

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA
IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Be it remembered, that on this the 25th day of March 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
Celica A. Rodriguez	Chief Deputy County Clerk

ABSENT:

Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	Zapata County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court
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VISITORS: Robert Tijerina, Rachel Amaya, Adolfo Gonzalez, Jr., Veronica Alanis, Delia Mendoza, and Daniel Arriaga.

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 expressed condolences for the family of Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan on the passing of her husband, Michael R. Bonoan.

Commissioner Solis stated that Sheriff Elect Ramon Montes will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt.

Judge Rathmell added that Cybersecurity training must be completed to comply with TAC requirements, deadline is mid-April.

Judge Rathmell also stated that the golf course greens are coming along with the rain.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve invoices from March 1 – March 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,389,876.40 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 checks issued from March 1 – March 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,389,876.40 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.

REPORT BY ROBERT TIJERINA, ZAPATA COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR ON COUNTY'S EXISTING DEBT AND TAX RATES

Robert Tijerino, Zapata County's Financial Advisor, reported on County's existing debt and tax rates. Report attached for the record.

PRESENTATION BY TRIUNFO GONZALEZ, COUNTY AUDITOR, ON REMOVAL OF CIVIL PENALTY FROM IRS CONCERNING FORM 1095 FOR TAX YEARS 2019, 2020, AND 2021

Presentation by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, on removal of civil penalty from IRS concerning Form 1095 for tax years 2019, 2020 and 2021 and refund of any prior penalties paid.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

10. To relocate fence encroaching on private property near Lincoln & 3rd Ave. on Tracts 1&2 out of Parcel Z-266.2-B. as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO LUIS A. GUZMAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice for \$6,000 payable to Luis A. Guzman for work done to a Peterbilt truck for the County Shop 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 PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve contract proposal for architectural services for the Sheriff's Office Improvements from JHS Architect, for interior design of facility, 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 ESTIMATE OF JOSE ROMERO FOR WORK
DONE AT ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the estimate of Jose Romero for \$1,040.00 for work to be done at the Zapata County Airport 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 APPROVING INVOICE FROM CT BRANNON CORPORATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoice from CT Brannon Corporation for \$14,350.00 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 AVIATION FUELS CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA
COUNTY AIRPORT AND TITAN AVIATION FUELS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve an aviation fuels contract between the Zapata County Airport and Titan Aviation Fuels 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 PROPOSAL FROM AV FUEL CORPORATION FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve proposal from Avfuel Corporation for the Zapata County Airport 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 ALLOWING CHECKS FROM TVC GRANT TO BE ISSUED SAME
DAY AS PURCHASE ORDERS ARE SIGNED**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to allow checks from the TVC Grant to be issued the same day as the Purchase Orders are signed by Auditor/County Judge as requested by Adolfo "Pope" Gonzalez, Veterans Service Officer.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR USE OF RIGHT OF WAY OF US
HWY 16 FOR AUTISM AWARENESS 5K RUN/WALK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the resolution for the use of the Right of Way of US Hwy 16 for the Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk to be held on April 6, 2024, as requested by Nellie Trevino, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve a resolution designating April as Autism Awareness Month as requested by Nellie Trevino, Personnel Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO HIRE O'CONNOR ENGINEERING
TO PERFORM MATERIALS TESTING ON EOC, SHERIFF'S ONLY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to hire O'Connor engineering to perform materials testing on EOC, Sheriff's Office projects only. Fire station will be done if there is money left over from the other projects 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 TO WAIVE FEE FOR USE OF
COMMUNITY CENTER FOR JROTC MILITARY BALL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commission Solis, to approve to waive the fee for the use of the Community Center for the JROTC Military Ball on April 20,2024 as requested by Nellie Trevino, JROTC Parent Booster Club Secretary.

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

UPDATE ON P3'S PROGRAM SAVINGS ACHIEVED TO DATE

David Quinn, of Public Power Pool, provided the Court with a short update on P3's program savings achieved to the discussed HB3693 Report, and answer any questions about contract and our next procurement as requested by David Quin, Public Power Pool. Update attached for the record.

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR ZCISD-MD ANDERSON CERVICAL CANCER WORKSHOP
AND FREE SCREENING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the use of the Zapata Community Center on April 5, 2024, from 8 am -1 p.m. for ZCISD-MD Anderson Cervical Cancer Workshop and Free Screening as requested by Rogelio N. Gonzalez, HR Executive Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING ORDINANCE ELECTING TO HAVE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS EXERCISE EXCLUSIVE
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES,
OPERATIONS, AND SERVICES WITHIN ZAPATA COUNTY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve an ordinance electing to have the Public Utility Commission of Texas exercise exclusive original jurisdiction over electric utility rates, operations, and services within Zapata County 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.

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