

January 10, 2019
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10th day of January, 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. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Building Inspector Robert Salinas has successfully completed 24 hours of OSSF-Designated Representative.
6. Approval of Bond and Payment for the following: ACTION REQUIRED
 - (a) Justice of the Peace Pct. 5 Rodolfo "Rudy" Cantu
 - (b) Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra
 - (c) Willacy County District Clerk Isabel Adame
 - (d) Willacy County Clerk Susan Rios Garza
 - (e) Willacy County Treasurer Ruben Cavazos
 - (f) Willacy County Commissioner Pct. 2 Oscar De Luna
 - (g) Willacy County Commissioner Pct. 4 Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzales
 - (h) Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jessica (Annie) Rosas
 - (i) Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Juan Salinas Jr.
7. Approval of Oath for the following: ACTION REQUIRED
 - (a) Justice of the Peace Pct. 5 Rodolfo "Rudy" Cantu
 - (b) Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra
 - (c) Willacy County District Clerk Isabel Adame
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8. Discussion and Action to approve Nomination of Interim/Presiding Officer for Commissioners Court in the absence of the County Judge for Calendar Year 2019. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve designation of the Willacy County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting Place and Time for Calendar Year 2019. ACTION REQUIRED

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10. Discussion and Action to approve the appointment of (3) three commissioners to the Willacy County Emergency Service District. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Update on Tax Abatement Agreement for Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC. ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to limit access to Laguna Point Park during coastal land resource center outdoor activities/events year round. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to relocate Veterans Administration Office to the Willacy County Annex Building. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to open Request for Qualifications and select proposed services to update the County's park master plans. ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve payment as requested by Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division in the amounts of Grant#: HS-3193501 for \$11,621.77 and Grant#: BL-2995802 for \$17,249.74 ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
23. 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,
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,

ABSENT

leaves at 10:06 a.m.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Mary Gutierrez	Robert Pena
Maria Elva Saenz	Joseph Villarreal
Ramiro Cavazos	Frances Najera
Todd Eagleston	

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Henry De La Paz – **ABSENT**
3. Pledge/Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales
4. Public Comment(s) – District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa introduces to the Court Martha Martinez as the new Crime Victims Coordinator as well as Victims Assistance Coordinator. Ms. Martinez will have an office at the Sheriff's Department.

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Agenda # 5
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY BUILDING
INSPECTOR ROBERT SALINAS
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
24 HOURS OF OSSF – DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVE

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: Willacy County Building Inspector, Robert Salinas has successfully completed 24 hours of OSSF – Designated Representative.

Move to item number 10.

Agenda # 6
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BOND AND PAYMENT
FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Bonds and Payments for the following:

- (a) Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 Rodolfo “Rudy” Cantu
- (b) Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra
- (c) Willacy County District Clerk Isabel Adame
- (d) Willacy County Clerk Susan R. Garza
- (e) Willacy County Treasurer Ruben Cavazos
- (f) Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 2 Oscar De Luna
- (g) Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 4 Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzales
- (h) Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Jessica (Annie) Rosas
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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 # 7
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF OATH FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Oaths for the following:

- (a) Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 Rodolfo "Rudy" Cantu
- (b) Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra
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Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE NOMINATION OF
INTERIM/PRESIDING OFFICER
FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COUNTY
JUDGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to nominate Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales for Interim/Presiding Officer for Commissioners Court in the absence of the County Judge for Calendar Year 2019. 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE DESIGNATION OF
THE WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURT REGULAR MEETING PLACE
AND TIME FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to designate County Judge's Office (Commissioners Courtroom) at 576 West Main Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580 for the Willacy County Commissioners Court Regular Meeting Place on every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Thursdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. for the Calendar year 2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Skip item number 10, move to item number 12.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT
OF (3) THREE COMMISSIONERS
TO THE WILLACY COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of the reappointment of Ms. Mary Gutierrez, Mr. Ramiro Cavazos and Ms. Maria Elva Saenz as the three (3) Commissioners to the Willacy County Emergency Service District. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 11.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON
TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
FOR LAS MAJADAS WIND FARM,
LLC

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

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Back to item number 6.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
LIMIT ACCESS TO LAGUNA
POINT PARK DURING COASTAL
LAND RESOURCE CENTER
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS
YEAR ROUND

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to limit access to Laguna Point Park during Coastal Land Resource Center outdoor activities/events year round, only if Law Enforcement is available to close the barriers for this event and any upcoming event. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
RELOCATE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE TO THE WILLACY COUNTY
ANNEX BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to relocate Veterans Administration Office to the Willacy County Annex Building. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OPEN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AND SELECT PROPOSED SERVICES
TO UPDATE THE COUNTY'S PARK
MASTER PLANS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to take no action on item number 14 and for approval of authorization to advertise. 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 # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PAYMENT AS REQUESTED
BY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
DIVISION IN THE AMOUNTS OF
GRANT #: HS-3193501 FOR \$11,621.77
AND GRANT #: BL-2995802 FOR
\$17,249.74

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of payment as requested by Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division in the amounts of Grant #: HS-3193501 for \$11,621.77 and Grant #: BL-2995802 for \$17,249.74 for the total amount of \$28,871.51, to be paid out from the Restitution Receivable Line Item from General Fund. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. 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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Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:44 a.m. does not vote for item numbers 18-19.

Agenda # 18
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF QUARTERLY TREASURER'S
REPORT

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

Agenda # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

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

Commissioner Guerra returns back to the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, 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 Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Commissioner Guerra leaves the meeting at 11:51 a.m. does not vote for item numbers 21-23.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that the following travel requests be approved, contingent of justification for item number 3:

1. District Attorney's Office, Benjamin Vera to San Antonio, Texas on February 4-7, 2019. (Registration Fee, Lodging, Parking Fees and Meals).
2. Commissioner Precinct 4, Eduardo Gonzales to South Padre Island, Texas on January 16-17, 2019. (Meals).
3. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Lyford, Texas on January 23-26, 2019. (Meals), contingent of justification.
4. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 6-8, 2019. (Meals and Lodging).
5. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 12-15, 2019. (Meals and Lodging).
6. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to San Antonio, Texas on February 17-22, 2019. (Meals).
7. Juvenile Department, Raul Garza to San Marcos, Texas on February 10-13, 2019. (Texas Juvenile Justice Department Funding will be used to satisfy travel expenses).

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

Agenda # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.