

January 9, 2020  
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 – TxDOT to provide monthly status updates.
6. Approval of Previous Minutes as follows:
  - December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting;
  - December 23, 2019, Regular Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Action to approve Right of Way Permit for North Alamo Water – extend 4-inch waterline on CR 141, go North 1500 feet on the West Side for a 3/4 inch meter service. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to Bore CR 121 from East to West, 2 inch PVC casing, 3/4-inch meter service to a 2" inch waterline. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to extend 4-inch waterline on CR 141, go North 1500 feet on the West Side for a 3/4-inch meter service. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion, Consider and adopt resolution designating an engineering service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program application and project implementation. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action on 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.
12. Discussion and Action to hire Hanson Engineering to perform preliminary engineering work on FM 1018 Project. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve amended and restated Tax Abatement Agreement between Willacy County and Raymond Wind Farm LLC. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to approve and proclaim January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.

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15. Discussion and Action to approve drafting a payment plan as requested by Texas Department of Emergency Management for the amount of \$118,430.53. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between City of Raymondville and Willacy County to clean brush along the road to construct waterlines. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Review of monthly reports on jail count.
26. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
27. 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,

**arrives at 10:10 a.m.**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Gabriel Villarreal  
Tim Champion  
Roy Martinez  
Martha Martinez

David Quiroga  
Gloria C. Cortez  
Anthony Covacevich

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
4. Public Comments – None

Agenda # 5

PRESENTATION – TXDOT TO  
PROVIDE MONTHLY STATUS  
UPDATES

Presentation by Gabriel Villarreal with TxDOT to provide monthly status updates on reference to U.S. 77 Project, Business 77 Over lane and SH 186 Project.

Agenda # 6

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:  
DECEMBER 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING  
AND DECEMBER 23, 2019 REGULAR  
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of previous minutes as follows: December 12, 2019, Regular Meeting and December 23, 2019, Regular 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.

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Agenda # 7  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT  
FOR NORTH ALAMO WATER – EXTEND  
4-INCH WATERLINE ON CR 141, GO  
NORTH 1500 FEET ON THE WEST  
SIDE FOR A 3/4 INCH METER SERVICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Right of Way Permit for North Alamo Water – extend 4-inch waterline on CR 141, go North 1500 feet on the West Side for a 3/4 inch meter service. 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 # 8  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
BORE CR 121 FROM EAST TO  
WEST, 2 INCH PVC CASING,  
3/4-INCH METER SERVICE TO  
A 2” INCH WATERLINE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Bore CR 121 from East to West, 2 inch PVC casing, 3/4-inch meter service to a 2” inch waterline. 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 # 9  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
EXTEND 4-INCH WATERLINE  
ON CR 141, GO NORTH 1500  
FEET ON THE WEST SIDE FOR  
A 3/4-INCH METER SERVICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to tabled this item. 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 # 10  
DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND  
ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER  
FOR THE TEXAS HAZARD  
MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION AND PROJECT  
IMPLEMENTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to Adopt Resolution designating Fulcrum Consulting Services as the Engineering Service Provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program 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  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
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 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, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
HIRE HANSON ENGINEERING  
TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY  
ENGINEERING WORK ON FM  
1018 PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to hire Hanson Engineering to perform preliminary engineering work on FM 1018 project. 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 ACTION TO  
APPROVE AMENDED AND  
RESTATED TAX ABATEMENT  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY  
COUNTY AND RAYMOND WIND  
FARM, LLC.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Amended and Restated Tax Abatement Agreement between Willacy County and Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. 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 # 14  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE AND PROCLAIM  
JANUARY 2020 AS HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS  
MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Proclaim January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. 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 # 15  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE DRAFTING A PAYMENT  
PLAN AS REQUESTED BY TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT FOR THE AMOUNT  
OF \$118,430.53

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of authorizing the County Judge drafting a payment plan as requested by Texas Department of Emergency Management for the amount of \$118,430.53 and possibility asking for an extension. 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 # 16  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE  
AND WILLACY COUNTY TO CLEAN  
BRUSH ALONG THE ROAD TO  
CONSTRUCT WATERLINES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to tabled this item. 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  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz 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.

**Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales steps out of the meeting at 11:00 a.m., does not vote for item number 18.**

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Agenda # 18  
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 and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales returns back to the meeting at 11:01 a.m.**

Agenda # 19  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF QUARTERLY TREASURER'S  
REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Quarterly 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.

Agenda # 20  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. 197<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Adolfo Cordova to Austin, Texas on January 15-17, 2020.
2. Extension Office, Agent Matthew Rodriguez to Lyford, Texas on January 22-25, 2020. (Meals and Vehicle only).
3. County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. and One (1) Commissioner to Austin, Texas on January 29-31, 2020.
4. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to San Marcos, Texas on April 20-23, 2020.
5. County Treasurer's Office, Assistant Patty Acevedo to Galveston, Texas on April 1-3, 2020. (100% reimbursement from TAC).

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  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna 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.

Agenda # 22  
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, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 23  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Claims, 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 # 24  
REVIEW OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Review of Special Claims, 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 # 25  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS  
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Reports on Jail Count.

Agenda # 26  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE  
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report. There was no report presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourned. 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.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.