,000.00
To:	Water Plant	80-600-341	Chlorine and Chemicals	\$9,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

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

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

From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$20,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-751	Special Materials	\$20,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$35,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-761	Sp. Contract Service	\$35,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$20,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-752	Special Materials	\$20,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$35,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-762	Sp. Contract Services	\$35,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$20,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-753	Special Materials	\$20,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$35,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-763	Sp. Contract Services	\$35,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$20,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-754	Special Materials	\$20,000.00
From:	Water Plant	10-370-901	Royalty Fund	\$35,000.00
To:	Water Plant	10-409-764	Sp. Contract Services	\$35,000.00

to meet budget requirements as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

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

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

Peggy Umphres Moffett, ZEDC President, gave the August 2009 monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Center (ZEDC). (Report attached for the record.)

**PRESENTATION FOR COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE GROUP**

No one was present to give presentation for Colonial Life Supplemental Insurance Group by Ignacio Salazar as requested by Ignacio Salazar, Benefits Counselor.

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

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON REQUEST BY SAID A. FIGUEROA,  
COUNTY ATTORNEY, FOR CONSULTATION  
WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY IN REGARD TO  
JENNINGS ROAD COUNTY PROJECT**

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Vela, 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