

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 9th day of January, A. D., 2012, 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.	Joseph Rathmell	County Judge
	Jose Emilio Vela	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
	Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
	Saíd Alfonso Figueroa	County Attorney
	Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk, for M.J. Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk

ABSENT:	Gabriel Villarreal	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
	Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
	Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Mario Gonzalez,-Davis, Auddy Hernandez, Brian J. Martinez, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Bobbie Meza, Joyce Currington, Karran Westerman, David Brown, Ed Romero, Bryan Braegger, Delia Mendoza, Luis L. Gonzalez, and Maricia Perez Rodriguez.

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 CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER, KING'S WAY CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ORDER APPROVING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 14, NOVEMBER 16, AND NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Minutes of November 14, November 16, and November 28, 2011 as presented by Celica A. Rodriguez, Chief Deputy County Clerk for 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Auddy Hernandez of the County Judge's Office communicated that a training will be held February 28 - March 1 for reporting requirements for all offices to comply with law enforcement.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, to deny request by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor for approval of invoices. Commissioners have problems with certain invoices for contracts by some departments.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Judge Rathmell, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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

ORDER APPROVING TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, second ed by Commissioner Vela, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer.

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, reported that the tax office collected \$5,970.77 in Hotel Motel Tax fees and \$470,742.82 in tax collections for the month of November. Collections status is at 81%.

UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT BY COM. VELA ON DIALYSIS CENTER

Com. Vela gave update and status report on dialysis center. He stated that there are three buildings available for leasing. Must make sure that doctors are interested and want to come to Zapata to do dialysis here.

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL SHIELD ON INFORMATION CONCERNING FEDERAL LAWS REGULATING INFORMATION SECURITY AND IDENTITY THEFT IN WORKPLACE

Mr. Rigo Leal, Legal Shield Licensed Consultant, gave a presentation on information concerning federal laws regulating information security and identity theft in the workplace.

ORDER APPROVING INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the inter-local agreement between Zapata County and Zapata Count Independent School District for the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

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 JUDGE RATHMELL ON
AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOURNEY TO RECOVERY OUTREACH
PROGRAM AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE OF BOAT RAMP,
US HIGHWAY 83 AND STATE HIGHWAY 16**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Judge Rathmell on agreement between Journey to Recovery Outreach Program and Zapata County for the maintenance of the Boat Ramp, US Highway 83 and State Highway 16, not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00. Outreach Program supervises its employees. County attorney will prepare a contract.

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

**ORDER AWARDING MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS
FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS
TXCDBG COLONIA CONTRACT NO. 711325**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to award Management Services to Mario Gonzalez-Davis for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs, TX CDBG Colonia Contract No. 711325 as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF DAVID GUZMAN, JR. AS
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE IN SLOT #3**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve hiring of David Guzman Jr. as a temporary employee in slot # 3 at \$8.00 an hour as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, 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 APPOINTMENT OF MARIO GONZALEZ AS LABOR
STANDARD OFFICER FOR CDBG GRANT CONTRACT NO. 711520**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Judge Rathmell, to approve appointment of Mario Gonzalez-Davis as Labor Standard Officer for CDBG Grant Contract No. 711520 as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Coordinator.

The above motion, being put to a vote of Commissioner Garza and Judge Rathmell, Commissioner Vela voted against. Motion carried.

**ORDER APPROVING DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM FOR DRAWS
FROM CDBG CONTRACT NO. 711520**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the direct deposit form for draws from CDBG Contract No. 711520 as requested 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 APPOINTMENT OF MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS AS
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR CDBG CONTRACT NO. 711520**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve appointment of Mario Gonzalez-Davis as the Environmental Officer for CDBG Contract No. 711520 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 DESIGNATION OF MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS AS
ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTACT PERSON FOR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT
CLEAN WATER LOAN PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Judge Rathmell, approving designation of Mario Gonzalez-Davis as the Administrator and contact person for the Texas Water Development Clean Water Loan Program 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 CHANGE ORDER #1 ZAPATA COUNTY "24 RAW WATER
LINE & 16" WATER LINE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve change order #1 Zapata County 24 "Raw Water Line & 16" Water Line project as requested by Carlos Trevino 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 APPROVING PURCHASES AND MAINTENANCE FOR ALL
ZAPATA COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to purchase one refrigerator, buy bases and provide maintenance for all Zapata County Little League fields as requested by Ramiro Hernandez, Zapata County Little League.

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 H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ
EXHIBIT HALL FOR MARINE CORP LEAGUE WRESTLING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the use the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on February 4th, 2012 for the Marine Corps League Wrestling as requested by Karran Westerman, Marine Corp League.

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 H. AND JUANITA G. RAMIREZ
EXHIBIT HALL FOR ZAPATA COUNTY CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU BULLY DOG SHOW**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the use of the Oswaldo H. and Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall on March 17th 2012 for the Zapata County Convention and Visitors Bureau Bully Dog Show on March 17, 2012 as requested by Karran Westerman, ZCCVB.

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 HUMPS AND STREET LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of a street hump at the following address:

- a. 124 Flores Street - Falcon Shores Subdivision
- as requested by Hon. Jose E. Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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 Vela, to approve installation of a street light at the following address:

- a. 1901 Guerrero between 19th and Guerrero
- as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner 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 Vela, to approve installation of a speed hump at the following locations:

- a. 19th Street & Elm & Del Mar
- b. Alamo & 1st & Ramireño

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	Pct. 2.	10-002-398	Bird Feed & Supplies	\$2,500.00
To:	Pct. 2	10-002-394	Parks	\$2,500.00

as requested by Hon. Gabriel Villarreal, Commissioner Pct. 2.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES
FOR CDBG CONTRACT NO. 711520**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a resolution authorizing signatures for the CDBG Contract No. 711520 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.

**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 APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FROM SHADY HAVEN LLC, RELATING TO WATER SERVICES
FOR RESIDENTS OF 4 SEASONS R.V. PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, approving a Memorandum of Understanding from Shady Haven LLC, which states a \$500 monthly fee, relating to water services for residents of the 4 Seasons R.V. Park (Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney) 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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.

JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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