

July 13, 2023
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of July, A.D., 2023 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 Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Approval of Previous Minutes as follows: June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting; June 8, 2023 Addendum #1 Regular Meeting; June 14, 2023 Budget Workshop; June 16, 2023 Special Meeting; June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting; June 26, 2023 Special Meeting; July 7, 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Committee Workshop. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
8. Discussion and Action to consider approving Engineering and Surveying services for the Fred Stone Park to be paid out of GOMESA. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Lyford C.I.S.D. Police Department and The Willacy County Sheriff's Office, ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution in support to Mexico paying their water debt (Mexico Compliance with 1944 Treaty). ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve FY 2024-2025 Interlocal Agreement between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action on requesting permission to approve preliminary plat for Bibi Subdivision Development consist of six large single family residential lots, located at the intersection of E. HWY 186 and Lopez Road. (CR 200). (Precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to consider approving funding for Precinct 4 Constable's 2023 Ford F250 VIN # 1FTEW1EP1PFB85697 for the Purchase and Installation of police equipment and also to include removal of equipment from older vehicle. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to accept the 2023-2024 FVA (Funds for Veterans Assistance) grant award. Grant period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. ACTION REQUIRED.

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15. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Willacy County Sheriff's Office and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for training reporting purposes. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Requesting funding for transmission overhaul on Willacy County Sheriff's Office 2017 Chevy Tahoe, in the amount of \$3,500.00. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to resolve "Release of Liability" incident on County Property involving heavy machinery. Reimbursement from Precinct 4 Budget in the amount of \$220.00 to individual. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action regarding Sebastian TX Family, for partial and temporary road closure (12PM-12AM) on 8th Street at County Road, Event date will be 07/22/23. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discuss Consider and Select Scott Merriman Inc. as a vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project(s). Funding administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury, other federal or state agencies. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discussion and Action to approve Professional Services for Scott Merriman Inc. for the total amount of \$299,987.48 for Willacy County Clerk's Office to be paid by fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to approve extending salaries and fringes for Administrative Assistant for under the Judge's Administration for remainder of FY 2022-2023 to be paid from Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of 1 Tractor and 1 Shredder for Precinct 2 for the total amount of \$111,830.94 to John Deere to be paid by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discuss Consider and Select LMG Sales Inc. as a vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project(s). Funding administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury, other federal or state agencies. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of 1 Zero Turn Mower for the Judge's Administration for the total amount of \$7,535.25 to be paid by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Discussion and Action to obligate machinery and equipment for the County Clerk's Office not to exceed \$12,000.00 to be funded by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Discussion and Action to obligate machinery and equipment to exceed \$18,000 for Auditor's Office, County Clerk's Office, and District Clerk's Office to be funded by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), ACTION REQUIRED.

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27. Discuss Consider and select Halff as a vendor to complete project implementation for the Willacy County Resilient Housing Guide. Project to be funded by Smart Home America/EPA Grant. ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Discussion to approve Halff Agreement/Contract for the total amount of \$20,000 to hire a Planning Consultant for the Willacy County Resilient Housing Guide to be paid from Smart Home America / EPA Grant. ACTION REQUIRED
29. Discussion and Action to appoint individuals to the Willacy County Public Defender Oversight (PDO) Committee. ACTION REQUIRED.
30. Discussion to approve and extend the Retention Records Specialist temporary full-time position for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office funded by ARPA through September 30, 2023. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
31. Discussion to approve and extend the Retention Records Specialist and Investigator temporary full-time position for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office funded by ARPA to September 30, 2024 as funding permits. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
32. Discussion and Action to consider approving Travel/Training on Mandatory/Required Hours only. ACTION REQUIRED.
33. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
34. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
35. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
36. Approval of Quarterly Report. ACTION REQUIRED
37. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
38. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
39. Review of Special Claims.
40. Review monthly reports on jail count.
41. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
42. 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 VTCA Government Code, Section 551.071.
 - (b) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel on potential litigation regarding the planned subdivision of the Willacy County Navigation District.

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43. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (a) possible action.
- (b) possible action.

44. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	Absent
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	
Libna Sarmiento,	County Auditor's First Assistant,	
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,	arrives at 10:10 a.m.
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Cindy Perez
Frances Najera

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Henry De La Paz – **Absent**
3. Pledge – Commissioner Ernesto Garcia Invocation – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

As per the Chairman, move to item number 5.

4. Public Comments –

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 6
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: JUNE 8, 2023
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 8,
2023 ADDENDUM NUMBER 1
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 14,
2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP,
JUNE 16, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING,
JUNE 22, 2023 REGULAR MEETING,
JUNE 26, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING
AND JULY 7, 2023 AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARP) COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of previous minutes as follows: June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, June 8, 2023 Addendum Number 1 Regular Meeting, June 14, 2023 Budget Workshop, June 16, 2023 Special Meeting, June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting, June 26, 2023 Special Meeting and July 7, 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Committee Workshop. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado arrives at the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Agenda # 7
TXDOT TO PROVIDE
MONTHLY UPDATES

As per the Chairman, TxDOT was unable to attend the meeting, but they submitted a Report for the monthly updates.

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Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING ENGINEERING
AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE
FRED STONE PARK TO BE PAID OUT
OF GOMESA

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

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
LYFORD C.I.S.D. POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

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

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
TO MEXICO PAYING THEIR WATER
DEBT (MEXICO COMPLIANCE WITH
1944 TREATY)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Resolution in support to Mexico paying their water debt (Mexico Compliance with 1944 Treaty). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE FY 2024-2025 INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGIONAL
PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND
WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of FY 2024-2025 Interlocal Agreement between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Willacy County. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO
APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR BIBI SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT
CONSIST OF SIX LARGE SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL LOTS, LOCATED AT
THE INTERSECTION OF E. HWY 186
AND LOPEZ ROAD. (CR 200).
(PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Preliminary Plat for Bibi Subdivision Development consist of six large single family residential lots, located at the intersection of E. HWY 186 and Lopez Road. (CR 200). (Precinct 1). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to amend the motion from East HWY 186 to West HWY 186. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING FUNDING
FOR PRECINCT 4 CONSTABLE'S
2023 FORD F250 VIN NUMBER
1FTEW1EP1PFB85697 FOR THE
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION
OF POLICE EQUIPMENT AND
ALSO TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF
EQUIPMENT FROM OLDER VEHICLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of funding for Precinct 4 Constable's 2023 Ford F250 VIN Number 1FTEW1EP1PFB85697 for the purchase and installation of police equipment and also to include removal of equipment from older vehicle for the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 to be paid from Capital Fund 02. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to note and include being a F150 and not a F250. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 FVA
(FUNDS FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE)
GRANT AWARD. GRANT PERIOD
JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30,
2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to accept the 2023-2024 FVA (Funds for Veterans Assistance) grant award. Grant period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE AND THE LOWER RIO
GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL FOR TRAINING REPORTING
PURPOSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item, pending review of the approval from line item on June 8, 2023 on the signatures to make sure it is in place. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
IN REGARDS TO REQUESTING
FUNDING FOR TRANSMISSION
OVERHAUL ON WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2017 CHEVY
TAHOE, IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,500.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of funding for transmission overhaul on Willacy County Sheriff's Office 2017 Chevy Tahoe, in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to be paid from Capital Fund 02. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
RESOLVE "RELEASE OF LIABILITY"
INCIDENT ON COUNTY PROPERTY
INVOLVING HEAVY MACHINERY.
REIMBURSEMENT FROM PRECINCT
4 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$220.00 TO INDIVIDUAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to resolve "Release of Liability" incident on County Property involving heavy machinery. Reimbursement from Precinct 4 Budget in the amount of \$220.00 to individual. This check to be release upon signature of the Release of Liability. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
REGARDING SEBASTIAN, TEXAS
FAMILY, FOR PARTIAL AND
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
(12 PM – 12 AM) ON 8TH STREET
AT COUNTY ROAD, EVENT DATE
WILL BE JULY 22, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of regarding Sebastian, Texas Family, for partial and temporary road closure (12 P.M. – 12 A.M.) on 8th Street at County Road, event date will be July 22, 2023. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND
SELECT SCOTT MERRIMAN, INC.
AS A VENDOR TO COMPLETE
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARPA) PROJECT(S). FUNDING
ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, OTHER
FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Scott Merriman, Inc. as a selected vendor for Willacy County Clerk's Office for Professional Services to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and returns back at 11:04 a.m.

Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR SCOTT MERRIMAN, INC. FOR
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$299,987.48
FOR WILLACY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
TO BE PAID BY FUND 114 AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the Professional Services for Scott Merriman, Inc. for Willacy County Clerk's Office for the total amount of \$299,987.48 to be paid by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE EXTENDING SALARIES
AND FRINGES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT FOR UNDER THE JUDGE'S
ADMINISTRATION FOR REMAINDER
OF FY 2022-2023 TO BE PAID FROM
FUND 114 AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of extending Salaries and Fringes for Administrative Assistant under the Judge's Administration for remainder of FY 2022-2023 to be paid from Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 22
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1
TRACTOR AND 1 SHREDDER FOR
PRECINCT 2 FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$111,830.94 TO JOHN
DEERE TO BE PAID BY FUND 114
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of the purchase of 1 Tractor and 1 Shredder for Precinct 2 for the total amount of \$111,830.94 to Deere and Company to be paid by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 23
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT
LMG SALES, INC. AS A VENDOR TO
COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA) PROJECT(S). FUNDING
ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, OTHER
FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of LMG Sales, Inc. as a selected vendor for Willacy County Judge's Administration for 1 Zero Turn Mower to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 24
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1
ZERO TURN MOWER FOR THE JUDGE'S
ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$7,535.25 TO BE PAID
BY FUND 114 AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the purchase of 1 Zero Turn Mower for the Judge's Administration for the total amount of \$7,535.25. The amount of \$7,000.00 to be paid from Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act and \$535.25 to be paid from Capital Fund 02. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE MACHINERY AND
EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED
\$12,000.00 TO BE FUNDED BY
FUND 114 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to obligate \$12,000.00 for the County Clerk's Office for Machinery and Equipment not to exceed \$12,000.00, to be funded by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 26
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE MACHINERY AND
EQUIPMENT TO EXCEED \$18,000.00
FOR AUDITOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY
CLERK'S OFFICE AND DISTRICT
CLERK'S OFFICE TO BE FUNDED BY
FUND 114 AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$20,000.00 for the Auditor's Office, County Clerk's Office and District Clerk's Office for Machinery and Equipment not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be funded by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 27
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT
HALFF AS A VENDOR TO COMPLETE
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR
THE WILLACY COUNTY RESILIENT
HOUSING GUIDE. PROJECT TO
BE FUNDED BY SMART HOME
AMERICA/EPA GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to select Halff for professional planning consulting services for the Willacy Resilient Housing Guide contingent to legal review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 28
DISCUSSION TO APPROVE HALFF
AGREEMENT/CONTRACT FOR THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00
TO HIRE A PLANNING CONSULTANT
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY RESILIENT
HOUSING GUIDE TO BE PAID FROM
SMART HOME AMERICA / EPA GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Halff for professional planning consulting services for the total amount of \$20,000.00 for the Willacy Resilient Housing Guide contingent to legal review. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:29 a.m. and returns back at 11:31 a.m.

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Agenda # 29
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPOINT INDIVIDUALS TO THE
WILLACY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
OVERSIGHT (PDO) COMMITTEE

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

Agenda # 30
DISCUSSION TO APPROVE AND
EXTEND THE RETENTION RECORDS
SPECIALIST TEMPORARY FULL-TIME
POSITION FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FUNDED
BY ARPA THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,
2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to extend the Retention Specialist temporary full-time position for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office funded by ARPA through September 30, 2023. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 31
DISCUSSION TO APPROVE AND
EXTEND THE RETENTION RECORDS
SPECIALIST AND INVESTIGATOR
TEMPORARY FULL-TIME POSITION
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FUNDED BY
ARPA UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
AS FUNDING PERMITS

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

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Agenda # 32
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING TRAVEL/
TRAINING ON MANDATORY/
REQUIRED HOURS ONLY

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for Commissioners Court approving Travel and Training for Mandatory Hours Only and Require Supporting Documents that indeed they are Mandatory Hours until the end of this Fiscal Year September 30, 2023. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:58 a.m, does not vote for item number 33.

Agenda # 33
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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Move to item number 35.

Agenda # 34
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that the following travel requests be approved:

1. Juvenile Department, Raul Garza to South Padre Island, Texas on July 26-28, 2023 (Paid with Grant Funds).
2. Juvenile Department, Raul Garza to San Marcos, Texas on August 14-16, 2023. (Paid with Grant Funds).
3. Juvenile Department, Letty Esparza to San Marcos, Texas on August 14-16, 2023. (Paid with Grant Funds).
4. Juvenile Department, Juvenile Probation Office – New Hire to Huntsville, Texas on July 23-28, 2023 (Paid with Grant Funds).
5. Raymondville Fire Department, Eloy Zamorano, Jasmine Martinez and Eloy Zamorano, Jr. to College Station, Texas on July 23-28, 2023.
6. Sheriff's Department, six (6) Deputies to Kingsville, Texas on August 7-8, 2023. (Paid with Sheriff's Office Fund 35).
7. Extension Office, Georgina Macias to College Station, Texas on August 7-9, 2023. County Agent will be needing meals, hotel paid for and county vehicle for use).
8. District Attorney's Office, Cindy Adameit and Gloria Cortez to Laredo, Texas on August 9, 2023. Funding may be reimbursed by either the BPU Grant (Fund 56) and/or the DVU/VAU Grants (Funds 51/52), if permitting.

Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 36.

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Commissioner Mario Tijerina returns back to the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Agenda # 35
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Return back to item number 34.

Agenda # 36
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF QUARTLERY REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Quarterly Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 37
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Budget Amendments, as submitted. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 38
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

Agenda # 39
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 40
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 89 Inmates, Federal Inmates 0 and 6 Ice Hold.

Agenda # 41
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

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Agenda # 42

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 VTCA
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT
LEGAL COUNSEL ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION
REGARDING THE PLANNED SUBDIVISION OF
THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT

Agenda # 43

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

- (A) POSSIBLE ACTION
- (B) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to table items 42 and 43. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Adjourned. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.