

# 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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VILLARREAL-BONOAN  
COUNTY CLERK

**Public Notice**  
**Regular Commissioners Court Meeting**  
**Zapata County Courthouse, 200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 108**  
**Zapata, Texas 78076**  
**May 11, 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 consider/approve professional services with Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Solid Waste Planning Feasibility Study for amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. [Requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Director.]
9. To approve resolution for the Zapata County Boat Ramp Project construction budget in the amount of \$977,088.00. [Requested by Mario Gonzalez-Davis, Project Director.]
10. To change and approve hours of operations at the Zapata County Landfill. [Requested by Guillermo M. Saenz, Intrim Director Environmental Department.]
11. The financial assurances for landfill operations and other landfill issues. [Requested by Raul Garcia, Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.]
12. To approve Affiliation Agreement between Zapata County and Laredo Medical Center. The objective of the Affiliation Agreement is to enter into a collaborative, whereby, LMC and Zapata will conduct an assessment that will seek to identify ways to improve the delivery of care to patients in Zapata County. [Requested by Carlos Zaffirini, Jr., CEO, Adelanto HealthCare Ventures, L.L.C.]
13. To install "No Parking" signs on the Southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Hwy 83 and FM 496. [Requested by Eddie Gracia, TXDOT.]
14. To approve the temporary hire of Enedina Treviño in place of Sybil Singleton at minimum wage. [Requested by Aida Garcia, Librarian.]
15. To request a salary adjustment for Felipe Gonzalez from the Recycling Department at a rate of other crew leaders. [Requested by Hector Lopez, Jr.]
16. To use the Oswaldo and Juanita Ramirez Showbarn as a site for 4-H animal vendors. [Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza.]
17. To approve advertising for the position of a licensed Wastewater Operator for the sewer plant. [Requested by Carlos Treviño Jr., Water/Waste Water Director.]
18. To approve the appointment of an interim director to the Code Enforcement Department fund #10 Code Department 596. [Requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.]
19. To allow new field exploration to cross old U.S. Hwy 83 off of Meza-Salinas Road for the installation of a new pipeline. [Requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.]
20. Approval of invoice from Mr. Victor Guerra for reimbursement of feed expense during fence installation at county landfill. [Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]

21. Approval of administrative plan to start operations at the Martinez Swimming Pool Complex effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. [Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]
22. Award bid proposal to install security fence on the completed Flores Park site as per specifications prepared by Negrete & Kolar Architects. [Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]
23. To use the Zapata County Community Center for Operation Lone Star the first week of August (August 3-7, 2009) as a host site. [Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]
24. Request by the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce to adopt the Plaza for beautification, seasonal decorations and sponsorship of special activities. [Requested by Zapata County Chamber of Commerce.]
25. Report and/or approval of Independent Auditor's Report for FY 2007-08 by Jorge Flores of Flores & Flores PLLC. [Requested by Ramiro V. Martinez, County Consultant.]
26. Consider and or assign cleaning area located in 1) community center 2) TX State Dept of Health 3) Recycling Dept 4) Animal Control 5) North Wing of Comm Center 6) South Wing of Comm Center to responsible parties. [Requested by County Judge Rosalva Guerra.]

#### CONSENT ITEMS

27. To approve line item transfer to meet budget requirements. [Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.]
 

From:	Special Road & Bridge	10-014-595	Caliche	\$15,000.00
To:	Special Road & Bridge	10-014-554	Road Construction	\$15,000.00
28. To approve line item transfers to meet budget requirements. [Requested by Commissioner Joseph Rathmell, Pct. 3.]
 

From:	Special Road & Bridge	10-013-590	Caliche	\$10,000.00
To:	Special Road & Bridge	10-013-554	Road Construction	\$10,000.00
From:	Commissioner, Pct. 3	10-003-590	Bravo Park	\$10,000.00
To:	Commissioner, Pct. 3	10-003-394	Parks & Buildings	\$10,000.00
29. To approve line item transfers to meet budget requirements. [Requested by Doroteo N. Garza, County Auditor.]
 

From:	County Auditor	10-495-310	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
To:	County Auditor	10-495-427	Workshops/Travel	\$2,500.00
30. To approve line item transfer to meet budget requirements. [Requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.]
 

From:	Commissioner Pct. 2	10-002-398	Feed/Supplies	\$8,000.00
To:	Commissioner Pct. 2	10-002-392	Parks, Pct. 2	\$8,000.00

31. To approve line item transfer to meet budget requirements. [Requested by Aida R. Garcia, Librarian.]
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|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| From: Public Library | 10-650-427 | Workshops/Travel | \$1,000.00 |
| To: Public Library   | 10-650-462 | Repairs/Maint.   | \$1,000.00 |
32. Approval of (2) 4-way stops at the following street intersections:  
 A. Intersection of Glenn Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Zapata Townsite).  
 B. Intersection of Senisa Drive and Retama Street (Falcon Lake Estates East).  
 [Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]
33. Approval of Speed hump at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Flores Addition and installation of a caution handicap sign in the same vicinity. [Requested by Commissioner Jose Emilio Vela, Pct. 1.]
34. To approve security lights at 505 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1605 Bravo St. in the Town of Zapata. [ Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.]
35. To install a security light at 2403 Elm Street in Zapata, and a speed hump at 1204 Falcon Street also in the Town of Zapata. [Requested by Commissioner Gabriel Villarreal, Pct. 2.]
36. To approve street lights at the following locations:
- Between 13<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 1407 Villa St.
  - 1007 Pine Avenue
- [Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.]
37. To approve installation of a speed hump on 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Hwy 16. [Requested by Commissioner Norberto Garza, Pct. 4.]

## RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

38. To proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month. [Requested by Border Region MHMR.]
39. To approve the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning Resolution and to approve the Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Zapata County Resolution as recommended by the Texas Forest Service. [Requested by Juan Jose Meza, Fire Chief.]
40. To approve resolution for Zapata County's nomination to the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2009 Hardworking Rural Community Awards. [Requested by Rosalva Guerra, County Judge.]

41. To approve the Zapata County Criminal Justice Progress Grant Resolution. [Requested by Roger Miller, Probation Office.]

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

42. Report by Falcon Community Officers regarding building restrictions within the residential area and clarify existing policy for the Falcon Community Cemetery. [Requested by Jose Emilio Vela, Commissioner Pct. 1.]
43. Presentation on Patented: Pipeline Marker and Safety. [Requested by Mario J. Garza and Amada V. Garza.]
44. Report by Jeff Snowden of Capex Consulting on Waterworks office billing systems analysis. [Requested by Carlos Treviño, Jr., Water Plant Supervisor.]
45. Report on the review by Fitch Ratings, New York, on the bonds of the loans by the Texas Water development System. [Requested by Ramiro V. Martinez, County Consultant.]
46. Monthly Zapata County Economic Development Center Business Report. [Requested by Zapata County Economic Development Center.]

## **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.

47. Report and possible action on unsettled and disputed debts prior to the re-organization of the Zapata County Chamber of Commerce. [Requested by Zapata County Chamber of Commerce.]
48. Consultation with County Attorney to address concerns raised by Dr. Sands regarding the Zapata County Medical Clinic. [Requested by Saíd A. Figueroa, County Attorney.]

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2009.

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

BY: *Mary Jayne Villarreal-Bonoan*

