

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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
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:** Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Maria I. Gutierrez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Brice Calahan, Samuel Rodriguez, Charles Ansuaga, Danny Hernandez, Laura Garza, Jose F. Mendoza, Luis Lauro Gonzalez, and Maria 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  
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Elizondo reported that many out of state tourists and birders had come to visit the various sites and bird sanctuary.

She also announced that the Junior Royalty event was very nice with a good turnout.

Commissioner Mendoza announced that the County Fair has a very good line up. A fishing tournament will also be going on during the County Fair weekend.

Commissioner Martinez stated that there was a successful golf tournament last weekend.

Nellie R. Treviño reported that the Boys and Girls Club skeet shoot fundraiser was also a success.

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, 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 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 Mendoza, 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 \$11,258.92 for a year to date total of \$45,223.51 and tax collections in an amount of \$802,273.73 for a total of 76.14% total collections.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT #2 TO GUZMAN-JUAREZ BACKHOE SERVICE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY BLUFF DR. / FALCONSHORE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve payment #2 to Guzman-Juarez Backhoe Service for the Zapata County Bluff Dr. / Falcon Lakeshore Sanitary Sewer project in the amount of \$92,137.65 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 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY INFORMATION RESOURCES AGENCY (CIRA) AND ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a Service Agreement between the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) and Zapata County for standard website hosting at \$550.00 per year 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 HIRING OF ELOY A. LOPEZ**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the hiring of Eloy A. Lopez in position #4, fund #15, Department #011 as labor/maintenance employee at \$8.20 per hour as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, 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 TABLE REQUEST BY HON. JUANA MARIA GUTIERREZ REGARDING INVOICE FROM PATRIA OFFICE SUPPLY FOR PRINTER TONER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Hon. Juana Maria Gutierrez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, regarding invoice from Patria Office Supply to pay for printer toner from Technology Fund (\$1,413.93).

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 HON. FERNANDO MUÑOZ REGARDING USE OF TECHNOLOGY FUNDS TO PAY YEARLY LEASE OF \$2,050.45 ON COPIER MACHINE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Hon. Fernando Muñoz, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3, to approve the use of the Technology Fund to pay the yearly lease of \$2,050.45 on the copier machine.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO MEDICATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to transfer \$15,000 from Tobacco Fund (67-800-352) to medications (10-543-460) as requested by J. J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF \$15,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND TO REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to transfer funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Tobacco Fund (67-800-352) to repairs (10-543-457) as requested by J.J. Meza, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER APPROVING U.S. BORDER PATROL-ZAPATA STATION TO MOUNT A CAMERA ON WATER TANKS IN ZAPATA, SAN YGNACIO, AND RAMREÑO**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to allow U.S. Border Patrol-Zapata Station to mount a camera on the water tanks in Zapata, San Ygnacio, and Ramireño, Texas 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION EXTERIOR ON APRIL 30, 2017 FOR START OF ANNUAL ZAPATA TO LAREDO FUN RACE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion exterior on April 30, 2017 at 6:30 a.m. for the start of the annual Zapata to Laredo Fun Race as requested by Mike Dole, Pro Bikes.

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 BRICE CALAHAN OF MASA TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS REGARDING OFFER OF SERVICES TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to allow MASA to enter into payroll and offer services to county employees as requested by Brice Calahan, MASA Transport Solutions.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF SOFTBALL FIELDS ON MARCH 18 FOR CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the use of the softball fields on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> for the Co-ed Softball Tournament to benefit the Zapata High School Coffee Time Coffee Shop program run by special needs students as requested by Danny Hernandez, Zapata Border Patrol Community Liaison.

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

**ORDER APPROVING LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfer:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE -ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Non-Department	10-409-336	Supplies General	\$2,000.00
<b>TO</b>	Non-Department	10-409-431	Adv. & Publications	\$2,000.00

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:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE -ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Water Plant	80-600-443	Electricity	\$66.61
<b>TO</b>	Non-Department	10-409-443	Electricity	\$66.61

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:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE -ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
<b>FROM</b>	Non-Department	10-409-336	Supplies	\$2,000.00
<b>TO</b>	Non-Department	10-409-335	Computer Hardware	\$2,000.00

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 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ,  
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING HECTOR URIBE TO MAKE CHANGES TO RSL WASTE  
COLLECTION CONTRACT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize Hector Uribe to make necessary changes to the RSL waste collection contract as discussed in executive session as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING HECTOR URIBE TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO  
COUNTY ORDINANCE OF LOCATION LICENSE FOR OPEATION OF  
AMUSEMENT REDEMPTION MACHINES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize Hector Uribe to make the necessary changes and updates to the County Ordinance of Location License for Operation of Amusement Redemption Machines as discussed in executive session 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 AUTHORIZING THE RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONER AND MARTIN  
SAENZ TO SEEK CONSENT FROM PROPERTY OWNERS AS NEEDED FOR  
DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY ON ENCROUCHMENT AND DAMMING OF CREEKS  
AND ARROYOS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to authorize the respective Commissioner and Martin Saenz to seek consent from property owners as needed for the development of a policy on the encroachment and damming of creeks and arroyos in residential areas of Zapata County as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.  
*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING TRIUNFO GONZALEZ TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION  
ON PURCHASE ORDER #1396526 FOR PAYMENT OF DAMAGES TO RESIDENT'S  
VEHICLE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to authorize Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, to take necessary action on PO #1396526 regarding payment for damage to resident's vehicle as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.  
*[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).]*

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.

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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