

August 12, 2024
Budget Workshop

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of August, A.D., 2024 there was held a Budget Workshop 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. BUDGET WORKSHOP.
4. 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,

**ABSENT
VIA TELECONFERENCE
ARRIVES AT 9:13 A.M.**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Frances L. Najera
Justice of the Peace, Judge Jessica Rosas
Ruben Cavazos

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioners Mario Tijerina and Henry De La Paz –
ABSENT

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Agenda # 3
IN REGARDS TO
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chairman Guerra, proceeds with the Budget Workshop. Discussion continues on reference to the Budget for the following:

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa arrives at the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Consider or not salary increases for those who do not qualify for Senate Bill 22

Commissioner Henry De La Paz joins the meeting by Via Teleconference at 9:13 a.m.

Discuss about having a HR Position or a Benefit Coordinator
Indigent Defense – one (1) position \$25,000.00 on contract and the other position is mandated
Windmills Projects
Jail Department – Meals
Discussion about considering a Grant Administrator

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

County Treasurer's Office:

County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos is requesting a part-timer, bond for his employee and inquiring an estimate on their system.

County Tax Assessor:

County Tax Assessor, Elizabeth Barnhart is requesting an increase on her CAD Software.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra is requesting four (4) part-time positions from Health and Welfare for about 29 hours for the Commissioner Precincts.

District Attorney's Office:

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa states she might need a part-timer. Mrs. Hinojosa will check if there is still money left over in the ARPA.

Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Jose Salazar is requesting two (2) part-time positions for Dispatchers, one (1) position for Deputy, two (2) Corporal Investigators and portable/mobile radios. Chairman Guerra, states that the Court will need to review the numbers either to consider paying or not the overtime. Also, to come up with a plan for the meals for the Jail Department. County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado states the estimated amount to pay the overtime is \$131,255.52 for the Sheriff's and Jail Departments.

County Clerk's Office:

County Clerk, Susana R. Garza does not have the revenues from Record Archive to continue paying for two (2) positions. The County Clerk is requesting for one of the positions that is half funded from Record Archive and half from the County, to be fully funded from the County.

Commissioner Precinct 4:

Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia states he has one (1) Employee that has owned overtime. Discussion is for the Commissioner to pay it out from his Road and Bridge Budget.

Discussion continues on Health and Welfare of the disposal and trash situation.

Chairman Guerra, mentions that he will be meeting with Chief Appraiser, Augustin Lopez to discuss about the Tax Rates and the Court might be considering the following:

- Paying the overtime for the Sheriff's and Jail Department
- Health and Welfare maybe hire for the Commissioner Precincts for the trash situation
- The positions for the Sheriff Department
- Veteran's Office to leave the part-time position the way it is
- Veteran Officer, Frances Najera is requesting an increase on her salary from \$18.00 hour to \$21.00 hour

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Recess for Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. 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 Recessed.