

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 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:** Roger Miller, Chris Dávila, Ralph Treviño, Rogelio González, Verónica Alanís, Carlos Colina-Vargas, and Delia Mendoza.

**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 informed the public that Precinct 3 is behind on grass cutting due to the rain. They are trying to catch up. His crew will also work on the cemetery that is also overgrown.

Commissioner Mendoza also stated that his crew is working diligently in Precinct 1 also.

Judge Rathmell stated that he appreciated that Precinct 1 crew worked on courthouse grounds. More showers are expected this week.

### **ORDER APPROVING INVOICES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from July 3 to July 18, 2024, in the total amount of \$788,297.87 which includes an invoice in the amount of \$465.00 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 July 3 to July 18, 2024, in the total amount of \$788,297.87 which includes an invoice in the amount of \$465.00 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 PAYMENT TO CAPEX CONSULTING**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment to Capex Consulting in the amount of \$30,000 for professional services in relation to the Falcon BESS project 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 FINANCING OF JOHN DEERE AERCORE 800 AERATOR FOR LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the financing of a John Deere Aercore 800 Aerator for the Los Ebanos Golf Course, for purchase price of \$29,625.00 to be paid in sixty monthly payments in the amount of \$582.65, 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 BID TO FILL BREAKAGE OF EXISTING BOAT RAMP CONCRETE SLAB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve bid by Jose Luis Guevara, being the only bidder, in the amount of \$7,250.00, to fill in the breakage of the existing boat ramp concrete slab, to be paid out of non-department 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 MOU BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND  
ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF  
ZAPATA COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve MOU between Zapata County and Zapata County Independent School District for the use of the Zapata County Higher Education Center, for a period of 10 years, 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 CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY AND  
ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ELECTION  
SERVICES FOR UPCOMING NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve a contract between Zapata County and the Zapata County Independent School District for election services for the upcoming November 5, 2024, election as requested by Rogelio N. Gonzalez, ZCISD Executive Director of Hr.

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

**ORDER APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
ZAPATA COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve Interlocal Agreement between Zapata County and the Zapata County Independent School District for the Assessment and Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes as requested by Rogelio N. Gonzalez, ZCISD Executive Director of HR.

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING MANUEL GONZALEZ OF  
PREMIER ENGINEERING TO ADVERTISE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM  
SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to authorize Manuel Gonzalez of Premier Engineering to advertise for administrative and engineering services for street improvements from Safe Streets and Roads for all grant program as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3

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

**ORDER AUTHORIZING FIRMS OF PREMIER ENGINEERING  
AND CARLOS COLINA-VARGAS & ASSOCIATES  
TO PREPARE APPLICATION TO TPWD FOR  
INDOOR RECREATION FUNDING FOR CONVERSION  
AND ADAPTIVE REUSE OF PAVILION FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to authorize the firms of Premier Engineering and Carlos Colina-Vargas & Associates to proceed and prepare an application to the TPWD for Indoor Recreation funding for the conversion and adaptive reuse of a pavilion for the Boys & Girls Club as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF NORBERTO LOZANO  
FROM 15-424-SLOT #5 TO 15-424-SLOT #4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the transfer of Norberto Lozano from 15-424-slot #5 at \$10.48/hour to 15-424-slot #4 at \$11.95 per hour 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 HIRING OF JOSE SALINAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve hiring of Jose Salinas in 15-424-slot #5 at \$10.48/hour effective 7/9/2024 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 PROCEDURES FOR  
COUNTY AUCTIONS ACCORDING TO  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 253.151-263.158**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve procedures for county auctions according to Local Government Code Sec. 253.151-263.158. Department heads need commissioners court approval to sell items and all checks to be made payable to Zapata County 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 TAC BCBS RENEWAL RATES  
FOR FY 2024-2025**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the TAC BCBS Renewal Rates for FY 2024-2025 with 85% employee contribution 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 AMERITAS RENEWAL RATES  
FOR FY2024-2025**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the Ameritas Renewal Rates for FY 2024-2025 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 HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR FY2024-2025**

Motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the Holiday Calendar for FY 2024-2025 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 HIRING OF DAYLA MIRELES GARZA  
AS PARAMEDIC**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve hiring of Dayla Mireles Garza as full-time paramedic on position #24 at \$15.19 per hour General Order budget code 10-543 as requested by Fire 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.

**ORDER APPROVING AUCTIONED ITEMS BY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AND CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the following items to be auctioned by the Fire Department: Vehicle (2006 Ford F-150- 1FTRW56KC09275) and Constable Pct. 2 Vehicle (2007 Ford Expedition 1FMFU15538LA44282) as requested by Fire Chief Daniel Arriaga, Fire Chief.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$57,800.00  
TO RAMSA ELECTROMECHANIC, INC.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve a payment in the amount of \$57,800.00 to Ramsa Electromechanic, Inc. for the complete overhaul and repairing of the Zapata County Waterworks intake system pump as requested by Ralph Trevino, 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 BID FOR  
ZAPATA COUNTY JAIL REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve bid by Campos Construction, being the lowest bidder, with a bid of \$107,250.00, for the Zapata County jail repairs of 27 cells, to be paid out of fund balance 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 PAYMENT OF INVOICE AND  
STATUS REVIEW OF SAN YGNACIO WATER PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$50,000.00 payable to Premier Engineering requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that a preconstruction meeting was held; construction has commenced. Equipment will be ordered; they are rehabilitating the clarifier and will replace control system. Completion date is December 15, 2024.

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 FOR  
NORTHWEST BOOSTER STATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$129,925.12 for work at Northwest Booster Station as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that construction commenced on April 29; completion deadline is December 25, 2024.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR  
TxDOT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve reimbursement request for the TxDOT County Transportation Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$188,673.00 for Ramirez, Miraflores, Pelican, and Second Street as requested by Carl Esser, Esser & Company Consulting LLC.

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

**ORDER APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF \$50,000.00  
ALLOCATED FROM WIND TURBINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
ZAPATA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve distribution of \$50,000.00 allocated from wind turbine contributions for the Zapata County Fair livestock projects as requested by Rafael Garcia, Zapata Co. Fair Assoc.

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION TO TPWD FOR INDOOR RECREATION  
FUNDING FOR CONVERSION AND ADAPTIVE REUSE  
OF PAVILION FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve a Resolution authorizing an application to the TPWD for Indoor Recreation funding for the conversion and adaptive reuse of a pavilion for the Boys & Girls Club as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3.

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.

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JOSEPH RATHMELL, COUNTY  
JUDGE OF ZAPATA COUNTY,  
TEXAS

ATTEST:

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MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-  
BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-  
OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS