

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 22nd day of April 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
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

ABSENT:

Paco Mendoza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
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VISITORS: Javier Montemayor, Rachel Amaya, Rebecca Y. Gutiérrez, Patricia A. González, Consuelo Ramírez Villarreal, Berta López, Verónica Alanís, Delia Mendoza, Adolfo González, Jr., Carlos Ramírez.

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 HON. MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY
CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
INVOCATION BY REV. ROGER MILLER,
COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis presented donation of \$3,900 by Raul Chapa donated to Pct. 3 to donate to a non-profit organization. Donation was made to the pony league.

Commissioner Morales stated that San Ygnacio will be having the annual Bicycle Club festival; Fiesta Mexicana will also be held on May 4.

Becky Gutierrez reported that the library will be starting the summer reading program on June 3, Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Attorney Javier Montemayor addressed the court regarding item #16. Discussion and possible action on the reinstatement of an ad valorem property taxes, penalties and/or interest that were waived, removed and/or deleted from the Zapata County tax rolls

contrary to Texas Property Code Section 33.011 on property accounts that have been previously issued a tax certificate under Texas Property Code Section 31.08. Mr. Montemayor stated that Mrs. Dora Flores met with Adriana Figueroa to pay taxes owed and she was asked to pay only \$7,000.00.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from April 5 -April 18, 2024, in the amount of \$376,730.37 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 Garza, to approve checks issued from April 5 -April 18, 2024, in the amount of \$376,730.37 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 HIRING OF RACHEL AMAYA AT THE OLGA V. FIGUEROA LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the hiring of Rachel Amaya on slot #2 at \$10.48 per hour at the Olga V. Figueroa Library, effective April 22, 2024, as recommend by the Friends of the Library hiring committee 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 USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY PAVILION PARKING LOT BY ZAPATA RYDERZ FOR FIRST ANNUAL FIESTA MARKET SQUARE AND USE TXDOT RIGHT OF WAY FOR 5K AND BIKE RACE

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the use of the Zapata County Pavilion parking lot on May 5th by the Zapata Ryderz for the First Annual Fiesta Market Square and the use of the TxDot right of way for a 5K and bike race to San Ygnacio. Proceeds will go to the purchase of bicycles for ZCISD elementary schools as requested by Hon. Pedro 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 PROPOSAL FROM UGALDE OVERHEAD DOORS CO. FOR SALLYPORT DOOR REPLACEMENT AT REGIONAL JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve proposal from Ugalde Overhead Doors Co. for sallyport door replacement at regional

jail, includes commercial rolling steel door, material for installation and labor for \$6,848.85 from non-department as requested by Carlos Q. Ramirez, Sheriff's Office.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TAC ACA REPORTING AND
TRACKING SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH IRS REQUIREMENTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the TAC ACA Reporting and Tracking Services to comply with the IRS requirements for 1094C and 1095C under the ACA employer mandate, at no cost to the county, as requested by Nellie Trevino, HR Director.

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

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF ZAPATA COUNTY COMMUNITY
CENTER FOR ZCISD SPECIAL OLYMPICS BANQUET**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the use of the Zapata County Community Center for the ZCISD Special Olympics Banquet, Wednesday, March 26, 2025, as requested by the Zapata County Independent School District Special Education Department as requested by Nellie Trevino, HR Director.

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 ZAPATA COUNTY
COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to use the Zapata County Community Center parking lot on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for the distribution of diapers, baby wipes, and hygiene products as requested by Reymundo Cruz, Community Outreach Ambassador.

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

**ORDER ADOPTING REVISED VERSION OF ZAPATA
COUNTY NUTRITION CENTER AND TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
TRANSPORTATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to adopt the revised version of the Zapata County Nutrition Center and Transportation Department Americans with Disabilities Act Transportation Policy Statement, as needed for compliance with TxDot, pending review by County Attorney, as requested by Berta Lopez, Nutrition Center Director.

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

ORDER TO PAY INVOICES AND REVIEW OF ONGOING PROJECTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to pay submitted invoices for the following projects, as submitted by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

- a. Fire Station Improvement Project – completed survey; met with Fire Chief Arraiga and made revisions. Invoice payable to Premier Engineering in the amount of \$5,000 for survey, payment to be made with OLS funds.
- b. Sheriff's office Improvement Project – did inventory for removal and/or repurpose area; 14 x 30 ft addition to existing building. Invoice payable to Premier in the amount of \$5,000 for survey, to be paid out of OLS.
- c. TxDOT Paving Projects Miraflores, Pelican, 2nd Street and Ramirez St. Project is completed and finalized. Payment to Mouflon in the amount of \$63,264.87, TxDOT share us \$45,000.00
- d. Golf Course Walking Trail– did revision of path and field checks, water and sewer lines will go North of power poles. Will go out for bids in May.
- e. CFC21-0191 Booster Station – scheduled preconstruction meeting, have until end of November to complete. Submitted invoice in the amount of \$4,000.00
- f. Emergency Raw Water Intake – requested cost of pumps.
- g. Miraflores Park Improvements – 95% complete, ordered equipment.
- h. Emergency Operations Center – sent budget for adjustments, considering items for demolition.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Indigent Health Care	010-640-33540	HIS Software	\$2,091.00
TO	Indigent Health Care	010-640-42610	General Supplies	\$2,091.00

as requested by Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent Health Care Director.

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 approve the following line-item transfer to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43617	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$19,743.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43618	Water Sampling	\$19,743.00
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43617	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$3,568.52
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-45060	TCEQ Assessment	\$3,568.52
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43617	Chlorine & Chemicals	\$20,000.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$20,000.00

as requested by Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director.

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 SOLIS,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA,
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO REINSTATE ANY AND ALL
AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, PENALTIES,
AND/OR INTEREST THAT WERE WAIVED, REMOVED
AND/OR DELETED FROM ZAPATA COUNTY TAX ROLLS
BE REINSTATED TO OWNERS WHERE SAID
AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES, PENALTIES,
AND/OR INTEREST WERE REMOVED**

Motion was made by Judge Rathmell, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve order to reinstate any and all ad valorem property taxes, penalties and/or interest that were waived, removed and/or deleted from the Zapata County tax rolls contrary to Texas Property Code Section 33.011, on property accounts that have been previously issued a tax certificate under Texas Property Code Section 31.08, to owners where said ad valorem property taxes, penalties, and/or interest were removed as requested by Jaime Gonzalez, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

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

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH STETSON RENEWABLES HOLDINGS LLC.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Attorney to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Stetson Renewables Holdings LLC as requested by Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting.

The above motion, being put to a vote, was approved by the affirmative vote of Commissioner Solis, Garza, and Morales. Judge Rathmell abstained.

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 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