

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered, that on this the 26th day of August 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
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
Pedro M. Morales	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

VISITORS: Roger Miller, Mindy Flores, María Isabel Guzmán, Aileen Campos, Zahra Galván, Vanessa Y. López, Kristina Vela, Adolfo González, Jr., Rene Piña, Verónica Alanís, Manuel González, Jr., Delia Mendoza, Joseph Peña, Leslie Vela, and Ramona Martínez.

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 FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis stated that his crew is catching up with overgrown grass and branches. He thanked the public for their patience. He added that he also takes care of the golf course and cemetery.

Judge Rathmell commented on the low lake levels. There are about four feet of water left for pumping. Water is good for drinking and is tested weekly. We will continue to struggle until we get substantial rain.

Commissioner Garza stated that the Boys & Girls Club will be having upcoming events including Dinosaur George at the community center on August 27 and 28 and a Halloween event in October.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from August 8 – August 22, 2024, in the amount of \$603,396.56 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 August 8 – August 22, 2024, in the amount of \$603,396.56 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.

CERTIFICATION OF ORDER FOR ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS, AND COURT REPORTER

Certification of order for annual compensation for County Auditor, Assistant Auditors and Court Reporter as requested by Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, as follows:

Triunfo González, County Auditor	\$66,040.00
Roberta Meza Barrera, Assistant Auditor	\$40,000.00
Dora Alma Villarreal, Assistant Auditor	\$32,912.00
Court Reporter	\$13,842.00

ORDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Attendance Awareness as requested by Irma I. Guerra, PEIMS Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING TWO INVOICES TO INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve two invoices to Integrated Environmental Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$2,000 each for a total of \$4,000.00 for archeological work on the Medina Addition Drainage Project as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF “ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2024” AND ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

Motion was made Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve order authorizing the issuance of "Zapata County, Texas Certificates of Obligation Series 2024" and entering into a purchase and investment letter and a paying agent/registrar

agreement; and approving other matters relating thereto as requested by Hon. Joseph 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 ROAD AND BRIDGE
PRECINCT 2 DEPARTMENT, 15-422 SLOT #1**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve to fill vacancy in Road & Bridge Precinct 2 department, 15-422- slot #1 effective September 02, 2024, as requested by 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 ALLOCATION FOR FY23-24 AND
PRESENTATION FROM BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ZAPATA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve allocation for FY 23-24 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and presentation from the Boys & Girls Club of Zapata as requested by Nellie Trevino, BCG President. Presentation attached for the record.

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

**ORDER APPROVING REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR USE OF
COMMUNITY CENTER FOR DINOSAUR GEORGE EVENT HOSTED BY
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ON AUGUST 27 AND 28, 2024**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve request to waive the fee for the use of the Community Center for the Dinosaur George Event hosted by Boys & Girls Club on August 27 & 28, 2024 as requested by Nellie Trevino, BCG President,

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

**ORDER APPROVING RESOLUTION AND USE OF US HWY 83 FOR
ZCISD HAWK FEST**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the resolution and use of US Hwy 83 for the ZCISD Hawk Fest to be held on October 16, 2024, 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 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS AND ANDRES GARCIA ZUNIGA, M.S.
FOR INMATES MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ANNUAL FEE
OF \$100,000.00 FOR TWO YEARS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Professional Service Agreement between Zapata County, Texas and Andres Garcia Zuniga, M.S. for Inmates Medical Services for an annual fee of \$100,000 for two (2) years as requested by Carlos 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 BID AWARD FOR RAW WATER INTAKE
ECWAG USDA PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve bid award for Raw Water Intake ECWAG USDA Project as recommended by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., of Premier Engineering, from Mouflon Oilfield Services in the amount of \$938,750.00, with request to allow county to purchase items directly which will lower bid to \$838,750.00 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
ZAPATA BOOSTER STATION AND SAN YGNACIO WATER PLANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment to Mouflon Oilfield Services for \$27,882.50 for work at San Ygnacio Water Plant as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported on Zapata Booster Station and San Ygnacio Water Plant. No invoice from contractor for booster station until next meeting. There has been no progress this month, they still have four months to complete booster station project. The San Ygnacio Water Plant project is 20% complete. No report was submitted for the record.

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 ZAPATA JAIL REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of \$15,675.00 to Campos Construction for Zapata Jail Repairs as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that project is 16% complete. Walls have been painted and bed frames have been fixed. No report submitted for the record.

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

**ORDER APPROVING STX GOLF MANAGEMENT TO HOST
ALL TYPES OF FUND-RAISING TOURNAMENTS AT
LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve STX Golf Management to host all types of fund-raising tournaments at the Los Ebanos Golf Course, all political signs to be removed upon completion of event, as requested by Rene Pina, Golf Course Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve installation of the following streetlights:

- a) 26th and Carla Street
- b) 26th and Fresno Street
- c) 409 Uribe Ave. San Ygnacio, TX

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 LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Commissioner Pct. 2	010-422-43580	Travel & Training	\$209.99
TO	Commissioner Pct. 2	010-422-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$209.99
FROM	Commissioner Pct. 2	010-422-43580	Travel & Training	\$550.12
TO	Commissioner Pct. 2	010-422-42610	General Supplies	\$550.12

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-43440	Rentals	\$1,000.00
TO	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000.00
FROM	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-43440	Rentals	\$1,000.00
TO	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-42610	General Supplies	\$1,000.00
FROM	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-42611	Scanning/Preservation	\$5,000.00
TO	Zapata Tax Office	010-499-43618	Postage/Freight	\$5,000.00

as requested by Hon. Delia Mendoza, Tax Assessor Collector.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Tax Office	010-499-42610	Office Supplies	\$125.00
TO	County Judge	010-400-42610	Fuel & Lubricants	\$125.00

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judge'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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	County Judge	010-400-43165	Indigent Defense	\$1,000.00
TO	County Judge	010-400-42610	Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,000.00

as requested by Roxana Elizondo, County Judge'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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Indigent	010-640-42610	General Supplies	\$841.47
TO	Zapata County Indigent	010-640-43211	Indigent Care	\$841.47
FROM	Zapata County Indigent	010-640-42610	General Supplies	\$200.00
TO	Zapata County Indigent	010-640-43580	Travel & Training	\$200.00

as requested by Patricia A. Gonzalez, Indigent 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 approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-42654	Prisoner Medical	\$647.81
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43431	Equipment Maintenance	\$647.81
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-42656	Prisoner Supplies	\$232.96
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43431	Equipment Maintenance	\$232.96
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43656	Prisoner supplies	\$1,478.44
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,478.44
FROM	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-42652	Prisoner Clothing	\$2,097.80
TO	Sheriff's County Jail	010-561-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,097.80
FROM	Sheriff's Regional	010-567-42656	Prisoner Supplies	\$231.21
TO	Sheriff's Regional	010-567-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$231.21

FROM	Sheriff's Regional	010-567-42652	Prisoner Clothing	\$1,199.40
TO	Sheriff's Regional	010-567-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,199.40

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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	County Attorney	010-475-43580	Rentals	\$2,100.00
TO	County Attorney	010-475-42610	General Supplies	\$2,100.00
FROM	County Attorney	010-475-42618	Postage/Freight	\$450.00
TO	County Attorney	010-475-42610	General Supplies	\$450.00
FROM	County Attorney	010-475-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,950.00
TO	County Attorney	010-475-42610	General Supplies	\$2,950.00
FROM	County Attorney	010-475-43440	Rentals	\$2,250.00
TO	County Attorney	010-475-42610	General Supplies	\$2,250.00

as requested by Hon. Said Figueroa, County Attorney.

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS EXCLUDED FROM LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

23. To approve the following line-item transfers to meet departmental needs:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE-ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Zapata County Airport	081-518-43580	Travel & Training	\$4,300.00
TO	Zapata County Airport	010-667-43135	Contract Services	\$4,300.00
FROM	Zapata County Airport	081-518-43135	Contract Services	\$800.00
TO	Zapata County Airport	010-667-43135	Contract Services	\$800.00
FROM	Zapata County Airport	081-518-42610	General Supplies	\$1,552.32
TO	Zapata County Airport	010-667-43580	Travel & Training	\$1,552.32

as requested by Ramon E. Montes, Airport Director.

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

ORDER TO RESCIND MOTION TO APPROVE ORDER APPROVING APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF "ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2024" AND ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST TO APPROVE ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF "ZAPATA COUNTY TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2024" AND ENTERING INTO A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

Motion was made Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to rescind motion to approve order authorizing the issuance of "Zapata County Texas

Certificates of Obligation Series 2024” and entering into a purchase and investment letter and a paying agent/registrar agreement and order to table request to approve order authorizing the issuance of "Zapata County Texas Certificates of Obligation Series 2024” and entering into a purchase and investment letter and a paying agent/registrar agreement as requested by Hon. Joseph Rathmell, County.

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 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ORDER ALLOWING NELLIE TREVIÑO TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING
MONUMENT DAMAGES AT CEMETERY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to allow Nellie Treviño to continue negotiating monument damages at cemetery 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.

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 Garza, 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