

January 23, 2020
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23rd day of January, A.D., 2020 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. Presentation by Workforce Solutions.
6. Update by Jessica Gracida on Willacy County 2020 Census and Comprehensive Plan.
7. Spread in the Minutes – Oscar De Luna Commissioner Pct. 2, George Gomez, Pct 2 Road Maintenance, Mario Tijerina Pct. 2 Foreman have attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Safety training program on January 7, 2020 in Harlingen Texas.
8. Discussion and Action to approve Right of Way permit for North Alamo Water to install 240 Linear foot of 4inch PVC water main on the West Side of Tamezville Road Right-Of-Way from the end of the existing line approximately 1400 feet South of CR 2900 West and also bore a ¾-inch service within a 2 inch PVC casing to serve the existing home located at 11704 Tamezville Road. (property tax I.D. 16364) ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve the Final Re-Plat of Barrios Subdivision a 0.664-acre tract out of Outlot Thirteen (13) townsite of Sebastian Texas as recorded in Book 2, Page 182 of the transcribed records Cameron County to Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discuss, consider and adopt resolution to designate authorized signatures for the 2019 Texas CDBG program contract 7219461. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discuss, consider and approve a resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month: This proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to accept donation from Fulcrum for Lasara Town Hall Meeting to discuss 2020 Census on January 30, 2020. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to Approve and Proclaim February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.

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15. Discussion and Action on Willacy County Constable Pct. 4 requesting permission to apply for and if awarded, accept grant award for: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), through the Office of the Governor. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to analyze and update Fair Labor Standards Act for Law Enforcement compliance. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action to approve JP Judge Salinas request to replace carpet and install security cameras in the front and back door of the Justice of the Peace Office Building. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval and action to purchase a carry-on utility trailer for the daily operations of Willacy County Coastal Parks for the estimated cost of \$1,500. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Oscar De Luna,
Henry De La Paz,
Eduardo Gonzales,
Annette Hinojosa,
Ida Martinez,
Elizabeth Rios,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

ABSENT

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Anthony Covacevich
Jessica R. Gracida
Constable Garza
Roseanna Zaragoza

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1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Henry De La Paz – **ABSENT**
3. Pledge / Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales
4. Public Comments – None

Move to item number 7.

Agenda # 5
PRESENTATION BY
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Presentation by Michael Trejo with Workforce Solutions.

Agenda # 6
UPDATE BY JESSICA GRACIDA
ON WILLACY COUNTY 2020
CENSUS AND COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN

Update by Jessica Gracida, Community Development Specialist, on reference to the Willacy County 2020 Census and Comprehensive Plan.

Move to item number 10.

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Agenda # 7
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES – OSCAR
DE LUNA COMMISSIONER PRECINCT
2, GEORGE GOMEZ, PRECINCT 2 ROAD
MAINTENANCE, MARIO TIJERINA
PRECINCT 2 FOREMAN HAVE ATTENDED
THE PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
AND DAMAGE PREVENTION SAFETY
TRAINING PROGRAM ON JANUARY
7, 2020 IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Oscar De Luna Commissioner Precinct 2, George Gomez, Precinct 2 Road Maintenance, Mario Tijerina Precinct 2 Foreman have attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Safety training program on January 7, 2020 in Harlingen, Texas.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT
FOR NORTH ALAMO WATER TO
INSTALL 240 LINEAR FOOT OF 4
INCH PVC WATER MAIN ON THE
WEST SIDE OF TAMEZVILLE ROAD
RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE END
ON THE EXISTING LINE APPROXIMATELY
1400 FEET SOUTH OF CR 2900 WEST
AND ALSO BORE A ¾-INCH SERVICE
WITHIN A 2 INCH PVC CASING TO
SERVE THE EXISTING HOME LOCATED
AT 11704 TAMEZVILLE ROAD (PROPERTY
TAX I.D. 16364)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Right of Way permit for North Alamo Water to install 240 Linear foot of 4 inch PVC water main on the West Side of Tamezville Road Right-Of-Way from the end on the existing line approximately 1400 feet South of CR 2900 West and also bore a ¾- inch service within a 2 inch PVC casing to serve the existing home located at 11704 Tamezville Road. (Property Tax I.D. 16364). 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE FINAL RE-PLAT OF
BARRIOS SUBDIVISION A 0.664-ACRE
TRACT OUT OF OUTLOT THIRTEEN (13)
TOWNSITE OF SEBASTIAN, TEXAS AS
RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 182 OF
THE TRANSCRIBED RECORDS CAMERON
COUNTY TO WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of the Final Re-Plat of Barrios Subdivision a 0.664-acre tract out of Outlot Thirteen (13) Townsite of Sebastian, Texas as recorded in Book 2, Page 182 of the transcribed records Cameron County to Willacy County, Texas. 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 # 10
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR THE
2019 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM
CONTRACT 7219461

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Adopt Resolution to designate authorized signatures for the 2019 Texas CDBG program contract 7219461. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REQUIRED
CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of a Resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. 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 # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR
HOUSING MONTH: THIS
PROCLAMATION WILL HELP TO
FULFILL FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY
OBLIGATIONS AS REQUIRED
BY THE GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month: This proclamation will help to fulfill Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT DONATION FROM
FULCRUM FOR LASARA TOWN
HALL MEETING TO DISCUSS
2020 CENSUS ON JANUARY
30, 2020

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to accept donation from Fulcrum for Lasara Town Hall Meeting to discuss 2020 Census on January 30, 2020. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2020 AS
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to Proclaim February 2020 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. 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 # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 4 REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR AND
IF AWARDED, ACCEPT GRANT
AWARD FOR: EDWARD BYRNE
MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT (JAG), THROUGH THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval for Willacy County Constable Precinct 4 requesting permission to apply for and if awarded, accept grant award for: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), through the Office of the Governor. 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 # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ANALYZE AND UPDATE FAIR
LABOR STANDARDS ACT FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to proceed with the items on the Agenda and then come back to item number 16. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 21.

Agenda # 16 – Continues

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to Adjourn for Closed Session at 11:20 a.m. 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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Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to Reconvene into Open Session at 12:25 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval for Effective February 8, 2020, Willacy County Law Enforcement Personnel will be compensated following the Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA) Regulation of 7 days, 40 hours workweek. Overtime pay/compensatory accrual starts after the 40 hours. The Personnel Handbook/Policy to be updated to reflect these changes. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE JP JUDGE SALINAS
REQUEST TO REPLACE CARPET
AND INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS
IN THE FRONT AND BACK DOOR
OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OFFICE BUILDING

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

Agenda # 18

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
AND ACTION TO PURCHASE
A CARRY-ON UTILITY TRAILER
FOR THE DAILY OPERATIONS
OF WILLACY COUNTY COASTAL
PARKS FOR THE ESTIMATED
COST OF \$1,500.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to purchase a carry-on utilize trailer for the daily operations of Willacy County Coastal Parks for the estimated cost of \$1,500.00, to be paid out from Hotel/Motel Tax. 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 # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that the following travel requests be approved:

1. Justice of the Peace Office, JP Judge Rodolfo Cantu to Lubbock, Texas on May 23-29, 2020.
2. Justice of the Peace Office, Clerks Melissa Nyquist and Flor Montes to San Marcos, Texas on May 18-21, 2020.
3. Justice of the Peace Office, Clerks Melissa Nyquist and Flor Montes to South Padre Island, Texas on January 21, 2020. (Requesting Vehicle Only).
4. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 5-7, 2020.
5. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 11-14, 2020.
6. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 16-17, 2020.
7. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 22-23, 2020.
8. County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. to Corpus Christi, Texas on May 6-8, 2020.

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

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of 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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Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that Court Adjourned. 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.