

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 8th of February 2021, 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
Jose A. Solis	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: Nellie R. Trevino, Daniel D. Arriaga, Delia Mendoza, Raymundo Del Bosque, Carlos Ramirez, Ralph Trevino, Joseph Pena 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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Arriaga thanked everyone for doing their best with regards to Covid-19. Approximately 400 vaccines are expected pending approval from DHS and 250 from DHS. People from surrounding areas are reaching out to smaller communities. However, smaller communities get smaller vaccine allotments. He added that the vaccine will be administered on a first come first serve basis for Tier 1a and 1b. Two rounds have been done and testing is practically every day at the pavilion.

Commissioner Mendoza stated that local law enforcement went to La Salle County for vaccination.

Triunfo Gonzalez commented that Judges Office and DHS, both have a list of approximately 2,200 registrants for vaccine.

Judge Rathmell stated that homebound residents requesting the vaccine have been addressed.

COVID-19 report: 15,548 tests conducted
1,130 tested positive
13,934 tested negative
184 pending results
1,374 recovered
23 deaths

Commissioner Elizondo reported that food distribution was held yesterday. Food was donated by Puerta Del Cielo Church in Roma.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices in the amount of \$852,767.46 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$852,767.46 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 \$4,072.28 for the month of January with a year-to-date total of \$20,354.70. Tax collections at a rate of 75.72% for a total base tax collected of \$4,306,175.90.

ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA REGARDING REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION MODIFYING CURRENT ZAPATA COUNTY CEMETERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to table request by Commissioner Mendoza regarding review and considering modifying the current Zapata County Cemetery policies and procedures 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 HIRING OF TWO JAILERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the hiring of two jailers in slot #26 and #27 as requested by Sheriff Ray Del Bosque, Zapata County Sheriff's Office.

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

ORDER APPROVING TO TRANSFER MIRTHA MEDINA FROM ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER TO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to transfer Mirtha Medina from the Zapata Community Center to the Environmental

Department in slot #6 at \$9.18 per hour, transfer will replace Juan A. Garza, 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 ROUND II COLONIA CONSTRUCTION FUND APPLICATION TO BENEFIT SAN YGNACIO RATHER THAN SAN YGNACIO UNIT 2 AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Round II Colonia Construction Fund Application to benefit San Ygnacio rather than San Ygnacio Unit 2 and all actions necessary thereto; as requested by Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting, LLC.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the installation of a street light at the following address:

- a. 2305 Lincoln Street
- b. 151 Trinity

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 SOLIS,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ORDER APPROVING FORBEARANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND PATRICIO HERNANDEZ DBA GRANDE GARBAGE COLLECTION COMPANY IN CAUSE NO. 9929 IN THE 49TH DISTRICT COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Forbearance Agreement between Zapata County and Patricio Hernandez dba Grande Garbage Collection Company in Cause No. 9929 in the 49th District Court 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.

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(A) (B) Consultation with attorney.

ORDER DENYING TO REVISIT WATER ACCOUNT UNDER PROPERTY OWNER ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to deny request by Ralph Trevino, Water Plant Director, to revisit water accounts under property owner ordinance as requested by Ralph Trevino, Water Plant Director.

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

Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(A) (B) Consultation with attorney.

ADJOURN

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