

February 10, 2022

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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: January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting; January 27, 2022 Regular Meeting; January 27, 2022 Workshop; ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Authorization to apply for and if awarded accept the grant funds from the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Office of the Governor. Resolution included. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year 2022-2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Authorization to apply for and if awarded accept the grant funds from the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program through the Office of the Governor. Resolution included. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year 2022-2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action in regards to price increase/changes for Grande Dumpsters. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Approval of Resolution for the Local Border Security Program FY 2023-Grant 4492901. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Approval to allow Willacy County Sheriff Deputies to provide law enforcement services for the City of South Padre Island while off duty. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve Agreement for On the Job Training (OJT) between Texas Workforce Commission and Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve payment for travel reimbursement to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for Environmental/Coastal Studies at the Coastal Land Resource Center, Laguna Point Park. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve 3-year subscription of Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System for \$5,800 for Year 3 of 3. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Authorization to apply for, and if awarded, accept funds from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division: General Victim Assistance Grant Program FY2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Consideration and Approval of a resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$1,440,000 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the county judge, county auditor, and county clerk, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and other matters in connection therewith. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Consideration and Action to authorize county administration to use the reverse auction procedure as defined by Section 2155.062(d), Government Code, for the procurement of services necessary for the future operation of the regional detention facility. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Review monthly reports on jail count.
25. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
26. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,  
Eliberto Guerra,  
Oscar De Luna,  
Henry De La Paz,  
Eduardo Gonzales,  
Annette Hinojosa,  
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,  
Elizabeth Rios,

County Judge,  
Commissioner, Precinct 1,  
Commissioner, Precinct 2, **Deceased**  
Commissioner, Precinct 3,  
Commissioner, Precinct 4,  
County Attorney,  
County Auditor's Assistant,  
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

David Robles  
Mario Tijerina  
Luis H. Villarreal

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 – None

Agenda # 5  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS  
FOLLOWS: JANUARY 13, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY  
27, 2022 REGULAR MEETING  
AND JANUARY 27, 2022 WORKSHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of previous minutes as follows: January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting, January 27, 2022 Regular Meeting and January 27, 2022 Workshop. 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

IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED  
ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDS FROM  
THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE DIRECT  
SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. RESOLUTION  
INCLUDED. APPROVAL OF THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO  
APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED,  
GRANTS FOR THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE  
DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH  
THE VICTIMS OF CRIME GRANT THROUGH  
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of authorization to apply for and if awarded accept the grant funds from the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Office of the Governor. Resolution included. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. 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

IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED  
ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDS FROM  
THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM  
THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE  
GOVERNOR. RESOLUTION INCLUDED.  
APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT  
IF AWARDED, GRANTS FOR VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN GRANT THROUGH  
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of authorization to apply for and if awarded accept the grant funds from the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program through the Office of the Governor. Resolution included. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. 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 IN  
REGARDS TO PRICE INCREASE/  
CHANGES FOR GRANDE DUMPSTERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to allow the County Judge to negotiate possibly the propose increases or changes to Grande Dumpster's Contract. 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

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION FOR THE LOCAL  
BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM  
FY 2023-GRANT 4492901

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Resolution for the Local Border Security Program FY 2023-Grant 4492901. 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

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL TO  
ALLOW WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF  
DEPUTIES TO PROVIDE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY  
OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND WHILE  
OFF DUTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to allow Willacy County Sheriff Deputies to provide law enforcement services for the City of South Padre Island while off duty. 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 # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR ON  
THE JOB TRAINING (OJT) BETWEEN  
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION  
AND WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Agreement for On the Job Training (OJT) between Texas Workforce Commission and Willacy County. 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 PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL  
REIMBURSEMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY  
OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL/COASTAL STUDIES  
AT THE COASTAL LAND RESOURCE  
CENTER, LAGUNA POINT PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of payment for travel reimbursement to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for Environmental/Coastal Studies at the Coastal Land Resource Center, Laguna Point Park for fifty-six cents (.56¢) per mile, subject to contract negotiations and 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.

Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE 3-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION  
OF HYPER-REACH EMERGENCY  
NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR  
\$5,800.00 FOR YEAR 3 OF 3

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of three (3)-year subscription of Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System for \$5,800.00 for year 3 of 3, to be paid from Gomesa Funding. 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 12:12 p.m., does not vote for item number 14.**

Agenda # 14

DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED,  
ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DIVISION: GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE  
GRANT PROGRAM FY 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of authorization to apply for, and if awarded, accept funds from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division: General Victim Assistance Grant Program FY 2023. 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 12:14 p.m.**

Agenda # 15

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL  
OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$1,440,000.00 AND AN ESCROW  
AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO;  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE,  
COUNTY AUDITOR, AND COUNTY  
CLERK, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO  
EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS  
RELATED THERETO; AND OTHER  
MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of a Resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$1,440,000.00 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the county judge, county auditor, and county clerk, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and 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 # 16

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO  
AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
TO USE THE REVERSE AUCTION  
PROCEDURE AS DEFINED BY SECTION  
2155.062(D), GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR  
THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES  
NECESSARY FOR THE FUTURE OPERATION  
OF THE REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to authorize County Administration to use the reverse auction procedure as defined by Section 2155.062(d), Government Code, for the procurement of services necessary for the future operation of the Regional Detention Facility. 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 # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales 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 # 18

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, 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.

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Agenda # 19

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Constable Precinct 2, Andres Chavez to Huntsville, Texas on May 15-20, 2022.
2. District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Annette Hinojosa and Lena Munoz to Austin, Texas on February 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Justice of the Peace, Judge Jessica Rosas to Austin, Texas on May 8-10, 2022.
4. County Judge, Aurelio Guerra and Commissioners Eliberto Guerra, Henry De La Paz and Eduardo Gonzales to Corpus Christi, Texas on June 13-16, 2022.

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 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Tax Collector'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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and 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.

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Agenda # 22  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Claims, 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 # 23  
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW  
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 24  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS  
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 72 Inmates, 12 Federal Inmates and 7 Ice Holds.

Agenda # 25  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE  
OVERTIME REPORT

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

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Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, 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.