

August 8, 2019
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of August, A.D., 2019 there was held a Regular Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Willacy County, Texas at the County Judge's Office, 576 West Main, in the City of Raymondville, Texas for the purpose of transacting the following agenda:

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum.
3. Invocation / Pledge.
4. Public Comment (s).
5. Approval of previous minutes as follows:
 - July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - July 16, 2019 Special Meeting
6. Spread in the Minutes – Certificate of Completion for Willacy County Pct. 1 Constable Carlos Ybarra for completing the Forty-Hour Course in Continuing Education for Constables.
7. Spread in the Minutes – Commissioner Eliberto Guerra has successfully completed 17.00 hours of Educational Training During the 85th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference on June 10-13, 2019.
8. Spread in the Minutes – Certificate of Completion for Willacy County Chief Jail Administrator Rene Ramirez from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for completing 2 CEU in Jail Administrator Examination (TCJS 301)
9. Discussion and acknowledging 1st Responders during the Flood Event on June 24, 2019.
10. Discuss, Consider, and Adopt Resolution designating an Administration Service Provider for the 2019-2020 Colonia Texas CDBG Community Development Fund Application and Project Implementation. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discuss, Consider and Adopt Resolution designating an Engineering Service Provider for the 2019-2020 Colonia Texas CDBG Community Development Fund Application and Project related Engineering Services. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve Contract with VTX for Phone and Internet Services, retroactive July 19, 2019. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Approval of a Resolution in support of submittal of the Proposed USACE Project to the U.S. Congress under Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRDDA) Act 2014 to address Flood Planning, Mitigation and Infrastructure Projects in Cameron County and the LRGV. ACTION REQUIRED

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14. Discussion and Action to approve Preliminary Plat of the Gomez Estate Subdivision – Being all of Block Seventy (70), containing 3.26 acres, of the town site of Lasara, Willacy, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Pages 27 & 28, Map Records, Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to approve renaming the Multi – Purpose Fund to Courthouse Restoration Fund. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve FY2020 Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County, Texas and Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve Right Of Way Permit for North Alamo Water Supply – to bore 2 inch waterline on CR 2100 approximate 2,840 feet East from the North East Corner of FM 1420, 1 inch meter service (USDA Dripping Station). ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Action to declare usage of unencumbered fund balances due to flooding (Emergency). ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to approve one (1) year farm lease agreement from August 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020 between Willacy County Commissioners as Lessors, and Andrew and Bryan Parker Brother Farms LLC, as Lessee. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and Action to approve to pay employee from the County Clerk’s Office the accrued time from the week of June 24-29, 2019 on the next pay period. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to Conduct Public Hearing regarding Ponte Alto Reinvestment Zone # 1. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Discussion and Action on Approval of Resolution designating Ponte Alto Reinvestment Zone # 1. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Discuss the TDA CDBG 2019-2020 Colonia Fund Application and Process and Take Action as Necessary. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
28. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
29. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
30. Approval to ratify special claims. ACTION REQUIRED

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31. Review monthly reports on jail count.
32. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
33. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor's Assistant,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,

WHEREUPON, the Court was opened to the following proceedings were had to wit:

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Alejandra Sanchez	Richard Hernandez	Gerald Cantu
Fatimah A.	Roberta Salazar	Evedio Cortina
Dionicio Cadena	Fabian Salazar	D. Rodriguez
Toy	Espi Sanchez	Jorge Rodriguez
Jazzlynne Espinoza	David Ramirez	
Klaritza Garza	Francisco Medrano	
N. Garcia	Ernie Garcia	
Judge Migdalia Lopez	Gilbert Torres	
Glorimar Reyes	Sylvia Cruz	
Ruben Garza	Jeff Petterson	

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – **ALL PRESENT**
3. Pledge – Commissioner Henry De La Paz Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales

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4. Public Comments – District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa comments about an event that will be held in Hidalgo County on August 22, 2019 for the 5th Annual Lower Accusable Labor Day Weekend.

Commander George E. Solis comments on reference to a resolution supporting acknowledgment of our Unites States Military killed in action Heroes from Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas.

Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: JULY 11, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AND
JULY 16, 2019 SPECIAL
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of previous minutes as follows: July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting and July 16, 2019 Special Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR WILLACY COUNTY PRECINCT
1 CONSTABLE CARLOS YBARRA
FOR COMPLETING THE FORTY –
HOUR COURSE IN CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR CONSTABLES

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – certificate of completion for Willacy County Precinct 1 Constable Carlos Ybarra for completing the forty (40)– hour course in continuing education for constables.

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Agenda # 7
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
COMMISSIONER ELIBERTO GUERRA
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 17.00
HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
DURING THE 85TH ANNUAL SOUTH
TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES AND
COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE ON JUNE 10-13, 2019

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Commissioner Eliberto Guerra has successfully completed 17.00 hours of educational training during the 85th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference on July 10-13, 2019.

Agenda # 8
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR WILLACY COUNTY CHIEF JAIL
ADMINISTRATOR RENE RAMIREZ
FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION
ON LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR
COMPLETING 2 CEU IN JAIL
ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINATION
(TCJS 301)

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – certificate of completion for Willacy County Chief Jail Administrator Rene Ramirez from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for completing 2 CEU in Jail Administrator Examination (TCJS 301).

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION ON ACKNOWLEDGING
1ST RESPONDERS DURING THE FLOOD
EVENT ON JUNE 24, 2019

Discussion on acknowledging 1st Responders during the Flood Event on June 24, 2019 by Delma Rodriguez, Judge Migdalia Lopez and Rise-Up Members.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN
ADMINISTRATION SERVICE PROVIDER
FOR THE 2019-2020 COLONIA TEXAS
CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FUND APPLICATION AND PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to award Grantworks as the Administration Service Provider and to Adopt Resolution designating and Administration Service Provider for the 2019-2020 Colonia Texas CDBG Community Development Fund Application and Project Implementation. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN
ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER
FOR THE 2019-2020 COLONIA TEXAS
CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FUND APPLICATION AND PROJECT
RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to award Fulcrum Consulting Services as the Engineering Service Provider and to Adopt Resolution designating an Engineering Services Provider for the 2019-2020 Colonia Texas CDB Community Development Fund Application and Project related Engineering Services. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CONTRACT WITH VTX
FOR PHONE AND INTERNET
SERVICES, RETROACTIVE JULY
19, 2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Contract with VTX for Phone and Internet Services, retroactive July 19, 2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SUBMITTAL OF THE PROPOSED
USACE PROJECT TO THE U.S.
CONGRESS UNDER SECTION 7001
OF THE WATER RESOURCES REFORM
AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDDA)
ACT 2014 TO ADDRESS FLOOD
PLANNING, MITIGATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN
CAMERON COUNTY AND THE
LRGV

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Resolution in support of submittal of the Proposed USACE Project to the U.S. Congress under Section 7001 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRDDA) Act 2014 to address Flood Planning, Mitigation and Infrastructure Projects in Cameron County and the LRGV. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT
OF THE GOMEZ ESTATE
SUBDIVISION – BEING ALL OF
BLOCK (70), CONTAINING 3.26
ACRES, OF THE TOWNSITE OF
LASARA, WILLACY, TEXAS,
ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR
PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN
VOLUME 1, PAGES 27 AND 28,
MAP RECORDS, WILLACY COUNTY,
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Preliminary Plat of the Gomez Estate Subdivision – Being all of Block Seventy (70), containing 3.26 acres, of the Townsite of Lasara, Willacy, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Pages 27 and 28, Map Records, Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RENAMING THE
MULTI – PURPOSE FUND TO
COURTHOUSE RESTORATION
FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to amend the renaming of the Multi – Purpose Fund to Courthouse Restoration Fund – USDA Community Facility Program Fund. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE FY2020 INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUBBOCK
COUNTY, TEXAS AND WILLACY
COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of FY2020 Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County, Texas and Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RIGHT OF WAY
PERMIT FOR NORTH ALAMO
WATER SUPPLY – TO BORE 2
INCH WATERLINE ON CR 2100
APPROXIMATE 2,840 FEET EAST
FROM THE NORTH EAST CORNER
OF FM 1420, 1 INCH METER SERVICE
(USDA DRIPPING STATION)

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Right Of Way Permit for North Alamo Water Supply – to bore 2 inch waterline on CR 2100 approximate 2,840 feet East from the North East Corner of FM 1420, 1 inch meter service (USDA Dripping Station). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
DECLARE USAGE OF UNENCUMBERED
FUND BALANCES DUE TO FLOODING
(EMERGENCY)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to declare usage of Unencumbered Fund balances due to flooding (Emergency). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ONE (1) YEAR FARM
LEASE AGREEMENT FROM
AUGUST 1, 2019 AND ENDING
AUGUST 31, 2020 BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AS LESSORS, AND ANDREW AND
BRYAN PARKER BROTHER FARMS
LLC, AS LESSEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of one (1) year Farm Lease Agreement from August 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020 between Willacy County Commissioners as Lessors, and Andrew and Bryan Parker Brother Farms LLC, as Lessee. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE TO PAY EMPLOYEE
FROM THE COUNTY CLERK'S
OFFICE THE ACCRUED TIME
FROM THE WEEK OF JUNE 24-
29, 2019 ON THE NEXT PAY
PERIOD

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to pay Employee from the County Clerk's Office the accrued time from the week of June 24-29, 2019 on the next pay period. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING PONTE ALTO
REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to correct on the Agenda item number 21 to reflect that this is a Public Hearing. The Commissioners are not approving it and was posted as required by State Statue. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 22
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING PONTE ALTO
REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Amend Resolution to include outer perimeter boundaries and all the properties in the perimeter. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to include the Ponte Alto Reinvestment Number 1. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried

Agenda # 23
DISCUSS THE TDA CDBG 2019-2020
COLONIA FUND APPLICATION AND
PROCESS AND TAKE ACTION AS
NECESSARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval for Commissioners Precinct 4 and Precinct 1 participate on the TDA CDBG 2019-2020 Colonia Fund Application and Process and take action as necessary. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Monthly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that the following travel requests be approved:

1. County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. to Austin, Texas on September 11-12, 2019.
2. District Clerk's Office, travel reimbursement for Isabel Mejia traveled to and from Raymondville to Brownsville for case hearing on Monday, August 5, 2019.
3. Extension Agent, Matthew Rodriguez to Uvalde, Texas on September 3, 2019.
4. Extension Agent, Matthew Rodriguez to Helotes, Texas on September 11-12, 2019.
5. Sheriff's Department, Chief Jail Admin Rene D. Ramirez to Galveston, Texas on September 9-12, 2019.
6. Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Joe Jimenez to Corpus Christi, Texas on October 21-24, 2019

Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner De La Paz left at 12:50 does not vote for the Motion Amended.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to add to the travel requests County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. and District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa to Austin, Texas on August 28-29, 2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried

Continue with item number 29.

Agenda # 27
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Commissioner De La Paz leaves the meeting at 12:50 p.m. does not vote for item numbers 28-33.

Agenda # 28
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move back to item number 26.

Agenda # 29
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Claims, as presented plus a verbal manual claim to Rafael Rubalcaba for the total amount of \$1,600.00 (\$1,200.00 for survey of land and \$400.00 elevation certificate) to be paid out from Health and Welfare. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 30
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
TO RATIFY SPECIAL CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Ratify Special Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 31
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORT
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, pass on this item.

Agenda # 32
REVIEW OF MONTHLY
EMPLOYEE OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

Continue with Addendum Number 1.

Return back to Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that Court Adjourn. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.