

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that on the 28th day of April 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
David Moya	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: Nellie Treviño, Ralph Treviño, Roger Miller, Karran Westerman, Maria Y. De Leon, Melissa Moya, Anna Holcomb, Patricia A. Gonzalez, Rebecca Y. Gutierrez, Sara Rathmell, Daniel Arriaga, Andrew Joseph Treviño, Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Olga Bruni 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**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION BY DR. ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis thanked everyone for working off hours at Los Ebanos Golf Course.

Commissioner Morales invited the public to the 5 de Mayo celebration in San Ygnacio.

Commissioner Garza congratulated the Lady Hawks, mentioned FFA kids had excelled, and praised the One Act Play performance.

Ralph Treviño reported that waterworks staff worked overnight to install new valves, completing the job at 4:00 a.m. Test results for water samples are expected tomorrow, and the boil water notice remains in effect until then.

Becky Gutierrez announced the start of registration for the Summer reading program, with the theme "Color Our World." The library will be open every other Saturday starting May 10.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martha Morales addressed the Court regarding item #20, which concerns the use of catastrophic funds for the reimbursement of Operation Lone Star Funds.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from April 11 – April 25, 2025, for \$411,668.79, 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 April 11 – April 25, 2025, for \$411,668.79, said amount includes a check made to workers compensation for \$39,829.75, 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 ON BORDER CLINIC

Alejandra Arellano made a presentation on the Border Clinic. A new clinic will open at 908 E. Hidalgo Blvd. in Zapata, offering more space and better patient care. New FNP Maria Perez Grajeda will join the team as well. The clinic in Laredo is located at 1310 Trade Drive.

ORDER APPROVING SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE (SAVNS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve a participating entities service agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS), pending review by Mr. Figueroa, 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 SHERIFF'S OFFICE PHASE 2, AS THE SELECTED PROJECT, FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION FOR THE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve Sheriff's Office Phase 2, as the selected project, for funding consideration for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 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 6" TRAILER MOUNT PUMP WITH DEISEL ENGINE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to approve purchase of a 6" Trailer Mound Pump with diesel engine for Water Department from VP Sales & Manufacturing for \$43,500.00 from the Certificate of Obligation as requested by Hon. David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1.

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

NO ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado from Sames Chevrolet from the Certificate of Obligation, as requested by Hon. David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1. Motion dies for lack of a second.

ORDER TO TABLE COMMISSIONER MOYA'S REQUEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 DELCO FLATBED TRAILER

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table Commissioner Moya's request to purchase 2024 Delco flatbed trailer to haul equipment from Brush Country trailers for \$16,675 from Certificate of Obligation.

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

**ORDER TO TABLE COMMISSIONER GARZA'S REQUEST
TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES TO BORDER REGION BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to table Commissioner Garza's request to approve payment of annual dues to Border Region Behavioral Health Center 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 \$40,000 FOR NEW GENERATOR FOR
ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Judge Rathmell, to approve \$40,000.00 for a new generator for the Zapata County Sheriff's Office, \$25,000.00 will come from City of Laredo 911 Regional Admin., and \$15,000.00 from County funds, \$20,000 will be paid up front by Zapata County. The County will be reimbursed from Certificate of Obligation, as requested by Sheriff Ramon Montes, County Sheriff.

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

REVIEW OF ZAPATA BOOSTER STATION PROJECT

Manuel Gonzalez provided an update on the Booster Station project stating that it is approximately 89.7% complete. The connection between the hydro tank and the pump in the chemical feed lines has been completed. No report was provided for the record.

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE OF REVIEW ON
ZAPATA DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment of Inv. #1 for \$48,326.60 payable to Aestar (Mouflon Oilfield Services) for work performed on the Zapata Drainage Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the county crew has mowed and cleared the area. Additionally, 250 feet of lines have been laid, and the culvert is being cleaned.

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

**ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND REVIEW OF
LOS EBANOS WALKING TRAIL**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment of Inv. #27954 for \$2,500.00 payable to Premier Engineering for work performed at Los Ebanos Walking Trail Project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the project is 75-80% complete. The remaining tasks include lighting, fencing, and parking. The culverts are in place. They will be submitting for reimbursement for lighting and fencing.

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 Morales, to approve the following line-item transfers:

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Indigent Health Care	010-640-43580	Travel & Training	\$1,081.36
TO	Indigent Health Care	010-640-42610	General Supplies	\$1,081.36

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 Morales, to approve the following line item transfers: (except for a transfer from Fuel and Lubricants, which is not included in this table)

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Special Road & Bridge Pct. 4	015-425+42610	General Supplies	\$6,000.00
TO	Special Road & Bridge Pct. 4	015-424-42700	Road Construction	\$6,000.00
FROM	Special Road & Bridge Pct. 4	015-424-43430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000.00
TO	Special Road & Bridge Pct. 4	015-424-42700	Road Construction	\$5,000.00

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SOLIS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARZA, TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ORDER APPROVING SALARY FOR LUIS C. GARZA FOR UPGRADING TO CLASS C WATER OPERATOR LICENSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve salary of \$14.98 for Luis C. Garza after upgrading Class D license to Class C Water Operator License in Slot #1 - Zapata Water Works as requested by Ralph Treviño, Water Plant Director.

Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Sub Chapter D, Section 551.071, consultation with attorney.

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

24 To review court administration positions originally funded by Operation Lone Star as requested by Hon. Jose A. Solis, Commissioner Pct. 3.
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 Morales, 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