

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 26th day of February 2024, 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 M. Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Roberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	Zapata County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

VISITORS: Nellie R. Treviño, Roger Miller, Nina V. Gutiérrez, Joseph Peña, Brian Martínez, Magda Flores, Delia Mendoza, Edwin Rodríguez, Letty Vallejo, Verónica Valdez, Gabriella González, and Antonio Saavedra.

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 FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER,
COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis stated that lighting system has been updated at Bravo Park. He added that JROTC had a garbage pickup at the boat ramp.

Commissioner Morales stated that fair projects will be moved into the pavilion on Wednesday evening. He added that Miraflores and 10th Street will be temporarily closed.

Judge Rathmell stated that Hwy 83 will close for County Fair Parade on March 9. The trail ride will take place on March 2.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from February 9 - February 22, 2024, in the amount of \$2,922,266.11 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 from February 9 - February 22, 2024, in the amount of \$2,922,266.11 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 BY TEXAS FIRST RENTALS

Brian Martinez made a presentation for Texas First Rentals, a Division of Holt Caterpillar, to become an approved vendor of Zapata County as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis.

ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month as requested by Dr. Severita Sanchez, Executive Director-Children's Advocacy Center.

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

ORDER APPROVING ESTIMATE FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROLL UP DOORS AT COUNTY SHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve estimate in the amount of \$20,835.00 for the replacement of four 16'x14' roll up doors at the County Shop as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, Couty Judge.

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

ORDER AWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO RODRIGUEZ PROFESSIONAL SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST WITH FY2024 OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to award administrative services to Rodriguez Professional Solutions to assist with the FY2025 Operation Lone Star grant application. Application can be for up to \$5M; with a 3.5% fee for applicant as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, Couty Judge.

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 JUDGE RATHMELL ON SELECTION OF CIVIC PROJECT FOR SUBMISSION TO FY2025 CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table request by Judge Rathmell, on the selection of a civic project for submission to the FY2025 Congressional Community Project funding as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, Couty Judge.

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

**ORDER APPROVING HIRING OF MARIBEL GARZA TO AVAILABLE
OPERATION LONE STAR CLERK'S POSITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve hiring of Maribel Garza to the available Operation Lone Star Clerk's position at the District Clerk slot# 5 at \$10 per hour. Position is 100% grant funded as requested by Hon. Dora A. Martinez, District Clerk.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO COMBINE PRECINCT 1A & 1B
FOR DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve request to combine Precinct 1A & 1B for the Democratic and Republican Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024, 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 REQUEST TO FILE CLAIM REGARDING OVERCHARGE
ON VISA & MASTERCARD**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve request to file a claim regarding overcharge on Visa & Mastercard, pending review by county attorney. Deadline is May 31, 2024, as requested by Hon. Delia R. Mendoza.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ZAPATA NATIONAL BANK DEPOSITORY
CONTRACT FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the Zapata National Bank Depository contract for the next four years, beginning March 01, 2024, 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 INVOICE FROM RAMSA ELECTROMECHANIC
FOR REPAIRS TO SUBMERSIBLE PUMP**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoice from RAMSA Electromechanic for repairs to submersible pump (grinder) for \$5,970.00 as requested by Carlos Q. Ramirez, Chief Deputy.

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

**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT OF
LAKEVIEW RANCHETTES PLAT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve amendment to Lakeview Ranchettes plat as presented by Julio Gonzalez, Rio Delta.

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

ORDER APPROVING STREETLIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the following streetlight:

i. corner between Uribe Ave & Gutierrez St. in San Ygnacio
as requested by Hon. Pete Morales, Commissioner Pct. 2

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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the following line-item transfers:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Commissioner Pct. 4	010-424-42610	General Supplies	\$3,000.00
TO	Commissioner Pct. 4	010-424-43430	Parks	\$3,000.00
FROM	Commissioner Pct. 4	010-424-42610	General Supplies	\$4,000.00
TO	Commissioner Pct. 4	010-424-43430	Repairs	\$4,000.00

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 APPROVING RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution in support of Operation Border Rescue (OPBR) FY-2025
 - b. Resolution in support of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) FY-2025
- as requested by Chief Joe Peña, Sheriff's Office.

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 Mendoza, 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