

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2017, 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
Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Olga M. Elizondo	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

**ABSENT:**

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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**VISITORS:** Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alaniz, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel Arriaga, Roger Miller, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Aaron Cruz, Elder Ruesel, Manuel Gonzalez, Joe Peña, Juan Jose Garza, Aaron Canales, and Jaime Garcia.

**WHEREUPON**, the following Orders and Proceedings were had by said Court, to-wit:

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Mendoza stated that the Back to School Fishing Tournament will be taking place. Approximately 500 children will receive backpacks and school supplies.

Commissioner Mendoza, further stated that the pool is shutting down for the season, however, will continue open for private parties through August and September.

Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, advised the Court of a TAC workshop for elected officials that will take place on Thursday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. Workforce implementation, hiring and firing will be the topics of discussion.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 Mendoza, 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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**

The Tax Office reported collections of Motel-Hotel Tax in an amount of \$8,881.16 and tax collections in the total amount of \$105,750.49 for 85% total collections.

**REPORT ON SURPLUS AUCTION**

Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director, reported that a surplus auction was held on Saturday, August 5, 2017. Used trucks, a backhoe and a roller were among the items sold bringing in a total of \$17,100. However, only \$15,100 have been deposited because \$2,000 have not been collected since a truck which was sold has not been picked up, if it is not picked up, then it will be resold at the next auction

**ORDER APPROVING SERVICE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY VINE SERVICE 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. 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 PAYMENT TO MARTINEZ ELECTRICAL FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AT ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the payment of \$690.51 to Martinez Electrical for electrical repairs at the Zapata County Museum 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 PAYMENT OF \$1,875.00 to REP & P INC. FOR REPAIRS TO ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM GIFT SHOP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve payment of \$1,875.00 to REP & P INC. for repairs to the Zapata County Museum Gift Shop 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 PAYMENT TO RALPH'S REFRIGERATION SERVICE FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW 410 A CONDENSING UNIT AT SAN YGNACIO PAVILION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the payment of \$11,750.00 to Ralph's Refrigeration Service for the installation of a new 410 A condensing unit for the San Ygnacio Pavilion 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 2017-2018 ZAPATA COUNTY CALENDAR**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the 2017-2018 Zapata County Calendar 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 REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT FROM ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ACQUIRE SCENIC OVERLOOK PARK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the request for endorsement from the Zapata County Commissioners Court to acquire the scenic overlook park located just North of San Ygnacio, Texas from TxDot 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 APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COLONIA CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture Colonia Construction Grant for Water and Sewer Improvements for Los Potreritos and Las Cruces Subdivision 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 APPROVING CONTINUATION OF LETTER OF CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY TRUST FUND FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE OF SAN YGNACIO LANDFILL NO. 783 AND CLOSED LANDFILL NO. 1528**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve continuation of letter of credit established by trust fund for the financial assurance for the closure and post closure of San Ygnacio Landfill No. 783 in the amount of \$544,456.00 and closed Landfill No. 1528 in the amount of \$274,128 as requested by TCEQ, Deborah Wisenski, Financial Analyst and 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 TRANSFER MARIO H. VELA FROM ASSISTANT COOK TO MAIN COOK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the transfer of Mario H. Vela from Assistant Cook slot #2 to Main Cook #1 at \$8.89 per hour as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Program Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE CELICA ARIAS AS ASSISTANT COOK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to hire Celica Arias in slot #2 Assistant Cook at \$8.49 per hour as requested by Rosalinda Gonzalez, Nutrition Center Program Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESIGNATION OF ESTEBAN CHAPA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve resignation of Esteban Chapa from Zapata County Waterworks, effective, August 4, 2017, as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE JOSE ARNOLDO GARZA AS METER READER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to hire Jose Arnaldo Garza as a meter reader. Mr. Garza will fill slot #17 at a starting salary of \$9.07 per hour as requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Manager.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROGRESS REPORT AND INVOICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the progress report and approve invoices for Wastewater Treatment Plant as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Completed oxidation ditch and piping.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PROGRESS REPORT AND INVOICES FOR PHELPS SUBDIVISION SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve progress report and approve invoice for Phelps Subdivision Sewer Improvement as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. All manholes are completed and customers will be able to connect.

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

**ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEMS**

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Commissioner Pct. #2	10-002-428	Travel	\$1,445.03
TO	Commissioner Pct. #2	100-002-392	Parks	\$1,445.03

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental budget needs.

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-205	Uniforms	\$1,000.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-428	Education	\$1,000.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-392	Prisoner Medical Care	\$1,500.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-428	Education	\$1,500.00
FROM	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-391	Prisoner Medication	\$1,500.00
TO	Sheriff's Regional Jail	10-567-428	Education	\$1,500.00

as requested by Sheriff Alonso Lopez, Zapata County Sheriff.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM –  
ITEM WAS ERRONEOUSLY PLACED ON THE AGENDA**

(29.) To approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental budget needs.

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
TO	Adult Probation	10-572-330	Fuel	\$450.00
FROM	Adult Probation	10-572-310	Supplies	\$450.00

as requested by Jennifer Lozano, Adult Probation.

**ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-443	Electricity	\$10,000.00
TO	Zapata Co. Waterworks	80-600-336	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	\$10,000.00

as requested by Carlos Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line item transfer to meet departmental budget needs.

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	49 <sup>th</sup> District Court	10-435-335	Equipment	\$1,186.89
TO	49 <sup>th</sup> District Court	10-435-462	Equipment Rental	\$1,186.89

as requested by Noemi Elizondo, 49<sup>th</sup> District Court.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PRESENTATION OF AUDIT REPORT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND ORDER APPROVING AND  
ACCEPTING BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FOR  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve presentation of audit report for Zapata County for the Fiscal Year ending September 30,

2016 by Canales, Garza, & Baum, PCCL, certified public accountants, and order approving and accepting the audited basic financial statements for Zapata County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 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.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, 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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY JUDGE  
OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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