

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 28th day of October, 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. Spread in the minutes; Proclamation to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and to designate October 3-9, 2021 as National 4-H Week in Texas.
6. Presentation by Anna from the Harlingen Veteran's Peer Center to give information on future military Veteran Peer Center location in Willacy County.
7. Discussion and Action to approve Auction Agreement between Willacy County Administration Office and Galindo's Auction. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discuss, consider, and adopt resolution designating an administration/project delivery service provider to complete application and project implementation for the 2019 Floods and TS Imelda funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discuss, consider, and adopt resolution designating an engineering service provider to complete engineering services for the 2019 Floods and TS Imelda funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve intergovernmental Agreement between Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding housing of City of Lyford Prisoners in the Willacy County Detention Center. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Willacy County Sheriff Department and the City of Lyford regarding Use of County Police Radio and Dispatch Services. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lyford and Willacy County regarding the maintenance of city streets and right-of-ways. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding maintenance of water and wastewater distribution lines and water meters. ACTION REQUIRED.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

14. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the County of Willacy and the City of Lyford for Environmental Services (septic tanks). ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to give permission to the Veteran's Office to apply and submit \$300,000.00 TVC Grant Financial Assistance for rent/mortgage, utilities, funeral expenses, car repair and medical equipment. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve Laura Montes, Veteran's Outreach Specialist an hourly raise to meet TVC guidelines on grant amendment. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve adding a cell phone for Veteran's Office Assistant to come out of Veteran Office Budget. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Action to give permission for the Sheriff's Office to apply for, and if awarded, accept funding for grant monies for body cameras FY 2022 from the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division for public safety. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to accept resignation from Constable Precinct 5. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and Action to approve costs incurred on efforts to empty out Courthouse as soon as possible on an emergency basis. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Discussion and Action to approve joining a law firm to represent Opioid Litigation lawsuit. ACTION REQUIRED
22. 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
23. Discussion and Action to approve the County applying for the Texas Community Resiliency Program (CRP). ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Adjourn.

October 28, 2021
Regular Meeting

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	Deceased
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	Absent
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	Absent
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,	
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Mike Taylor
Anna Castillo
Mario Tijerina
Georgina Macias

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

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 5

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
OF THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
SERVICE AND TO DESIGNATE OCTOBER
3-9, 2021 AS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to spread in the minutes: Proclamation to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and to designate October 3-9, 2021 as National 4-H Week in Texas. 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 ANNA FROM
THE HARLINGEN VETERAN'S PEER
CENTER TO GIVE INFORMATION
ON FUTURE MILITARY VETERAN
PEER CENTER LOCATION IN
WILLACY COUNTY

Presentation by Anna Castillo and Mike Taylor from the Harlingen Veteran's Peer Center and Daniel Gomez with the Willacy County Veteran's Office to give information on future military Veteran Peer Center location in Willacy County.

Agenda # 7

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AUCTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND
GALINDO'S AUCTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Auction Agreement between Willacy County Administration Office and Galindo's Auction. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 8

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN
ADMINISTRATION/PROJECT
DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDER TO
COMPLETE APPLICATION AND
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR
THE 2019 FLOODS AND TS IMELDA
FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE
TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to Adopt Resolution designating Grantworks as the Administration/Project Delivery Service Provider to complete application and project implementation for the 2019 Floods and TS Imelda funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. 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

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN
ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER TO
COMPLETE ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE 2019 FLOODS AND TS IMELDA
FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to Adopt Resolution designating Guzman and Munoz as the Engineering Service Provider to complete engineering services for the 2019 Floods and TS Imelda funding administered by the Texas General Land Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD
REGARDING HOUSING OF CITY OF
LYFORD PRISONERS IN THE WILLACY
COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding housing of City of Lyford Prisoners in the Willacy County Detention Center. 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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND
THE CITY OF LYFORD REGARDING USE
OF COUNTY POLICE RADIO AND
DISPATCH SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Willacy County Sheriff Department and the City of Lyford regarding use of County Police Radio and Dispatch Services. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LYFORD AND
WILLACY COUNTY REGARDING THE
MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREETS AND
RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lyford and Willacy County regarding the maintenance of city streets and right-of-ways. 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 TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LYFORD
REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF WATER
AND WASTEWATER DISTRIBUTION
LINES AND WATER METERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Willacy County and the City of Lyford regarding maintenance of water and wastewater distribution lines and water meters. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WILLACY
AND THE CITY OF LYFORD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
(SEPTIC TANKS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Interlocal Agreement between the County of Willacy and the City of Lyford for Environmental Services (septic tanks). 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
GIVE PERMISSION TO THE
VETERAN'S OFFICE TO APPLY
AND SUBMIT \$300,000.00 TVC
GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR RENT/MORTGAGE, UTILITIES,
FUNERAL EXPENSES, CAR REPAIR
AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for permission to the Veteran's Office to apply and submit \$300,000.00 TVC Grant Financial Assistance for rent/mortgage, utilities, funeral expenses, car repair and medical equipment. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 16

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE LAURA MONTES,
VETERAN'S OUTREACH SPECIALIST
AN HOURLY RAISE TO MEET TVC
GUIDELINES ON GRANT AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for Laura Montes, Veteran's Outreach Specialist an hourly raise to meet TVC guidelines on grant amendment. 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for effective on November 1, 2021 to be paid on the second (2nd) payroll of November, 2021. 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 ACTION TO
APPROVE ADDING A CELL PHONE
FOR VETERAN'S OFFICE ASSISTANT
TO COME OUT OF VETERAN'S OFFICE
BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of adding a cell phone for Veteran's Office Assistant to come out of Veteran's Office Budget. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021
Regular Meeting

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR,
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING
FOR GRANT MONIES FOR BODY
CAMERAS FY 2022 FROM THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE DIVISION FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to give permission for the Sheriff's Office to apply for, and if awarded, accept funding for grant monies for body cameras FY 2022 from the Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division for public safety. 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 10:53 a.m.

Chairman Guerra, states that Court will Recess for five (5) minutes due to lack of Quorum.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra, returns back to the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Commissioners Court continues with Agenda item number 19.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to accept resignation from Constable Precinct 5, Manuel Guerra. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021
Regular Meeting

Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE COSTS INCURRED ON
EFFORTS TO EMPTY OUT
COURTHOUSE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE ON AN EMERGENCY
BASIS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval and to pay costs of \$6,500.00 for costs that incurred on efforts to empty out Courthouse as soon as possible on an emergency basis. 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 Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to be paid out from Health and Welfare. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioner Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE JOINING A LAW FIRM
TO REPRESENT OPIOID LITIGATION
LAWSUIT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to take no action 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 # 22
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 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.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Agenda # 23

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE COUNTY APPLYING
FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY
RESILIENCY PROGRAM (CRP)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval for the County applying for the Texas Community Resiliency Program (CRP). 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 TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales that the following travel request be approved:

1. County Agent, Georgina Macias to Weslaco, Texas on November 16-17, 2021.
2. County Agent, Georgina Macias to Alice, Texas on November 14, 2021.

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; contingent upon Commissioner Eliberto Guerra reviewing page nine (9) on the Claims on reference to Core and Main, LP. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

October 28, 2021

Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra the time is 11:13 a.m. that Court Recess until 11:35 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales the time is 11:36 a.m. that Court Reconvene into Open Court and continue with Addendum Number 1. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting continues with Addendum Number 1.