

September 24, 2020
Regular Meeting Via Teleconference

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 24th day of September, A.D., 2020 there was held a Regular Meeting Via Teleconference 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 and updates on upcoming Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Program Projects (Full Proposal Invitations).
6. Presentation by Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 on Existing and Proposed Drainage projects that affect Willacy County.
7. Adoption of 2020-2021 Salary Schedules. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Adoption of 2020-2021 Willacy County Budget. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to ratify the property tax increase in the FY 2020-2021 County Budget. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Adoption of the following Tax Rates through Resolutions:
 - A. General Funds. ACTION REQUIRED
 - (1.) Maintenance and Operations. ACTION REQUIRED
 - B. Road and Bridge. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Approval of Special Claims for FY 2020-2021 on the following:

A. Postage	K. State Quarterly Report
B. Utilities	L. Travel Advances
C. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Payments	M. Texas Association of Counties
D. Taxes	N. Grant Expenditures
E. Rents	O. Trust Fund Refunds
F. Contracts	P. Refunds
G. Payroll Reports	Q. Jury Fees
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12. Discussion and Action to approve contract between Willacy County and Burton McCumber & Longoria, LLP. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve a Resolution authorizing the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to approve upgrades on all Willacy County Servers as recommended by Salco Solutions. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to amend to authorize compensation to Mario Tijerina Pct. 2 Foreman for utilizing noncommercial political pesticide applicator license in Pct. 3 from August 2020 to November 2020 and to be renewed every year. To reflect an amendment to change the prior approval to a stipend. To be paid out of payroll and be paid out of Pct. 3 Road & Bridge Budget. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Action to approve Reserved Deputy Adolfo Vargas for Willacy County Constable Pct. 1 office. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action for Authorization to apply for, and if awarded, accept grant funds from the Border Prosecution Unit Grant through the Office of the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2019-2021, Resolution included. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action to Approve and Proclaim October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discuss and consider adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Application administered by the Texas General Land Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discuss and consider adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for Willacy County related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Discussion, Action and Approval to place Sgt. Marcelino Flores Jr. and Deputy Gustavo Prieto on "Reserve" Status from full time" status due to lack of funding from Justice Assistance Grant "JAG". ACTION REQUIRED
22. Discussion and Action to enter in to a interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County / Hidalgo County Drainage District 1 on Willacy County drainage project "lateral G" for Texas Water Development Board. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discussion and Action for Approval of Cooperative Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and Cameron County requesting cooperative preparation of the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Program full proposal for the Willacy County Watershed Study. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Discussion and Action to approve advertisement for RFP and RFQ on the 2020 Texas Development Board FIF Funding Cycle. ACTION REQUIRED.

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25. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
27. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Oscar De Luna,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,

**JOINS BY VIA TELECONFERENCE
ESTIMATED TIME AT 10:15 A.M.**

Henry De La Paz,
Eduardo Gonzales,
Annette Hinojosa,
Ida Martinez,
Elizabeth Rios,

Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Javier Zambrano
David A. Garza
Raul Sesein
Jaime Salazar

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

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Commissioner Oscar De Luna joins by Via Teleconference estimated time at 10:15 a.m.

Agenda # 5
PRESENTATION AND UPDATES ON
UPCOMING TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FLOOD
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM
PROJECTS (FULL PROPOSAL
INVITATIONS)

Presentation and updates by Andy Ernest on upcoming Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Program Projects (Full Proposal Invitations).

Agenda # 6
PRESENTATION BY HIDALGO
COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT
NUMBER 1 ON EXISTING AND
PROPOSED DRAINAGE PROJECTS
THAT AFFECT WILLACY COUNTY

Presentation by Raul Sesin with Hidalgo County Drainage District Number 1 on Existing and Proposed Drainage Projects that affect Willacy County.

Agenda # 7
IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
2020-2021 SALARY SCHEDULES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Adoption of 2020-2021 Salary Schedules, plus a verbal change including on Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Office on the part-timer the total changed from \$9,051.00 to \$10,875.00. The grand total changed from \$93,593.00 to \$95,417.00. The description from 1,040 hours changed to 1,248 hours. 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
IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
2020-2021 WILLACY COUNTY
BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Adoption of 2020-2021 Willacy County Budget, plus a verbal change of the increase to Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Office and the decrease on Travel and Training in 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX
INCREASE IN THE FY 2020-2021
COUNTY BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to ratify the property tax increase in the FY 2020-2021 County Budget. This Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$71,621.00 which is a .014 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$64,089.00. 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.

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Agenda # 10
IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
THE FOLLOWING TAX RATES
THROUGH RESOLUTIONS:

- A. GENERAL FUNDS
 - (1.) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

- B. ROAD AND BRIDGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of the Adoption of the following Tax Rates through Resolutions: A.) General Funds, (1.) Maintenance and Operations .67530 and B.) Road and Bridge .12460. 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
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
SPECIAL CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2020-2021 ON THE FOLLOWING:

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| A. Postage | K. State Quarterly Report |
| B. Utilities | L. Travel Advances |
| C. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Payments | M. Texas Association of Counties |
| D. Taxes | N. Grant Expenditures |
| E. Rents | O. Trust Fund Refunds |
| F. Contracts | P. Refunds |
| G. Payroll Reports | Q. Jury Fees |
| H. Drug Enforcement | R. Debt Services |
| I. Communication Expense | S. Court Ordered Attorney Payments |
| J. Advertisement of Treasurers Quarterly Reports | T. All Legal Services |

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Special Claims for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 on the following:

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| A. Postage | K. State Quarterly Report |
| B. Utilities | L. Travel Advances |
| C. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Payments | M. Texas Association of Counties |
| D. Taxes | N. Grant Expenditures |
| E. Rents | O. Trust Fund Refunds |
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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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to add All County Vehicle Registration. 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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Move to item number 23.

Agenda # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY AND BURTON
McCUMBER AND LONGORIA, LLP.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Contract between Willacy County and Burton McCumber and Longoria, LLP. 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 A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION
OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY
REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of a Resolution authorizing the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications 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 # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE UPGRADES ON ALL
WILLACY COUNTY SERVERS AS
RECOMMENDED BY SALCO
SOLUTIONS

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

Commissioners Eliberto Guerra and Henry De La Paz Rescind their motion. Motion Dies.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to table this item until the 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
AMEND TO AUTHORIZE
COMPENSATION TO MARIO
TIJERINA PRECINCT 2 FOREMAN
FOR UTILIZING NONCOMMERCIAL
POLITICAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR
LICENSE IN PRECINCT 3 FROM AUGUST
2020 TO NOVEMBER 2020 AND TO
BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR. TO REFLECT
AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE
PRIOR APPROVAL TO A STIPEND. TO
BE PAID OUT OF PAYROLL AND BE PAID
OUT OF PRECINCT 3 ROAD AND BRIDGE
BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to amend to authorize compensation to Mario Tijerina Precinct 2 Foreman for utilizing noncommercial political pesticide applicator license in Precinct 3 from August 2020 to November 2020 and to be renewed every year. To reflect an amendment to change the prior approval to a stipend. To be paid out of payroll and be paid out of Precinct 3 Road and Bridge Budget. 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 # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RESERVED DEPUTY
ADOLFO VARGAS FOR WILLACY
COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT
1 OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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 # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR,
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDS FROM THE BORDER
PROSECUTION UNIT GRANT THROUGH
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2021, RESOLUTION
INCLUDED

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for authorization to apply for, and if awarded, accept grant funds from the Border Prosecution Unit Grant through the Office of the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2019-2021, Resolution 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.

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AND PROCLAIM
OCTOBER 2020 AS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to Proclaim October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. 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 # 19
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-
MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) APPLICATION
ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL
LAND OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Application administered by the Texas General Land Office. 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 # 20
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING
A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR
WILLACY COUNTY RELATED TO THE
2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-
MIT) PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for Willacy County related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) 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 # 21
DISCUSSION, ACTION AND APPROVAL
TO PLACE SGT. MARCELINO FLORES, JR.
AND DEPUTY GUSTAVO PRIETO ON
"RESERVE" STATUS FROM FULL TIME"
STATUS DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING FROM
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT "JAG"

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded Commissioner De La Paz to table this item until the 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 # 22
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ENTER INTO A INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH HIDALGO
COUNTY/HIDALGO COUNTY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1 ON WILLACY
COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECT
"LATERAL G" FOR TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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 # 23
DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR
APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY AND CAMERON
COUNTY REQUESTING COOPERATIVE
PREPARATION OF THE TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FLOOD
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FULL
PROPOSAL FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
WATERSHED STUDY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to take no action. 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 19.

Agenda # 24
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR
RFP AND RFQ ON THE 2020 TEXAS
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FIF FUNDING
CYCLE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of advertisement for RFP and RFQ on the 2020 Texas Development Board FIF Funding Cycle. 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
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Building Inspector, Robert Salinas to attend OSSF-INSTALLER I live online training on Monday, October 19, 2020 for a total fees of \$410.00.

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.

Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, 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.

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