

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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:**

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| Hon. | Joseph Rathmell              | County Judge                 |
|      | Jose Emilio Vela             | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
|      | Gabriel Villarreal           | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
|      | Norberto Garza               | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |
|      | Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan | County Clerk                 |

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| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Eddie Martinez        | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
|                | Sáid Alfonso Figueroa | County Attorney              |

**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Auddy Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Brian J. Martinez, Joyce Currington, Roger Miller, Diana Cuellar Villarreal, Alicia Villarreal, Rene Garcilazo, Robert Kline, Veronica Bustamante, Rosa Elena Martinez, and Elena Buck.

**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**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Vela commented on a letter to the editor submitted by Yesenia Arambula regarding his refusal to pick up materials from demolished building. Commissioner Vela stated that he cannot perform certain duties according to Section 372.002 of the Texas Local Government Code. He further stated that she had used profanity and he had been threatened by Ms. Arambula's husband. Commissioner Vela filed a complaint against Mr. Arambula who was arrested for terroristic threats.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 CHECKS ISSUED**

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

**REPORT ON ZAPATA COUNTY HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY  
BENEFIT DANCE**

Mr. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer, reported on the Zapata County Helping Hands Food Pantry benefit dance that was held on October 27, 2012. Total revenues received were \$6,745.00, expenses were \$4,804.00 for a net profit of \$1,941.00. Mr. Salinas stated that he met with a representative of Buckner Rising Communities Foundation and they want to use the food pantry to distribute jackets to schools. Mr. Salinas also stated that the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Foundation will contribute half of the money needed to open a Kids Café at the Boys and Girls Club facility that will be closing the end of November. The Kid's Café would be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**ORDER APPROVING 1115 WAIVER CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENTAL  
ENTITY PARTICIPATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the 1115 Waiver Certification of Governmental Entity Participation as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 TO HIRE TRUCK DRIVER WITH CDL LICENCE FOR 10-004  
SLOT #4 WITH A STARTING SALARY OF \$10.00**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the hiring of a truck driver with CDL licence for 10-004, slot #4 with a starting salary of \$10.00. Difference between \$10.00 and \$8.60 (\$1.40) will be paid out of discretionary funds as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING RENE GARCILAZO, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR, TO TERMINATE UNUSED AT&T LINES AND SWITCH ACTIVE LINES TO TIME WARNER CABLE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to grant Rene Garcilazo, Network Administrator, the authorization to terminate un-used AT&T lines and to switch active lines to Time Warner Cable as requested by Rene Garcilazo, Network Administrator. Commissioner Vela commended Mr. Garcilazo for finding the inactive telephone lines. This will save the county a considerable amount of money.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR INDEXING OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the purchase of software for the indexing of Commissioners' Court minutes for the annual amount of \$1,800 to be paid annually out of the County Clerk's records management preservation fund as requested by Hon. 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 AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER TO PAY VALERO FUEL STATEMENT ONLINE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Villarreal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize the County Treasurer to pay the Valero fuel statement online for the month of October in the amount of \$64,768.78 in order to save \$1,117.15 for prompt payment as requested by Hon. Romeo Salinas, County Treasurer. Commissioner Villarreal amended his motion authorizing Mr. Salinas to make said online monthly payments without future Commissioners Court approval.

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 LIGHTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal, to approve the installation of the following street lights:

- a. 1811 Ramireño
- b. 1105 Roma

as requested by Hon. Norberto Garza, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Rosa Elena Martinez approached Commissioners Court and asked if rent for Community Center could be waived for the County Employees Christmas Dance. Permission was granted although the item was not placed on the agenda.

**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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JOSEPH RATHMELL, 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