

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ZAPATA**

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of May 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: Rebecca Y. Gutiérrez, Roger Miller, Karran Westerman, Patricia A. González, Adolfo González, Jr., Manuel González, Jr., 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 DR. ROGER MILLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT CHAPLAIN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Solis reported on a recent structural fire, noting that members of the community arrived to assist. He expressed his gratitude to several community members for their help.

Judge Rathmell noted a Memorial Day Celebration that was held at the cemetery. He thanked the attendees, JROTC, veterans, Pope Gonzalez, the Veteran's Service Officer for their participation. Cadets placed over 400 flags on veterans graves.

Commissioner Moya announced that lifeguards are being hired for the pool. Interested individuals may apply at the Human Resources Department and must possess a certificate.

Patricia A. Gonzalez, Director of the Health Care Program, delivered a comprehensive three-year report, which has been attached for the record.

Judge and Commissioners will attend the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference on June 1.

ORDER APPROVING INVOICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve invoices from May 9 – May 22, 2025, for \$658,469.38, 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 May 9 – May 22, 2025, for \$658,469.38, 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 REGARDING SAVINGS ACHIEVED FOR ZAPATA COUNTY AND P3 GROUP'S 2025 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT PROPOSAL

Presentation regarding the savings achieved to date for the County and the P3 group's 2025 electricity procurement proposal as requested by David Quinn, Public Power Pool. Attached for the record.

ORDER RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO FY2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve ratifying submission of grant application to the FY2026 Community Project funding for county wide drainage, sidewalks, and street infrastructure improvements 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 OSO BLANCO STORAGE UNITS FOR USAGE BY COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of \$1,650.00 to Oso Blanco Storage Units for usage by County Treasurer's Office, account closed effective June 15, 2025, 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 AWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO ESSER & COMPANY CONSULTING, LLC, FOR FY2025 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, seconded by Commissioner Solis, to award administrative service to Esser & Company Consulting, LLC, for the FY2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All 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 AWARDING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREMIER ENGINEERING FOR FY2025 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to award engineering services to Premier Engineering for FY2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All 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 STX GOLF MANAGEMENT
FOR PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION PARTS FOR GOLF COURSE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve payment of invoice of \$2,130.50 to STX Golf Management for the purchase of irrigation parts for the golf course 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.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION FUNDS

Triunfo Gonzalez, County Auditor, and Manuel Gonzalez reviewed and discussed the Certificate of Obligation Funds as requested by Hon. David Moya, Commissioner Pct. 1. Information is attached for the record.

**ORDER APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF ROOF AT PUMP
STATION AT GUADALUPE & LILIA MARTINEZ SWIMMING COMPLEX**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve new construction of roof at pump station at the Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez Swimming Complex, in the amount of \$2,280.00, 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.

**ORDER APPROVING CHAPA CONSTRUCTION'S
QUOTE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT REGIONAL INFIRMARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Moya, to approve Chapa Construction's quote for the improvements at the regional jail infirmary. The total amount is \$4,500.00, with \$2,500.00 to be paid upfront for materials and the remaining balance to be paid upon project completion 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.

ORDER APPROVING OPENING OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICER POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve the opening of the Transportation Officer position at starting pay of \$30,542.00 in Department 410, Slot 4, to be paid out of Operation Lone Star funds, 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.

**ORDER APPROVING \$20,000 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO
LINE ITEM 231-416-43436 (CLIENT SERVICES)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Moya, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve \$20,000.00 additional funding to line item 231-416-43436 (Client Services). Zapata County Homes for Heroes Grant was approved for additional funding in that amount as requested by Pope Gonzalez, Veteran's Service Officer.

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

**ORDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR CUSTODIAN
MAINTENANCE OPENING AT LIBRARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, approve to advertise for custodian maintenance opening. All interviews will be done by Friends of the Library as requested by Rebecca Gutierrez, Library Director.

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

**ORDER TO TABLE REQUEST BY REBECCA GUTIERREZ
FOR HELP WITH ROOF AT OLGA V. FIGUEROA LIBRARY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to table request by Rebecca Gutierrez to help to remodel or replace the entire roof to the Olga V. Figueroa Library as requested by Rebecca Gutierrez, Library Director.

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
REVIEW STATUS ON ZAPATA BOOSTER STATION PROJECT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve payment of Inv. # 13 for \$68,983.57 payable to Acstar for work performed at Zapata Booster Station as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Armando Guerra reported that the project is 99.5% complete. Sample startup was done. Pending final chemical feed system.

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Solis, seconded by Commissioner Moya, to approve payment of Inv. #3 for 41,419.75 payable to Acstar (Mouflon Oilfield Services) for work performed on the Zapata Drainage project as requested by Manuel Gonzalez, Jr., Premier Engineering.

Armando Guerra reported that the project is 67% complete, added concrete, repaired leak. Project should be done within the next three weeks.

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

	DEPARTMENT	LINE ITEM	FUND	AMOUNT
FROM	Commissioner Pct. 3	010-423-43580	Travel	\$1,684.27
TO	Commissioner Pct. 3	010-423-42610	General Supplies	\$1,684.27

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 Solis, seconded by Commissioner Morales, 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