

Zapata County, Texas



Commissioners Court

Rosalva Guerra
County Judge

Jose Emilio Vela
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Joseph Rathmell
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Gabriel Villarreal
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Norberto Garza
Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Public Notice
Special Commissioners Court Meeting
Zapata County Courthouse, 200 E. 7th Ave, Suite 108
Zapata, Texas 78076
July 13, 2009
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE ROSALVA GUERRA, ZAPATA COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll call by Honorable Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan, Zapata County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comment – This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a public participation form specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on.
7. Departmental Reports

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

8. To lease mail machine with Pitney Bowes Inc. **[Requested by Stanford C. Todd, Pitney Bowes Account Executive.]**
9. To request the use of the Oswaldo H. & Juanita G. Ramirez Exhibit Hall for a Ramon Ayala Dance on July 25th from 7:30 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. **[Requested by Zapata County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.]**
10. To approve the hiring of Hector Garza as labor/maintenance, @7.25/Hr. slot #2 Road and Bridge Department # 15-012-554. **[Requested by County Commissioner, Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. # 2.]**
11. To approve investment resolution from Lone Star Investment Pool. **[Requested by County Treasurer, Romeo Salinas.]**
12. To approve the purchase of four 16 – passenger shuttle buses with FTA grant TX-04-0033-00 federal grant from Congressman Henry Cuellar. **[Requested by County Treasurer, Romeo Salinas.]**
13. To approve request in the amount of \$24,000.00 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to continue providing monthly food distribution at the Helping Hands Food Pantry. **[Requested by County Treasurer, Romeo Salinas.]**
14. To approve notification of no investment changes to Updated Investment Policy for FY 2009. **[Requested by County Treasurer, Romeo Salinas.]**
15. To approve annual updated Investment Policy for FY 2009. **[Requested by County Treasurer, Romeo Salinas.]**
16. To hire Mr. Ramiro Martinez as consultant for two days per week and pay out of Line Item 10-409-730 Consulting Fees. **[Requested by County Auditor, Doroteo N. Garza.]**
17. Presentation of plans and specs to beautify and remodel County Plaza and approve funds to assist or complete the proposed project. **[Requested by Chamber of Commerce.]**
18. To install a speed bump at 2212 Elm Street in the town of Zapata. **[Requested by County Commissioner, Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.]**
19. To support and assist the San Ygnacio Municipal Utility District with \$100,000.00 out of the San Ygnacio Drainage Project Fund to replace about 22,000 ft. of asbestos water lines with PVC lines. The total cost of the project is about \$600,000.00. **[Requested by County Commissioner, Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.]**
20. To award bids for materials only, for Pct. #3 and Pct. # 4 Road Bond Paving Project Phase II. **[Requested by Project Coordinator, Mario Gonzalez-Davis.]**

21. Approval to fill road maintenance position in Pct. 1 at a salary of \$7.85 an hour to replace employee recently transferred to Pct. 3 as grader operator. **[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]**
22. Status report by Negrete & Kolar Architects on the Flores Park and possible action to approve additional amenities needed to complete the project in compliance with master plan approved between Texas Parks & Wildlife and Zapata County. **[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]**
23. To approve Change Order No. 1, the addition of a 0.75 MGD Precast Ground Storage Tank at a cost of \$564,000.00 for the Zapata County Water Treatment Plant Contract. **[Requested by Project Coordinator, Mario Gonzalez-Davis and Project Engineer, Jake Rathmell.]**
24. To repair fence on cattle dipping vat near the Zapata Webb County Line at a cost of \$8,820.00. **[Requested by County Commissioner, Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. # 2.]**
25. To install a street light at 1903 Falcon Street in Medina Addition in Zapata, Texas. **[Requested by County Commissioner, Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. # 2.]**
26. To approve the temporary hire of a secretary for the Precinct 4 Office (2 weeks) to be paid from line item 10-004-690, in place of Missy Garza. **[Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. #4.]**
27. To approve bid for materials only for the fence in Pct. 4 Park area. **[Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. # 4.]**
28. To approve bid for labor only for the fence in Pct. 4 Park area. **[Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. # 4.]**
29. To approve bid for labor only for the Zapata County Little League Park area. **[Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. # 4.]**
30. To approve the electrical work for the Zapata County Library, at estimate cost of \$10,000.00. **[Requested by County Library, Aida Garcia.]**
31. To re-examine the office location given to District Attorney, Isidro Alaniz. **[Requested by County Attorney, Said A. Figueroa.]**
32. To advertise for Request for Proposals on the Zapata County Medical Clinic. **[Requested by County Judge, Rosalva Guerra.]**
33. The approval of the TxDOT Imposition of Optional Fees for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. **[Requested by County Judge, Rosalva Guerra.]**
34. To request funds under Section 74.604 of the Texas Property Code from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. **[Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]**
35. To approve a proposed contract for the use of the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Showbarn. **[Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]**

36. To authorize Zapata County to advertise for bids on drainage improvements for Pedernales Rd. and Jennings Rd. **[Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]**
37. To ratify memorandum of understanding with Siesta Shores WCID. **[Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]**
38. To authorize Zapata County Waterworks to advertise for bids for Water System Improvements for Las Palmas (booster system/water tank). **[Requested by Carlos Trevino Jr., Water/Sewer Director.]**
39. To authorize the Sheriff to use funds from line item 10-695-532 to extend Mechanic Shop for storage of valuable surveillance equipment, amount not to exceed \$27,000.00. **[Requested by County Sheriff, Sigifredo Gonzalez, Jr.]**
40. To approve the order for an election to create a County Assistance District with the authority to levy a sales tax and set the rate at one-half of one percent to finance the operations of the district and be placed on the ballot for the general elections of November 3, 2009, which shall read:
- Authorizing the creation of the Zapata County Assistance District and the imposition of a sales and use tax of one percent for the purpose of financing the operations of the district.
- [Requested by the Zapata County Economic Development Center.]**
41. To approve the resolution on the County Assistance District Sales Tax. **[Requested by Zapata County Economic Development Center.]**
42. To approve the use of the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Exhibit Hall for the 1st Annual South Texas Bow-Hunter Shootout to be organized by the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce on September 5, 2009. **[Requested by Zapata County Chamber of Commerce.]**
43. To approve proposed San Ygnacio municipal Landfill fees. **[Requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.]**
44. To approve proposed Hours of Operation for the San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill. **[Requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.]**
45. To approve the temporary closure of the San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill due to reaching its maximum capacity level. **[Requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Environmental Department Supervisor.]**
46. To approve salary adjustments for the Environmental Health Department, as proposed. **[Requested by Guillermo M. Saenz.]**

CONSENT ITEMS

47. Approval to install a 4-way stop at the following intersections:
 A. Flores and 4th St. (Flores Addition)
 B. Park and Retama (Falcon Lake Estates East)
 C. Hidalgo Blvd. and 10th Ave.

[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. #1.]

48. Approval to install speed hump at the following locations:
 A. Falcon Shores Drive between Martinez and Villarreal Avenues (Nicholson Subdivision).
 B. 6th Street between Serna St. and East St. (Falcon Community).

[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]

49. Approval to install speed humps at the following locations:
 A. Between 4th and 7th on Villa Street
 B. 13th and Villa on 1214 Ramireño Street
 C. 1505 Medina Street
 D. 13th and 16th Street on Diaz Street
 E. 7th and 4th Street on Diaz Street
 F. 1416 Medina Street
 G. 608 Bravo Street
 H. Between 7th and 10th Street (In front of Villarreal Elementary)

[Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.]

50. Submission for consideration on the following Line Item Transfers:

| | FUND | DEPT. | ACCT. | AMT. |
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| | RAW FOOD | NUTR. CENTER | 38-648-336 | \$500.00 |
| FROM | FUEL & LUBRICANT | NUTR. CENTER | 38-647-330 | \$700.00 |
| | FUEL & LUBRICANT | NUTR. CENTER | 38-648-330 | \$700.00 |

| | FUND | DEPT. | ACCT. | AMT. |
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| | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | NUTR. CENTER | 36-647-454 | \$500.00 |
| TO | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | NUTR. CENTER | 38-648-454 | \$700.00 |
| | REPAIR & MAINTENANCE | NUTR. CENTER | 38-649-454 | \$700.00 |

To meet budget requirements. **[Requested by Nutrition Center, Department Head, Carmen Reyes.]**

51. Line Item Transfer from 10-409-467- CACST Rental \$8,200.00 to 10-409-730 – Consulting Fees and from 10-409-467 –Ins. \$1,800.00 to 10-409-730 – Consulting Fees. **[Requested by County Auditor, Doroteo N. Garza.]**

52. To approve the following line item transfers:

| | FUND | DEPT. | ACCT. | AMT. |
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| FROM | ELECTRICITY | WATER PLANT | 80-600-443 | \$2,500.00 |
| TO | UNIFORMS | WATER PLANT | 80-600-205 | \$2,500.00 |
| FROM | ELECTRICITY | WATER PLANT | 80-600-443 | \$28,000.00 |
| TO | OVERTIME | WATERPLANT | 80-600-121 | \$28,000.00 |

[Requested by Carlos Treviño Jr., Water/Sewer Director.]

53. To approve the following line item transfers:

| | FUND | DEPT. | ACCT. | AMT. |
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| FROM | POSTAGE | SEWER PLANT | 08-602-31 | \$1,200.00 |
| TO | UNIFORMS | SEWER PLANT | 08-602-205 | \$1,200.00 |
| FROM | EQUIPMENT RENTAL | SEWERPLANT | 08-602-462 | \$5,000.00 |
| TO | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | SEWER PLANT | 08-602-336 | \$5,000.00 |
| FROM | CHLORINE & CHEMICALS | SEWER PLANT | 08-602-341 | \$12,000.00 |
| TO | REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | SEWER PLANT | 08-602-336 | \$12,000.00 |

[Requested by Eloy Chapa, Sewer Plant Supervisor.]

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

54. To approve Proclamation for Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week for the week of July 19-25, 2009. **[Requested by Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Sandy J. Pippin-Gomez and CSCD Supervisor Monica L. Benavidez]**

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

55. Announcement by Maria Eva U. Ramirez on her contribution (Memorial Stone) to honor deceased Veterans from Falcon, Texas and plan a dedication November, 2009, in observance of Veteran's Day. **[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]**

56. Financial status report from the Zapata County Sesquicentennial Committee on total donations received from memorial benches and pavers compared to number delivered and installed to this day. **[Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]**
57. Request for 3rd Party Funding – STACADA Youth Prevention & Treatment Services. **[Requested by STACADA, Executive Director, Chris Laurel.]**
58. Quarterly Report of the Zapata County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. **[Requested by Zapata County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.]**
59. Monthly business report of the Zapata County Economic Development Center (ZEDC). **[Requested by ZEDC President, Peggy Umphres Moffett.]**
60. Status Report on San Ygnacio Municipal Landfill by Raul Garcia, Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers. **[Requested by County Judge, Rosalva Guerra.]**
61. Report on the removal of dilapidated building in the North entrance of Zapata by County Attorney Said A. Figueroa. **[Requested by County Judge, Rosalva Guerra.]**
62. Status report on Falcon RWSC water line improvement project. **[Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]**
63. Presentation of Schematic Design Phase of Zapata County Fair Grounds and Mira Flores Park. **[Requested by Coterra-Reed Architects.]**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

64. Discussion and possible action regarding personnel matters for the Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez Swimming Complex. **[Requested by Zaragoza Rodriguez, IV and Maria E. Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor.]**

ADJOURN

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chap. 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY, 2009.

By: *Nellie R. Treviño*
Nellie R. Treviño
Executive Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Zapata County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse of Zapata County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 10th day of JULY, 2009 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF JULY, 2009.

MARY JAYNE VILLARREAL-BONOAN, COUNTY CLERK, ZAPATA COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: *Anne S. Lyons*

