

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 10th day of June 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: Consuelo R. Villarreal, Mario Alanís, Adolfo González, Jr., Dr. Severita Sánchez, Verónica Alanís, Edwin Rodríguez, Jesse Rodríguez, Delia Mendoza, and Manuel González, Jr.

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
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis thanked the Fire Department and Gabby Gonzalez for their assistance at a structure fire at South Siesta Shores after a propane tank exploded.

Judge Rathmell commented that Operation Lone Star reimbursement is up to date. Application for 2025 grant has been submitted; we will know more before the new budget. He added that a Hyper-Reach Anywhere app would soon be available.

Commissioner Solis encourage everyone to use the Hyper-Rech Anywhere app.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from May 24 – June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$460,568.12 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 Garza, 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 Garza, to approve checks issued from May 24 – June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$460,568.12 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 \$10,338.85 for the month of May with a year-to-date total of \$86,793.99. Net collections were \$248,417.94 with tax collections at a rate of 85.38%.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF DPS OFFICE AND PORTABLE OFFICE TRAILER TO PROVIDE FORENSIC INTERVIEWS AND THERAPY SERVICES IN ZAPATA

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the use of the DPS office and portable office trailer to provide forensic interviews and therapy services in Zapata 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 PAYMENT OF ZAPATA COUNTY ISD ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP FROM WIND TURBINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment to Zapata County ISD energy scholarships from wind turbine contributions as requested by Hon. Joe Rathmell, County Judge. Thirty students will receive scholarships.

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

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT R.E.P. & P., INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve payment to R.E.P. & P., Inc., for \$2,320.44 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 TO FILL VACANCY IN PRECINCT 2, SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve to fill vacancy in Precinct 2, Special Road & Bridge Department 015-422 Slot #7 at \$10.48 per hour 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 USE OF SHOW BARN FOR PROSPECT SHOW

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the use of the show barn on December 7-8, 2024, for a prospect show 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 THIRD AMENDMENT FOR MEDICAL OFFICE SPACE LEASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the Third Amendment for the medical office space lease 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 PURCHASE OF UPFITTED CHEVROLET PICKUPS FROM RELIABLE CHEVROLET

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the purchase of 2 Upfitted Chevrolet Pickups from Reliable Chevrolet for the amount of \$71,568.00 each to be paid from Operation Stonegarden Grant FY22, pending verification of funding and reimbursement, 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the purchase of 1 Upfitted Chevrolet Pickup from Reliable Chevrolet for amount of \$71,568.00 to be paid from Operation Stonegarden Grant FY23, pending verification of funding and reimbursement, 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the purchase of 1 Upfitted Chevrolet pickup from Reliable Chevrolet for the amount of \$71,568.00 to be paid from Operation Lone Star Grant, pending verification of funding and reimbursement, 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.

ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 2 AND STATUS REVIEW ON ZAPATA BOOSTER STATION PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment no. 2 for \$72,925.12 for Zapata Booster Station Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez, Premier Engineering, reported that contractor commenced work. Foundation ring for ground storage tank has been installed. They have done clearing of land, placed 2 – 6x6 connections and 2 – 6x6 T's and 3 – 6" gate valves.

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 STATUS REVIEW FOR MIRAFLORES PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$27,491.01 for Miraflores Park Improvements as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Miraflores Park Improvements Project has been completed, including playground equipment and Bermuda grass. Ribbon cutting date is to be announced.

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 STATUS REVIEW FOR TXDOT PAVING PROJECT RAMIREZ, PELICAN, AND MIRAFLORES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoices for a total amount of \$30,763.24 for the TxDOT paving project Ramirez, Pelican, and Miraflores as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that this project has been completed. Ramirez street has been paid out. Pelican Street is pending \$15,041.76 and Ramirez Street is pending \$15,721.48 for a total of \$30,763.24.

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

ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH IGNIS TEXAS SOLAR THREE, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Judge to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Ignis Texas Solar Three, LLC, pending review by County Attorney, as requested by Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting. Road and Bridge are exempt from Tax Abatement, a one-time \$50,000 donation will be made to Boys and Girls Club.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO
TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FALCON BESS, LLC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to authorize County Judge to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Falcon BESS, LLC, pending review by County Attorney, as requested by Jeff Snowden, Capex Consulting. Road and Bridge will have full tax benefits.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	49 th District Court	010-435-40343	District Court-CPS	\$6,000.00
TO	49 th District Court	010-435-43130	Professional Services	\$6,000.00

as requested by Judge Jose A. Lopez, 49th District Judge.

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 Mendoza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Water Plant	008-602-45510	State Fees	\$2,600.00
TO	Water Plant	008-602-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,600.00
FROM	Water Plant	008-602-41270	Clothing	\$1,300.0
TO	Water Plant	008-602-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,300.00
FROM	Water Plant	008-602-49100	Capital Outlay	\$2,000.00
TO	Water Plant	008-602-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,000.00

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.

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO
REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve of a resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures 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