

June 25, 2020
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 25th day of June, 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. Discussion and possible action to approve Second Amended and Restated Tax Abatement Agreement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code with Raymond Wind Farm, LLC, relating to a proposed 75%, ten-year, County Tax Abatement on an approximately 143 megawatt wind farm project (approximately 65 wind turbine generators) with a projected cost of approximately \$164,000,000. Abatement includes county's maintenance & operations (M&O) Ad valorem taxes personal property taxes only. Project will be located wholly within the boundaries of the previously approved Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Three. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
6. Discussion and possible action to approve Amended Resolution and Order relating to County Road Use by Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and possible action to approve Tax Abatement Agreement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code with West Raymond Wind Farm, LLC, relating to a proposed 80%, ten-year, County Tax Abatement on an approximately 185-megawatt wind farm project (approximately 84 wind turbine generators) with a projected cost of approximately \$212,000,000. Abatement includes county's maintenance & operations (M&O) Ad valorem taxes personal property taxes only. Project will be located wholly within the boundaries of the previously approved Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Three. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution and Order relating to County Road Use by West Raymond Wind Farm, LLC. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
9. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Adjourn.

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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 11:00 a.m.
ABSENT

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Juan Miguel Gonzalez
Anthony Covacevich

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

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Agenda # 5
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE SECOND
AMENDED AND RESTATED TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER
CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX
CODE WITH RAYMOND WIND FARM,
LLC, RELATING TO A PROPOSED 75%,
TEN-YEAR, COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT
ON AN APPROXIMATELY 143-MEGAWATT
WIND FARM PROJECT (APPROXIMATELY 65
WIND TURBINE GENERATORS) WITH A
PROJECTED COST OF APPROXIMATELY
\$164,000,000.00. ABATEMENT INCLUDES
COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
(M&O) AD VALOREM TAXES PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAXES ONLY. PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED
WHOLLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF
THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WILLACY
COUNTY REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER
THREE

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDED
RESOLUTION AND ORDER RELATING
TO COUNTY ROAD USE BY RAYMOND
WIND FARM, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 7
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 312
OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE WITH WEST
RAYMOND WIND FARM, LLC, RELATING
TO A PROPOSED 80%, TEN-YEAR, COUNTY
TAX ABATEMENT ON AN APPROXIMATELY
185-MEGAWATT WIND FARM PROJECT
(APPROXIMATELY 84 WIND TURBINE
GENERATORS) WITH A PROJECTED COST
OF APPROXIMATELY \$212,000,000.00.
ABATEMENT INCLUDES COUNTY'S
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS (M&O) AD
VALOREM TAXES PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
ONLY. PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED WHOLLY
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WILLACY COUNTY
REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER THREE

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:11 a.m., does not vote for item number 8.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
AND ORDER RELATING TO COUNTY
ROAD USE BY WEST RAYMOND
WIND FARM, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra returns to the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

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Agenda # 9
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Amarillo, Texas on July 11-15, 2020.
2. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to Waco, Texas on September 21-24, 2020.

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

Agenda # 10
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 and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioners Guerra and De Luna Rescind their Motion.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Claims, as presented plus a verbal claim to Ramon Esparza for the amount of \$160.00. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that the time is 10:25 a.m. Court Recess for 11:00 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Court Recessed.

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Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales arrives at the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Guerra, states it is 11:02 a.m. Court to Reconvene.

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 11:02 a.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.

Chairman Guerra, states to return back to Agenda Item Number 10.

Return back to the Regular Meeting so the Commissioners could Amend their Motion on item number 10.

The Meeting continues with Addendum Number 1 on Agenda Item Number 3.

Commissioners Meeting was Adjourned on Addendum Number 1.