

September 9, 2021

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 9th day of September, A.D., 2021 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:
 - July 21, 2021 Budget Workshop (2nd part continuation from July 20, 2021 Budget Workshop);
 - July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting;
 - July 22, 2021 Budget Workshop.
 - July 26, 2021 Special Meeting.
 - July 27, 2021 Budget Workshop
 - July 28, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from July 27, 2021 Budget Workshop
 - July 29, 2021 Budget Workshop.
 - August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop.
 - August 3, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop.
 - August 4, 2021 Budget Workshop.
 - August 5, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from August 4, 2021 Budget
 - August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.
 - August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1.
 - August 16, 2021 Special Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Presentation – TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Update on Energy-Efficient Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project.
8. Discussion and Possible Commissioners Court Action to adopt Resolution on Guidelines and Criteria Governing the Granting of Tax Abatement Agreements in Reinvestment Zones created in and for Willacy County, Texas. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and possible Commissioners Court Action to adopt Resolution creating Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Four, authorizing the granting of tax abatement agreements within such reinvestment zones in Willacy County, Texas. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and City of Weslaco for Animal Control Operations and Impoundment. ACTION REQUIRED.

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11. Discussion and Action to accept Letter of Resignation from Precinct 1 & 4 County Commissioners Administrative Assistant position effective September 9, 2021. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve a Quote from PCtech4U for Constables Office – Constables office is seeking financial funding help from County Judge and Commissioner to finish installing the internet at the Constables Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action for Road and Bridge Precinct 2 to transfer 2002 F-150, VIN # 1FTRX17W02NB89614, to Road and Bridge Precinct 1. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action on Nomination of Board Members for the Willacy County Appraisal District. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Consideration and approval of a resolution confirming the county’s plan of finance pertaining to the contemplated issuance of obligations to be designated as “Willacy County, Texas combination tax and subordinate lien revenue certificates of obligation, taxable series 2021a”, authorizing county staff and the county’s financial advisor and bond counsel to proceed with this plan of finance; and authorizing other matters related to the foregoing. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Consideration and approval of a resolution by the commissioner’s court of Willacy County, Texas rescheduling the sale from September 9, 2021 to October 14, 2021 of obligations to be issued and designated as “Willacy County, Texas combination tax and subordinate lien revenue certificates of obligation, taxable series 2021a”; and resolving other matters in connection therewith. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Executive Session:
 - (A). Confer with Commissioners’ Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071.
 - (B). Deliberation regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 551.072
18. Action Relative to Executive Session
 - (A) Possible Action.
 - (B) Possible Action.
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

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23. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED

24. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED

25. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED

26. Review 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,
Elizabeth Rios,

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

Deceased

Arrives at 11:10 a.m.

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. Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales Pledge – Commissioner Henry De La Paz

4. Public Comments – None

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Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS

FOLLOWS: JULY 21, 2021 BUDGET

WORKSHOP (2ND PART CONTINUATION

FROM JULY 20, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP),

JULY 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 22,

2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP, JULY 26, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 27, 2021 BUDGET

WORKSHOP, JULY 28, 2021 BUDGET

WORKSHOP CONTINUATION FROM JULY

27, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP, JULY 29,

2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP, AUGUST 2, 2021

BUDGET WORKSHOP, AUGUST 3, 2021 BUDGET

WORKSHOP CONTINUATION FROM AUGUST

2, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP, AUGUST 4,

2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP, AUGUST 5, 2021

BUDGET WORKSHOP CONTINUATION FROM

AUGUST 4, 2021 BUDGET, AUGUST 12, 2021

REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 12, 2021

REGULAR MEETING ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

AND AUGUST 16, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of previous minutes as follows: July 21, 2021 Budget Workshop (2nd part continuation from July 20, 2021 Budget Workshop), July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting, July 22, 2021 Budget Workshop, July 26, 2021 Special Meeting, July 27, 2021 Budget Workshop, July 28, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from July 27, 2021 Budget Workshop, July 29, 2021 Budget Workshop, August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop, August 3, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from August 2, 2021 Budget Workshop, August 4, 2021 Budget Workshop, August 5, 2021 Budget Workshop continuation from August 4, 2021 Budget, August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1 and August 16, 2021 Special Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6
PRESENTATION – TXDOT TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Robert Jimenez with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on U.S. 77 South Project, U.S. 77 North Project and SH 186.

Agenda # 7
UPDATE ON ENERGY-EFFICIENT
BRACKISH GROUNDWATER
DESALINATION PROJECT

As per the Chairman, states that North Alamo Water Supply Corporation Projects will be in Lasara on reference to the Energy-Efficient Brackish Groundwater Desalination Project.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION
TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ON
GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING
THE GRANTING OF TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENTS IN REINVESTMENT ZONES
CREATED IN AND FOR WILLACY COUNTY,
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to Adopt Resolution on Guidelines and Criteria Governing the Granting of Tax Abatement Agreements in Reinvestment Zones created in and for Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, 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 La Paz for approval upon Legal Counsel's Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa arrives at the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION
TO ADOPT RESOLUTION CREATING
WILLACY COUNTY REINVESTMENT
ZONE NUMBER FOUR, AUTHORIZING
THE GRANTING OF TAX ABATEMENT
AGREEMENTS WITHIN SUCH
REINVESTMENT ZONES IN WILLACY
COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Adopt Resolution creating Willacy County Reinvestment Zone Number Four, authorizing the granting to tax abatement agreements within such reinvestment zones in Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
CITY OF WESLACO FOR ANIMAL
CONTROL OPERATIONS AND
IMPOUNDMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and City of Weslaco for Animal Control Operations and Impoundment. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION
FROM PRECINCT 1 AND 4 COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT POSITION EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to accept Letter of Resignation from Precinct 1 and 4 County Commissioners Administrative Assistant (Roseanna Zaragoza) position effective September 9, 2021. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A QUOTE FROM
PCTECH4U FOR CONSTABLES
OFFICE – CONSTABLES OFFICE
IS SEEKING FINANCIAL FUNDING
HELP FROM COUNTY JUDGE AND
COMMISSIONER TO FINISH INSTALLING
THE INTERNET AT THE CONSTABLES
OFFICE

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

Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR
ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 2
TO TRANSFER 2002 F-150, VIN
NUMBER 1FTRX17W02NB89614,
TO ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for Road and Bridge Precinct 2 to transfer 2002 F-150, VIN Number 1FTRX17W02NB89614, to Road and Bridge Precinct 1. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
NOMINATION OF BOARD
MEMBERS FOR THE WILLACY
COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Nomination of Board Members for the Willacy County Appraisal District.

Commissioners De La Paz and Gonzales Rescind their motion. Motion Dies.

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

Agenda # 15
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL
OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
COUNTY'S PLAN OF FINANCE PERTAINING
TO THE CONTEMPLATED ISSUANCE OF
OBLIGATIONS TO BE DESIGNATED AS
"WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINATION
TAX AND SUBRODINATE LIEN REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, TAXABLE
SERIES 2021A", AUTHORIZING COUNTY
STAFF AND THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL
ADVISOR AND BOND COUNSEL TO
PROCEED WITH THIS PLAN OF FINANCE
AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS
RELATED TO THE FOREGOING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of a Resolution to move forward with TWDB FIF Projects 40095, 40096, 40097 and 40100, confirming the county's plan of finance pertaining to the contemplated issuance of obligations to be designated as "Willacy County, Texas combination tax and subordinate lien revenue certificates of obligation, taxable series 2021a", authorizing county staff and the county's financial advisor and bond counsel to proceed with this plan of finance and authorizing other matters related to the foregoing. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 16

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL
OF A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSIONER'S
COURT OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS
RESCHEDULING THE SALE FROM
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 TO OCTOBER 14, 2021
OF OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED AND
DESIGNATED AS "WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS
COMBINATION TAX AND SUBORDINATE
LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF
OBLIGATION, TAXABLE SERIES 2021A"
AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of a Resolution by the Commissioner's Court of Willacy County, Texas rescheduling the sale from September 9, 2021 to October 14, 2021 of obligations to be issued and designated as "Willacy County, Texas combination tax and subordinate lien revenue certificates of obligation, taxable series 2021a" and resolving other matters in connection therewith. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 17

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. CONFER WITH
COMMISSIONERS'
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL
REGARDING PENDING OR
CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION
AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING
THE COUNTY, ITS EMPLOYEES,
OR ITS INTERESTS, PURSUANT
TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT
CODE, SECTION 551.071

- B. DELIBERATION REGARDING
POSSIBLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE WILLACY COUNTY
REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY,
PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT
CODE, SECTION 551.072

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 12:07 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, 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 that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 1:52 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION
- B. POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for item number 18 a and b to move forward as discussed in Executive Session. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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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 La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, 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 La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that the following travel request be approved:

1. 197th District Court, Veronica Caballero and Rebecca Chapa to Dallas-Frisco, Texas on October 11-15, 2021.

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

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

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

Agenda # 23
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to pass on this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, 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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Claims, as presented plus a verbal for Precinct 1 on page 16 on Claims to remove the amount of \$520.20 as per Commissioner Guerra's request, he does not want it. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

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Agenda # 26
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was 63 Inmates, 16 Federal Inmates and 3 Ice holds.

Agenda # 27
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourned. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.