

August 19, 2024
Budget Workshop

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 19th 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.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	ABSENT
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	VIA TELECONFERENCE
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	ARRIVES AT 12:55 P.M.
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,	
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Georgina Macias
Frances L. Najera
Liz Barnhart
Melissa Muniz
Sheriff Jose A. Salazar

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioners Eliberto Guerra 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:

Commissioner Henry De La Paz joins the meeting by Via Teleconference at 10:05 a.m.

County Auditor updates to the Court on the following requests:

- County Clerk's Office to 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, proposed of the 5% salary increase and increase the part-time position 24 hours to 29 hours
- Elections Administration increase the part-time position from 20 hours to 29 hours
- Veteran's Officer, Frances Najera salary increase from \$18.00 hour to \$21.00 hour
- 5% salary increases for County Employees and County Elected Officials
- \$25,000.00 for Indigent Defense Director – Priscilla Guajardo
- Commissioners Henry De La Paz and Mario Tijerina requested changes within their own budgets

Chairman Guerra, discusses on the following:

- Courthouse Restoration
- County/District Court Appointed Attorneys
- Hotel/Motel Tax – Jessica Rodriguez be in charge of that budget and sign requisitions as a Department Head
- Hotel/Motel Tax is 80% Hotel/Motel Tax and 20% County. Chairman Guerra, proposes to be 50% Hotel/Motel Tax and 50% County (continue having the part-time position the way it is)
- Part-time position to full-time position for Maintenance needed for Trash Situation in Lasara, Texas and in Port Mansfield, Texas, to be fully funded from Health and Welfare

I.T. Technician:

Discussion on renewing the contract for Jesus Reyes Vazquez increasing from \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 per month.

Discussion continues with the Crime Victim's Assistance Program will no longer be 100% grant, now there will be a match.

Extension Agent's Office:

Extension Agent, Georgina Macias is requesting a salary increase for Cassandra. Court agrees to increase from \$13.58 hour to \$15.00 hour.

Tax Assessor/Collector's Office:

Tax Assessor Collector, Elizabeth Barnhart is requesting increases on CAD Contract with Appraisal District, Bonds, the mail postage machine, fees increase on their Software and a small increase on Account Number 385. An estimated increase amount of \$48,390.79 in her budget.

Commissioner Ernesto Garcia steps out of the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

No Quorum Established.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1:

Discussion with Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Judge Jessica Rosas mentions that one (1) of her Employees will be leaving sometime in December, 2024. JP Judge Rosas is asking for a temporary position for at least 24 hours of week for six weeks, so this Employee can train the new hire.

Commissioner Ernesto Garcia returns back to the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Quorum is Established.

Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Jose A. Salazar is requesting two (2) part-time positions for Dispatchers.

Discussion continues on reference to the following:

- Senate Bill 22
- Considering of paying out the overtime at Sheriff's and Jail Department
- Health and Welfare positions at the Commissioners Precincts for trash situation
- Meals at the Jail Department

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa arrives at the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Chairman Guerra, discusses with District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa about the Crime Victim's Assistance Program. Court agrees to include the County's Match for the Crime Victim's Assistance Program for District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Department. Also, considering the 5% salary increases for County Employees and County Elected Officials.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.