

November 10, 2021

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10th day of November, A.D., 2021 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: October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting; October 25, 2021 Public Workshop; October 26, 2021 Public Workshop continuation from October 25, 2021 Public Workshop; October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting; October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Addendum # 1. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Presentation – TxDOT to provide monthly update.
7. Spread in the Minutes – STAT reports from January 1, 2021 through October 25, 2021 from the Willacy County Constables Office Pct. 4.
8. Discussion and Action to approve the redistricting of County Precincts. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve giving the County Commissioners access to VTX Account. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and Bee County. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve request to tap into a 4-inch waterline on Kenaf Road, (1) 3/4 –inch meter service, location is approximately 2110-feet go north from Highway 186. (precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve HOLT/CAT sales agreement for the purchase of Backhoe Loader for Precinct 1. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action of Lease/Purchase of 2020 Case-IH Farmall 120C Tractor Unit F50438JLLF50438 serial #ELRFC120JLLF50438. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Approval of creation of Willacy County Sexual Assault Response Team, legislatively mandated pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 476, and appoint members. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve having the longevity manual checks prepared on/by December 3, 2021 for the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on December 10, 2021. ACTION REQUIRED.

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16. Approval to apply for and if granted for the 2022 National Crime Victim's Rights Week Community Awareness Projects. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Approval of Willacy County District Attorney's Office agreement to participate in the HIDTA State and Local Task Force from October 2021 through September 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. 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.
19. Action Relative to Executive Session:
 - A. Possible Action.
 - B. Possible Action.
20. Discussion and action to approve Willacy County IGA with U.S. Marshalls for the Willacy County Jail. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to approve purchase of two (2) County Cell Phones for Victim Assistance Unit under Grant #2106412. Action required.
22. Discussion and Action to approve Agreements pertaining to Restoration of the Willacy County Courthouse – Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Planning Grant Implementation Project. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Approval of Treasurers Quarterly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
28. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
29. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
30. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
31. Review monthly reports on jail count.
32. Review of monthly employee overtime report.

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33. 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 10:15 a.m.

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 – 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: OCTOBER 18, 2021
REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER
25, 2021 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
OCTOBER 26, 2021 PUBLIC WORKSHOP
CONTINUATION FROM OCTOBER
25, 2021 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
OCTOBER 28, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
AND OCTOBER 28, 2021 REGULAR
MEETING ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of previous minutes as follows: October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting, October 25, 2021 Public Workshop, October 26, 2021 Public Workshop continuation from October 25, 2021 Public Workshop, October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting and October 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1, as read. 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 – TXDOT TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATE

Presentation by Jose Luis Lozano with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on reference to FM 1018 Project, SH 186 Project, U.S. 77 South Project, U.S. 77 North Project and Highway Routine Maintenance Project.

District/County Attorney, Annette Hinojosa arrives at the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Agenda # 7

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
STAT REPORTS FROM JANUARY
1, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 25,
2021 FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY
CONSTABLE’S OFFICE PRECINCT 4

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – STAT Reports from January 1, 2021 through October 25, 2021 from the Willacy County Constable’s Office Precinct 4.

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Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE REDISTRICTING
OF COUNTY PRECINCTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Redistricting of County Precincts. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE GIVING THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS ACCESS TO
VTX ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of giving the County Commissioners access to VTX Account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra 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 giving the four (4) County Commissioners' Precincts access to VTX Account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND
BEE COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Agreement between Willacy County and Bee County. 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 # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE REQUEST TO TAP INTO
A 4-INCH WATERLINE ON KENAF
ROAD, (1) 3/4-INCH METER SERVICE,
LOCATION IS APPROXIMATELY 2110-
FEET GO NORTH FROM HIGHWAY 186.
(PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of request to tap into a 4-inch waterline on Kenaf Road, (1) 3/4-inch meter service, location is approximately 2110-feet go north from Highway 186 (Precinct 1). 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
APPROVE HOLT/CAT SALES
AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE
OF BACKHOE LOADER FOR PRECINCT 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of HOLT/CAT Sales Agreement for the purchase of Backhoe Loader for Precinct 1. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF
LEASE/PURCHASE OF 2020
CASE-IH FARMALL 120C TRACTOR
UNIT F50438JLLF50438 SERIAL
NUMBER ELRFC120JLLF50438

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Lease/Purchase of 2020 Case-IH Farmall 120C Tractor Unit F50438JLLF50438 Serial Number ELRFC120JLLF50438. 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 # 14

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
CREATION OF WILLACY COUNTY
SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM,
LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED PURSUANT
TO TEXAS SENATE BILL 476, AND
APPOINT MEMBERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of creation of Willacy County Sexual Assault Response Team, legislatively mandated Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 476 and appoint members. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra 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 creation of Willacy County Sexual Assault Response Team, legislatively mandated Pursuant to Texas Senate Bill 476 and appoint the following members: District/County Attorney, Annette Hinojosa or her designee, County Sheriff, Jose Salazar or his designee and Raymondville Police Chief, Uvaldo Zamora or his designee. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE HAVING THE LONGEVITY
MANUAL CHECKS PREPARED ON/BY
DECEMBER 3, 2021 FOR THE EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON ON
DECEMBER 10, 2021

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to get longevity manual checks ready prior to the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on December 10, 2021. 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 # 16

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
TO APPLY FOR AND IF GRANTED
FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL CRIME
VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK COMMUNITY
AWARENESS PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales 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 # 17

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE HIDTA STATE AND LOCAL TASK
FORCE FROM OCTOBER 2021 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Willacy County District Attorney's Office Agreement to participate in the HIDTA State and Local Task Force from October 2021 through September 2023. 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 20.

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Agenda # 18

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 Guerra to pass on items 18 and 19. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra 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 pass on items 18 and 19. 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE WILLACY COUNTY IGA
WITH U.S. MARSHALLS FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY JAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Willacy County IGA with U.S. Marshalls for the Willacy County Jail and to change on the agreement the name of the entity from Willacy County Jail to 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 # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO (2)
COUNTY CELL PHONES FOR VICTIM
ASSISTANCE UNIT UNDER GRANT
NUMBER 2106412

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to purchase two (2) County Cell Phones for Victim Assistance Unit under Grant Number 2106412. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

As per the Chairman, Court will be taking a break for five (5) minutes due to No Quorum Established.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra, returns back to the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

As per the Chairman, there is a Quorum established Court will continue with Agenda Number 22.

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Agenda # 22

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AGREEMENTS PERTAINING
TO RESTORATION OF THE WILLACY
COUNTY COURTHOUSE – TEXAS
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION
PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT IMPLEMENTATION
PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Agreements pertaining to Restoration of the Willacy County Courthouse – Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Planning Grant Implementation Project. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 23

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Agenda # 24

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. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S QUARTERLY
REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Treasurer's Quarterly 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.

Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

As per the Chairman, no action taken on this item.

Agenda # 27
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 # 28
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and 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 # 29
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.

Agenda # 30
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 31
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 67 Inmates, 10 Federal Inmates and 2 Ice Holds.

Agenda # 32
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 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.