

December 23, 2019

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23rd 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. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Tax Collector/Assessor Elizabeth Barnhart has completed 22.25 hours of Continuing Education for the 2019 period.
6. Discussion and Action to approve Pct. 1 location 11571 W. Highway 186, Raymondville, Texas to enter into contract agreement with VTX for Internet Services. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Discussion and Action to approve variance to allow setbacks of 5 ½ feet on property ID# 15520 Vol. 38 , Page 136, Lot 9, Block 41, Townsite of Sebastian Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to approve Preliminary & Final Plat of Ruiz Subdivision of a 5.0-acre tract out of the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 25, Harding-Lindahl Subdivision as recorder in map records, Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve a Preliminary & Final Re-Plat of Barrios Subdivision a 0.664-acre tract out of Outlot Thirteen (13) townsite of Sebastian, Texas, as recorded in Book 2, Page 182 of the transcribed records Cameron County to Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and action to request the retroactive approval of the audit required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for FYs 2017 and 2018. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action for Authorization to make correction on The General Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Office of the Governor Grant. Resolution previously approved on February 14, 2019. Resolution No. 2007, Vol. 190, Page 345. Resolution is included. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discuss and consider approval for the County to authorize the submission of application/s and to appoint the County Judge as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorizing Representative to act in all matters in connection with the Hazard Mitigation grants. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discuss, consider and adopt resolution committing the County to 25% match. ACTION REQUIRED

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14. Discussion and Action on requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept grant award for: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), through the Office of the Governor. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to approve enrolling County Employees to complete a state-mandated cybersecurity course. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
18. 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,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

No one signed 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 – None

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Agenda # 5

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY TAX
COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR
ELIZABETH BARNHART HAS
COMPLETED 22.25 HOURS OF
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
THE 2019 PERIOD

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Tax Collector/ Assessor Elizabeth Barnhart has completed 22.25 hours of Continuing Education for the 2019 period.

Agenda # 6

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRECINCT 1 LOCATION
11571 W. HIGHWAY 186,
RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS TO ENTER
INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT
WITH VTX FOR INTERNET SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Precinct 1 location 11571 W. Highway 186, Raymondville, Texas to enter into contract agreement with VTX for Internet Services. 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 ACTION TO
APPROVE VARIANCE TO ALLOW
SETBACKS OF 5 ½ FEET ON
PROPERTY ID NUMBER 15520 VOLUME
38, PAGE 136, LOT 9, BLOCK 41,
TOWNSITE OF SEBASTIAN, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of variance to allow setbacks of 5 ½ feet on property ID Number 15520, Volume 38, Page 136, Lot 9, Block 41, Townsite of Sebastian, 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.

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Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY AND
FINAL PLAT OF RUIZ SUBDIVISION
OF A 5.0 – ACRE TRACT OUT OF
THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT
5, BLOCK 25, HARDING – LINDAHL
SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN
MAP RECORDS, WILLACY COUNTY,
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Preliminary and Final Plat of Ruiz Subdivision of a 5.0 – acre tract out of the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 25, Harding – Lindahl Subdivision as recorded in map records, 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.

Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A PRELIMINARY AND
FINAL RE-PLAT OF BARRIOS
SUBDIVISION A 0.664 – ACRE TRACT
OUT OF OUTLOT THIRTEEN (13)
TOWNSITE OF SEBASTIAN, TEXAS,
AS RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 182
OF THE TRANSCRIBED RECORDS
CAMERON COUNTY TO WILLACY
COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Preliminary Re-Plat of Barrios Subdivision a 0.664 – acre tract out of Outlot Thirteen (13) townsite of Sebastian, Texas, as recorded in Book 2, Page 182 of the transcribed records Cameron County to 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.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REQUEST THE RETROACTIVE
APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT
REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 59.06
OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE FYS 2017 AND 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of the retroactive approval of the audit required by Article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for Fys 2017 and 2018. 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 # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE
CORRECTION ON THE GENERAL
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE DIRECT
SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GRANT. RESOLUTION PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2019.
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007, VOLUME
190, PAGE 345. RESOLUTION IS
INCLUDED

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of authorization to make correction on The General Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Office of the Governor Grant. Resolution previously approved on February 14, 2019. Resolution Number 2007, Volume 190, Page 345. Resolution is included. 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 # 12
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER
APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY
TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION
OF APPLICATION/S AND TO APPOINT
THE COUNTY JUDGE AS THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZING
REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL
MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval for the County to authorize the submission of application/s and to appoint the County Judge as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorizing Representative to act in all matters in connection with the Hazard Mitigation Grants. 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.

Commissioners Oscar De Luna and Eliberto Guerra walked out of the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner Oscar De Luna returns back to the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION
COMMITTING THE COUNTY
TO 25% MATCH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to Adopt Resolution committing the County to 25% match. 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
ON REQUESTING PERMISSION
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED
ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FOR:
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG),
THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to table this item until next 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 # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE ENROLLING
COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO
COMPLETE A STATE – MANDATED
CYBERSECURITY COURSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of enrolling County Employees to complete a state – mandated cybersecurity course. 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 TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Constable Albert Oviedo to Austin, Texas on February 11-14, 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.

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Agenda # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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 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.