

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 23th day of November, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Nellie R. Treviño, Monica Alaniz, Brian Martinez, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Jose F. Mendoza, Paco Mendoza, Amelia Gonzalez, Betty M. Lopez, Ramiro Hernandez, and Delia Mendoza.

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 AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**INVOCATION BY PASTOR ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Nellie Ramirez commented on the upcoming annual Thanksgiving working luncheon. Everything was donated and all donors will be acknowledged in the newspaper. Speakers from TAC, Workmen's Comp and United Way will be there.

Commissioner Vela thanked the volunteers who donated lighting for the plaza. It is the same group that took care of decorating the cemetery.

Brian Martinez advised the court that he was contacted by a gentleman from GovDeals for sale of surplus items. He also commented on the food pantry stating that over 6300 families have been served in the last 6 months.

Romeo Salinas, and Victor Uvalle, TAC Area Representative, informed the court that a Workers' Compensation policy was added to the Zapata County 2016 Workers' Compensation Payroll.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez. Commissioner Vela commented on a consulting fee on page 15 for the amount of \$3,000. J.J. Meza clarified that the fee is charged every 5 years.

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 Martinez, 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.

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF GRAND MARQUIS VEHICLE FROM
JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE TO
PRECINCT 4 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the transfer of a Grand Marquis vehicle from the Juvenile Probation Office to Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Office as 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 APPROVING PROPOSED SPEED HUMP REQUESTED
ON 1ST AVENUE BETWEEN GLENN STREET AND
DELMAR STREET TO CONTROL SPEED IN THE VICINITY OF
THE ROMEO T. FLORES MEMORIAL PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the proposed speed hump requested on 1st Avenue between Glenn Street and Delmar Street to control speeding traffic in the vicinity of the Romeo T. Flores Memorial Park as requested by Honorable 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.

**ORDER TO DENY REQUEST TO INSTALL PERIMETER FENCE ON
COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY AT MORALES SUBDIVISION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to deny request to install perimeter fence on county right of way at Morales Subdivision, resident agrees to provide needed material for the approximate 200 feet of the proposed enclosure as requested by Honorable 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.

**ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN INDIGENT HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS AND
ZAPATA COUNTY TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS THE
NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Indigent Health Care Solutions, and Zapata County to extend for a period of two years the Non-Exclusive License Agreement, which is in effect until December 23, 2015 as requested by 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR
DINOSAUR GEORGE TRAVELING MUSEUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the, free of charge, use of the Zapata County Community Center for the Dinosaur George Traveling Museum, sponsored by the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce, Zapata Crime Stoppers, and the Pediatric Care Center. Event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015. The event will be free to the public as requested by Paco Mendoza, President & CVO Boys and Girls Club for Zapata County.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2015 ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

Mr. Paco Mendoza presented the court with a Financial Report for the 2015 Zapata County Fair Association as requested by Paco Mendoza, President & CVO Boys and Girls Club for Zapata County. (Report attached for the record.)

**UPDATE REPORT ON THE ROMEO T. FLORES SWIMMING COMPLEX
AND ZAPATA COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Ramiro Hernandez presented the court with an update report on the Romeo T. Flores Swimming Complex and Zapata County Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Hernandez added that the pool pumps have been repaired and pools are clean. PVC needs to be replaced and propane tanks need to be removed. Mr. Romeo Salinas stated that he attended the Boys and Girls Club meeting and they are ready to purchase the stove and freezers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Amelia Gonzalez addressed the court regarding the benches purchased via the Historical Commission. She was advised that there is an ongoing investigation. Mr. Figueroa advised that this should be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martinez, 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
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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