

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th day of August, 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:

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 and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Monica Alanis, Roger Miller, Daniel Arriaga, Nellie R. Trevino, Maria I. Gutierrez, Gerardo G. Gonzalez, Joyce Currington, Joseph Briseño, Manuel A. Uribe, Xavier Villarreal, Luis L. Gonzalez, and Zar Rodriguez.

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

Commissioner Vela commented that there had been a problem with Falcon Rural Water Supply. It took a week for the repairs to be completed. They are not a part of Zapata County, however, they serve some residents from Zapata County.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that she attended a meeting at La Posada regarding the forts in San Ygnacio. River Pierce Foundation assisted with donations.

Commissioner Garza advised the Court that a section of Mira Flores Street was paved. Paving covered parts of precincts 2 and 4.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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

Luis L. Gonzalez, Tax Assessor/Collector, reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$16,276.91 for YTD total of \$148,364.07 and tax collections in an amount of \$163,020.55 for a total of 90% total collections.

REPORT AND UPDATE BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON THE STATUS OF MEXICAN FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE

Mr. Gerardo Gonzalez, USDA Representative, gave a status report on the Mexican Fly quarantine. He stated that fruit flies are uncommon in this area but are coming in from Mexico. This is the first time Zapata has been under quarantine. All the flies have been found in residential areas, 11 adult flies were found. Oranges and grapefruits are targets for fruit flies. The quarantine was to end in September, however, a fly was found and the quarantine was extended to November. The quarantine in San Ygnacio will end in October. Sterile flies were released to mate with flies to disrupt the population. Sterile flies are yellow with green eyes. Street fruit vendors are okay as long as fruits are covered and they are buying from an approved vendor.

ORDER APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Zapata County pertaining to Information Technology Services 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 SERVICE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY VINE SERVICES AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve the Service Renewal Agreement for the Zapata County VINE Service Automated Victim Notification 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 EXTENDING CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND GRANDE GARBAGE FOR SIX MONTHS AND ORDER TO GO OUT FOR BIDS AT THE END OF THE SIX MONTH CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to extend contract between Zapata County and Grande Garbage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to go out for bids at the end of said six month extension. After discussion and review of the exclusivity garbage collection contract with Grande Garbage and consideration of all appropriate measures regarding contract, the Court took the above action.

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

ORDER APPROVING THE 2016-2017 COMMISSIONERS COURT AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the 2016-2017 Commissioners Court and Holiday schedule as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN MOORE'S GREATER SHOWS CARNIVAL AND ZAPATA COUNTY FOR USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY FAIRGROUND ON OCTOBER 27-31

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, and Commissioner Martinez, to approve the contract between Moore's Greater Shows Carnival and Zapata County for the use of the Zapata County Fairground on Oct. 27-31 as requested 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 TO ERECT A MONUMENT TO HONOR SAN YGNACIO VETERANS AT SAN YGNACIO PLAZA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to erect a monument to honor San Ygnacio Veterans at the San Ygnacio Plaza, donated by Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez and at no cost to the County, as requested by Manuel Uribe, Veterans Service Officer.

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

ORDER APPROVING COST ANALYSIS AND TO MOVE SERVICES FROM EXISTING PROVIDER TO REAL ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve cost analysis and to move services from existing provider to Real Energy Solutions for several Zapata County locations including 13 meters that were missed and are billed every month and to include 10 meters within the San Ygnacio Municipal Utility District for a total of 23 meters at the cost of 3.0 cents per hwh as requested by Joseph Briseño, Real Energy Solutions.

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 Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve installation of the following speed hump:

a. Between Fresno Street and Elm Street on 20th Avenue 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.

ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-481	Dues & State Fees	\$4200
TO	Non-Department	10-409-730	Consulting Fees	\$4200
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-427	Va-Workshops	\$2000
FROM	Non-Department	10-409-485	Jury Fund	\$2000
TO	Non-Department	10-409-311	Postage	\$4000

as requested 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental needs.

	Department	Line Item	Fund	Amount
FROM	Zapata Public Library	10-650-427	Travel	\$2000
TO	Zapata Public Library	10-650-335	Computers	\$2000

as requested by Aida R Garcia, Library Director.

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 OF ZAPATA COUNTY,
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ATTEST:

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