

**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., 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
Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk

VISITORS: Triunfo Gonzalez, Auddy M. Hernandez, Nellie R. Treviño, Joyce Currington, Maria I. Gutierrez, Juan J. Meza, Ramiro Hernandez, Roger Miller, Adriana Ortiz, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Delia Mendoza, Adrian Esparza, Elma Esparza, Xavier Villarreal, Karran Westerman, Betty M. Lopez, Carlos Treviño, Jr., Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., and Stephen Trautmann.

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 ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Elizondo thanked Karran Westerman for the fireworks display. She also mentioned that the park in front of the pavilion has been painted and new lights were installed. The San Ygnacio Swimming pool is now open, however, there is a very low turnout. Ropings are also taking place, Mari Gutierrez is the person being notified.

Judge Rathmell commented on the Farmers Market, stating that it seems to be getting bigger every month.

Ramiro Hernandez gave an update on the Boys and Girls Club. He stated that stipends for college have been disbursed to Xavier Herrera, Dinela Vela, and Horacio Cuellar III. Work Force will be sending employees to both Zapata and San Ygnacio Unit. Zapata has 303 members, San Ygnacio has 78 members. Kids Café has provided over 14,000 meals in Zapata and over 5,000 in San Ygnacio. The club received a Texas Alliance Smart Moves Grant in the amount of \$6,600.00 and also a Passport to Manhood Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00. USDA Grants are pending. OJP Grant is in progress. The San Ygnacio Unit has temporarily moved from A.L. Benavides Elementary School to Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Mission due to construction of A.L.B. gym.

Karran Westerman, American Legion Auxiliary, reported on the 4th of July Fireworks. She brought in an invoice from American Fireworks for the amount of \$1,751.26, also spent were

\$10.00 for lights and \$8.00 for a trash haul-off. The Legion received \$1,500.00 from the Hotel-Motel Tax.

INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, 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 Martinez, 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 Elizondo, 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

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$16,840.67 for a year to date collection of \$177,046.86. YTD tax collections are at \$91% with \$219,217.63 collected this year.

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

PRESENTATION BY ESPARZA PEST CONTROL

Adrian Esparza of Esparza Pest Control gave a brief presentation before the Court. He stated that the company is family owned and has been in business for over 55 years. He offered their services to the County and they will be having a person locally.

ORDER AMENDING COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER REGARDING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AT ZAPATA COUNTY WATER PLANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to amend Commissioners Court Order regarding delinquent accounts at the Zapata County Water Plant. Delinquent accounts over \$1000 will be required to pay 15% down and must pay the delinquent balance in monthly payments within two years along with their current monthly water usage requested by Honorable 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 APROVING PLAN CREATION OF WALKING PARK ALONG MIRAFLORES AVENUE SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the plan for the creation of a walking park along Miraflores Avenue on two Zapata County owned lots, subject to funding availability and project will be constructed in phases, requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, 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 TRANSFER IN TAX ASSESSOR – COLLECTOR’S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the following transfer in the Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office for

Alma M. Martinez From: 10-499-slot 6 \$8.90 per hour

To: 10-499-slot 5 \$9.49 per hour

as requested by Luis Lauro Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector.

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

ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the following transfer in the Fire Department for

Israel Gutierrez from slot #15 to slot #5, and

Daniel Arriaga from slot #25 to slot #15

as requested by Chief 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR PAVING OF PARENTS PARKING LOT AT VILLARREAL ELEMENTARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve use of Zapata County equipment and labor for the paving of the parents parking lot at Villarreal Elementary with the condition that twice the amount of material is purchased by school for paving of street as requested by Pete Morales, Zapata County I.S.D.

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

ORDER APPROVING USE OF SOFTBALL FIELDS FOR TOURNAMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Pct. 1, Pct. 2, and Pct. 4 softball fields for tournaments on the following dates:

July 16, 2015

August 22, 2015

July 18, 2015

August 28, 2015

August 15, 2015

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 THE J.L. GUEVARA SUBDIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the J.L. Guevara Subdivision 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 APPROVING PAYMENT FOR TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT POOL FOR INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the renewal payment for the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool for Insurance in the amount of \$200,966.00 as requested by Nellie R. Trevino, Personnel Director.

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

PRESENTATION ON VISTA SOLUTIONS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

A presentation was made by Antonio Alvarez, of Vista SG, on Vista Solutions Document Management Software.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$25,000.00
To	Non-Department	10-409-730	Consulting & Engineering	\$25,000.00
From	Non-Department	10-409-444	Electricity	\$27,000.00
To	Non-Department	10-409-445	Water	\$27,000.00

as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, Zapata 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 Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer:

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
From	Tax Office	10-499-427	Travel/Workshops	\$1,000.00
To	Tax Office	10-499-311	Postage	\$1,000.00

as requested by Delia Mendoza, Zapata County Tax Office.

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

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING JUAN CRUZ AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS MATTERS
PERTAINING TO POTENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT IN REGARDS TO WIND
ENERGY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Juan Cruz and Associates to discuss matters pertaining to potential tax abatement agreement(s) in regards to wind energy and matters related thereto requested by Juan Cruz, J. Cruz & Associates, LLC.

[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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