

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 24th of January 2022, 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
Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk

ABSENT:

Norberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
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VISITORS: Leslie Vela, Ramona Martinez, Daniel D. Arriaga, Jesse Rodriguez, and Javier Alonso.

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 CELICA A. RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Danny Arriaga announced that Commissioner Garza is not present due to contact with Covid-19.

Still waiting on Curative and test kits. There is a shortage of tests. The team and the site are ready; they will be testing Monday – Sunday once the kits are received.

Fire Department administered 156 vaccines.

EZ Testing has administered 1280 tests. They also have the PCR (not rapid) tests.

Availability for testing aside from clinics; Some clinics charge, and some require appointments, but you would have to see doctor or nurse practitioner, not just go get tested.

Available test site are medical clinics, EZ Testing, Zapata Primary Care, pending availability of tests.

Home tests are not reported until after you go to clinic or provider. Fire Department is not allowed to administer the home test.

Approximately 2500 tests were done since January 10, until January 23, 2022.

CDC recommends fully vaccinated individuals that test positive with no symptoms, do not need to quarantine. Private sector may recommend differently. County wide, if fully vaccinated and live in same household as someone who is positive, you are allowed to go back to work and wear mask for 5 days unless you have symptoms, if you have no symptoms and you are fully vaccinated you can go about daily business, but wear mask for first 5 days. It is, however, recommended that you test 5 days after first contact; a false negative result is possible if you test sooner. Fully vaccinated is 1st and 2nd dose vaccines.

Judge Rathmell reported on Covid-19 testing:
2005 confirmed positive

810 probable cases
1 additional death
47 deaths total
222 positive EZ Testing
161 at community center

school positive tests are not included; they are reported, but there is a back log at the state.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices in the amount of \$728,891.44 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve checks issued in the amount of \$728,891.44 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.

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

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

TRIUNFO GONZALEZ REPORTED ON CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021

County Auditor Triunfo Gonzalez, reported on Certificate of Obligation, Series 2021. (Report attached for the record.)

PRESENTATION ON ANNUAL AGRILIFE EXTENSION REPORT

Extension Agent Jesse Rodriguez made a presentation on the Annual AgriLive Extension Report (Attached for the record.)

PRESENTATION BY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

Leslie Vela and Ramona Martinez of the Boys and Girls Club gave a presentation on the Boys and Girls Club of Zapata Budget and Financials. (Report attached for the record.)

**ORDER APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND
MERIT ENERGY FOR USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve lease agreement between Zapata County and Merit Energy for the use of county property on Oak Street, at the rate of \$2,500 per month, renewed on a monthly basis, but is renewed every year in January as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. Mr. Figueroa will review the lease.

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

**ORDER APPROVING LIFT STATION INVOICES FOR WASTEWATER
DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Lift Station invoices for the Wastewater Department through the Certificate of Obligation, Series 2021, in the amount of \$74,631.41 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.

ORDER TO APPROVE HIRING OF GOLF COURSE PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the hiring of the golf course personnel effective December 17, 2021, at \$10.00 per hour to be paid out of Fund 80 – Slot 20 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solis, 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