

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of July, A.D., 2016, 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 |
| Olga M. Elizondo | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Eddie Martinez | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| Norberto Garza | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |

ABSENT:

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| Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan | County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court (Attending Elections Conference) |
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VISITORS: Said A. Figueroa, Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Jr., Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Lee Ann Zapata, Anna G. Molina, Xavier Villarreal, Juan J. Meza, Roger Miller, Nellie R. Treviño, and Luis L. Gonzalez.

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 ANNA G. MOLINA, SITTING IN FOR 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

Com. Elizondo commented that maintenance department staff worked Saturday and Sunday, they are not getting paid, only getting compensatory time. She also thanked the newspaper for the 4th of July advertising of the pageant. River Pierce Foundation donated trees and irrigation system.

Fire Chief Meza commented that the Fire Department received a \$20,000 grant for a tank. They will paint an army truck and a brush truck for the fire department.

He also reported that they need to try to get a clinic/emergency room, like the one in South Laredo.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 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.

TAX / ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$13,350.09 for YTD total of \$132,087.16 and tax collections in an amount of \$132,662.83 for a total of 88.5 – 89% total collections.

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 NELLIE R. TREVIÑO REGARDING 2016-2017 TAC HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, regarding the 2016-2017 TAC Health Insurance rates.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SECOND 1000 WATT FLOOD LIGHT AT 451 REAR TRAILER SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIRING RANGE

Motion was made by Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve installation of a second 1000 watt flood light at 451 FM Rear Trailer Red (Sheriff's Office Firing Range) as requested by Chief Deputy Raymundo Del Bosque Jr, Zapata Co. Sheriff's Office.

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

ORDER APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN TARRANT COUNTY'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County and Zapata County to participate in Tarrant County's Cooperative Purchasing Program as requested by Chief Deputy Raymundo Del Bosque Jr., Zapata Co. Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AND REAFFIRMING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
ORIGINALLY APPROVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 CONCERNING COLLECTION OF
FRANCHISE FEES OWED BY UTILITY COMPANIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve and reaffirm adoption of ordinance originally approved by Commissioners Court on September 9, 2013 concerning the collection of Franchise Fees owed by utility companies for counties with type "A" municipal powers as requested by Hector Uribe, Legal Counsel.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMP

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve installation of a speed hump at 1013 Ramireño Street as requested by Honorable, 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.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. To discuss and take possible action regarding personnel matters at the Zapata County Water Plant and Waste Water Department as requested by: Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION TO REPEAL LOCAL SALES TAX EXEMPTION
OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF ZAPATA COUNTY
ASSISTANCE DISTRICT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Resolution to repeal the local sales tax exception on Telecommunication Services on behalf of the Zapata County Assistance District 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.

**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**

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED
IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. To discuss and take possible action regarding personnel matters at the Zapata County Water Plant and Waste Water Department as requested by Norberto Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4. *[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (C)*

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