

February 13, 2020
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of February, A.D., 2020 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. Approval of Previous Minutes as follows: ACTION REQUIRED
 - January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting.
 - January 10, 202 Public Workshop
 - January 23, 2020, Regular Meeting.
6. Presentation – TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Presentation by Hidalgo District #1 regarding upcoming projects that will affect Willacy County.
8. Presentation by RATES/RGV on all upcoming projects.
9. Spread in the Minutes: Ernesto Aguirre and Jose J. Rodriguez, Precinct 3 Road Maintenance have successfully completed Motor Grader-Advanced Training, January 23-23, 2020. (Training hours: 32.00 and CEU's: 3.200).
10. Spread in the Minutes – LRGVDC donated the following Equipment to Willacy County Constable's Office Pct. 4 (equipment schedule attached).
11. Discussion and Action to approve JP Judge Salinas request to replace carpet and install security cameras in the front and back door of the Justice of the Peace Office Building. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to appoint two (2) Commissioners to the Willacy County Emergency Service District. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion, Consider, and select an administration service provider to complete application and project implementation for the Texas Infrastructure Fund Program through the Texas Department of Transportation. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to approve the 2020 Willacy County Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Program. ACTION REQUIRED.

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15. Discussion and Action to approve Right of Way Permit for North Alamo Water to install buried fiber optic within the Right of Way (County Road 200 S., County Road 1600 W). ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve Preliminary Plat for Mulberry Subdivision in Sebastian, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action to approve purchase of public data (411) for Hyper-Reach notification under contract agreement between Willacy County and Sam Usher Computing Services, Inc. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action to approve Willacy County's third year membership with Rio South Texas Economic Council. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discussion and Action to consider contributing to be a part of the "Census 2020 Regional Marketing Initiative" efforts to promote census through local radio and TV stations. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and Action to consider adding to the list of engineering services for County inspections on an as need basis. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action on the County Clerks budget line item Communication Expense. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Discussion and Action on reimbursement to Commissioner Pct. 2 budget for the purchase of storage bins and to discuss what funding source will be utilized. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discussion and Action on Juvenile Department requesting authorization to submit applications, resolutions, and if awarded, accept funding via the SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Allocations from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office 2021 grant cycle. (Grant Number 1716917 and 2795307). ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Adjourn to EXECUTIVE SESSION as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed session.
 1. Discussion with legal counsel regarding a contract with Willacy County. Possible Action Required.
25. Reconvene into OPEN SESSION regarding items discussed in Closed Session. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
27. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED

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22. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Review of monthly reports on jail count.
26. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
27. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Oscar De Luna,
Henry De La Paz,
Eduardo Gonzales,
Annette Hinojosa,
Ida Martinez,
Elizabeth Rios,

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

arrives at 11:27 a.m.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Raul Sesin
Jonathan P.
Skyler Levsier
Daniel Cavazos
Alex Livas

Rafael Tapia
Richard Sanchez
Lefty Cavazos
Chris Fuller
Andy Ernest

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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

Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
JANUARY 9, 2020 REGULAR
MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2020
PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND JANUARY
23, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of previous minutes as follows: January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, January 10, 2020 Public Workshop and January 23, 2020 Regular 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.

As per the Chairman, states that on page 3 of the Agenda. There was some typos on the numbers from item numbers 20-27, they should read item numbers 28-35.

Agenda # 6

PRESENTATION – TXDOT TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Carlos Ceballos with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on reference to South U.S. 77, North U.S. 77 Project, Business 77 on the Over lane Project and SH 186 Project.

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Agenda # 7
PRESENTATION BY HIDALGO
DISTRICT NUMBER 1 REGARDING
UPCOMING PROJECTS THAT
WILL AFFECT WILLACY COUNTY

Presentation by Raul Sesin with Hidalgo District Number 1 regarding upcoming projects that will affect Willacy County on reference to Willacy County Relief Channel Overflow Structure Improvements and the Raymondville Drain Project Phase 2: Restoration and Flood Control Location Map.

Agenda # 8
PRESENTATION BY RATES/RGV
ON ALL UPCOMING PROJECTS

Presentation by Andy Ernest and Dr. Fuller with RATES/RGV on all upcoming projects on reference to Regional Water Resources Advisory Committee, Clean Rivers Program Subcommittee, Lower Laguna Madre Estuary Initiative, TCEQ 319 Projects, TWDB Flood Infrastructure Fund, TWDB Freshwater Flows Program, Tours, Watershed Coordinator and Grants.

Agenda # 9
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
ERNESTO AGUIRRE AND JOSE J.
RODRIGUEZ, PRECINCT 3 ROAD
MAINTENANCE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED MOTOR GRADER –
ADVANCED TRAINING, JANUARY
20-23, 2020. (TRAINING HOURS: 32.00
AND CEU'S: 3.200)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to spread in the minutes: Ernesto Aguirre and Jose J. Rodriguez, Precinct 3 Road Maintenance have successfully completed Motor Grader-Advanced Training, January 20-23, 2020. (Training hours: 32.00 and CEU's: 3.200). 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
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
LRGVDC DONATED THE FOLLOWING
EQUIPMENT TO WILLACY COUNTY
CONSTABLE'S OFFICE PRECINCT 4
(EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE ATTACHED)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to spread in the minutes – LRGVDC donated the following equipment to Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 4. (equipment schedule attached). 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 TO
APPROVE JP JUDGE SALINAS
REQUEST TO REPLACE CARPET
AND INSTALL SECURITY CAMERAS
IN THE FRONT AND BACK DOOR
OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OFFICE BUILDING

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 # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPOINT TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS
TO THE WILLACY COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to appoint Edward Gonzales and Juanita Aparicio as the two (2) Commissioners to the Willacy County Emergency Service District. 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
DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND
SELECT AN ADMINISTRATION
SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE
APPLICATION AND PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE
TEXAS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
PROGRAM THROUGH THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to select Grantworks as the Administration Service Provider to complete application and project implementation for the Texas Infrastructure Fund Program through the Texas Department of Transportation. 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.

Move to item number 18.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE 2020 WILLACY
COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR THE
TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of the 2020 Willacy County Resolution for The Texas Indigent Defense 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.

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Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT
FOR FIBERLIGHT, LLC TO
INSTALL BURIED FIBER OPTIC
WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY
(COUNTY ROAD 200 S., COUNTY
ROAD 1600 W.)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Right of Way Permit for Fiberlight, LLC to install buried fiber optic within the Right of Way (County Road 200 S., County Road 1600 W.). 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR MULBERRY SUBDIVISION
IN SEBASTIAN, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to deny the Preliminary Plat for Mulberry Subdivision in 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.

Agenda # 17

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC
DATA (411) FOR HYPER-REACH
NOTIFICATION UNDER CONTRACT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND SAM USHER
COMPUTING SERVICES, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of contract for the purchase of public data from LRGVDC. 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 # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE WILLACY COUNTY'S
THIRD YEAR MEMBERSHIP WITH
RIO SOUTH TEXAS ECONOMIC
COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to renew the Willacy County's third year membership with Rio South Texas Economic Council. 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.

Back to item number 14.

Move to item number 31.

Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 12:10 p.m., does not vote for item numbers 19 and 20.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO
BE A PART OF THE "CENSUS
2020 REGIONAL MARKETING
INITIATIVE" EFFORTS TO
PROMOTE CENSUS THROUGH
LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to contribute \$1,000.00 to be a part of the "Census 2020 Regional Marketing Initiative" efforts to promote Census through Local Radio and TV Stations. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER ADDING TO THE LIST
OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR COUNTY INSPECTIONS ON
AN AS NEED BASIS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of adding Guzman and Munoz Engineering and Rubalcaba Engineering to the list of Engineering Services for County Inspections on an as need basis. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra returns back to the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
THE COUNTY CLERKS BUDGET
LINE ITEM COMMUNICATION
EXPENSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval on the County Clerk's budget line item Communication Expense to pay the amount of \$2,138.16 from Administration. 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
REIMBURSEMENT TO COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2 BUDGET FOR THE
PURCHASE OF STORAGE BINS AND
TO DISCUSS WHAT FUNDING
SOURCE WILL BE UTILIZED

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of reimbursement to Commissioner Precinct 2 budget for the purchase of storage bins, to be funded from General Fund/Health and Welfare. 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
JUVENILE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND
IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING VIA
THE SF-STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PLANNING (421) ALLOCATIONS FROM
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
(CJD) OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
2021 GRANT CYCLE. (GRANT NUMBER
1716917 AND 2795307)

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval on Juvenile Department requesting authorization to submit applications, resolutions, and if awarded, accept funding via the SF-State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Allocations from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Governor's Office 2021 grant Cycle. (Grant Number 1716917 and 2795307). 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
ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 551.071. CONSULTATION
WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED SESSION

1. DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
REGARDING A CONTRACT WITH
WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that Court Adjourn to Executive Session at 12:26 p.m. 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 # 25

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION
REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN
CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 12:46 p.m. 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to do not terminate the contract with the Spanish and Science Club, Inc., but that the point of contact be Ms. Robin Flores in between Willacy County and the Spanish and Science Club. Also, to include any businesses related to that contract and for the County Judge be the point of contact for the modifications of the contract. 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.

Move to Addendum Number 1.

Agenda # 26

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales 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.

Agenda # 27

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, 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.

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Agenda # 28

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. County Clerk, Susan Garza to Corpus Christi, Texas on May 5-8, 2020.
2. County Clerk, Susan Garza to Eagle Pass, Texas on March 18-20, 2020.
3. Auditor's Office, Ida C. Martinez, Moises Madrid and Veronica Alcala to Galveston, Texas on April 1-3, 2020.
4. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Mercedes, Texas on March 11-22, 2020. (Meals and reimbursement on parking).
5. Veteran's Office, Daniel Gomez and Frances Najera to San Antonio, Texas on April 21-23, 2020.
6. Building Inspector, Robert Salinas to San Antonio, Texas on July 21-23, 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 # 29

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, 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 # 30

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

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Agenda # 31
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Claims, as presented plus a verbal claim to Frank Puente, Jr. for the amount of \$4,850.00. 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.

Back to item number 19.

Agenda # 32
REVIEW OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 33
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

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

Agenda # 34
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report. There was no report presented.

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