

January 23, 2015
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23rd day of January, A.D., 2015 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. Spread in Minutes: Elizabeth Barnhart has completed 28 hours for the Tax Assessor Collector continuing education transcript required for the year 2014.
6. Presentation: The Texas Association of Counties will be recognizing Willacy County for being a founding member of the TAC RMP Workers' Compensation pool. An award will be presented to the Court by Robert Ruiz, Risk Management Consultant.
7. Approval of Oath for the following: ACTION REQUIRED
 - (a) Migdalia Lopez-197th District Court Judge
8. Nomination of Interim/Presiding Officer of Commissioners' Court in absence of the County Judge for Calendar Year 2015-2016. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discuss & Consider resolution to apply for 2015-2016 Rural Community Development Block Grant assistance under the Community Development Fund. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Approval of Preliminary/Final Plat of Rosa Ranchettes Subdivision, a one lot subdivision, as requested by Elisa Rosas of Lyford, Tx. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Consider grant submission to Tocker Foundation for shelving & furnishings for the Library. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Permission for county to designate 2 parking spaces for DA's Office at new administration building. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Appoint Board Members for Pct. 1 & Tenant Board Member for the Willacy County Housing Authority. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action of the appointment of new Representative and Alternate for the Amigos Del Valle Board of Directors. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Request Authorization and Approval to use \$2,860 dollars from Capital Fund to replace 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe that was totaled in accident. ACTION REQUIRED

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16. Request Authorization and Approval to use \$3,000 dollars from the Capital Fund to replace equipment that was damaged on the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe that was totaled in accident.
ACTION REQUIRED
17. Consider amending Commissioners' Court motion of December 12, 2014 of waiving filing fees of TDA # 712105 Promissory Notes to allow for said Promissory Notes to be included as exhibits. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Possible Action to accept roadway improvements and agree to initiate terms of a resolution for roadway deficiencies concerning Texas Capital Fund Project TDA # 711322. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion to distribute the Hotel/Motel tax to Port Mansfield and the Willacy County Museum for the year 2014. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Consider and Approval to purchase chairs for Auditor's Office funded through Capital.
ACTION REQUIRED
21. Consideration and approval to install door at Auditor's office in new administrative offices.
ACTION REQUIRED
22. Consideration and approval to install electrical and computer outlets in Auditor's Office.
ACTION REQUIRED
23. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

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

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Cruz M. Tijerina
Sonya E. Tijerina
Vanessa Tijerina
Oralia Cardenas
Micaela Wright

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – All Present
3. Invocation – Commissioner Gonzales Pledge – Commissioner Serrato
4. Public Comment(s) – Vanessa Tijerina on reference to personal issues with District Attorney's Office and Raymondville Police Department. John Sterling on reference to item number 19 from the Commissioners Court Agenda. Dan Sanchez, Cameron County Commissioner Pct. 4 on reference to a special invitation to the Chairman and the Commissioners.

Agenda # 5

SPREAD IN MINUTES:
ELIZABETH BARNHART HAS
COMPLETED 28 HOURS FOR
THE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION
TRANSCRIPT REQUIRED FOR
THE YEAR 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to spread in the minutes the transcript showing that Elizabeth Barnhart Tax Collector has completed 28 hours of continuing education for 2014 as required. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6
PRESENTATION: THE TEXAS
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
WILL BE RECOGNIZING WILLACY
COUNTY FOR BEING A FOUNDING
MEMBER OF THE TAC RMP
WORKERS' COMPENSATION
POOL. AN AWARD WILL BE
PRESENTED TO THE COURT BY
ROBERT RUIZ, RISK MANAGEMENT
CONSULTANT

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

Agenda # 7
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF OATH FOR THE FOLLOWING:
(A) MIGDALIA LOPEZ-197TH
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Oath of Office for Migdalia Lopez-197th District Court Judge. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 8
IN REGARDS TO NOMINATION
OF INTERIM/PRESIDING OFFICER
OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT
IN ABSENCE OF THE COUNTY
JUDGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2015-2016

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to nominate Commissioner Eliberto Guerra for Interim/Presiding Officer of Commissioners' Court in absence of the County Judge for Calendar Year 2015-2016. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 9
IN REGARDS TO DISCUSS &
CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO
APPLY FOR 2015-2016 RURAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT ASSISTANCE
UNDER THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of resolution to apply for 2015-2016 Rural Community Development Block Grant assistance under the Community Development Fund. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAT OF
ROSA RANCHETTES SUBDIVISION,
A ONE LOT SUBDIVISION, AS
REQUESTED BY ELISA ROSAS OF
LYFORD, TX

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of preliminary plat of Rosa Ranchettes Subdivision, a one lot subdivision as requested by Elisa Rosas of Lyford, TX. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
IN REGARDS TO CONSIDER
GRANT SUBMISSION TO
TOCKER FOUNDATION FOR
SHELVING & FURNISHINGS
FOR THE LIBRARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of grant submission to Tocker Foundation for shelving & furnishings for the Library. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12
IN REGARDS FOR PERMISSION
FOR COUNTY TO DESIGNATE
2 PARKING SPACES FOR DA'S
OFFICE AT NEW ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval for the County to designate 1 parking space for DA's Office at the new administration building. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
IN REGARDS TO APPOINT
BOARD MEMBERS FOR PCT. 1
& TENANT BOARD MEMBER FOR
THE WILLACY COUNTY HOUSING
AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to appoint Ernesto Cavazos as Board Member for Pct. 1 & Joel Robles as Tenant Board Member for the Willacy County Housing Authority for a two year term. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF
THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW
REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE
FOR THE AMIGOS DEL VALLE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to appoint Pct. 4 Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales as new representative and Pct. 2 Commissioner Oscar De Luna as the alternate for the Amigos Del Valle Board of Directors. Motion was put bore the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15
IN REGARDS TO REQUEST
AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL
TO USE \$2,860 DOLLARS FROM
CAPITAL FUND TO REPLACE 2012
CHEVROLET TAHOE THAT WAS
TOTALED IN ACCIDENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to use \$2,860 dollars from Capital Fund to replace the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe that was totaled in accident. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
IN REGARDS TO REQUEST
AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL
TO USE \$3,000 DOLLARS FROM
THE CAPITAL FUND TO REPLACE
EQUIPMENT THAT WAS DAMAGED
ON THE 2012 CHEVROLET TAHOE
THAT WAS TOTALED IN ACCIDENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to use \$3,000 dollars from the Capital Fund to replace the equipment that was damaged on the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe that was totaled in accident. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO CONSIDER
AMENDING COMMISSIONERS'
COURT MOTION OF DECEMBER 12,
2014 OF WAIVING FILING FEES OF
TDA # 712105 PROMISSORY NOTES
TO ALLOW FOR SAID PROMISSORY
NOTES TO BE INCLUDED AS EXHIBITS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of amending Commissioners' Court motion of December 12, 2014 of waiving filing fees of TDA # 712105 Promissory Notes to allow for said Promissory Notes to be included as exhibits. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ACCEPT ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS AND AGREE TO
INITIATE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION
FOR ROADWAY DEFICIENCIES
CONCERNING TEXAS CAPITAL FUND
PROJECT TDA # 711322

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to approve Escrow Act to improve roads within Project TDA # 711322 for up to one year. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION TO DISTRIBUTE
THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX TO
PORT MANSFIELD AND THE
WILLACY COUNTY MUSEUM
FOR THE YEAR 2014

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to distribute the Hotel/Motel tax to Port Mansfield and the Willacy County Museum for the year 2014 as follows \$42,977.50 (50%) Port Mansfield Chamber, \$17,191.00 (20%) Museum, \$25,786.50 (30%) Willacy County for the total amount of \$85,955.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO CONSIDER
AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE
CHAIRS FOR AUDITOR'S OFFICE
FUNDED THROUGH CAPITAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to purchase 6 staff chairs for Auditor's Office funded through Capital Fund \$209.00 for each chair, for the total amount of \$1,256.46. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL TO INSTALL DOOR
AT AUDITOR'S OFFICE IN NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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

Agenda # 22
IN REGARDS TO CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL TO INSTALL
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER
OUTLETS IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to pass on this item; no report available. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to pass on this item; no report available. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of Budget Amendments, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 27
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. to Lubbock, Texas on February 1-6, 2015.
2. Animal Control Officer, Terry White to San Benito, Texas on February 4, 2015.
3. Justice of the Peace Office, George Solis to San Antonio, Texas on February 3-6, 2015 and to San Marcos, Texas on March 4-5, 2015.
4. Juvenile Probation Department, Raul Garza to Fort Worth, Texas on February 16-18, 2015.
5. Sheriff's Department, Investigator Guillermo Salinas Jr., Patrol Sgt. Marcos Garcia and Admin. Joe Jimenez to Harlingen, Texas on February 4-6, 2015.
6. Sheriff's Department, Larry Spence to Austin, TX on February 13-14, 2015.
7. Sheriff's Department, Larry Spence and Joe Jimenez to Austin, Texas on February 17-18, 2015.

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

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that Court be Reopen, for a Public comment from Dan Sanchez, Cameron County Commissioner. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.

No CD was provided for the record.