

October 26, 2023

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 26th day of October, A.D., 2023 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 Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Willacy County and the City of Lyford Regarding the Use of Grant (CDBG-MIT) / Texas GLO Funds for infrastructure improvements to mitigate against flooding and for drainage improvements. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Governmental Agreement between the County of Willacy and the City of Lyford to allow city employees to enter into County in areas adjacent to the limits of the City of Lyford. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lyford and Willacy County to allow county employees to assist the City of Lyford with Willacy County equipment and the personnel to operate such equipment. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the County of Willacy and the City of Lyford for Environmental Services. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Willacy County and the City of Lyford for the County to allow its Fire Marshall to assist the City in this matter. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding Housing of the City of Lyford Prisoners in the Willacy County Detention Center. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Willacy County Sheriff Department and the City of Lyford regarding Use of County Police Radio and Dispatch Services. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to compensate Mario Tijerina PCT 2 Commissioner in the amount of \$2,000 under Road and Bridge Precinct #3 budget for having pesticide license and spraying on Precinct #3 area from October 2023 – September 2024. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Action to approve to terminate contract with Kofile Technologies, Inc. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve paying Local Government Solution's (LGS) conversion/setup training fees upon invoice received for County Clerk's Department funded from Capital Fund and creating line item 02-426-180 not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Action to approve paying Local Government Solution's (LGS) conversion/setup training fees upon invoice received for District Clerk's Department funded from Capital Fund and creating line item 02-435-180 not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action to authorize County Judge to sign contracts, disburse funds as needed, and to pay invoices for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action to approve MOU between Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) and Willacy County to collaborate to provide access to Patenting Awareness and Drug Risk Education Services (PADRES) program to patents and youth receiving services from Willacy County ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discussion and Action to approve Archer Business Systems Copier Lease Contract for Willacy County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discussion and Action to approve creating a Uniforms 01-436-340 budget line item for District Court Bailiff, not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to approve adding a First Net Cell Phone Plan, AT&T cell phone plan for District Court's Bailiff Position as per quote provided. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Discussion and Action to approve purchasing a phone and adding an AT&T cell phone plan for District Court's Court Reporter Position as per quote provided. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discussion and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Lyford CISD High School Law Practicum 2023-2024 and The Willacy County District Attorney's Office. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Discuss, consider and select Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC as a vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project(s). Funding administered by U.S. Department of the Treasury, other federal or state agencies. ACTION REQUIRED.

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25. Discussion and Action to obligate \$17,966.00 for the purchase of 1 Brush Truck for the Raymondville Fire Department inventoried under the Willacy County Judge's Administration to be paid by fund 114 and/or the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of 1 Bush Truck for the Raymondville Fire Department inventoried under the Willacy County Judge's Administration for the total amount of \$217,966.00 to be paid by fund 114 and/or the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Discussion and Action to obligate \$175,000.00 for Digital Ballot Scanners for the Willacy County Administration to be paid by fund 114 and/or the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Discussion and Action to de-obligate \$10,000.00 for 1 Zero-Turn Mower for the Sebastian Volunteer Fire Department from fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
29. Discussion and Action to obligate \$10,000.00 form machinery and equipment for the Sebastian Volunteer Fire Department from fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
30. Discussion and Action to confirm a Public Workshop for ARPA Technology Project #2260. ACTION REQUIRED.
31. Discussion and Approval to not accept project request for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and/or Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) effective Thursday, October 26, 2023, until further notice. ACTION REQUIRED.
32. Discussion and Action to approve the revised march commitment for Coastal Management Program (CMP) Cycle 26 from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Contract No. 22-045-015-D112 to \$50,471.00 and commit match amount for Cycle 28 (contract number pending) of \$528,905.00. ACTION REQUIRED.
33. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Community Resilient Housing Guide funded by EPA/Smart Home America. ACTION REQUIRED.
34. Discuss and Action to approve payment invoiced by Halff and Associates for the total lump sum amount of \$20,000.00 for services rendered for the Willacy County Community Resilient Housing Guide funded by EPA/Smart Home America. ACTION REQUIRED.
35. Discussion and Action on request for Permission to install underground fiber optics on Spence Road, CR200 (Williams Road), CR 1200 (Sandia Road) (Precinct 4). ACTION REQUIRED.
36. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.

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37. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, pursuant to VTCA Government Code, Section 551.071.

38. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) Possible Action.

39. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

No one signed the sign in sheet.

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

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Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 6

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE WILLACY COUNTY AND
THE CITY OF LYFORD REGARDING THE
USE OF GRANT (CDBG-MIT) / TEXAS
GLO FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS TO MITIGATE
AGAINST FLOODING AND FOR DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 7

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY
OF WILLACY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD
TO ALLOW CITY EMPLOYEES TO ENTER
INTO COUNTY IN AREAS ADJACENT TO
THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LYFORD

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
LYFORD AND WILLACY COUNTY TO
ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST
THE CITY OF LYFORD WITH WILLACY
COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND THE
PERSONNEL TO OPERATE SUCH
EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WILLACY
AND THE CITY OF LYFORD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WILLACY
COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD
FOR THE COUNTY TO ALLOW ITS
FIRE MARSHALL TO ASSIST THE CITY
IN THIS MATTER

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WILLACY
COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD
REGARDING HOUSING OF THE CITY
OF LYFORD PRISONERS IN THE WILLACY
COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND THE
CITY OF LYFORD REGARDING USE OF
COUNTY POLICE RADIO AND DISPATCH
SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of a continuance on the Interlocals of item numbers 6-12 authorizing the County Judge to sign, pending Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
COMPENSATE MARIO TIJERINA
PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 UNDER
ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT
NUMBER 3 BUDGET FOR HAVING
PESTICIDE LICENSE AND SPRAYING
ON PRECINCT NUMBER 3 AREA FROM
OCTOBER 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Agenda # 14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE TO TERMINATE CONTRACT
WITH KOFILTE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to terminate contract with Kofite Technologies, Inc. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Recess until 10:30 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Recessed.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Reconvene at 10:37 a.m. from Recess. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioners Eliberto Guerra and Ernesto Garcia return to the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PAYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SOLUTION'S (LGS) CONVERSION/SETUP
TRAINING FEES UPON INVOICE RECEIVED
FOR COUNTY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT FUNDED
FROM CAPITAL FUND AND CREATING LINE
ITEM 02-426-180 NOT BUDGETED. A
BUDGET AMENDMENT WOULD FOLLOW
TO MOVE FUNDS TO THIS ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of paying Local Government Solution's (LGS) conversion/setup training fees upon invoice received for County Clerk's Department funded from Capital Fund and creating line item 02-426-180 not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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Agenda # 16

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTION'S (LGS) CONVERSION/SETUP TRAINING FEES UPON INVOICE RECEIVED FOR DISTRICT CLERK'S DEPARTMENT FUNDED FROM CAPITAL FUND AND CREATING LINE ITEM 02-435-180 NOT BUDGETED. A BUDGET AMENDMENT WOULD FOLLOW TO MOVE FUNDS TO THIS ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of paying Local Government Solution's (LGS) conversion/setup training fees upon invoice received for District Clerk's Department funded from Capital Fund and creating line item 02-435-180 not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN CONTRACTS, DISBURSE FUNDS AS NEEDED AND TO PAY INVOICES FOR THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to authorize County Judge to sign contracts, disburse funds as needed and to pay invoices for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina returns back to the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Agenda # 18

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MOU BETWEEN BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SOLUTIONS OF SOUTH TEXAS
(BHSST) AND WILLACY COUNTY TO
COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO
PARENTING AWARENESS AND DRUG
RISK EDUCATION SERVICES (PADRES)
PROGRAM TO PARENTS AND YOUTH
RECEIVING SERVICES FROM WILLACY
COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of MOU between Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (BHSST) and Willacy County to collaborate to provide access to Parenting Awareness and Drug Risk Education Services (PADRES) Program to parents and youth receiving services from Willacy County. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 19

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ARCHER BUSINESS
SYSTEMS COPIER LEASE CONTRACT
FOR WILLACY COUNTY JUSTICE OF
THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Archer Business Systems Copier Lease Contract for Willacy County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Office, with Budget Amendments pending. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 20

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CREATING A UNIFORMS
01-436-340 BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR
DISTRICT COURT BAILIFF, NOT BUDGETED.
A BUDGET AMENDMENT WOULD FOLLOW
TO MOVE FUNDS TO THIS ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of creating a Uniforms 01-436-340 budget line item for District Court Bailiff, not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ADDING A FIRST NET
CELL PHONE PLAN, AT&T CELL
PHONE PLAN FOR DISTRICT
COURT'S BAILIFF POSITION AS PER
QUOTE PROVIDED. A BUDGET
AMENDMENT WOULD FOLLOW TO
MOVE FUNDS TO THIS ACCOUNT

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

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Agenda # 22

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASING A PHONE
AND ADDING AN AT&T CELL PHONE
PLAN FOR DISTRICT COURT'S COURT
REPORTER POSITION AS PER QUOTE
PROVIDED. A BUDGET AMENDMENT
WOULD FOLLOW TO MOVE FUNDS
TO THIS ACCOUNT

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

Agenda # 23

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE LYFORD CISD HIGH SCHOOL
LAW PRACTICUM 2023-2024 AND THE
WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Lyford CISD High School Law Practicum 2023-2024 and The Willacy County District Attorney's Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 24

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT
SIDDONNS-MARTIN EMERGENCY
GROUP, LLC AS A VENDOR TO
COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA) PROJECT(S). FUNDING
ADMINISTERED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF TREASURY, OTHER FEDERAL OR
STATE AGENCIES

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC as a selected vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project(s). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 25

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE \$17,966.00 FOR THE
PURCHASE OF 1 BRUSH TRUCK FOR
THE RAYMONDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
INVENTORIED UNDER THE WILLACY
COUNTY JUDGE'S ADMINISTRATION
TO BE PAID BY FUND 114 AND/OR THE
LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL
CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to obligate \$17,966.00 for the purchase of 1 Brush Truck for the Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department inventoried under Willacy County Judge's Department to be paid by Fund 114 the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 26

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1 BRUSH
TRUCK FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT INVENTORIED UNDER
THE WILLACY COUNTY JUDGE'S
ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$217,966.00 TO BE
PAID BY FUND 114 AND/OR THE LOCAL
ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY
FUND (LATCF)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the purchase of 1 Brush Truck for the Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department inventoried under the Willacy County Judge's Department for the total amount of \$217,966.00. \$200,000.00 to be paid from Fund 114 ARPA and \$17,966.00 to be paid from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 27

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE \$175,000.00 FOR DIGITAL
BALLOT SCANNERS FOR THE WILLACY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO BE
PAID BY FUND 114 AND/OR THE LOCAL
ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY
FUND (LATCF)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$175,000.00 for digital ballot scanners for the Willacy County Judge's Administration to be paid by Fund 114 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz, and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 28

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
DE-OBLIGATE \$10,000.00 FOR 1 ZERO-
TURN MOWER FOR THE SEBASTIAN
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM
FUND 114 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to de-obligate \$10,000.00 for one Zero-Turn Mower for the Sebastian Volunteer Fire Department from Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 29

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE \$10,000.00 FOR
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR
THE SEBASTIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT FROM FUND 114
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to obligate \$10,000.00 for machinery and equipment for the Sebastian Volunteer Fire Department to be paid by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 30

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONFIRM A PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR ARPA TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
NUMBER 2260

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to take action and set a Public Workshop for the ARPA Technology Project Number 2260 the date for the Public Workshop to be set by the County Judge. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 31

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO
NOT ACCEPT PROJECT REQUEST FOR
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARPA) AND/OR LOCAL ASSISTANCE
AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF)
EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26,
2023, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of ARPA Project Request Deadline effective October 26, 2023, until further notice. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 32

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE REVISED MATCH
COMMITMENT FOR COASTAL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)
CYCLE 26 FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL
LAND OFFICE (GLO) CONTRACT
NUMBER 22-045-015-D112 TO
\$50,471.00 AND COMMIT MATCH
AMOUNT FOR CYCLE 28 (CONTRACT
NUMBER PENDING) OF \$528,905.00

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the revised match commitment for Coastal Management Program Cycle 26 from the Texas General Land Office Contract Number 22-045-015-D112 to \$50,471.00 and commit match amount for Cycle 28 contract number pending of \$528,905.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and returns back at 12:16 p.m.

Agenda # 33

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY
COMMUNITY RESILIENT HOUSING
GUIDE FUNDED BY EPA/SMART HOME
AMERICA

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the Willacy County Resilient Housing Guide funded by EPA/Smart Home America. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 34

DISCUSS AND ACTION TO APPROVE
PAYMENT INVOICED BY HALFF AND
ASSOCIATES FOR THE TOTAL LUMP
SUM AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR
SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE WILLACY
COUNTY COMMUNITY RESILIENT
HOUSING GUIDE FUNDED BY EPA/SMART
HOME AMERICA

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of payment invoiced by Halff and Associates for the total amount of \$20,000.00 for services rendered for the Willacy County Community Resilient Housing Guide to paid from General Fund to be reimbursed by EPA/Smart Home America Grant Fund. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 35

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO
INSTALL UNDERGROUND FIBER
OPTICS ON SPENCE ROAD, CR200
(WILLIAMS ROAD), CR 1200 (SANDIA
ROAD) (PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval on request for permission to install underground fiber optics on Spence Road, CR 200 (Williams Road), CR 1200 (Sandia Road) (Precinct 4). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado and First Assistant, Rebeca Saenz to South Padre Island, Texas on October 17-20, 2023.
2. County Clerk, Susana R. Garza and Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios for the Virtual Attendance to attend the 2023 DSHS Vital Statistics Conference on December 7-8, 2023. Registration fee is \$100.00 each.
3. Sheriff's Department, one (1) Employee to Austin, Texas on November 28-29, 2023.
4. Sheriff's Department, two (2) Employees to San Marcos, Texas on November 7-10, 2023. (To be paid out of Fund 35).
5. District Attorney's Office, to pay the registration fees for two (2) Raymondville Police Department Investigators assigned to the Willacy County DA Special Crimes Task Force to attend the 20th Annual Child Abuse Seminar in Forensic Science from November 8-10, 2023 at South Padre Island, Texas for a cost of \$400.00.
6. District Attorney's Office, Lucia Regalado and Carisa Casarez to Austin, Texas on November 2-3, 2023.
7. District Attorney's Office, Gloria C. Cortez and Sheila Guajardo to Fort Worth, Texas on November 15-17, 2023.

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

October 26, 2023

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 37

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED
LITIGATION AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS
INVOLVING THE COUNTY, ITS EMPLOYEES,
OR ITS INTERESTS, PURSUANT TO VTCA
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

Agenda # 38

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

(A) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for no action taken on item numbers 37 and 38. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Adjourned. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.