

August 11, 2022
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 11th day of August, 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: July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting; July 26, 2022 Public Workshop; July 28, 2022 Regular Meeting; July 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1; August 2, 2022 Special Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Presentation by TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Presentation – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Quarterly Report
8. Spread in the Minutes – Judge Aurelio Guerra has successfully completed 9.00 hours of Educational Training at the 88th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference in Corpus Christi Texas on June 13-16, 2022.
9. Discussion and Action to accept the 2022-2023 FVA (Funds for Veterans Assistance) grant award; Grant period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution for Willacy County to participate in the 791 Purchasing Cooperative. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve Master Interlocal Agreement between 791 Purchasing Cooperative and Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to Amend previously approved Right of Way to install fiber optic cable along County Roads Goyo Garcia, Wood, Arena, Sugar, Eustolio Gonzales Dr., at a depth of 42-inches (Pct. 1 & Pct. 4.) to include County Roads Emma Ross, Lopez, Milo, Marina (Pct. 1 & Pct. 4). ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve preliminary plat for La Plaza North Subdivision, located at the intersection of North Expressway 77 Frontage and CR 300 North (Precinct 2) ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to hire full time clerk for the Willacy County Tax Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED.

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16. Discussion and possible action to approve an increase in local match funding for the completion of the Fred Stone Park Amenities Enhancements Phase II, Cycle 26 Coastal Management Grant. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Approval of the Proclamation recognizing September 2022 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Requesting authorization for the equal trade of property of Willacy County, 10 Heckler and Koch USP 40 .40 cal handguns with 3 magazines per gun for 10 Glock G45 9MM cal with night sights and 3 magazines per gun between the Willacy County Sheriff's Office and Rad Armory LLC. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Treasurers Quarterly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
27. Review of monthly reports on jail count.
28. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
29. 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.

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30. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) possible action
- (B) possible action.
- (C) possible action.
- (D) possible action.

31. 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
Absent**

arrives at 10:26 a.m.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Georgina Macias
Gabriel Villarreal
Rene Davila

Laura Montes
Frances Najera

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

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
JULY 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,
JULY 26, 2022 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
JULY 28, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,
JULY 28, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
ADDENDUM NUMBER 1 AND AUGUST
2, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Previous Minutes as follows: July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting, July 26, 2022 Public Workshop, July 28, 2022 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1 and August 2, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6
PRESENTATION BY TXDOT
TO PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Rene Davila with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on FM 1018 Project and SH 186 Project.

Agenda # 7
PRESENTATION – TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE EXTENSION QUARTERLY
REPORT

Presentation by Georgina Macias with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Quarterly Report.

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Agenda # 8
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
JUDGE AURELIO GUERRA HAS
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
9.00 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL
TRAINING AT THE 88TH ANNUAL
SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES
AND COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE
IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS ON
JUNE 13-16, 2022

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Judge Aurelio Guerra has successfully completed 9.00 hours of Educational Training at the 88th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas on June 13-16, 2022.

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT THE 2022-2023 FVA
(FUNDS FOR VETERANS
ASSISTANCE) GRANT AWARD;
GRANT PERIOD JULY 1, 2022
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to accept the 2022-2023 FVA (Funds for Veterans Assistance) grant award, grant period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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 # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR
WILLACY COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE 791 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table 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 # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MASTER INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN 791
PURCHASING COOPERATIVE
AND WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table 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 # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
RIGHT OF WAY TO INSTALL FIBER
OPTIC CABLE ALONG COUNTY
ROADS GOYO GARCIA, WOOD,
ARENA, SUGAR, EUSTOLIO GONZALES
DR., AT A DEPTH OF 42-INCHES
(PRECINCT 1 AND PRECINCT 4) TO
INCLUDE COUNTY ROADS EMMA
ROSS, LOPEZ, MILO, MARINA
(PRECINCT 1 AND PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to table 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 # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR LA PLAZA NORTH SUBDIVISION,
LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION
OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY 77
FRONTAGE AND CR 300 NORTH
(PRECINCT 2)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Preliminary Plat for La Plaza North Subdivision, located at the intersection of North Expressway 77 Frontage and CR 300 North (Precinct 2).

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to Rescind their Motion. 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 to table this item until additional information is provided to the Court. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
HIRE FULL TIME CLERK FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY TAX OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to hire Full Time Clerk for the Willacy County Tax Office. 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 # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESLACO
AND WILLACY COUNTY

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

Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE AN
INCREASE IN LOCAL MATCH
FUNDING FOR THE COMPLETION
OF THE FRED STONE PARK
AMENITIES ENHANCEMENTS
PHASE II, CYCLE 26 COASTAL
MANAGEMENT GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of using the Gomesa Funding if it is needed for the completion of the Fred Stone Park Amenities Enhancements Phase II, Cycle 26 Coastal Management Grant. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
OF THE PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2022
AS BULLYING AND SUICIDE
AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Proclamation recognizing September 2022 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month. 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 # 18
REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE EQUAL TRADE OF
PROPERTY OF WILLACY COUNTY,
10 HECKLER AND KOCH USP 40
.40 CAL HANDGUNS WITH 3
MAGAZINES PER GUN FOR 10
GLOCK G45 9MM CAL WITH
NIGHT SIGHTS AND 3 MAGAZINES
PER GUN BETWEEN THE WILLACY
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND
RAD ARMORY LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of property of Willacy County, 10 Heckler and Koch USP 40 .40 cal handguns with 3 magazines per gun for 10 Glock G45 9 MM cal with night sights and 3 magazines per gun between the Willacy County Sheriff's Office and Rad Armory LLC, contingent upon Legal Review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 29.

Agenda # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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Agenda # 20
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. District Attorney's Office, Martha A. Martinez and Maria Gloria C. Cortez to Corpus Christi, Texas on September 20-23, 2022.
2. District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa to Corpus Christi, Texas on September 21-23, 2022.
3. District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa to Sinton, Texas on September 20, 2022.
4. Veteran's Office, Frances L. Najera to Edinburg, Texas on September 9, 2022.
5. 197th District Court, District Judge Adolfo Cordova and Court Administrator Veronica Caballero to Anaheim, California on August 21-24, 2022.
6. Tax Assessor, Elizabeth Barnhart to Edinburg, Texas on August 22-24, 2022.

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

Agenda # 21
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 # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S QUARTERLY
REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to table 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 # 23
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 # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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 # 25
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.

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Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

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Agenda # 27
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 94 Inmates, 6 Federal Inmates and 7 Ice Holds.

Agenda # 28
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

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

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Agenda # 29

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 Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 11:27 a.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 time is 1:24 p.m. the following minutes were taken by County Clerk, Susana R. Garza.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 1:24 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra the time is 1:27 p.m., Court will Recess until 2:30 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.

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The additional minutes were taken by County Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra the time is 4:15 p.m. that Court Reconvene into Open Session from Recess for the Regular Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 25.

Agenda # 30

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 on items (A), (B), (C) and (D) Relative to Executive Session. 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.