

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 26^h day of October 2020, 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: Triunfo Gonzalez, Monica Alanis, Juan J. Meza, Nellie Treviño, Danny Arriaga, Joyce Currington, Roger Miller, Ralph Trevino, Arturo Garcia, Jorge Montes III, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Joseph Pena, and Nedina V. Gutierrez.

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, DEPUTY COUNTY
CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell commented on the ongoing election, over 1300 voters have shown up to vote.

Commissioner Mendoza commented that there are political signs across on Highway 83, he received complaints regarding the political flags that were placed on the flag poles. Judge Rathmell added that, technically, we have allowed it, this will be discussed after the election.

Chief Meza advised that there will be COVID-19 testing on October 27-28, 2020 at the Community Center.

Judge Rathmell reported on COVID-19 test results as follows: there are currently 4 active cases, 347 have tested positive, 342 have been released from isolation and 7 deaths; 5,434 have been tested and 5,073 tested negative. Judge Rathmell advised the public to please be careful during Halloween. Commissioner Mendoza added that those that go out trick-or-treating should follow CDC guidelines.

Commissioner Elizondo commended Commissioner Mendoza for the trees he planted at the Romeo T. Flores Park.

Judge Rathmell stated that a Homeland Security Grant was awarded to the Sheriff's Office.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$1,098,061.93 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 in the amount of \$1,098,061.93, 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- 8. Approval of Minutes
- 9. Boys and Girls Club Report

ORDER APPROVING PLACEMENT OF COMMUNICATION TOWER ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY PENDING PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL BY COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the placement of communication tower on county owned land, pending presentation and approval by county attorney, 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 REFUND TO J-W POWER AND AXIP ENERGY DUE TO 2011 LEGISLATION WHICH EXCLUDES COMPRESSORS FROM COUNTY APPRAISAL ROLLS

Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to refund J-W Power \$24,840.42 and Axip Energy Services \$20,616.902 due to 2011 legislation, which excludes compressors from County Appraisal Rolls, in the total amount of \$48,654.52 to be paid out of Fund Balance, 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 BARCOM TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO UPDATE VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a quote in the amount of \$56,792.94 from Barcom Technology Solutions to update the video conferencing equipment for the Zapata County Commissioners Courtroom, to be paid out of COVID-19 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 FUNDS TO ADD DOUBLE YELLOW STRIPING
TO LAS PALMAS ROAD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve funds in the amount of \$9,715.20, to add double yellow striping to the Las Palmas Road, to be paid out of non-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 PURCHASE OF NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR
FIRE CHIEF/FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to purchase new desk top computer for Fire Chief/Fire Marshall's Office, for approximately \$1,500, to be paid out of COVID-19 funds as requested by 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 PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve to purchase 1 Life Pak monitor/defibrillator, 1 intraosseous (IO) drill, 1 video intubation camera device with all accessories, 5 Litmmon electronic stethoscopes with Bluetooth, for approximately \$30,837.50, to be paid out of COVID-19 funds and to be purchased after reimbursement, as requested by 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 RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF ZAPATA COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution for the approval of the Zapata County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan as requested by 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 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY2020 INDIGENT CARE
DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution in support of the FY2021 Indigent Care Defense Formula Grant 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 TO APPLY TO THE 2020 HELP AMERICA
VOTE ACT (HAVA) ELECTION SECURITY SUB-GRANT TO TEXAS COUNTIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve resolution to apply to the 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Sub-Grant to Texas Counties as requested by Hon. 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 CONSENT ITEMS

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

- a. 421 Falcon Shore Drive (Falcon Shores Unit 1, Block 7, Lots 46-47)
- as requested by Hon. Paco Mendoza, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

- a. 511 Guerrero Avenue
 - b. 1308 Guerrero Avenue
 - c. 1902 Medina and 20th Medina
 - d. 1714 Falcon Avenue
 - e. 1901 Mier Avenue
 - f. 1905 Brazos Street (from last year's allotment)
- 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 MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**ORDER AWARDING BID TO FIG CO FOR REPAIRS ON COUNTY BUILDING AND
HIRE PREMIER ENGINEERING AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to award bid to Fig Co in the amount of \$47,000.00 and hire Premier Engineering for the amount of \$5,500.00, for the repairs of county building, as discussed in executive session, as requested by Nellie R. Treviño, Personnel Director.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

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

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED IN
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 24. to discuss issues related to both Water and Wastewater Departments as requested by Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Manager.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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