

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 13th day of March 2023, 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
Pedro Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Roberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Nereida Garza, Ricardo Guevara, Adolfo Gonzalez, Jr., Joseph Peña, and Ralph Treviño.

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 COMMISSIONERS COURT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Rathmell stated that it was a busy weekend in Zapata County with the County Fair. It went rather well. It was very successful, with the new board members. Over \$400,000 in sales were made. Changes by the board simplified things. Vendors were charged for space only, no more tokens. Association kept the beer sales as they applied for the beer license.

Morales stated that there was very good participation with the auction.

Commissioner Garza assisted with the trail ride.

COVID REPORT:

Confirmed positive	2623
Probable	1899
Deaths	57

Commissioner Garza thanked all employees from all crews who assisted at the County Fair.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from February 24 – March 7, 2023 in the amount of \$302,417.39 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 Solis, 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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices from February 24 – March 7, 2023 in the amount of \$302,417.39 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 \$12,953.78 for the month of February with a year-to-date total of \$48,462.53. Net collections were \$943,846.51 with tax collections at a rate of 83.79%.

**REVIEW COMPLIANCE PROGRESS WITH TCEQ VIOLATIONS AT
SAN YGNACIO WATER PLANT**

Received report from TCEQ inspection of October 2022 findings. There were significant violations. TCEQ wants to know if corrective actions have been taken. Item will be recalled when Mr. Ralph Treviño arrives.

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA
TO ENTER AGREEMENT WITH ESSER & ESSER & COMPANY CONSULTING,
LLC TO MANAGE OPERATION LONE STAR ON BEHALF OF ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table request by Commissioner Mendoza to enter into an agreement with Esser & Esser & Company Consulting, LLC to manage Operation Lone Star on behalf of Zapata County.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE JOSE CAMARENA IN SLOT #3,
DEPARTMENT #014 – SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE PCT. 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve to hire Jose Camarena in slot #3, department #014 – Special Road and Bridge Pct. 4 at \$11.48 per hour as requested by Hon. Roberto 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 TO TABLE REQUEST BY CHIEF CARLOS RAMIREZ
TO PURCHASE HEAVY DUTY ELECTRIC STOVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table request by Chief Carlos Ramirez, Sheriff’s Office to purchase a heavy-duty electric stove.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE AND REPORT ON
CARDINAL LANE AND CRANE LANE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$70,227.50 payable to Mouflon Oilfield LLC as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

Manuel Gonzalez reported that the Cardinal Lane and Crane Lane Project is coming along with water and sewer line. Caliche is being brought in.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO USE PAVILION ON AUGUST 5, 2023
FOR BINGO TO BENEFIT ZHS CLASS OF 2023**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request for the use of the pavilion on August 5, 2023 for a Bingo to benefit ZHS Class of 2024 (no rental fee) as requested by Joana Tejada, Class of 2024.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet budget requirements:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-42610	General Supplies	\$300.00
TO:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-43432	Repairs & Maintenance	\$300.00
FROM:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-42622	Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,500.00
TO:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-43432	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,500.00
FROM:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-43582	Travel & Training	\$500.00
TO:	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-43432	Repairs & Maintenance	\$500.00

as requested by Hon. Daniel Arriaga, Constable Pct. 2.

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

**REVIEW COMPLIANCE PROGRESS WITH TCEQ VIOLATIONS AT
THE SAN YGNACIO WATER PLANT
(Recalled from earlier)**

Mr. Trevino state that some violations were corrected within the first couple of weeks. Only one violation is pending to be corrected and it has to do with repairs to the main waterline. Additional issues are being worked on.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLIS,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:30 A.M.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MORALES,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLIS,
TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 10:22 A.M.**

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO RSL WASTE MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIALS TO ZAPATA COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded to Commissioner Solis, to approve request to RSL Waste Management to provide financials to Zapata County, pursuant to Section 8 of the original waste collection agreement, for the March 27, Commissioners Court meeting as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter 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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, 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