

December 22, 2016

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 22nd day of December, A.D., 2016 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. Update on the construction of the Natural Resource Center.
6. Update on monthly status report for La Jarra Project TCF 711322.
7. Discussion and Action to approve Willacy County Court Reporter Agreement. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discuss, Consider and Adopt resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2016 Texas CDBG program contract 7216125 and to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Review and Discuss project options for 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Application and take action on application resolution. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to award FEMA Project PW-00169, 7TH Ave and West Ave Sebastian, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve and award County Bank Depository Bid. ACTION
12. Adjourn to EXECUTIVE SESSION as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.0725. Discussion with Las Majadas Wind Farm LLC regarding wind power project and application for tax abatement under Tax Code 312.
13. Reconvene into OPEN SESSION
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Las Majadas Wind Farm LLC regarding wind power project & application for tax abatement under Tax Code 312. ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED
15. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	ABSENT
Alfredo Serrato,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Bernard Ammerman,	County Attorney,	ABSENT
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,	ABSENT
Lorena Cepeda,	County Clerk Deputy,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Joe Wetegrove
Jacob E. Quilantan
Bill & Chris Wright
Melissa Miller
Rebeca Saenz

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

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Agenda # 5
UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

Craig gives an update on the construction of the Natural Resource Center.

Agenda # 6
UPDATE ON MONTHLY STATUS
REPORT FOR LA JARRA PROJECT
TCF 711322

Update on monthly status report for La Jarra Project TCF 711322 by Joe Wetegrove.

Agenda # 7
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE WILLACY COUNTY
COURT REPORTER AGREEMENT

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

Agenda # 8
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS FOR THE
2016 TEXAS CDBG PROGRAM CONTRACT
7216125 AND TO PROCLAIM APRIL
AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2016 Texas CDBG program contract 7216125 and to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra steps out at 10:14 a.m. and returns at 10:15 a.m.

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Agenda # 9

IN REGARDS TO REVIEW AND
DISCUSS PROJECT OPTIONS FOR
2017-2018 TEXAS CDBG
APPLICATION AND TAKE ACTION
ON APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval on project options for 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Application and take action on application resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to move to approve the budget, but to remove \$28,896.00 existing asphalt and flexible base pavement from WCHA Road, remove \$11,480.00 existing asphalt and flexible base pavement from WCHA parking areas and remove \$24,682.00 existing asphalt and flexible base pavement from 6th street, paving and drainage near school. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO AWARD FEMA PROJECT
PW-00169, 7TH AVE AND WEST
AVE SEBSTIAN, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to start procurement process for the FEMA Project Pw-00169, 7th Ave and West Ave Sebastian, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE AND AWARD
COUNTY BANK DEPOSITORY
BID

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

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Commissioner Guerra steps out at 10:55 a.m. and returns at 10:56 a.m.

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Agenda # 12
ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AS AUTHORIZED
BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 551.0725.
DISCUSSION WITH LAS
MAJADAS WIND FARM
LLC REGARDING WIND
POWER PROJECT & APPLICATION
FOR TAX ABATEMENT UNDER
TAX CODE 312

11:23 a.m. Executive Session

Agenda # 13
RECONVENE INTO OPEN
SESSION

12:20 p.m. Reconvene into Open Session

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION ON LAS MAJADAS
WIND FARM LLC REGARDING
WIND POWER PROJECT &
APPLICATION FOR TAX
ABATEMENT UNDER TAX CODE
312.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato to table this item until we can consult with legal counsel & review the abatement agreement. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Claims as presented and approve and submit to include added written purchase orders. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato that the following travel requests be approved, as long as they are in compliance with our guidelines and statues:

1. Juvenile Probation Department, Raul Garza to Austin, Texas on January 22-25, 2017.
2. Juvenile Probation Department, Melissa Cruz to Roundrock, Texas on January 10-13, 2017.
3. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to Cedar, Texas on April 17-20, 2017.

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

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.