

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 21st 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
Jose A. Solis	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Roberto Garza	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan	County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

ABSENT:

Pedro M. Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
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VISITORS: Adolfo González, Jr., Jesse Rodríguez, Delia Mendoza, San Juanita Sánchez, Andrés E. Velásquez, Fernando Ferreyra, David Herzig, Joseph Peña, Stephanie García. Daniel Arriaga, and Nellie Treviño.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Jesse Rodriguez, AgriLife Agent recognized 4 gentlemen who participated at state level.

Commissioner Solis commented that the Commissioners will be at a training next week.

Judge Rathmell commented that we got 3" of very beneficial rains last week.

PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR

Congressman Cuellar together with NeighborWorks Laredo CEO Elizabeth Alonzo-Villarreal, updated the community on the progress made with the \$2 million funding obtained two years ago which went to the NeighborWorks Laredo non-profit organization with \$1 million designated for repairs in the Laredo-Webb County area and another \$1 million for Zapata repairs. He added that they have made repairs to 28 Laredo homes, while another 17 are being worked on. Elizabeth Alonso-Villarreal added that so far, they have identified 22 Zapata homes that need repairs and are waiting for final details from the contractor to put the work up for bid. She said they are also looking at numbers to accommodate as many homes as possible, even going over the 50 initially projected.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from June 7 to June 20, 2024, in the amount of \$548,118.04 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 June 7 to June 20, 2024, in the amount of \$548,118.04 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 FUNDS RECEIVED FROM AUCTIONS CONDUCTED MAY 16, 2024

Chief Joe Peña of Zapata County Sheriff's Office presented funds in the total amount of \$77,965.60 from auctions conducted on May 16, 2024.

PRESENTATION BY FERNANDO FERREYRA AND DAVID HERZIG OF SOURCE GLOBAL

A presentation was made by Fernando Ferreyra and David Herzig of SOURCE Global Clean Drinking Water Program. Presentation attached for the record.

ORDER APPROVING PLAN OF FINANCE FOR ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the plan of finance for Zapata County, Texas Certificate of Obligation, Series 2024 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificate of Obligation 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 PAYMENT TO CAPEX CONSULTING

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment to Capex Consulting in the amount of \$30,000.00 for professional services in relation to Stetson Renewables Holdings, LLC 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 PURCHASE OF REAL TIME MONITORING EQUIPMENT
FOR SEWER LIFT STATIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the purchase of real time monitoring equipment for sewer lift stations from Texas Instruments and Controls in the amount of \$81,152.000. Monitoring equipment is required by TCEQ. Cost to be refunded by Certificate of Obligation, 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 REQUEST OF \$10,000 FROM TOBACCO FUND
TO REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve request of \$10,000.00 from Tobacco Fund (67-800-43800) to Repairs & Maintenance (10-54343430) as requested by Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Department

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

NO ACTION TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

16 To request \$10,000.00 from Tobacco Fund (67-800-43800) to Medical Supplies (10-543-42611) as requested by Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Department

ORDER APPROVING INVOICE TO CT BRANNON CORPORATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve payment of invoice to CT Brannon Corporation for \$8,401.68 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 TITAN AVIATION
FUELS AND ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve a 4-year Aviation Fuels Contract between Titan Aviation Fuels and 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 APPROVING REQUESTS BY GUILLERMO SAENZ,
ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR**

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

1. to move Rene Cuellar from slot #4 to slot #11 at \$10.48 per hour
2. to move Harold Heinlein from slot #11 to slot #7 at \$12.72 per hour
3. to move Ismael Morales from slot #7 to slot #4 at \$10.66 per hour

at Environmental Department, as requested by Guillermo Saenz, Environmental Director.

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

**ORDER TO DENY CHANGE ORDER AND APPROVE TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR
JAIL REPAIRS ON SEVEN ADDITIONAL CELLS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to deny request to consider change order for jail repairs on seven additional cells and instead approve to go out for bids for jail repairs on seven additional cells 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.

REVIEW STATUS ON USDA RAW WATER INTAKE PROJECT

Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering, reported that he submitted plans and specs for approval on USDA Raw Water Intake project. No report submitted for the record.

REVIEW STATUS ON LOS EBANOS WALKING TRAIL PROJECT

Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering, reported on Los Ebanos walking trail project. Mr. Gonzalez stated that a concrete trail was considered. However, after cost estimate was made, it was decided to go with asphalt instead. No report submitted for the record.

**REVIEW STATUS ON ZAPATA COUNTY COLONIA CFC21-0191 PROJECT
BOOSTER & DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering reported on Zapata County Colonia CFC21-0191 Project Booster & Drainage. He stated that he reached out to Grantworks, and some changes were made. No report submitted for the record.

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS OPEN PAVILION STAGE
FOR TED CRUZ SPEAKER FOR TEXAS TRUMP TRAIN 2024**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the use of the county fairgrounds open pavilion stage on August 10 at 1:00 p.m. for the Ted Cruz speaker for the Texas Trump Train 2024 rally as requested by Jenifer Thatcher, Republican Party Chair.

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

ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF TONER FOR FOOD PANTRY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the purchase of toner for the Food Pantry in the amount of \$465.80, to be paid out of non-department as requested by Rene Garcilazo, IT Director.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$2,948.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-42618	Postage/Freight	\$2,948.00
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-48860	Inspection Fees	\$2,295.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-42618	Postage/Freight	\$2,295.00
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43140	Engineering	\$3,000.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000.00
FROM	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43440	Rentals	\$3,600.00
TO	Zapata County Water Plant	080-600-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,600.00
FROM	Sewer Plant	008-602-42618	Postage/Freight	\$1,400.00
TO	Sewer Plant	008-602-41270	Clothing Allowance	\$1,400.00

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.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Adult Probation	10-572-42620	Fuel & Lubricants	\$400.00
TO	Adult Probation	10-572-42610	General Supplies	\$400.00

as requested by Monica Benavidez, Adult Probation.

ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR 18B OBSTRUCTION SURVEY FOR APPROACH DEVELOPMENT AT ZAPATA COUNTY AIRPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve resolution letter for 18b obstruction survey for approach development at Zapata County Airport. Grant is a 90/10 grant; the county portion is \$970.91 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.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, 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