

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 11th day of March, 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
Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Romeo Salinas, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Trevino, Triunfo Gonzalez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Roger Miller, Juventino Zapata, Jr., David Gomez, and Manuel Gonzalez, Jr.

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

Judge Rathmell commended Dr. Roger Miller for giving the invocation at the State Legislative meeting.

Commissioner Mendoza commented that the fair was a huge success. The weather was great and now the cleanup is underway. Judge Rathmell also commented on the fair by stating that there was a low buyer turnout. Commissioner Mendoza responded that it's hard to bring in buyers with the current economy. Judge Rathmell said that there was not enough outreach to the buyers and buyers did not receive letter/invitation to the auction. Commissioner Elizondo also commented on the fair stating that the entertainment is great and is always packed, but we must remember that the fair is for the kids. Commissioner Garza received comments on the smell of the dirt and suggested the participants clean up.

Personnel Director Nellie R. Trevino commented on the Airrosti Therapy, interested persons must RSVP, they will help participants eliminate back pain.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

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

Tax Assessor/Collector’s office reported Hotel-Motel tax collections in the amount of \$10,118.64 for year-to-date collections in an amount of \$49,985.34 and tax collections at a year-to-date rate of 81.84% and total collections in the amount of \$5,447,473.62.

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 Garza, 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 APPOINTING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO ZAPATA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion was made Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to appoint additional members to the Zapata County Historical Commission as follows:

- Anselmo Trevino
- Jose Luis Elizondo
- Jose Emilio Vela

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 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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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 TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND
TO MEDICATION FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to transfer \$25,000 from Tobacco Fund to Medication Fund 10-453-460 as requested by Fire Chief J.J. Meza, Fire Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF JOSE JUAREZ FROM
RECYCLING DEPARTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve transfer of Jose Juarez from Recycling Department slot #3 to the Environmental Department slot #8 at \$9.20 per hour as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF JOHN CISNEROS AS TEMPORARY
EMPLOYEE AT ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve hiring of John Cisneros, as temporary employee, at the Environmental Department in slot #11 at \$8.50 per hour as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF RODOLFO GUERRA AS TEMPORARY
EMPLOYEE AT ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve hiring of Rodolfo Guerra, as temporary employee, at the Environmental Department in slot #3 at \$8.50 per hour as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Department.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INVOICES AND REVIEW STATUS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$173,066.25 payable to EJCDC and invoice in the amount of \$14,079.76 payable to Premier Engineering for the Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. The plant is pretty much complete, they are finishing up sidewalks around administrative building.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND AWARD
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR FALCON MESA PAVING PROJECT
OF RAVEN AND PELICAN STREETS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve award of construction contract to REIM Construction, being the lowest bidder with at bid

of \$250,542.70, and payment of invoice in the amount of \$6,000 payable to Premier Engineering for the Falcon Mesa Paving of Raven and Pelican Streets CDBG 7217511, pending environmental clearance, as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICES FOR LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE
LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$5,327.00 payable to Guzman Backhoe and invoice in the amount of \$1,500 payable to Premier Engineering for the Los Ebanos Golf Course Line Replacement Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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
FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION BY COUNTY OF ZAPATA OPPOSING
DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY ON SOUTHERN BORDER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Judge Rathmell regarding request for approval of a resolution by the County of Zapata opposing the declaration of National Emergency on the Southern Border 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 AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND
SUBMISSION OF A 2019/2020 (PY) TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT APPLICATION TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR
FUNDING UNDER TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of a 2019/2020 (PY) Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for funding under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE COURT ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

22. To approve a resolution authorizing the County to award contract for Professional Project Engineering Services for projects funded under the 2019/2020 (PY) Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

23. To approve a resolution authorizing the County to award contracts for Professional Project Management and Project Engineering Services for projects funded under the 2019/2020 (PY) Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor.

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.

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