

April 14, 2022  
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2022 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: March 2, 2022 Special Meeting; March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting; March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting; March 25, 2022 Public Workshop; March 29, 2022 Public Workshop at 1:30 p.m.; March 29, 2022 Public Workshop at 2:00 p.m.; April 8, 2022 Public Workshop; April 8, 2022 Special Meeting; April 8, 2022 Special Meeting Addendum Number1; ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Presentation by TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Spread in the Minutes – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Willacy County Auditor's Office for its annual comprehensive financial report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020.
8. Spread in the Minutes – Thomas Najera, Jr. and Kaleb Cabello were hired as Jailers of the Willacy County Sheriff's Office.
9. Updates from Grantworks on Road and Bridge Willacy County project(s).
10. Updates from Guzman and Munoz on Road and Bridge project(s) funded by Texas Water Development Board.
11. Updates on the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 Lateral G. Project.
12. Updates from Fulcrum Consulting on Road and Bridge project(s) funded by Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Emergency Management.
13. Updates by RATES on Willacy County water related and other business.
14. Discussion and action to approve Burn Ban Order for Willacy County, effective upon approval by Willacy County Commissioners Court. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve adding an Extender to the WIFI system for Precinct 4. ACTION REQUIRED.

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16. Discussion and Action to approve tie in to a 1.5-inch water line on CR 3805 (Riggins Road). Location approximately 3340-feet east from CR 315, on CR 3805 (Riggins Road), on the south side. Service (one) 1 (3/4-inch) meter, Precinct 2. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Requesting permission from Commissioners Court to use County property (Courthouse lawn/parking lot) to host a farmer's market. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action to approve Assignment of Rights-Of-Way to Willacy County Drainage District No. 2 for San Perlita relief drain located in Blocks 52, 53, and 58 Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's Raymondville Tract. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discuss/authorize the hiring of professional services for 2022 Colonia Fund Construction application preparation and management services and engineering services. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discussion and Action to approve Short Term Food Service Agreement between Willacy County and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to approve Sheriff's Department to apply for and if awarded accept funding through Texas Department of Transportation for participation in Operation Slow Down. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Discussion and Action to approve Constable Pct. 4 to apply for and if awarded accept funding through Texas Department of Transportation for participation in Operation Slow Down. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discussion and Action to approve the FY 2021 Willacy County Audit. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Discussion and Approve contract between Willacy County and Hidalgo County for the performance of autopsies by Hidalgo County with correct terms. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
28. Approval of Treasurers Quarterly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
29. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
30. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
31. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
32. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED

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33. Review monthly reports on jail count.
34. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
35. 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
36. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
(A.) Possible Action.
37. 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**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Jose Luis Lozano  
Rene Davila  
Ernie Garcia  
Mario Tijerina

Joe Diaz  
Laura Montes  
Frances Najera

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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 – Esequiel Trevino and Superintendent Alejos Salazar, Sr. comment about having security at the school and the community of Lasara, Texas.

Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:  
MARCH 2, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING,  
MARCH 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,  
MARCH 24, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,  
MARCH 25, 2022 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,  
MARCH 29, 2022 PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
AT 1:30 P.M., MARCH 29, 2022 PUBLIC  
WORKSHOP AT 2:00 P.M., APRIL 8, 2022  
PUBLIC WORKSHOP, APRIL 8, 2022  
SPECIAL MEETING AND APRIL 8, 2022  
SPECIAL MEETING ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of previous minutes as follows: March 2, 2022 Special Meeting, March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting, March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting, March 25, 2022 Public Workshop, March 29, 2022 Public Workshop at 1:30 p.m., March 29, 2022 Public Workshop at 2:00 p.m., April 8, 2022 Public Workshop, April 8, 2022 Special Meeting and April 8, 2022 Special Meeting Addendum Number 1, as read. 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 # 6

PRESENTATION BY TXDOT TO  
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Jose Luis Lozano with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on SH 186 and FM 1018 Projects.

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Agenda # 7  
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE  
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA (GFOA)  
HAS AWARDED THE CERTIFICATE OF  
ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
FINANCIAL REPORTING TO WILLACY  
COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR ITS  
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Willacy County Auditor's Office for its annual comprehensive financial report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2020.

**Move to item number 23.**

Agenda # 8  
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
THOMAS NAJERA, JR. AND  
KALEB CABELLO WERE HIRED AS  
JAILERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Thomas Najera, Jr. and Kaleb Cabello were hired as Jailers of the Willacy County Sheriff's Office.

Agenda # 9  
UPDATES FROM GRANTWORKS  
ON ROAD AND BRIDGE WILLACY  
COUNTY PROJECT(S)

Updates from Grantworks on Road and Bridge Willacy County Project(s).

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Agenda # 10  
UPDATES FROM GUZMAN AND  
MUNOZ ON ROAD AND BRIDGE  
PROJECT(S) FUNDED BY TEXAS  
WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Updates from Guzman and Munoz on Road and Bridge Project(s) funded by Texas Water Development Board.

Agenda # 11  
UPDATES ON THE HIDALGO  
COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
NUMBER 1 LATERAL G. PROJECT

Updates by Raul Sesin with the Hidalgo County Drainage District Number 1 Lateral G. Project.

Agenda # 12  
UPDATES FROM FULCRUM  
CONSULTING ON ROAD AND  
BRIDGE PROJECT(S) FUNDED BY  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

Updates from Fulcrum Consulting on Road and Bridge Project(s) funded by Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Emergency Management.

Agenda # 13  
UPDATES BY RATES ON WILLACY  
COUNTY WATER RELATED AND  
OTHER BUSINESS

Updates by RATES on Willacy County water related and other business.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE BURN BAN ORDER FOR  
WILLACY COUNTY, EFFECTIVE UPON  
APPROVAL BY WILLACY COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Burn Ban Order for Willacy County, effective upon approval by Willacy County Commissioners Court. 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  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE ADDING AN EXTENDER  
TO THE WIFI SYSTEM FOR PRECINCT  
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Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of adding an Extender to the WIFI System for Precinct 4. 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 # 16  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE TIE IN TO A 1.5-INCH  
WATER LINE ON CR 3805 (RIGGINS  
ROAD). LOCATION APPROXIMATELY  
3340-FEET EAST FROM CR 315, ON CR  
3805 (RIGGINS ROAD), ON THE SOUTH  
SIDE. SERVICE (ONE) 1 (3/4-INCH) METER,  
PRECINCT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to tie in to a 1.5-inch water line on CR 3805 (Riggins Road). Location approximately 3340-feet east from CR 315, on CR 3805 (Riggins Road), on the south side. Service (one) 1 (3/4-inch) meter, Precinct 2. 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  
IN REGARDS TO REQUESTING  
PERMISSION FROM COMMISSIONERS  
COURT TO USE COUNTY PROPERTY  
(COURTHOUSE LAWN/PARKING LOT)  
TO HOST A FARMER'S MARKET

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to let the Veteran's Office use County property (Courthouse lawn/parking lot) to host a farmer's market, to be use once a month going forward. 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  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF  
RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO WILLACY  
COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
NUMBER 2 FOR SAN PERLITA  
RELIEF DRAIN LOCATED IN BLOCKS  
52, 53, AND 58 GULF COAST  
IRRIGATION COMPANY'S  
RAYMONDVILLE TRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Assignment of Rights-Of-Way to Willacy County Drainage District Number 2 for San Perlita relief drain located in Blocks 52, 53 and 58 Gulf Coast Irrigation Company's Raymondville Tract. 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  
DISCUSS/AUTHORIZE THE  
HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES FOR 2022 COLONIA  
FUND CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION  
PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to advertise of the hiring of professional services for 2022 Colonia Fund Construction application preparation and management services and engineering services. 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  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE SHORT TERM FOOD  
SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
WILLACY COUNTY AND ARAMARK  
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Short Term Food Service Agreement between Willacy County and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC. 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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Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Recess until 2:00 p.m., the time is now 12:30 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 Guerra that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 2:00 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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**  
**Absent**

Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Henry De La Paz – **ABSENT**

Agenda # 21  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED  
ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION  
SLOW DOWN

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

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Agenda # 22  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED  
ACCEPT FUNDING THROUGH TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION  
SLOW DOWN

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

Agenda # 23  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE FY 2021 WILLACY  
COUNTY AUDIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of the FY 2021 Willacy County Audit. 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 # 24  
DISCUSSION AND APPROVE  
CONTRACT BETWEEN WILLACY  
COUNTY AND HIDALGO COUNTY  
FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF  
AUTOPSIES BY HIDALGO COUNTY  
WITH CORRECT TERMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of contract between Willacy County and Hidalgo County for the performance of autopsies by Hidalgo County with correct terms, expiring May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 with yearly renewals after. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Monthly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 26  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Sheriff's Office, three (3) Employees to San Marcos, Texas on May 2-6, 2022.
2. Sheriff's Office, three (3) Employees to San Marcos, Texas on June 7-10, 2022.
3. Constable Precinct 1, Carlos Ybarra to Huntsville, Texas on May 15-20, 2022.
4. Justice of the Peace Office, Judge Jessica Rosas, Ashley Garcia and Laura Gomez to College Station, Texas on June 27-July 1, 2022.
5. Constable Precinct 4, Albert Garza and Albert Oviedo to College Station, Texas on June 27-July 1, 2022.
6. Extension Agent, Georgina Macias to Alice, Texas on April 13-14, 2022.
7. Auditor's Office, Auditor Ida Martinez and two (2) staff members to Austin, Texas on May 2-6, 2022.
8. Juvenile Department, Raul Garza to Austin, Texas on April 20, 2022.
9. District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa to San Antonio, Texas on May 11-13, 2022.
10. District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa and Martha Martinez to Dallas, Texas on May 23-26, 2022.
11. County Clerk's Office, County Clerk Susana R. Garza and one (1) Employee, Elizabeth Rios to Corpus Christi, Texas on May 25, 2022.

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

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Agenda # 27  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 28  
IN REARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TREASURERS QUARTERLY  
REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Treasurer's Quarterly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 30  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra 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 Gonzales for approval of Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 32  
IN REGARDS TO 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 Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 81 Inmates, 13 Federal Inmates and 7 Ice Holds.

Agenda # 34  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE  
OVERTIME REPORT

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

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Agenda # 35

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

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

Agenda # 36

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

(A.) POSSIBLE ACTION.

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

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.