

March 24, 2022
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 24th day of March, 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. Discussion and Action to approve extending a 4-inch waterline on CR 3000 (Wood Road). Extending 120-feet, going west on the south side. Line extension 120-feet (6 pipes of 20-feet each, 40-feet ROW) Precinct 2. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on approval for short form of agreement between owner and engineer for professional services between the County of Willacy and SWG Engineering, LLC. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Discussion and Action to approve appointment of one (1) commissioner to Willacy County Emergency Service District. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to consider approving proposed fee of \$25,000.00 for the Joint Flood Control Project with WCDD1. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve a Proclamation honoring the late County Commissioner Oscar De Luna on Thursday, March 24, 2022. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve naming the NEW Fred Stone Park Pier in Port Mansfield, Texas, "Oscar De Luna Pier" in commemoration of the late Commissioner Oscar De Luna on Friday, March 25, 2022. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and action to approve applying for grant opportunity for the Willacy County Coastal Literacy Program. The funding agency is the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Gulf Research Program. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Willacy County, the Willacy County Sheriff's Office and Cameron County and Cameron County Sheriff's Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and Cameron County for the use of the kitchen at Carrizales Rucker Detention Center to prepare food for Willacy County Inmates. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Approval of Proclamation to recognize April as Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victim's Week. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Willacy County for the use of L.E. Franks Tourist Center as Willacy County Courtroom Annex No. 2 for District Court and County Court for the purpose of and business associated with that of the District Court and County Court needs. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discuss and Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County and Willacy County for autopsy services. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
20. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (A.) Deliberation regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.072.
 - (B.) 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
21. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (A.) Possible Action.
 - (B.) Possible Action.
22. Discussion and Possible Action for Willacy County approving submitting IGA to U.S. Marshals as presented. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
23. 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

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

No one signed the sign in sheet.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE EXTENDING A 4-INCH
WATERLINE ON CR 3000 (WOOD
ROAD). EXTENDING 120-FEET, GOING
WEST ON THE SOUTH SIDE. LINE
EXTENSION 120-FEET (6 PIPES OF
20-FEET EACH, 40-FEET ROW)
PRECINCT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of extending a 4-inch waterline on CR 3000 (Wood Road). Extending 120-feet, going west on the south side. Line extension 120-feet (6 pipes of 20-feet each, 40-feet ROW) 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 # 6
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
ON APPROVAL FOR SHORT FORM
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER
AND ENGINEER FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF
WILLACY AND SWG ENGINEERING, LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of short form of Agreement between owner and engineer for professional services between the County of Willacy and SWG Engineering, 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.

Agenda # 7
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ONE
(1) COMMISSIONER TO WILLACY
COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to appoint Susan Guerra as Commissioner to the Willacy County Emergency Service 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.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING PROPOSED
FEE OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE JOINT
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT WITH WCDD1

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of proposed fee of \$25,000.00 for the Joint Flood Control Project with WCDD1, to be funded from Fund 02. 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
APPROVE A PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE LATE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER OSCAR DE LUNA
ON THURSDAY MARCH 24, 2022

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Proclamation honoring the late County Commissioner Oscar De Luna on Thursday, March 24, 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 # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE NAMING THE NEW FRED
STONE PARK PIER IN PORT MANSFIELD,
TEXAS, "OSCAR DE LUNA PIER" IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE LATE
COMMISSIONER OSCAR DE LUNA ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of naming the New Fred Stone Park Pier in Port Mansfield, Texas "Oscar De Luna Pier" in commemoration of the late Commissioner Oscar De Luna on Friday, March 25, 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 # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE APPLYING FOR GRANT
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WILLACY
COUNTY COASTAL LITERACY PROGRAM.
THE FUNDING AGENCY IS THE NATIONAL
ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING
AND MEDICINE'S GULF RESEARCH PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for applying for grant opportunity for the Willacy County Coastal Literacy Program. The funding agency is the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Gulf Research 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.

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Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE WILLACY COUNTY, THE
WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND
CAMERON COUNTY AND CAMERON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales 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 # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE USE
OF THE KITCHEN AT CARRIZALES
RUCKER DETENTION CENTER TO
PREPARE FOOD FOR WILLACY COUNTY
INMATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and Cameron County for the use of the kitchen at Carrizales Rucker Detention Center to prepare food for Willacy County Inmates. 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 # 14
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE
APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE, SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND
CRIME VICTIM'S WEEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Proclamation to recognize April as Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Crime Victim's Week. 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 APPROVE AN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE
WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE USE OF
THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER AS
WILLACY COUNTY COURTROOM ANNEX
NUMBER 2 FOR DISTRICT COURT AND
COUNTY COURT FOR THE PURPOSE
OF AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATED WITH
THAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND
COUNTY COURT NEEDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Willacy County for the use of the Raymondville Tourist Center as Willacy County Courtroom Annex Number 2 for District Court and County Court for the purpose of and business associated with that of the District Court and County Court 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 # 16

DISCUSS AND APPROVE AN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
HIDALGO COUNTY AND WILLACY
COUNTY FOR AUTOPSY SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County and Willacy County for Autopsy 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.

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Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to San Antonio, Texas on March 31, 2022.
2. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to Galveston, Texas on June 27-29, 2022.
3. Justice of the Peace, Judge Jessica Rosas to Austin, Texas on May 10-11, 2022.
4. Justice of the Peace, Judge Juan Salinas, Judge Rodolfo Cantu, Melissa Nyquist and Flor Montes to College Station, Texas on June 26 – July 1, 2022.
5. District Clerk's Office, District Clerk Isabel Adame and Annaliza Cacique to Waco, Texas on July 11-14, 2022.
6. County Auditor's Office, County Auditor Ida Martinez and two (2) staff members to Roundrock, Texas on April 6-8, 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 # 18
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 # 19
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.

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Agenda # 20

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. DELIBERATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WILLACY COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072

- B. 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 11:25 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 1:27 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.

Agenda # 21

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 what it was discussed for item numbers A & 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 # 22
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION FOR WILLACY COUNTY
APPROVING SUBMITTING IGA TO
U.S. MARSHALS AS PRESENTED

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, 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.

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