

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

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

ABSENT:

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court
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VISITORS: Nereida Garza, Roger Miller, Ramon Montes, Patricia A. Gonzalez, Ricardo Ramirez, Jesse Rodriguez, Veronica Alanis, Olga Bruni, Danial D. Arriaga, Delia Mendoza, Raymundo Del Bosque, Carlos Ramirez, Joseph Peña, and Aaron Canales.

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

Judge Rathmell communicated that the skeet shoot was a great event.
He congratulated Caleb Guerra of the golf team.
Congressman Cuellar was here on Friday with the grant for Sheriff's Office expansion.
We had beneficial rains this weekend without damages.
Lake levels are going up due to release by Amistad.
The fire department got a new vehicle.
Sheriff's office received 3 patrol units.

Sheriff Del Bosque commended Nellie Treviño for her participation in Autism Awareness.

Adolfo Gonzalez, Jr., Veteran's Service Officer, announced that the mobile clinic will be here tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He added that Memorial Day is coming up in May and flags will be posted. He asked that the cemetery be cleaned up.

Commissioner Morales stated that San Ygnacio will celebrate 5 de Mayo with music and games. There will also be a derby for special needs on Saturday May 13.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from April 6 – April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$528,389.64 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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices from April 6 – April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$528,389.64 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.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT REPORT FOR ZAPATA COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 BY CANALES, GARZA, BAUM, PLLC, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Aaron Canales made presentation of audit report for Zapata County for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2021 by Canales, Garza, & Baum, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. (Attached)

PRESENTATION ON UNDATED ZAPATA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chief Arriaga made presentation on updated Zapata County Emergency Management Plan. Plan has been updated and revised, as requested by Fire Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Department.

REPORT ON INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM

Patricia A. Gonzalez gave report on Indigent Care Program as requested by Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent Care Director. Attached for the record.

ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF GAS CARD TO TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve to issue gas card to the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Agent for \$300 per month / \$1,500 for 5 months, 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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

12. To approve payment of all submitted and pending invoices for current open grant projects as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

ORDER AWARDING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO ZAPATA COUNTY OPERATION LONE STAR TO RODNEY RODRIGUEZ

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to award administration services for Zapata County Operation Lone Star grant to Rodney Rodriguez 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 ADDITIONAL \$10,000 FOR LINE ITEM 10-39464-640 TO COVER ADDITIONAL MEDICINE COSTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request for an additional \$10,000.00 for line item 10-39464-640 to cover additional medicine cost as requested by Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent Care Director.

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 REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS FOR CARDINAL AND CRANE STREETS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$30,620.00 payable to Mouflon Oilfield Services for work on Cardinal and Crane Streets as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

Manuel Gonzalez reported that water and sewer services have been connected

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

ORDER TO REJECT 2 BIDS AND REBID MODIFYING TO INCLUDE STORAGE TANKS FOR TxCDBG CFC21-0191 MEDINA DRAINAGE PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to reject 2 bids and rebid to include storage tanks for TxCDBG CFC21-0191 Medina Drainage Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CT BRANNON CORPORATION FOR AIRPORT FUEL FARM PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment in the amount of \$21,115.10 (invoice #32558) for professional services payable to CT Brannon Corporation for the Airport Fuel Farm Project as requested by Ramon Montes, Airport Manager.

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

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF US HIGHWAY 83 FOR 3RD ANNUAL CYCLE DE MAYO

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve resolution for temporary closure of US Highway 83 for 3rd Annual Cycle de Mayo as requested by Margie Villarreal, Zapata Ryderz.

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 MENDOZA,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORALES,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

20. to address possible Sheriff's Department employee violation of the code of conduct of Zapata County 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.

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