

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 14th day of November, 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, Nellie R. Trevino, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Brice Calahan, Roger Miller, Elcina Buck, Rob Cline, Joyce Currington, Karran Westerman, and Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell and Commissioner Elizondo commented that there had been Veterans Day Celebrations throughout the day on Veterans Day.

Judge Rathmell commended Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk, and staff for outstanding work during the election. He also mentioned that they will need new equipment soon.

Judge Rathmell commended Commissioner Garza for being the first commissioner to receive the Advanced Curriculum Certificate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elcina Buck of Four Seasons thanked Judge Rathmell for his concern and communication with Four Seasons. Letters have been sent to several state officials seeking help with the IBCW eviction enforcement affecting some Four Seasons property owners.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices as presented by Triunfo Gonzalez, including invoices for payment to elections workers.

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 Martinez, 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 Martinez, 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 \$12,010.48 and tax collections in an amount of \$3,492,898.67.

ORDER REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO SERVE ON THE SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017 AND PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to reappoint Judge Rathmell and Commissioner Martinez as the two members of the Zapata County Commissioners Court to serve on the South Texas Development Council Board of Directors for 2016-17 and pay membership dues totaling \$3,818.80 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 REAPPOINTING KARRAN WESTERMAN AS MEMBER TO RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to reappoint Karran Westerman as a member to the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority 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 REJECT AND CANCEL ALL CURRENT BIDS AND ORDER TO REBID FOR TXCDBG TRUMAN PHELPS PROJECT #7415085

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to reject and cancel all current bids and order to rebid the TXCDBG Truman Phelps Project #7215085, with the County performing some of the improvements 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 PAVING PROJECT IN FALCON MESA FOR NEXT FUNDING CYCLE FOR CDBG GRANT FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve paving project in Falcon Mesa Subdivision for the next funding cycle for CDBG Grant Funding as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge and Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

ORDER AWARDING ADMINISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS FOR TXCDBG MEDINA ADDITION STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #7216511

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award administration/professional services to Mario Gonzalez-Davis, for the TXCDBG Medina Addition Street Improvements Project #7216511 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 AWARDING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREMIER ENGINEERING FOR TXCDBG MEDINA ADDITION STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #7216511

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to award engineering services to Premier Engineering, for the TXCDBG Medina Addition Street Improvements Project #7216511 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION FOR BENEFIT EVENT ZUMBA FOR AUTISM

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion on Saturday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the benefit event Zumba for Autism, one half of proceeds will go to Nellie R. Treviño for Autism and one half to needy families as 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 AUTHORIZING CARLOS TREVIÑO, WATER PLANT MANAGER, TO APPROACH SIESTA SHORES WCID BOARD AND REQUEST THAT THEY CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE OF EXPENSES FOR REPAIRS OF BORING MACHINE AND REVIEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SIESTA SHORES WCID AND ZAPATA COUNTY AND AGREE TO MAKE NECESSARY REVISIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager, to approach Siesta Shores WCID Board and request that they contribute their share of expenses for repair of boring machine and also to review Memorandum of Understanding dated April 14, 2009 between Siesta Shores WCID and

Zapata County and agree to make any necessary revisions as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER TO CANCEL ANY AND ALL ACCOUNTS WITH ELECTRIC PROVIDERS WHICH DO NOT PROVIDE A LOWER FIXED KILOWATT RATE THAN PUBLIC POWER POOL AND ADD ACCOUNTS TO PRESENT CONTRACT WITH P3

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve and authorize County Treasurer to cancel any and all accounts with other electric providers which do not provide a lower FIXED kilowatt rate than Public Power Pool and to add these accounts to our present contract with P3 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 PAYMENT TO JUVENTINO ZAPATA, JR.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve payment of \$3,850.00 for Juventino Zapata, Jr. from Hotel Motel Tax Fund, line item 58-900-405 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 PURCHASE OF COMPACTOR WHEEL TIPS AND INSTALLATION OF WHEEL TIPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve the purchase of compactor wheel tips, \$16,522.00 and installation of wheel tips, \$2,564.00, at a total cost of \$19,086.00. Funds to be used from Royalty Fund as requested 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the use of the Zapata County Community Center for the 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Pediatric Practice Association and the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce. Event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. The event will be free to the public as requested by Paco Mendoza, President & CEO Zapata County Chamber of Commerce.

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

ORDER APPOINTING TWO BOARD MEMBERS FOR TWO YEAR TERM, SERVING STAGGERED TERMS TO ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to appoint Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Martinez as the two board members for a two

year term, serving staggered terms, to the Zapata County Appraisal District Board as requested by Amada Gonzalez, Chief Appraiser.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES
FOR CBDG #7216511**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution authorizing signatories for CBDG# 7216511, signatories being Judge Joe Rathmell, Treasurer Romeo Salinas, and County Auditor Triunfo Gonzalez as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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

**ORDER APPOINTING SIGNATORIES DESIGNATION FORM A-202
BY JUDGE, COUNTY TREASURER AND COUNTY AUDITOR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to appoint Signatories Designation Form A-202 by Judge, County Treasurer and County Auditor as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO SIGN AND APPROVE ACQUISITION REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve to sign and approve Acquisition Report (no acquisition needed) as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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

**ORDER DESIGNATING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW LIAISON,
MARIO GONZALEZ-DAVIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER,
JUDGE RATHMELL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to designate Environmental Review Liaison, Mario Gonzalez-Davis and Environmental Officer, County Judge as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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

**ORDER APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF A SEPARATE LINE-ITEM FOR
FINANCIAL GRANT TRANSACTION FOR CDGB GRANT #721511**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the designation of a separate line-item for financial grant transactions for CDBG Grant #7216511. To be maintained by County Auditor's Department and County Treasurer as requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis.

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

ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH ZAPATA COUNTY TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO EMPLOYEES WITH MEDICAL TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to enter into agreement with Zapata County to provide service to employees with Medical Transport Solutions at the rate of \$9.00 per month to be paid by employee if employee joins, at no cost to the County, as requested by Ken Euler, MASA Global.

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

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON UNAUTHORIZED STRUCTURES ON AGENCY AND/OR EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use the Zapata County Community Center on Tuesday, November 29th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. for a follow-up meeting on unauthorized structures on agency and / or easement as requested by U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREET LIGHTS AND SPEED HUMP

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the proposed FY 2017, Pct. 1 Street Lights for the following locations:

- a. 471 Falcon Shores Drive – Falcon Shores Subdivision
- b. 105 2nd Street – Flores Addition

as requested by Hon. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following speed hump:

- a. 1004 Glenn Street – Zapata Town site

as requested by Hon. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the conversion of the following leased lights to security lights:

- a. 3891 U.S. Hwy 83, Ramireño
- b. 2702 Iturbide, Zapata, TX (behind bowling alley)

as 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a 4 way stop sign at the following location:

- a. between Delmar & 18th 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 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY 2017 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Resolution in support of the FY 2017 Indigent Defense Formula Grants 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 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATION FROM COUNTY OF ZAPATA TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Vela, to approve a Resolution to support and participate in the South Texas Development Council and confirming the appointment of representation from the County of Zapata to serve on the Board of Directors of the South Texas Development Council for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martínez, 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