

August 2, 2022  
Special Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, A.D., 2022 there was held a Special 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, presentation and possible action to consider authorizing Willacy County Financial Advisor, Bond Counsel and other Professionals to explore taxable or tax-exempt financing options on behalf of the County based on various financing needs. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
6. Discussion and Action on approval to hire five temporary full-time employees for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office, Judges Administration, and Auditor's Department. Total budget allocation not to exceed \$500,000. Approved positions will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Action to hire temporary full-time personnel for the District Attorney's Office for one year from hire date to include: (1) Records Retention Specialist at \$50,098.00, (1) Intake Clerk at \$50,098.00, and (1) Investigator at \$71,883.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Fund. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to hire temporary full-time personal for the Judge's Administration for one year from hire date due to include: (1) Administrative Assistant at \$44,566.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to hire temporary full-time personnel for the Auditor's Department for one year from hire date to include: (1) Accounts Payable Assistant at \$44,566.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to approve Road and Bridge Projects for Precinct 1, 2, 3, and 4 for a total not to exceed \$300,000 dollars each Precinct funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Grant total allocation not to exceed \$1.2 million dollars. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve Precinct 1 Road and Bridge Projects(s) as follows; (2) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000, and (1) Road Construction >\$50,000 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve Precinct 2 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (3) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000, (4) Machinery and Equipment >\$50,000 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000. ACTION REQUIRED

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13. Discussion and Action to approve Precinct 3 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (4) Machinery and Equipment >\$50,000, and (1) Road Construction >\$50,000 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to approve Precinct 4 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (1) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000, (2) Machinery and Equipment >\$50,000 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (a) Confer with Commissioners' Court legal counsel regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A Government Code, Section 551. 072.
  - (b) Deliberation regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A Government Code, Section 551. 072.
  - (c) Confer with Commissioners' Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or tis interests, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071.
  - (d) Confer with Commissioners' Court legal counsel regarding legal issues on matters related to cybersecurity, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071.
16. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (a) Possible Action.
  - (b) Possible Action.
  - (c) Possible Action.
  - (d) Possible Action.
17. 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 2:14 p.m.**

**Absent**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Derek Katznelson  
Dee Dee Aresmendez  
Ernie Garcia  
Jason Martinez

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

**Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales arrives at the meeting at 2:14 p.m.**

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Agenda # 5  
DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER  
AUTHORIZING WILLACY COUNTY  
FINANCIAL ADVISOR, BOND COUNSEL  
AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO  
EXPLORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT  
FINANCING OPTIONS ON BEHALF  
OF THE COUNTY BASED ON VARIOUS  
FINANCING NEEDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to move forward with it on authorizing Willacy County Financial Advisor, Bond Counsel and other Professionals to explore taxable or tax-exempt financing options on behalf of the County based on various financing needs. 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  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
APPROVAL TO HIRE FIVE (5) TEMPORARY  
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE  
WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE, JUDGES ADMINISTRATION, AND  
AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT. TOTAL BUDGET  
ALLOCATION NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00  
APPROVED POSITIONS WILL BE PAID FROM  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to hire five (5) temporary full-time employees for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office, Judges Administration and Auditor's Department. Total budget allocation not to exceed \$500,000.00. Approved positions will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund. 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 # 7

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
HIRE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME  
PERSONNEL FOR THE DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR ONE  
YEAR FROM HIRE DATE TO  
INCLUDE: (1) RECORDS RETENTION  
SPECIALIST AT \$50,098.00, (1) INTAKE  
CLERK AT \$50,098.00 AND (1)  
INVESTIGATOR AT \$71,883.00. TOTAL  
SALARY AND FRINGES WILL BE PAID  
FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
ACT FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to hire temporary full-time personnel for the District Attorney's Office for one year from hire date to include: (1) Records Retention Specialist at \$50,098.00, (1) Intake Clerk at \$50,098.00 and (1) Investigator at \$71,883.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Fund. 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 # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
HIRE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME  
PERSONNEL FOR THE JUDGE'S  
ADMINISTRATION FOR ONE YEAR  
FROM HIRE DATE DUE TO INCLUDE:  
(1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT  
\$44,566.00. TOTAL SALARY AND  
FRINGES WILL BE PAID FROM THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to hire temporary full-time personnel for the Judge's Administration for one year from hire date due to include: (1) Administrative Assistant at \$44,566.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. 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 # 9  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
HIRE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME  
PERSONNEL FOR THE AUDITOR'S  
DEPARTMENT FOR ONE YEAR  
FROM HIRE DATE TO INCLUDE:  
(1) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASSISTANT  
AT \$44,566.00. TOTAL SALARY  
AND FRINGES WILL BE PAID FROM  
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
FUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to hire temporary full-time personnel for the Auditor's Department for one year from hire date to include: (1) Accounts Payable Assistant at \$44,566.00. Total salary and fringes will be paid from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. 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 ROAD AND BRIDGE  
PROJECTS FOR PRECINCT 1, 2,  
3 AND 4 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO  
EXCEED \$300,000.00 DOLLARS  
EACH PRECINCT FUNDED BY THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
(ARPA). GRANT TOTAL ALLOCATION  
NOT TO EXCEED \$1.2 MILLION  
DOLLARS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Road and Bridge Projects for Precinct 1, 2, 3 and 4 for a total not to exceed \$300,000.00 dollars each Precinct funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Grant total allocation not to exceed \$1.2 million dollars. 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  
APPROVE PRECINCT 1 ROAD AND  
BRIDGE PROJECT(S) AS FOLLOWS:  
(2) MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT  
<\$50,000.00 AND (1) ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
>\$50,000.00 TO BE FUNDED BY THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR  
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Precinct 1 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (2) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000.00 and (1) Road Construction >\$50,000.00 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000.00. 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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of allocation to obligate with list for Precinct 1 Projects as presented: one (1) Road Construction estimated cost \$264,000.00, one (1) Grappler estimated cost \$18,000.00 and one (1) Vector Sprayer estimated cost \$18,000.00 for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Rescind their motion for item numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14. 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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval and obligate Road and Bridge Precinct 1 Projects as presented to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act not to exceed \$300,000.00 for one (1) Road Construction estimated cost \$264,000.00, one (1) Grappler estimated cost \$18,000.00 and one (1) Vector Sprayer estimated cost \$18,000.00 for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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 # 12  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE PRECINCT 2 ROAD AND  
BRIDGE PROJECT(S) AS FOLLOWS:  
(3) MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT  
<\$50,000.00, (4) MACHINERY AND  
EQUIPMENT >\$50,000.00 TO BE  
FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN ACT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT  
OF \$300,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Precinct 2 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (3) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000.00, (4) Machinery and Equipment >\$50,000.00 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000.00 and to obligate as read of the listing of the Precinct Number 2 Projects as presented: one (1) Pick-up Truck estimated cost \$70,000.00, one (1) Vector Sprayer estimated cost \$18,000.00, one (1) Tractor Shredder estimated cost \$108,000.00, one (1) Grappler estimated cost \$18,000.00, one (1) Water Pump estimated cost \$49,000.00, one (1) Gooseneck Trailer estimated cost \$15,000.00 and one (1) Equipment Shed estimated cost \$22,000.00 for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Rescind their motion for item numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14. 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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval and obligate Road and Bridge Precinct 2 Projects as presented to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act not to exceed \$300,000.00 for one (1) Pick-up Truck estimated cost \$70,000.00, one (1) Vector Sprayer estimated cost \$18,000.00, one (1) Tractor Shredder estimated cost \$108,000.00, one (1) Grappler estimated cost \$18,000.00, one (1) Water Pump estimated cost \$49,000.00, one (1) Gooseneck Trailer estimated cost \$15,000.00 and one (1) Equipment Shed estimated cost \$22,000.00 for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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 # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE PRECINCT 3 ROAD AND  
BRIDGE PROJECT(S) AS FOLLOWS:  
(4) MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT  
<\$50,000.00 AND (1) ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
>\$50,000.00 TO BE FUNDED BY THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Precinct 3 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (4) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000.00 and (1) Road Construction >\$50,000.00 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000.00 and to obligate as read of the listing of the Precinct Number 3 Projects as presented: one (1) Road Construction estimated cost \$85,000.00, one (1) Pick-up Truck estimated cost \$70,000.00, one (1) Tractor Shredder estimated cost \$108,000.00, one (1) Roller estimated cost \$37,000.00 and one (1) Motor Grader estimated cost \$200,000.00 (with trade-ins) for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Rescind their motion for item numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14. 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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval and obligate Road and Bridge Precinct 3 Projects as presented to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act not to exceed \$300,000.00 for one (1) Road Construction estimated cost \$85,000.00, one (1) Pick-up Truck estimated cost \$70,000.00, one (1) Tractor Shredder estimated cost \$108,000.00, one (1) Roller estimated cost \$37,000.00 and one (1) Motor Grader estimated cost \$200,000.00 (with trade-ins) for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. 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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**Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 2:51 p.m.**

Agenda # 14  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE PRECINCT 4 ROAD AND  
BRIDGE PROJECT(S) AS FOLLOWS:  
(1) MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT  
<\$50,000.00, (2) MACHINERY AND  
EQUIPMENT >\$50,000.00 TO BE FUNDED  
BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Precinct 4 Road and Bridge Project(s) as follows: (1) Machinery and Equipment <\$50,000.00, (2) Machinery and Equipment >\$50,000.00 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for the total amount of \$300,000.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz returns back to the meeting at 2:55 p.m.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to Rescind their motion for item numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14. 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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval and obligate Road and Bridge Precinct 4 Projects as presented to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act not to exceed \$300,000.00 for two (2) HGAC/Water Pump estimated cost \$100,000.00, one (1) Caterpillar estimated cost \$200,000.00, one (1) Drone estimated cost \$15,000.00 and one (1) Grappler estimated cost \$18,000.00 for a total estimate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Move to item number 17.**

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Agenda # 15

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WILLACY COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072
  
- (B) DELIBERATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WILLACY COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072
  
- (C) 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
  
- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES ON MATTERS RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 2:55 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 4:30 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.

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Agenda # 16

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

- (A) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (B) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (C) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (D) POSSIBLE ACTION.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for no action taken for item numbers (A), (B), (C) and for item (D) for approval of what was discuss during Closed Session to proceed. 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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to return back to item numbers 11, 12, 13 and 14. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Move back to item number 11.**

Agenda # 17

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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.