

**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 March A. D., 2015, 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
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

ABSENT:

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Romeo Salinas, Auddy M. Hernandez, Said A. Figueroa, Nellie R. Treviño, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Paco Mendoza, Joyce Currington, Charles Williams, Haziell Williams, Amada Gonzalez, and Carlos Treviño, Jr.

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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Hinojosa addressed the Court and asked permission to use the Zapata County Fair grounds for an upcoming Music Festival that will be held on March 28. This will be a fundraiser for the Class of 2015. They would also like to use the pavilion and will try to use school security. This request will be brought back as an item for Commissioners Court approval.

Commissioner Vela advised the Court that a Farmers Market is being organized for April 11, 2015.

Commissioner Elizondo announced that her daughter Pricilla, had won for Zapata County Fair Queen.

Paco Mendoza addressed the Court and gave a brief summary on the upcoming fair events. There will be Tejano Thursday, which will be free to the public. A country music band

will appear on Saturday. He thanked all commissioners for their cooperation. They are working on electrical issues, replacing wiring to meet code. The lights at open pavilion and exhibit hall were replaced. Eight handicapped parking spaces available per side.

Commissioner Vela stated that there are 2 lots located across the pavilion that belong to the Optimist Club. He will look into possible purchase or donation. Anderson Columbia will provide lighting for the parking lot and will also donate money for add-ons. The trail ride and roping took place March 7, 2015.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez,

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, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve Treasurer's Report as requested 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued as requested 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Delia Mendoza, Chief Deputy Tax / Assessor Collector, reported collections for Motel Hotel Tax in the amount of \$17,751.95, YTD collected \$105,528.54; tax collections in the amount of \$669,738.16 for a YTD total of 87.32%. The County's share of the delinquent tax sale was \$290,771.

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

REPORT ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION FOR ZAPATA COUNTY BY WARDLAW APPRAISAL GROUP

Amada Gonzalez, Zapata County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, and Charles and Haziel Williams of Wardlaw Appraisal Group, gave a report on the Oil and Gas production for Zapata County. No individual appraisals were ready at the time, only estimated appraisals were made. Natural gas and oil have dropped in price. Horizontal and directional drilling has gone away. Twenty percent of drilling has dropped state wide. Natural gas market has increased significantly. Consumption has also increased. Zapata County has 3,000 producing wells with Hilcorp being the #1 operator. A complete written report by Wardlaw Appraisal Group is attached.

CHANGE ORDER REQUESTS BY HON. JUDGE JOE RATHMELL

The following actions were taken on various Change Order Requests.

No action was taken on Change Order Request #010 for the additional adverse weather/site conditions days up and beyond those allowed for the month of November 2014 per the contract agreement for an increase to our contract agreement amount zero dollars and no cents (0.00) with associated back up.

No action was taken on Change Order Request #011 for an increase to our contract agreement amount zero dollars and no cents (0.00).

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order Request #012 for an increase of \$32,721.42.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Change Order #013 for an increase of \$24,335.01.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table Change Order #014 for an increase of \$22,907.16.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table Change Order #015 for an increase of \$101,045.00.

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 THIRD AND FINAL PAYMENT TO KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the third and final payment to Key Government Financial out of Royalties (10-370-801) in the amount of \$15,192.97 in accordance with the Rental Payment Schedule dated February 15, 2013 for the Zapata County Courthouse's Call Manager System 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 COMMISSIONER GARZA REGARDING PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to table request by Commissioner Garza, regarding the purchase of security cameras for the Zapata County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Office from the Technology Fund (62-582-392).

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO
MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR PURCHASE OF MEDICATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Tobacco Fund (10-543-457) to Medical Supplies (10-543-460) for purchase of medications as requested by J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ZAPATA COUNTY CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE FOR BASS CHAMPS FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commission Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve additional funding for the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$7,000.00 (Seven Thousand Dollars and No/100) for the Bass Champs Fishing Tournament event scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015 as requested by Paco Mendoza, President and CEO Zapata Chamber of Commerce.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEXAS LEGISLATION TO
CHANGE ROLL BACK STATUTE AS IT PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURAL
COMMERCIAL LAND USE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a Resolution in support of Texas Legislation to change the Roll Back Statute as it pertains to agricultural commercial land use 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.

**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 PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of security cameras for Zapata County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 in the amount of \$2,009.98, to be paid out of the Technology Fund (62-582-392) 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

Consultation with attorney to address claim for damages of a Zapata County residence as a result of a main water leak.

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.072 (Real Property) and Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, 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