

April 25, 2019
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 25th day of April, A.D., 2019 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. Discussion and Action to authorize the County Judge to solicit for Phase 2 Administrative Services for the Texas Community Development Block Grant. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Discussion and Action to authorize the County Judge to advertise two ads for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Approval of a memorandum of agreement between Willacy County and the research, applied technology, education and services/RGC (Rate/RGV) for membership to the Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Storm Water Task Force. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt Guidelines and Criteria Governing the Granting of Tax Abatement Agreements in Reinvestment Zones created in and for Willacy County, Texas. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt Resolution creating Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Three, authorizing the granting of tax abatement agreements within such reinvestment zones in Willacy County, Texas. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt an Order & Resolution concerning road use between Willacy County and Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt an Order & Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement Agreement between Willacy County and Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve adding Asserta Health to the County's Health Insurance Plan. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Consideration and Possible Action to accept the Willacy County Insurance Committee recommendation to amend the prescription drug formulary of the Willacy County Employee Health & Welfare plan effective May 1, 2019 and to grandfather any plan member who is currently taking any prescription drug/s that may be affected by the formulary change. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED

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14. Discussion and Action to approve Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program for Sebastian Volunteer Fire Department. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to Proclaim Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 28th thru May 5th. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Approval and Action to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Texas Sea Grant/Texas Target Communities (TTI) for 2019 Community Planning Projects. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. 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,	ABSENT
Ida Martinez,	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 in the sign in sheet.

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 – Presentation by Roberto with TxDOT to provide monthly project status updates on North U.S. 77 Project and SH – 186. Chairman Guerra asks Mr. Roberto if they can check on FM 490, which might need some street repairs.

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Agenda # 5
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY
JUDGE TO SOLICIT FOR PHASE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

As per the Chairman, no action taken on this item.

Agenda # 6
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE
TO ADVERTISE TWO ADS FOR
THE TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to authorize the County Judge to advertise for the first (1st) ad for the Public Hearing for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. 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 # 7
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
THE RESEARCH, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY,
EDUCATION AND SERVICES/RGC
(RATE/RGV) FOR MEMBERSHIP TO
THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
TPDES STORM WATER TASK FORCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of a memorandum of agreement between Willacy County and the research, applied technology, education and services/RGC (Rate/RGV) for membership to the Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Storm Water Task Force, contingent upon Legal Counsel reviewing it. 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 # 8
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES
AND CRITERIA GOVERNING THE
GRANTING OF TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENTS IN REINVESTMENT
ZONES CREATED IN AND FOR
WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to adopt Guidelines and Criteria Governing the Granting of Tax Abatement Agreements in Reinvestment Zones created in and for Willacy County, Texas. 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 De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 11:28 a.m., does not vote for item numbers 9-10.

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION
CREATING WILLACY COUNTY
REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER
THREE, AUTHORIZING THE
GRANTING OF TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENTS WITHIN SUCH
REINVESTMENT ZONES IN WILLACY
COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to adopt Resolution creating Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Three, authorizing the granting of tax abatement agreements within such reinvestment zones in Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDER
AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING
ROAD USE BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND RAYMOND WIND
FARM, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to adopt an Order and Resolution concerning road use between Willacy County and Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner De La Paz returns to the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDER
AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
RAYMOND WIND FARM, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to adopt an Order and Resolution authorizing 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 # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ADDING ASSERTA
HEALTH TO THE COUNTY'S
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

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

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Agenda # 13
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO ACCEPT THE WILLACY
COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND
THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARY
OF THE WILLACY COUNTY EMPLOYEE
HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN EFFECTIVE
MAY 1, 2019 AND TO GRANDFATHER
ANY PLAN MEMBER WHO IS CURRENTLY
TAKING ANY PRESCRIPTION DRUG/S THAT
MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE FORMULARY
CHANGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to table 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 # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RURAL VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR SEBASTIAN
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to purchase two (2) Airpaks the amount no more than \$14,475.14. The County's Share will be \$4,275.14 with the reimbursement from the Grant in the amount of \$10,235.00, to be paid from the Fire Department Fund and for the reimbursement to be place back to the same fund. 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
PROCLAIM SOIL AND WATER
STEWARDSHIP WEEK APRIL
28TH THRU MAY 5TH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Proclaim Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 28th thru May 5th. 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
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
AND ACTION TO SUBMIT A
LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) TO
TEXAS SEA GRANT/TEXAS TARGET
COMMUNITIES (TTI) FOR 2019
COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Texas Sea Grant/Texas Target Communities (TTI) for 2019 Community Planning Projects. 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 # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Auditor's Office, Ida C. Martinez, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado and Rebeca Saenz to Austin, Texas on May 6-10, 2019.
2. Constable Precinct 2's Office, Deputy Flores and Deputy Prieto to Texas City, Texas on April 28-30, 2019.
3. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Carrizo Springs, Texas on May 13-15, 2019.

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 # 18
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, 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.

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