

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2019, 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
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

**ABSENT:**

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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**VISITORS:** Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Nellie R. Trevino, Monica Alanis, J.J. Meza, Weldon Wade, Evonne Harmon, Adriana C. Figueroa, Joyce Currington, Ramona Martinez, 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  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Mendoza stated that the Winter Texas Appreciation Day took place and many people attended.

Commissioner Mendoza stated that 151 teams participated in the bass tournament and \$45,000 were paid out.

Commissioner Mendoza stated that there will be a benefit plate sale on March 1 for Hugo Flores, a county employee at \$8.00 per plate.

Commissioner Mendoza stated that the trail ride will be on March 2.

Fire Chief J.J. Meza commented that he found someone to restore the old fire truck for \$11,700.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that there was a town meeting in San Ygnacio, she thanked the Judge for attending.

Judge Rathmell commented that during the San Ygnacio town meeting townspeople expressed concern regarding the waterworks because there is no longer a board of directors. They were advised that water rates are based on studies and allow for grant applications

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Weldon Wade addressed the court and questioned why the water company is owned by Zapata County and the garbage company is privately owned. Judge Rathmell explained that the garbage can is mandatory if you use Zapata County Water Works. If there is a dwelling the trash can is required. Mr. Wade added that he has lived here for 15 years and complained about the cost of the garbage can if he is not here; he asked for a refund for the months that he is not here and overcharged.

## **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 Martinez, 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.

## **REPORT ON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA**

Ramona Martinez gave a brief report on the Boys and Girls Club of Zapata. Last month's attendance was approximately 121 members with an average of 73 children per day in Zapata. San Ygnacio's daily attendance averages 17 children. Zapata served 1315 snacks and San Ygnacio served 377. (Presentation handout attached.)

## **ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING REQUEST TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND BORDER REGION BEHAVIORAL CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding request to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Mental Health Services between Zapata County and Border Region Behavioral Center.

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 REQUEST TO ALLOW ZAPATA COUNTY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR SOUTH TEXAS CHILDREN'S FAMILY SERVICES HEAD START/ HEAD START PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding request to allow Zapata County to submit an application for the South Texas Children's Family Services Head Start/Head Start Program 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 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS  
TO ZAPATA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve appointment of members to the Zapata County Historical Commission as follows:

Dr. Hildegardo Flores	Hector Lopez
Roberto Montes	Amparo Montes-Gutierrez
Laura Garza	Olga Elizondo
Rosa Elena Martinez	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.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT TO R.E.P. & P., INC., FOR REPAIRS MADE  
TO LOPENO CIVIC CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment to R.E.P & P., Inc., in the amount of \$3,470, for repairs made to the Lopeño Civic Center, to be paid out of Repairs and Maintenance 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 APPROVING VOTER REGISTRATION LIST FEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the increase of voter registration list fee from \$88.00 to \$100.00 for county wide list and from \$22.00 to \$30.00 for precinct lists as print outs. USB flash drives will now be available for \$88.00 and \$22.00 respectively as requested by Hon. Adriana C. Figueroa, Tax/Assessor Collector.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF CARLOS LEAL AS METER READER/CLERK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the hiring of Carlos Leal as a meter reader/clerk in slot #5 with starting pay of \$9.50 per hour effective March 4, 2019 as requested by Carlos Trevino, 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 INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of street light at the following location:

a. 102 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (E. Flores Addition, Block 1, Lot 3-6)  
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 APPROVING RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STUDY BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SET FORTH BY HB 990**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve a resolution to support the study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality set forth by HB 990 as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY JUDGE RATHMELL REGARDING REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION BY COUNTY OF ZAPATA OPPOSING DECLARATION OF NATIONALA EMERGENCY ON SOUTHERN BORDER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to table request by Judge Rathmell, regarding request to approve a resolution by the County of Zapata opposing the declaration of a National Emergency on the Southern border.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve a resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures 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 Martinez, 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.

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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