

June 8, 2023
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of June, 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: May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting; May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1.; May 15, 2023 Insurance Committee Workshop; May 23, 2023 Public Workshop 9:00 A.M.; May 23, 2023 Public Workshop 10:00 A.M.; May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting, June 1, 2023 Special Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.
7. TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
8. Presentation – Spectrum Enterprise / Charter Communications to provide a multi layered, diverse fiber internet/phone integrated solution based proposal.
9. Discussion and Action to approve Cameron County / Willacy County to host a Passport Fair for July 29, 2023 and requesting permission to advertise. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to approve Road & Bridge Precinct #3 sale of equipment items through C.M. Company Auctions. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to appoint a Willacy County Public Defender Oversight Committee to be created by county officials and judges. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action on request for approval for La Perla Estates Phase 1, a re-plat of Block 33, Lots 6 thru 20 and 32, 33 Subdivision in the City of San Perlita (Precinct 2). ACTION REQUIRED
13. Request approval for Roberto & Maria Mercado Subdivision a re-plat of Lots 1 & 2 of Ranchette Estates Unit #2 (Precinct 1). Action Required.
14. Discussion and Possible Action to clarify County policy pertaining to employees whose jobs assignments include the outdoor elements. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to approve and extend the Retention Records Specialist, Intake Clerk and Investigator temporary full-time positions for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office funded by ARPA. ACTION REQUIRED

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16. Discussion and Action to approve to hire for Retention Records Specialist temporary position funded by ARPA for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve advertising for temporary position for Records Retention Specialist funded by American Rescue Plan (ARPA) relative to COVID-19 pandemic for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discuss, consider, and select Farm Painter, LLC as a vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project (s). Funding administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, other federal or state agencies. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to approve purchase for barn renovation in the amount of \$10,500 for Precinct 4 to be paid by fund 114, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Willacy County Sheriff's Office, Texas Police Department and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for Texas Commission Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Training Reporting. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
24. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
25. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Review of Special Claims.
27. Review monthly reports on jail count.
28. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
29. 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.
30. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (a) possible action.
 - (b) possible action.

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31. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Mario Tijerina,
Henry De La Paz,
Ernesto Garcia,
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,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:
Rene Davila
Sergio Sustaita

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

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 6
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: MAY 11, 2023
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 11,
2023 REGULAR MEETING
ADDENDUM NUMBER 1, MAY
15, 2023 INSURANCE COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP, MAY 23, 2023 PUBLIC
WORKSHOP 9:00 A.M., MAY 23,
2023 PUBLIC WORKSHOP 10:00 A.M.,
MAY 25, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
AND JUNE 1, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of previous minutes as follows: May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting, May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Addendum Number 1, May 15, 2023 Insurance Committee Workshop, May 23, 2023 Public Workshop at 9:00 a.m., May 23, 2023 Public Workshop at 10:00 a.m., May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting and June 1, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 7
TXDOT TO PROVIDE
MONTHLY UPDATES

As per the Chairman, move to item number 8, since there is no one present from TxDOT.

Presentation by Rene Davila with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on FM 1018, SH 186, County Road 180 Bridge and Port Mansfield Project.

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Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 10:39 a.m. and returns back at 10:41 a.m.

Commissioner Ernesto Garcia steps out of the meeting at 10:44 a.m, does not vote for item number 9.

Continue with item number 9.

Agenda # 8
PRESENTATION – SPECTRUM
ENTERPRISE / CHARTER
COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE
A MULTI LAYERED, DIVERSE FIBER
INTERNET/PHONE INTEGRATED
SOLUTION BASED PROPOSAL

Presentation by Christopher Matzenbacher with Spectrum Enterprise/Charter Communications to provide a multi layered, diverse fiber internet/phone integrated solution based proposal.

Return back to item number 7.

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CAMERON COUNTY/
WILLACY COUNTY TO HOST A
PASSPORT FAIR FOR JULY 29,
2023 AND REQUESTING PERMISSION
TO ADVERTISE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval for Cameron County/Willacy County to host a Passport Fair for July 29, 2023 and requesting permission to advertise. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Commissioner Ernesto Garcia returns back to the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ROAD AND BRIDGE
PRECINCT NUMBER 3 SALE OF
EQUIPMENT ITEMS THROUGH
C.M. COMPANY AUCTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Road and Bridge Precinct Number 3 sale of equipment items through C.M. Company Auctions. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and returns back at 10:55 a.m.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPOINT A WILLACY COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE TO BE CREATED BY
COUNTY OFFICIALS AND JUDGES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to create a Willacy County Public Defender Oversight Committee as required by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR
LA PERLA ESTATES PHASE 1, A
RE-PLAT OF BLOCK 33, LOTS 6
THRU 20 AND 32, 33 SUBDIVISION
IN THE CITY OF SAN PERLITA
(PRECINCT 2)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of La Perla Estates Phase 1, a re-plat of Block 33, Lots 6 thru 20 and 32, 33 Subdivision in the City of San Perlita (Precinct 2). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
IN REGARDS TO REQUEST
APPROVAL FOR ROBERTO
AND MARIA MERCADO
SUBDIVISION A RE-PLAT OF
LOTS 1 AND 2 OF RANCHETTE
ESTATES UNIT NUMBER 2
(PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Roberto and Maria Mercado Subdivision a re-plat of Lots 1 and 2 of Ranchette Estates Unit Number 2. (Precinct 1). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO CLARIFY COUNTY
POLICY PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES
WHOSE JOBS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE
THE OUTDOOR ELEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval for Employees whose job assignments include work with outdoor elements to be provided with water, electro-lights and items necessary for hydration purposes with their County Department Head. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting continues with Addendum Number 1.

Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AND EXTEND THE
RETENTION RECORDS SPECIALIST,
INTAKE CLERK AND INVESTIGATOR
TEMPORARY FULL-TIME POSITIONS
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FUNDED BY
ARPA

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, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE TO HIRE FOR RETENTION
RECORDS SPECIALIST TEMPORARY
POSITION FUNDED BY ARPA FOR
THE WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR
TEMPORARY POSITION FOR
RECORDS RETENTION SPECIALIST
FUNDED BY AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN (ARPA) RELATIVE TO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:31 a.m, does not vote for item number 18.

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Agenda # 18
DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT
FARM PAINTER, LLC AS A VENDOR
TO COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARPA) PROJECT(S). FUNDING ADMINISTERED
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Farm Painter, LLC as a selected vendor for Precinct 4 ARPA Project Number 2375 Barn Renovation to be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASE FOR BARN
RENOVATION IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$10,500.00 FOR PRECINCT 4
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 a Barn Renovation for the amount of \$10,500.00 to be paid to Farm Painter, LLC funded by Fund 114 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, TEXAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND THE LOWER
RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL FOR TEXAS COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT (TCOLE)
TRAINING REPORTING

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Willacy County Sheriff's Office, Texas Police Department and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for Texas Commission Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Training Reporting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Commissioner Mario Tijerina leaves the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Agenda # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. District Attorney's Office, Juan Mijares to Fredericksburg, Texas on June 26-29, 2023.
2. District Attorney's Office, Juan Mijares to San Marcos, Texas on July 24-28, 2023.
3. District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa to Fredericksburg, Texas on June 26-29, 2023.
4. Constable Precinct 1, Carlos Ybarra to Huntsville, Texas on July 9-14, 2023.

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

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:56 a.m., does not vote for item number 23.

Agenda # 23
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Move to item number 25.

Commissioner Ernesto Garcia steps out of them meeting at 11:59 a.m. and returns back at 12:01 p.m.

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Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Continue with item number 26.

Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

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Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

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Agenda # 27
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 96 Inmates, Federal Inmates 0 and 6 Ice Hold.

Agenda # 28
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

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

Agenda # 29
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

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to pass on these items. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 30
ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to pass on these items. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.