

August 22, 2024

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, A.D., 2024 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. Presentation – the Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center on the important work AHEC has been conducting in Willacy County since 2022.
7. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and the County of Willacy. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to approve a traffic control sign (Stop Sign) on the corner of Coast and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Sebastian Texas making this a 4 way stop. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to discuss Tax Rate, Take Record Vote and schedule a Public Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Approval of Proclamation recognizing September 2024 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve renewal/amend contract for PCTech4U. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to request Willacy County Auditor to conduct 2023-2024 Asset Forfeiture Audit of Willacy County District Attorney account. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Consideration and Approval of proposed Change Order No. 1 for the ARPA Parking Lot Improvements Project (ARPA #2379). ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discuss, Consider and select CDW-G as a vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund 114 and/or Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) depending on funding available for ARPA Project #2488. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Action and Approval to purchase Computers/Technology for Elections Department from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund 114 and/or Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) depending on funding available for ARPA Project #2488. ACTION REQUIRED.

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16. Request permission to install eight installations for the City of San Perlita. Lots 1-5 of La Perla Estates will be line sides, Lots 6-7 will be dual line extensions, Lot 8 will be a line extension line side (individual) see maps attached. (Precinct 2). ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Request permission to replace three existing poles located in Sebastian Texas approximate locations are at: SE corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Marin Cavazos Street; SW corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and West Street; NE corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and West Street (Precinct 4). ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (a) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interest, pursuant to VTCA Government Code, Section 551.071 (a) and (2).
  - (b) Deliberation regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 (a) and (2).
20. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (a) Possible Action
  - (b) Possible Action.
21. 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,

**VIA TELECONFERENCE  
ARRIVES AT 10:04 A.M.**

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Dr. Julie Bazan	C. P. (sic)
Hazel Medellin	Gloria C. Cortez
Jackie Zamora	Leticia Muniz
Cher Montalvo	Dionicio Cortez
Paul Anders	Dee Dee C. Arismendez
Frances L. Najera	Nelda Barrera

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

**Move to item number 6.**

**County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado arrives at the meeting at 10:04 a.m.**

Agenda # 5  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF CLAIMS

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

**Continue with item number 7.**

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Agenda # 6  
PRESENTATION – THE MID  
RIO GRANDE BORDER AREA  
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER  
ON THE IMPORTANT WORK  
AHEC HAS BEEN CONDUCTING  
IN WILLACY COUNTY SINCE  
2022

Presentation by Dr. Julie Bazan with the Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center on the important work AHEC has been conducting in Willacy County Since 2022.

**Move to item number 9.**

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and returns back at 10:45 a.m.**

Agenda # 7  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THE  
COUNTY OF WILLACY

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.

**Move to item number 10.**

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz returns back at 11:03 a.m.**

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Agenda # 8  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE A TRAFFIC CONTROL  
SIGN (STOP SIGN) ON THE CORNER  
OF COAST AND 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN  
SEBASTIAN, TEXAS MAKING THIS  
A 4 WAY STOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of a traffic control sign (Stop Sign) on the Corner of Coast and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Sebastian, Texas making this a 4 way stop. 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.

**Return back to item number 11 after item number 8.**

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Agenda # 9  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
DISCUSS TAX RATE, TAKE  
RECORD VOTE AND SCHEDULE  
A PUBLIC MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the Proposed Tax Rate of 0.7833 for FY 2024-2025. 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.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to add to hold a Public Hearing on September 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. and September 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 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.

2024-2025 Proposed Tax Rate:

Total	0.7833
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Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:

**For the Proposal:**

Commissioner Precinct 1, Eliberto Guerra  
Commissioner Precinct 2, Mario Tijerina  
Commissioner Precinct 3, Henry De La Paz  
Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia  
County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

**Against:**

None

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**Return back to item number 5.**

Agenda # 10  
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
SEPTEMBER 2024 AS BULLYING  
AND SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Proclamation recognizing September 2024 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month. 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 11:01 a.m.**

**Return back to item number 8.**

Agenda # 11  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RENEWAL/AMEND  
CONTRACT FOR PCTECH4U

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Renewal/Amend Contract for PCTech4U. 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 TO  
REQUEST WILLACY COUNTY  
AUDITOR TO CONDUCT 2023-  
2024 ASSET FORFEITURE AUDIT  
OF WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval for the Willacy County Auditor to conduct 2023-2024 Asset Forfeiture Audit of Willacy County District Attorney Account. 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  
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL  
OF PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER  
NO. 1 FOR THE ARPA PARKING  
LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(ARPA #2379)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of proposed Change Order increase for the total amount of \$12,700.00 for the ARPA Parking Lot Improvements Project #2379 to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund 114. 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

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT  
CDW-G AS A VENDOR TO  
COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION  
FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
ACT FUND 114 AND/OR LOCAL  
ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY  
FUND (LATCF) DEPENDING ON FUNDING  
AVAILABLE FOR ARPA PROJECT #2488

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of CDW-G as selected vendor to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund 114 and/or Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) depending on funding available for ARPA Project #2488. 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 # 15

IN REGARDS TO ACTION AND  
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE  
COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY FOR  
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FROM  
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
ACT FUND 114 AND/OR LOCAL  
ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL  
CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF)  
DEPENDING ON FUNDING  
AVAILABLE FOR ARPA PROJECT  
#2488

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the purchase of Computers/Technology for Elections Department for the total amount of \$3,412.84 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund 114 and/or Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) depending on funding available for ARPA Project Number 2488. 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

IN REGARDS TO REQUEST  
PERMISSION TO INSTALL EIGHT  
INSTALLATIONS FOR THE CITY OF  
SAN PERLITA. LOTS 1-5 OF LA  
PERLA ESTATES WILL BE LINE SIDES,  
LOTS 6-7 WILL BE DUAL LINE  
EXTENSIONS, LOT 8 WILL BE A LINE  
EXTENSION LINE SIDE (INDIVIDUAL)  
SEE MAPS ATTACHED. (PRECINCT 2)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of permission to install eight installations for the City of San Perlita. Lots 1-5 of La Perla Estates will be line sides, Lots 6-7 will be dual line extensions, Lot 8 will be a line extension line side (individual) see maps attached. (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 # 17

IN REGARDS TO REQUEST  
PERMISSION TO REPLACE  
THREE EXISTING POLES LOCATED  
IN SEBASTIAN, TEXAS APPROXIMATE  
LOCATIONS ARE AT: SE CORNER OF  
8<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND MARTIN CAVAZOS  
STREET, SW CORNER OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
AND WEST STREET, NE CORNER OF  
8<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND WEST STREET.  
(PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of permission to replace three existing poles located in Sebastian, Texas approximate locations are at: SE Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Cavazos Street, SW Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and West Street, NE Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and West Street (Precinct 4). 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 # 18

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. Sheriff's Department, Investigator David Santana to Pharr, Texas on October 7-11, 2024. (No Overnight).
2. Sheriff's Department, Investigators Sandra Tamayo and David Santana to South Padre Island, Texas on September 29 – October 1, 2024.
3. District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa to South Padre Island, Texas on September 30 – October 1, 2024. (To be paid from Fund 56).
4. District Attorney's Office, Juan R. Mijares to San Antonio, Texas on September 4, 2024. (To be paid from Fund 56).
5. District Attorney's Office, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Maria Gloria C. Cortez and Victim Advocate, Leticia Muniz to Corpus Christi, Texas on August 27-29, 2024. (To be paid from VAU Grant Number 2106414).
6. District Clerk's Office, District Clerk, Isabel Adame and Deputy Chief, Marisol Reyna to Kingsville, Texas on October 3-4, 2024.

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 # 19

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS  
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED  
LITIGATION AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS  
INVOLVING THE COUNTY, ITS EMPLOYEES,  
OR ITS INTEREST, PURSUANT TO VTCA  
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (A)  
AND (2)
- (B) DELIBERATION REGARDING PENDING OR  
CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND/OR  
NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE COUNTY,  
ITS EMPLOYEES, OR ITS INTERESTS,  
PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT  
CODE, SECTION 551.071 (A) AND (2)

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Agenda # 20  
ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to pass on item numbers 19 and 20. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that Court Adjourned. 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.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.