

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

Be it remembered, that on this the 12th day of November 2025, 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: Delia Mendoza, Robert Tijerina, Marlissa Molina Rodríguez, Daniel Martínez, and Marlow Bigler.

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

Judge Joe Rathmell extended his congratulations to all candidates following the recent election. He recognized Sheriff-Elect Ramon Montes and Precinct 1 Commissioner-Elect David Moya for their victories. Additionally, Judge Rathmell noted an amendment to the Mexico-U.S. water treaty, stating that Mexico will now allow San Juan water to be counted as part of its treaty obligations.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve invoices from October 28 – November 7, 2024, for \$579,809.21 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 Mendoza, 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 Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve checks issued from October 28 – November 7, 2024, for \$579,809.21 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 for \$6,074.09 for October with a year-to-date total of \$6,074.09. Net collections were \$7,078.09 with tax collections at a rate of 20.60% for 2024.

ORDER APPROVING USE OF OUTSIDE PAVILION FOR CHRISTMAS MARKET ON DECEMBER 19, 2024, FOR ZAPATA NORTH ELEMENTARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the use of the outside pavilion for the Christmas Market on December 19, 2024, for Zapata North Elementary as requested by Zapata North Elementary Parents.

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

ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF "ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 24"; AND AUTHORIZING PAYEE AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE INVESTMENT LETTER; AND AUTHORIZING MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve issuance of "Zapata County, Texas Certificates of Obligation Series 2024"; authorizing payee agent/Registrar agreement and a purchase and investment letter; and authorizing other matters relating thereto, as requested by Daniel M. Martinez, Winstead PC.

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

ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE JOE RATHMELL AND COMMISSIONER ROBERT GARZA AS MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO ZAPATA COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza to appoint Judge Joe Rathmell and Commissioner Robert Garza as members of the Commissioners' Court for a two-year term to the Zapata County Appraisal District Board 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 OF INVOICE TO REP&P FOR
LIGHTS INSTALLED AT LOS EBANOS GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$2,800.00 to REP&P INC. for lights installed at the Los Ebanos Golf Course, payment to come out of non-department 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 SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO
FUNDING AGENCY TO SEEK APPROVAL OF FUNDING AMOUNT
FOR COUNTY OF ZAPATA BROADBAND EXPANSION CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve submitting a proposal to funding agency to seek approval of funding amount for County of Zapata Broadband Expansion Contract 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 REQUEST OF COMPENSATION FOR
OVERTIME WORKERS DURING GENERAL ELECTION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve requests of compensation for overtime workers during the general election for \$2,405.00 as requested by Delia Mendoza, Zapata County Voter Registrar.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND
RESOLUTION OF HWY 16 ALONG HIDALGO BLVD
FOR 2ND ANNUAL TURKEY TROT ON NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mendoza, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve the temporary closure and resolution of Hwy 16 along Hidalgo Blvd for the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot on November 17, 2024, as requested by Nellie Treviño, HR 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

15. to request to waive the fee of the Zapata County Community Center for the Zapata County Employee Club Christmas Club Dance on December 14, 2024, s requested by Elva Garcia, Club President.

**ORDER APPROVING VEHICLE TRANSFER FROM CONSTABLE PCT. 1
TO AIRPORT DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, to approve the vehicle transfer from the Constable Pct. 1 to Airport Department as requested by Ramon Montes, Airport Director.

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

ORDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS AND STATUS REVIEW ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the following payments and status review of various projects as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Premier Engineering.

- Northwest Colonia Booster – approval of payment of Inv. #5 for \$55,385 to Acstar; project is 45% complete. Contractor has been working on pumps, boosters, and ground storage tank. Project should be complete by December 16, just before deadline.
- San Ygnacio Water Plant – approval of payment of Inv. #6 for \$69,825.00 to Acstar; project is 34% complete. Contractor has been working on clarifier, sandblasted and cleaned tank.
- Sheriff's Office Improvements – approval of payments to O'Conner Engineer for a total of \$2,850.00 (SO \$1,425.00 and EOC \$1,425.00). Provided plans for incoming Sheriff. Asbestos testing was done at EOC and Sheriff's Office.
- Fire Station Office Improvements – They are checking with administrators to get agreement with USDA; will have follow up meeting.
- USDA Raw Water Intake Project – Contract is approved; getting estimates for track hoe caterpillar.

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

ORDER APPROVING LINE-ITEM TRANSFER

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	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-43582	Travel & Training	\$85.00
TO	Constable Pct. 2	010-550-42612	Supplies	\$85.00

as requested by Fire Chief Daniel Arriaga.

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