

July 28, 2022
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 28th day of July, 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. Spread in the minutes for Henry De La Paz County Commissioner Pct. 3 has successfully completed 17 hours of educational training at the 88th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas on June 13-16, 2022.
6. Discussion and Action to approve Host Agency Agreement between Willacy County and AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Program. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Discussion and Action to approve Invoice payment in the amount of \$526.00 for Asbestos Abatement/Demolition at the Willacy County Courthouse, to be paid out to Tx Dept. of State Health Services Asbestos Notification Program, payment Due on September 1, 2022. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to approve new water meter install. Location of proposed line side service is approximately 130-feet south from the SW corner of CR 2390 & CR 390. 3/4-inch meter service to a 2-inch waterline. ROW 40-feet (Precinct 3). ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Willacy County Road and Bridge Pct.# #3 and Pct. #4 on allowing Road and Bridge Pct. #3 to burn brush with the Road & Bridge Pct. #4 headquarters. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Burn Brush Permits. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Update on Confirmation of Grant Funds from Texas Historical Commission for the Renovation of the County Courthouse and acceptance of grant fund award. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion on Updated Renovation of the Courthouse Construction Costs from the County Consulting Architect.
13. Discussion and Approval of Willacy County providing certain documents or providing bond and tax counsel with necessary representations in order to have proceeds from the Certificates of Obligation to fund the purchase and acquisition of the Willacy County Jail from the County Jail Public Facility Corporation of Willacy County, which currently has approximately \$1,715,000 in Series 2004 Project Revenue Bonds outstanding. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Update on the Certified Property Tax Values from the Willacy County Appraisal District. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Approval of the County of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to be received in FYE 2023. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Approval of Other items that may be necessary in order to pursue an investment grade bond rating from Standard & Poor's and Bond Insurance. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and approval of Other items that may be necessary in order to pursue a successful pricing of Willacy County Certificates of Obligation. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. 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(1) and (2).
 - (B) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel regarding legal issues on matters related to cyber security, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071.
19. Action Relative to Executive Session
 - (A) Possible Action.
 - (B) Possible Action.
20. Discussion and Possible Action Agreement between Willacy County and Hidalgo County regarding the Lease of a 568 Bed Prison Facility that will provide certain funds that will address an upcoming bond payment. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. 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,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor's Assistant,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

Deceased

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Ernie Garcia
Matt Lujan
Donald Gonzales

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

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES FOR
HENRY DE LA PAZ COUNTY
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
17 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 for Henry De la Paz County Commissioner Precinct 3 has successfully completed 17 hours of educational training at the 88th Annual South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas on June 13-16, 2022.

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Agenda # 6
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
AARP FOUNDATION FOR THE SENIOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Host Agency Agreement between Willacy County and AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Program. 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 Guerra 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.

Agenda # 7
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$526.00 FOR
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/DEMOLITION
AT THE WILLACY COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
TO BE PAID OUT TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES ASBESTOS
NOTIFICATION PROGRAM, PAYMENT
DUE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of invoice payment in the amount of \$526.00 for Asbestos Abatement/Demolition at the Willacy County Courthouse, to be paid out to Texas Department of State Health Services Asbestos Notification Program, payment due on September 1, 2022, to be paid out from Matching Grant or Health and Welfare. 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 # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE NEW WATER METER
INSTALL. LOCATION OF PROPOSED
LINE SIDE SERVICE IS APPROXIMATELY
130-FEET SOUTH FROM THE SW CORNER
OF CR 2390 AND CR 390. 3/4-INCH
METER SERVICE TO A 2-INCH WATERLINE.
ROW 40-FEET (PRECINCT 3)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of new water meter install. Location of proposed line side service is approximately 130-foot south from the SW corner of CR 2390 and CR 390. 3/4-inch meter service to a 2-inch waterline. ROW 40-foot (Precinct 3). 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT
NUMBER 3 AND PRECINCT NUMBER 4
ON ALLOWING ROAD AND BRIDGE
PRECINCT NUMBER 3 TO BURN BRUSH
WITH THE ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT
NUMBER 4 HEADQUARTERS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Willacy County Road and Bridge Precinct Number 3 and Precinct Number 4 on allowing Road and Bridge Precinct Number 3 to burn brush with the Road and Bridge Precinct Number 4 Headquarters, upon further review from Legal. 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 # 10
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
TO APPROVE BURN BRUSH PERMITS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of allowing Burn Brush Permits for Commissioner Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, as needed. 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 UPDATE ON
CONFIRMATION OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE AND ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT FUND AWARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to pass on this item on reference to the Renovation of the County Courthouse. 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 ON UPDATED
RENOVATION OF THE COURTHOUSE
CONSTRUCTION COSTS FROM
THE COUNTY CONSULTING
ARCHITECT

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.

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Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
OF WILLACY COUNTY PROVIDING
CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR PROVIDING
BOND AND TAX COUNSEL WITH
NECESSARY REPRESENTATIONS IN
ORDER TO HAVE PROCEEDS FROM
THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO
FUND THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION
OF THE WILLACY COUNTY JAIL FROM
THE COUNTY JAIL PUBLIC FACILITY
CORPORATION OF WILLACY COUNTY,
WHICH CURRENTLY HAS APPROXIMATELY
\$1,715,000.00 IN SERIES 2004 PROJECT
REVENUE BONDS OUTSTANDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 11:20 a.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 De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 12:26 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 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.

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting continues with Addendum Number 1.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON
THE CERTIFIED PROPERTY TAX
VALUES FROM THE WILLACY
COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of the Certified Property Tax Values from the Willacy County Appraisal District. 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 # 15
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
THE COUNTY OF PAYMENTS IN
LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) TO BE
RECEIVED IN FYE 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of the County of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to be received in FYE 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 # 16
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PURSUE
AN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND
RATING FROM STANDARD AND
POOR'S AND BOND INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of other items that may be necessary in order to pursue an investment grade bond rating from Standard and Poor's and Bond Insurance, as needed. 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
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY BE
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PURSUE
A SUCCESSFUL PRICING OF WILLACY
COUNTY CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of other items that may be necessary in order to pursue a successful pricing of Willacy County Certificates of Obligation, as needed. 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 # 18

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 (1) AND (2)

(B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES ON MATTERS RELATED TO CYBER SECURITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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 # 19

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(A) POSSIBLE ACTION.

(B) POSSIBLE ACTION.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to take no action on items (A) and (B). 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 # 20
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY AND HIDALGO
COUNTY REGARDING THE LEASE OF
A 568 BED PRISON FACILITY THAT
WILL PROVIDE CERTAIN FUNDS THAT
WILL ADDRESS AN UPCOMING BOND
PAYMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra 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 # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that the following travel requests be approved **only if it is Mandatory for the Continue Education Hours:**

1. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to Waco, Texas on September 11-15, 2022.
2. Sheriff's Department, for two (2) to San Marcos, Texas on October 18-21, 2022.
3. District Attorney's Office, Juan Mijares to South Padre Island, Texas on August 8-11, 2022.
4. District Attorney's Office, Nora Lisa Zepeda to South Padre Island, Texas on August 8-11, 2022.
5. Justice of the Peace, Judges Rodolfo Cantu and Juan Salinas to San Antonio, Texas on October 10-12, 2022.
6. Justice of the Peace, Judge Juan Salinas to Bee Cave, Texas on August 15-16, 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.

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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.

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.