

December 12, 2019

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of December, 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. Presentation – TxDOT to provide monthly status updates.
6. Approval of previous minutes as follows:
 - November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - November 25, 2019, Regular Meeting
 - November 25, 2019, Regular Meeting Addendum #1 (Cancelled).
 - December 3, 2019 Special Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Spread in the Minutes – Road & Bridge Precinct 3 employee, Ernesto Aguirre and Jose J. Rodriguez completed 3.200 CEU's for – Motor Grader – Beginner training on November 18-21, 2019.
8. Discussion and Action to approve "City of Raymondville Movie Night" to be held at the Willacy County Courthouse front lawn. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve a Right of Way Permit for the City of Lyford – proposed installation of 18" storm drain force main pipe going East on Tracy Road from our pump station on 8th Avenue. West of Expressway Avenue. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to approve amending tax abatement agreement on the Raymond LLC Windmill Project. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve preliminary cost to survey and evaluate elevations on the 11 acres acquired recently by Willacy County utilizing the match fund line item. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion & Action to approve retroactive brush cleaning of the recent 11 acres acquired by Willacy County by utilizing the match fund line item. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to approve the monitoring of fire alarm for the Administration Building. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to approve an Annual Gold Level Packet from IDocket for the Willacy County Sheriff's Department. ACTION REQUIRED.

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15. Approval of Resolution Granting Tax Abatement Agreement-El Sauz Ranch Wind, LLC.
ACTION REQUIRED
16. Approval of Tax Abatement Agreement-El Sauz Ranch Wind, LLC. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve a 2-year contract with DISH Network TV/Cable Services for the 197th District Court. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discuss, consider and adopt resolution to designate management/consulting company for the Hazard Mitigation Fund Project for application preparation and project implementation. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Review of monthly reports on jail count.
27. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
28. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Oscar De Luna,
Henry De La Paz,
Eduardo Gonzales,
Annette Hinojosa,
Ida Martinez,
Susana R. Garza,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor,
County Clerk,

ABSENT

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Comm. Rick Salinas
Carlos Ceballos, Jr.
Veronica Caballero

Andres Maldonado
Gabriel Villarreal
Chad Busse

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

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra arrives at the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Agenda # 5
PRESENTATION – TXDOT TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY STATUS
UPDATES

Gabriel Villarreal with TxDOT to update on SH 186 Project, U.S. 77 South Project and Over lane Project U.S. 77.

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Agenda # 6

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
NOVEMBER 14, 2019 REGULAR MEETING,
NOVEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING,
NOVEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR MEETING
ADDENDUM #1 (CANCELLED) AND
DECEMBER 3, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of previous minutes as follows: November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting, November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Addendum # 1 (Cancelled) and December 3, 2019 Special Meeting. 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

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 3
EMPLOYEE, ERNESTO AGUIRRE
AND JOSE J. RODRIGUEZ COMPLETED
3.200 CEU'S FOR – MOTOR GRADER –
BEGINNER TRAINING ON NOVEMBER
18-21, 2019

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Road and Bridge Precinct 3 Employee, Ernesto Aguirre and Jose J. Rodriguez completed 3.200 CEU's for – Motor Grader – Beginner training on November 18-21, 2019.

Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE "CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE
MOVIE NIGHT" TO BE HELD AT THE
WILLACY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FRONT LAWN

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to tabled 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 # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A RIGHT OF WAY
PERMIT FOR THE CITY OF
LYFORD – PROPOSED INSTALLATION
OF 18” STORM DRAIN FORCE
MAIN PIPE GOING EAST ON
TRACY ROAD FROM OUR PUMP
STATION ON 8TH AVENUE. WEST OF
EXPRESSWAY AVENUE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of a Right of Way Permit for the City of Lyford – proposed installation of 18” storm drain force main pipe going East on Tracy Road from our pump station on 8th Avenue. West of Expressway Avenue. 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 # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AMENDING TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT ON
THE RAYMOND LLC WINDMILL
PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to tabled 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 # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY COST
TO SURVEY AND EVALUATE
ELEVATIONS ON THE 11 ACRES
ACQUIRED RECENTLY BY WILLACY
COUNTY UTILIZING THE MATCH
FUND LINE ITEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of preliminary cost to survey and evaluate elevations on the 11 acres acquired recently by Willacy County utilizing the Match Fund Line Item and to be funded from Capital Fund, Contract and Legal. 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 RETROACTIVE BRUSH
CLEANING OF THE RECENT 11
ACRES ACQUIRED BY WILLACY
COUNTY BY UTILIZING THE MATCH
FUND LINE ITEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of retroactive brush cleaning of the recent 11 acres acquired by Willacy County by utilizing the Maintenance and Repair 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.

Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE MONITORING OF
OF FIRE ALARM FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of the monitoring of fire alarm for the Administration Building. 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 # 14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AN ANNUAL GOLD
LEVEL PACKET FROM IDOCKET
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of an Annual Gold Level Packet from iDocket for the Willacy County Sheriff's Department.

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 # 15

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT-EL
SAUZ RANCH WIND, LLC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Resolution Granting Tax Abatement Agreement – El Sauz Ranch Wind, LLC, contingent on Legal's Review. 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 OF
TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT-EL
SAUZ RANCH WIND, LLC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Tax Abatement Agreement – El Sauz Ranch Wind, LLC, contingent on Legal's Review. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A 2-YEAR CONTRACT
WITH DISH NETWORK TV/CABLE
SERVICES FOR THE 197TH DISTRICT
COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of a 2-year contract with Dish Network TV/Cable Services for the 197th District Court. 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

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING
COMPANY FOR THE HAZARD
MITIGATION FUND PROJECT FOR
APPLICATION PREPARATION AND
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to designate Grantworks as the Management/Consulting Company for the Hazard Mitigation Fund Project for application. 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 Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Adopt Resolution and designate Grantworks as the Management/Consulting Company for the Hazard Mitigation Fund Project for application. 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 # 19

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Monthly Reports, 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.

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Agenda # 20
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, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Justice of the Peace Office Precinct 1, Judge Jessica Rosas to San Antonio, Texas on January 12-15, 2020.
2. Juvenile Department, two new hires to Huntsville, Texas on January 12-17, 2020.

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 # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Tax Collector's Report, 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.

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Agenda # 23
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, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna 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.

Agenda # 25
REVIEW OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 26
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Reports on Jail Count. There was no report given.

Agenda # 27
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report – Andres Maldonado reported.

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Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Adjourned. 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.