

December 8, 2022

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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: October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting; November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting; November 10, 2022 Addendum #1 Regular Meeting; November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting; November 30, 2022 Special Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Presentation by TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Discussion and possible action to pre-purchase energy after the expiration of the current electric light contract. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to approve Willacy County Covid-19 Vaccine Agreement with Willacy County Emergency Management Services beginning January 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve Internet/Phone services for the Sebastian Community Center building, Veterans Service Office, and Community Development Specialist Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and action to approve funding matching grant obligation in the amount of \$3,865.84 for Willacy County Sheriff's Office for the Office of The Governor FY22 Body-worn Camera Program Grant (Grant # 4392101) and to discuss funding match source. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Possible Approval to pay stipend to Carisa Rivera Cazares to provide legal consultation to Willacy County Commissioners Court to assist the County Attorney in the amount of \$1,100.00 per month in addition to fringe benefits, beginning on January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 to be paid from DA Fund 60. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED

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17. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Review of Special Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Review monthly reports on jail count.
20. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
21. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (A) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.072.
  - (B) Deliberation regarding possible contract negotiations with the Willacy County Regional Detention Facility, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.072.
  - (C) 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.
  - (D) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding legal issues on matters related to cybersecurity, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071.
22. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (A) possible action
  - (B) possible action.
  - (C) possible action.
  - (D) possible action.
23. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,  
Eliberto Guerra,  
Mario Tijerina,  
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 First Assistant,  
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

**Absent**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Juan Galvan

James Ramirez

Rene Davila

Ernie Garcia

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

Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF  
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:  
OCTOBER 27, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING  
ADDENDUM NUMBER 1, NOVEMBER  
18, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND  
NOVEMBER 30, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of previous minutes as follows: October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting, November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting, November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1, November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting and November 30, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

PRESENTATION BY TXDOT TO  
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Rene Davila with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on FM 1018 Project and SH 186 Project.

Agenda # 7

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
TO PRE-PURCHASE ENERGY AFTER  
THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT  
ELECTRIC LIGHT CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:36 a.m. and returns back at 10:37 a.m.**

**Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and returns back at 10:39 a.m.**

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Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE WILLACY COUNTY  
COVID-19 VACCINE AGREEMENT  
WITH WILLACY COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES BEGINNING  
JANUARY 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioners Court Regular Meeting continues with Addendum Number 1.**

Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERNET/PHONE  
SERVICES FOR THE SEBASTIAN  
COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING,  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
SPECIALIST OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Internet/Phone Services for the Sebastian Community Center Building, Veterans Service Office and Community Development Specialist Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FUNDING MATCHING GRANT OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,865.84 FOR WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FY22 BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM GRANT (GRANT NUMBER 4392101) AND TO DISCUSS FUNDING MATCH SOURCE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:28 a.m.**

Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO PAY STIPEND TO CARISA RIVERA CAZARES TO PROVIDE LEGAL CONSULTATION TO WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ASSIST THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100.00 PER MONTH IN ADDITION TO FRINGE BENEFITS, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 TO BE PAID FROM DA FUND 60

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to pay stipend to Carisa Rivera Cazares to provide legal consultation to Willacy County Commissioners Court to assist the County Attorney in the amount of \$1,100.00 per month in addition to fringe benefits, beginning on January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 to be paid from DA Fund 60. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

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Agenda # 12

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Monthly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Upcoming Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernie Garcia to College Station, Texas on January 10-13, 2023.
2. Constable Precinct 4, Albert Garza and Constable Deputy, Albert Oviedo to Austin, Texas on February 7-10, 2023. Requesting Meals, Hotel and Registration Fee.

Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman Gonzales. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18

IN REGARDS TO REVIEW  
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Review of Special Claims.

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Agenda # 19  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS  
ON JAIL COUNT

As per Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 76 Inmates, 0 Federal Inmates and 4 Ice Holds.

**Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:42 a.m.**

Agenda # 20  
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE  
OVERTIME REPORT

As per Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

Agenda # 21  
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A.) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT  
LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WILLACY  
COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY,  
PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT  
CODE, SECTION 551.072
- (B.) DELIBERATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WILLACY COUNTY  
REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, PURSUANT TO  
V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072
- (C.) 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
- (D.) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL  
COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES ON MATTERS  
RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY, PURSUANT TO  
V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

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Agenda # 22

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

(A.) POSSIBLE ACTION.

(B.) POSSIBLE ACTION.

(C.) POSSIBLE ACTION.

(D.) POSSIBLE ACTION.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to take no action for items 21 and 22. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Adjourned. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners Guerra and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.