

August 13, 2024
Budget Workshop

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra that Court Reconvene back to Budget Workshop at 3:34 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Court continues from August 12, 2024 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.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	ABSENT
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	VIA TELECONFERENCE
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	VIA TELECONFERENCE
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,	ARRIVES AT 3:40 P.M.
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:
Frances L. Najera
Sheriff Jose A. Salazar
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Judge Jessica Rosas

Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioners Mario Tijerina and Henry De La Paz –
ABSENT

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

Constable Precinct 4:

Constable Precinct 4, Albert Garza is requesting a salary increase for Deputy Albert Oviedo and two (2) Body Cameras.

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa joins the meeting by Via Teleconference at 3:38 p.m.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz joins the meeting by Via Teleconference at 3:39 p.m.

Chairman Guerra, considers of maybe purchasing two (2) Body Cameras for Constable Albert Garza for the amount of \$9,624.00 from Capital Fund or the other option is going with a payment plan.

County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado arrives at the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Discussion continues with Chief Appraiser, Agustin Lopez on reference to the Property Tax Rates for FY 2023-2024 General Fund 0.64577 and total tax 0.78499. Mr. Lopez recommends to the Court for General Fund/Maintenance and Operations with 0.6410, Debt Service/Interest and Sinking with 0.0127, Road and Bridge with 0.1296 and total of 0.7833 for FY 2024-2025.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra leaves the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Chairman Guerra, discusses about considering a 5% increase for Elected Officials and County Employees.

197th District Court:

District Judge, Adolfo Cordova is requesting a 10% salary increase for his Office Staff and for the Auditor's Office. In addition, a 20% salary increase to the Court Reporter.

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Chairman Guerra, states the Court is considering the following:

- County Clerk's Office to at least keep one (1) of the positions that will not be funded from Record Archive to keep it under the County's Budget
- Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 increase the part-time position 24 hours to 29 hours
- Elections Administration increase the part-time position from 20 hours to 29 hours
- Variances salary increases for County Employees/Elected Officials
- Pay out the Overtime at the Sheriff's and Jail Departments
- Health and Welfare Sanitation for the Commissioner Precincts
- Veteran's Officer, Frances Najera salary increase from \$18.00 hour to \$21.00 hour
- Sheriff's Department two (2) part-time positions at 29 hours for Dispatch
- Deputy Albert Oviedo maybe bring up his salary to \$39,000.00

Commissioner Henry De La Paz recommends if it is impossible to give the 5% salary increase then bring it down and the least would be 3%.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourn. 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.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.