

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 12th day of November, 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
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: Romeo Salinas, Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie R. Treviño, Daniel Arriaga, Joyce Currington, Ralph Treviño, Nicole Davenport, and Adriana Figueroa.

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 Garza advised the Court that Commissioner Martinez is ill.

Commissioner Elizondo commented that San Ygnacio held a parade and a veteran's celebration.

Joyce Currington advised the Court that there is no water at Falcon Mesa. Boil water notice was lifted. Judge Rathmell assured her that water lines will be repaired. Mrs. Currington added that a 12 lane bridge is ridiculous as many people are against it. The \$16,000,000 are private funds made available by investors. Why not use those funds for something useful, like a hospital.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$587,057.08 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 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 in the amount of \$744,152.83 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 \$6,262.95 for the month of October and year-to-date tax collections at a rate of 13.99% for a total base tax collected of \$112,312.73.

ORDER APPROVING ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAS LOMAS WIND PROJECT, LLC AND ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the Road Improvement and Maintenance Agreement between Las Lomas Wind Project, LLC and Zapata County for Pedernales Road and Los Lobos Road, construction to commence January 2020 as requested by Sarah Skinner, Program Manager, Wind Project ENGIE.

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

ORDER APPROVING PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY CAMERAS FOR ZAPATA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the proposal by Global Technologies in the amount of \$43,207.45, for the security cameras for the Zapata County Courthouse, to be paid out of Courthouse security funds, 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 AND AWARDED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FOR TxCDBG #7214095, 7216511 and 7217511 TO ESSER & COMPANY CONSULTANT, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve and award administrative service to Esser & Company Consultant, LLC for the amount of \$30,000.00, for TxCDBG #7214095, 7215085, 7216511, and 7217511 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 REAPPOINTMENT OF CHIEF J.J. MEZA AS ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the reappointment of Chief J.J. Meza as the Zapata County Fire Marshall 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.

NO ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

13. To approve participation in the National Trail Roadside Enhancement program for the San Francisco Park, North of San Ygnacio as requested by Hon. Olga M. Elizondo, Commissioner Pct. 2.

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO USE ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION
FOR ZAPATA VILLARREAL ELEMENTARY JAMAICA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use of the Zapata County Pavilion on December 12, 2019, for the Zapata Villarreal Elementary Jamaica, upon confirmation of availability, 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 CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND
SCHOOL BOND ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve canvass of election results for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment and School Bond Election pursuant to Sec. 67.002 of the Texas Election Code as requested by Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, County Clerk.

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

ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL OF SPECTRUM VOICE CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the renewal of the Spectrum Voice Contract for a term of three (3) years at the rate of \$190.00 per month, as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Specialist.

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

ORDER APPROVING RENEWAL OF INTERNET CONNECTION AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve renewal of internet connection agreement, with MB increase from 10 to 50 MB at a rate of \$124.00 per month, as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Specialist.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INCREASE OF POINT TO POINT CONNECTION
FROM ZAPATA COURTHOUSE TO SAN YGNACIO FROM 10-50 MB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve increase of point to point connection from Zapata Courthouse to San Ygnacio from 10 to 50 MB as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Specialist.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INCREASE OF POINT TO POINT CONNECTION
FROM ZAPATA COURTHOUSE TO ZAPATA COUNTY WATERWORKS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve increase of point to point connection from Zapata Courthouse to Zapata County Waterworks from 10 to 50 MB as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Specialist.

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

**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR ZAPATA COUNTY WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve change order number 3 for Zapata County Wastewater Treatment Plant, wherein certain items were switched out and the following items were added: roof covering, communicator for chlorinator to office with automatic feed, grates on filters, removable grate system, and an additional adjustable chlorination monitor, as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. (See attachment for all changes.)

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

**ORDER APPROVING PENDING INVOICES PAYABLE TO PREMIER
ENGINEERING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$15,209.55 payable to Premier Engineering 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 INSTALLATION OF SECURITY LIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to approve installation of a security light at the following locations:

- a. 1205 Diaz Ave.
- b. 1406 Zapata Ave.
- c. 911 Falcon Ave.
- d. 1701 Guerrero Ave.
- e. 1904 Brazos
- f. 1403 Roma Ave.
- g. 915 Guerrero Ave.
- h. 1809 Villa Ave.

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.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve resolution authorizing the award of professional services contract for the Texas Community Development Block Grants 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.

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

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO C.S.J., LLP CHRISTIAN SMITH,
& JEWEL, LLP TO REPRESENT ZAPATA COUNTY IN LAWSUIT AGAINST
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION, ET AL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve and grant authority to C.S.J., LLP Christian Smith & Jewel, LLP representing Zapata County in lawsuit against Chesapeake Energy Corporation, et al as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County Judge. Mediation will take place on November 13, 2019 in San Antonio, TX, C.S.J., LLP Christian Smith & Jewel, LLP will represent Zapata County in said mediation.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter 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 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