

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 20th day of December, 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
Anna G. Molina	Deputy County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Eddie Martinez	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
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VISITORS: Nellie R. Treviño, Ralph Treviño, Juventino Zapata, Jr., Roger Miller, Laura Garza, Manuel Gonzalez, and Daniel Arriaga.

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 ANNA G. MOLINA, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell commented that the County will be closed the week of December 23 for Christmas Holidays.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$650,634.65, as presented 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.

ORDER APPROVING CHECKS ISSUED

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$301,757.61 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

No one present to give report.

ORDER APPROVING TO AWARD BID FOR ZAPATA COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY ARTIFACT BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza to approve and award bid to REP&P, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$26,000, to be paid out of non-department and partially using insurance claim, for Zapata County Museum of History artifact building project 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 REBID AND HIRE A PERSON TO FORMULATE SCOPE OF WORK FOR ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIR PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to rebid and hire a person to formulate scope of work for the Zapata County Community Center repair project 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 ACCEPTING LETTER OF RETIREMENT OF ELOY “JAY” MARTINEZ FROM POSITION AS ZAPATA COUNTY CONSTABLE PCT. 3

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Elizondo, to accept letter of retirement of Eloy “Jay” Martinez from his position as Zapata County Constable Pct. 3, effective December 31, 2019 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 QUOTE FROM DELL FOR PURCHASE OF EIGHT DESKTOP COMPUTERS (FRIENDS OF LIBRARY WILL PURCHASE 8 ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$9,986.32)

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a quote from Dell in the amount of \$9,986.32 for the purchase of 8 desktop computers for the Zapata County Public Library to be paid from Royalty Fund as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. Friends of the Library will purchase an additional 8 computers for the same amount.

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

ORDER APPROVING QUOTE FROM SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS FOR 35 LICENSES OF MICROSOFT OFFICE PROFESSIONAL FOR ZAPATA COUNTY LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a quote from SHI Government Solutions in the amount of \$1,976.80 for 35 licenses of Microsoft Office Professional for the Zapata County Library 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR
POLITICAL FORUM**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use Zapata Community Center for the Political Forum on February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. as requested by Karran Westerman, Zapata County News Editor.

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoice in the amount of \$5,238 for contractor; Premier invoices in the amount of \$41,928.68 for the Zapata county Wastewater Treatment Plant as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering. Mr. Gonzalez stated that wastewater personnel has received training by Scott Hawkins. Maintenance items have been taken care of. Quality of water is very good and clarifiers are operating very well also. Change orders include chlorinators with monitoring devices.

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

**DISCUSSION ON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO
FALCON MESA PAVING PROJECT**

Discussion regarding change order to add drainage improvements to Falcon Mesa Paving projects. Improvements are being made to Raven Street and part of Pelican Street, which exhaust all monies. Driveways can be adjusted, if necessary. Caliche is being purchased by La Roca Caliche. There are existing waterlines and sewer lines. Water lines are being exposed; change order would be to move lines approximately 4 feet, for approximately 3200 feet of 4" line, estimate to be provided, amount cannot exceed 25% of budget. Service will be left ready to add homes, as necessary. Will inquire about fire hydrants. Drainage will also be done in Raven Street going down to Condor Street, contractor is getting an estimate. Pipe will go from Raven to Cardinal to Albatross; contractor will provide cost to Mr. Gonzalez. There is a possibility of county purchasing problem area lots; which will be cheaper than putting in drainage.

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of a streetlight at the following addresses:

- a. 2303 Brazos
- b. 1602 Kennedy

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve installation of streetlight at the following address:

- a. 115 Madison

as requested by Hon. Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR 2019 GRANT FOR LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR GOLF COURSE AND NATURE PARK PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a 2019 grant from the Local Grant Program for the Golf Course and Nature Park Project 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 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 AUTHORIZING MANUEL GONZALEZ OF PREMIER ENGINEERING TO WORK WITH TDA AND CONSULTANTS ON CHANGE ORDER TO PROVIDE WATER LINE REALIGNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow Manuel Gonzalez, of Premier Engineering to work with TDA and consultants on change order for adding water line realignment, as necessary. Will hold-off on drainage improvements for now.

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

ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT IN LAWSUIT KENNETH G. GRAF, ET AL V. CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve proposed settlement amount of \$79,443.91, in the lawsuit Kenneth G. Graf et al v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

17/21. 17. to approve proposed settlement amount in the lawsuit Kenneth G. Graf et al v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Executive/Closed Session: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

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