

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th day of April, 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, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Luis L. Gonzalez, Xavier Villarreal, Jose F. Mendoza, Maria I. Gutierrez, Franchesca Garcia, Noelia S. Ruiz, Waldo A. Lopez, Delia Mendoza, Luis L. Gonzalez, Beatriz Posada Noriega, Carlos R. Flores, Eduardo Gonzalez, and Laura Garza.

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 congratulated Nellie R. Treviño on the Autism walk. She added that trees had been planted at the park with the Girl Scouts in honor of Earth Day. She also commented on the trash situation and stated that she would be able to spend more time beautifying instead of being out there picking up household trash that is being illegally dumped.

Commissioner Mendoza stated that the pool is being prepared for the summer.

Judge Rathmell met with Texas Parks and Wildlife and grants may be coming our way.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, 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 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.

PRESENTATION BY CITY OF LAREDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON ZIKA PREVENTION PROGRAM

Hector Gonzalez, Director of City of Laredo Health Department, gave a brief presentation on the Zika Prevention Program. (Brochure attached) They will be at the courthouse rotunda on April 28 with information for the public.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Hector Uribe, Legislative Consultant, reviewed the upcoming legislative updates. Some updates include the taxing of rental equipment, the prohibition of governmental entities to charge regulatory fees on 8 liners, and other constitutional amendments.

PRESENTATION BY BEATRIZ POSADA NORIEGA, MAYOR OF CIUDAD GUERRERO, TAMPS., MEXICO

Hon. Beatriz Posada Noriega, Mayor of Ciudad Guerrero, Tamps., Mexico approached the court with a presentation requesting surplus equipment from Zapata County for Ciudad Guerrero, Tamps., Mexico.

UPDATE ON USDA AT-RISK-PROGRAM

Ramiro Hernandez gave a report on the USDA At-Risk Program. Approximately 518 meals have been served. The County investment is 100% reimbursable by grants. Monies left over can be used for improvements of facility/building used.

ORDER TO APPROVE TO HIRE SEASONAL BUS DRIVER FOR USDA SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM AND ORDER APPROVING USDA SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to hire a seasonal bus driver for the USDA Summer Food Program to deliver meals and to approve USDA Summer Food Program as requested by Ramiro Hernandez.

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

PRESENTATION ON HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Noelia Ruiz, case manager at Hospitality House, made a presentation on the battered women's shelter. The center offers furnished rooms with a common kitchenette and dining area. Guests are protected by state of the art security system and a high security fence and guard dog. Guests and their children will be provided with opportunities for job training and counseling. The center is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The South Texas Empowerment of Women Shelter is an organization created to help victims of domestic violence and their children.

No one was present for item #13. Presentation on IBC MINITROPOLIS as requested by Javier A. Ramirez, IBC Bank.

ORDER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO ZAPATA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to appoint the following persons to serve as Zapata County Historical Commissioner Members:

Rosa Elena Martinez
Laura Garza
Olga M. Elizondo
Anna Holcomb

Rosie Bigler
Roberto O. Montes
Guadalupe Villarreal
Anabel Gonzalez-Alvarez

Dr. Hildegardo Flores
Olga M. Flores
Amparo Montes-Gutierrez

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 TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING PREMIER ENGINEERING'S SUBMISSION FOR PAYMENT TO USDA FOR ZAPATA WASTEWATER TREATMENT EXPANSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to table request by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr. of Premier Engineering regarding Premier Engineering's submission for payment to USDA for the Zapata Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion 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 IMPLEMENTATION OF A SPARE TIRE ROUNDUP EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the implementation a spare tire roundup starting on May 1 for a period of 2 weeks at no cost to be held at Animal Control Department 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 TO HIRE A SEASONAL/TEMPORARY CLASS A CDL DRIVER

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to hire a seasonal/temporary Class A CDL driver at a rate of \$13.00 per hour and not to exceed 29 hours per week 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 INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the installation of a speed hump at the following location:

a. between Miraflores and Alamo
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.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH LAW SUIT AGAINST GRANDE
GARBAGE USING SERVICES OF HECTOR URIBE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to move forward and file a lawsuit against Grande Garbage for breach of contract, using the services of Hector Uribe 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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