

April 13, 2017
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of April, A.D., 2017 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; March 7, 2017 Special Meeting, March 9, 2017 Public Workshop, March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, March 23, 2017 Public Workshop, March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting, March 30, 2017 Special Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Spread in the Minutes; County Commissioner Oscar De Luna, Pct. 2 has completed the 16 hour annual continuing education requirement as codified in Section 81.0025, Local Government Code for 2016.
7. Spread in the Minutes; Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales has completed 35 hours of continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.
8. Spread in the Minutes; Commissioner Eliberto Guerra has completed 26.00 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.
9. Presentation by Willacy County Extension Agent Matthew Rodriguez in regards to Willacy 4-H updates on stock show and other events.
10. Discussion and Action to approve MOU between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Willacy County pertaining to Information Technology Services. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for BL17 Border Security Program Grant through the Comptroller's Office for fiscal year 2017-2018. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve request from Willacy County Constable Precinct 1 to consider a reserved deputy. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Month and Autism Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Possible Action to declare status on County Burn Ban. ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED

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15. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution in opposition to HB 3766-relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for legacy students who are eligible for tuition and fee exemptions under the Hazlewood Legacy Program. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve ROW Permit for North Alamo Water to install ¾ water meter in County right-of-way/City of Lyford. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve partial payment on purchase of riding lawn mower for Willacy County CIAP Coastal Resource Center. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Action to get approval to advertise for proposals for the entry way of Willacy County Special Events/Multi-Use Complex and purchase culverts for the entry way from fund balances 97 account 104 fund. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to amend the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as per Fema regulations. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. 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,
Rebeca Saenz,	County Auditor's Assistant,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Clerk Deputy,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Rebeca Saenz
Matthew Rodriguez
Rolando Zamora
Katherine Coy

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

Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: MARCH 7, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH
9, 2017 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
MARCH 9, 2017 REGULAR
MEETING, MARCH 23, 2017
PUBLIC WORKSHOP, MARCH
23, 2017 REGULAR MEETING,
MARCH 30, 2017 SPECIAL
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of previous minutes as follows: March 7, 2017 Special Meeting, March 9, 2017 Public Workshop, March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, March 23, 2017 Public Workshop, March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 30, 2017 Special Meeting. 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.

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Agenda # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
OSCAR DE LUNA, PCT 2 HAS
COMPLETED THE 16 HOUR
ANNUAL CONTINUING
EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
AS CODIFIED IN SECTION
81.0025, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE FOR 2016

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: County Commissioner Oscar De Luna, Precinct 2 has completed the 16 hour annual continuing education requirement as codified in Section 81.0025, Local Government Code for 2016.

Agenda # 7
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
COMMISSIONER EDUARDO
GONZALES HAS COMPLETED
35 HOURS OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE 81.0025 OF THE TEXAS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales has completed 35 hours of continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Agenda # 8
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
COMMISSIONER ELIBERTO GUERRA
HAS COMPLETED 26.00 CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE 81.0025 OF THE TEXAS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: Commissioner Eliberto Guerra has completed 26.00 continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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Agenda # 9
PRESENTATION BY WILLACY
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ IN
REGARDS TO WILLACY 4-H
UPDATES ON STOCK SHOW
AND OTHER EVENTS

Presentation by Willacy County Extension Agent, Matthew Rodriguez in regards to Willacy 4-H updates on stock show and other events.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MOU BETWEEN
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
SERVICE AND WILLACY COUNTY
PERTAINING TO INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of MOU between Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and Willacy County pertaining to Information Technology Services. 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.

Agenda # 11
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND
ACCEPT IF AWARDED, GRANTS
FOR BL17 BORDER SECURITY
PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH
THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for BL17 Border Security Program Grant through the Comptroller's Office for fiscal year 2017-2018. 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.

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Commissioner Guerra stepped out of the meeting at 10:14 a.m. did not voted for item number 12.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE REQUEST FROM
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 1 TO CONSIDER A
RESERVED DEPUTY

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Willacy County Constable Precinct 1 to consider a Reserved Deputy. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra returned back to the meeting at 10:17 am.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
PROCLAIM APRIL 2017 AS
CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL
ASSAULT MONTH AND AUTISM
AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Month and Autism Awareness Month. 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.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO DECLARE STATUS
ON COUNTY BURN BAN

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to remove the County Burn Barn. 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.

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Agenda # 15
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL
OF A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION
TO HB 3766-RELATING TO
TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS
AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR LEGACY
STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
FOR TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS
UNDER THE HAZLEWOOD LEGACY
PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Resolution in opposition to HB 3766-relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for legacy students who are eligible for tuition and fee exemptions under the Hazlewood Legacy Program. 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.

Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ROW PERMIT FOR
NORTH ALAMO WATER TO
INSTALL $\frac{3}{4}$ WATER METER IN
COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY/ CITY
OF LYFORD

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of ROW Permit for North Alamo Water to install $\frac{3}{4}$ water meter in County right-of-way/City of Lyford. 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.

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Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PARTIAL PAYMENT
ON PURCHASE OF RIDING LAWN
MOWER FOR WILLACY COUNTY
CIAP COASTAL RESOURCE CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of partial payment of a riding lawn mower to be paid out of Hotel/Motel Tax for Willacy County CIAP Coastal Resource Center. 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.

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
GET APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE
FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
ENTRY WAY OF WILLACY COUNTY
SPECIAL EVENTS/MULTI-USE COMPLEX
AND PURCHASE CULVERTS FOR THE
ENTRY WAY FROM FUND BALANCE
97 ACCOUNT 104 FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to advertise for proposals for the entry way of Willacy County Special Events/Multi-Use Complex and purchase culverts for the entry way from Fund Balance 97 Account 104 Fund. 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.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AMEND THE FLOOD DAMAGE
PREVENTION ORDINANCE AS
PER FEMA REGULATIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to amend the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as per FEMA Regulations to include the terminology Willacy County and Unincorporated Areas. 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.

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Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Commissioner Precinct 2, Oscar De Luna, travel advance/reimbursement to Laredo District on April 11, 2017.
2. Juvenile Probation, Rico Ramirez and Dyvette Salinas to Huntsville, Texas on April 23-28, 2017.
3. District Clerk, Isabel Adame to South Padre Island, Texas on June 26-29, 2017.
4. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Fredericksburg, Texas on May 6, 2017.
5. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Pearsall, Texas on April 20, 2017.
6. Sheriff Office, Chief Admin. Joe Jimenez to Kerrville, Texas on June 13-17, 2017.

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.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Monthly Reports, 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 Guerra stepped out of the meeting at 10:50 a.m. did not voted for item number 22.

Agenda # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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Commissioner Guerra returned back to the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Agenda # 23
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF QUARTERLY TREASURER'S
REPORT

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

Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, 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 and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, 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 De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Claims, 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.

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

There being no further action.

Court Adjourned.