August 23, 2024 Budget Workshop

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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,
Mario Tijerina, Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Henry De La Paz, Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Ernesto Garcia Commissioner, Precinct 4

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Annette Hinojosa, County Attorney,

Maria Del Carmen Maldonado, County Auditor,

Elizabeth Rios, County Chief Deputy Clerk,

ARRIVES AT 10:23 A.M. LEAVES AT 12:09 P.M.

**VIA TELECONFERENCE** 

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Frances L. Najera Oscar Rivera, Jr.

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
- 2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum Commissioner Mario Tijerina ABSENT

Agenda # 3 IN REGARDS TO BUDGET WORKSHOP

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

## **Law Library Fees:**

Discussion about contributing from each Commissioner Precincts and County Judge for FY 2024 contribute a total of \$6,000.00 and for FY 2025 contribute a total of \$10,000.00.

Chairman Guerra, states the Court is agreeing on the following:

- Court agree to pay Commissioner Precinct 2 and Commissioner Precinct 4 an amount of \$300.00 a month for their services on assisting the other precincts for mosquito spraying
- Indigent Defense 20% Match (Chairman Guerra, states to put it under County Court)

Commissioner Mario Tijerina arrives at the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

• Maintenance Supervisor, Adolfo Mata a salary increase of \$3,000.00

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa joins the meeting by Via Teleconference at 10:39 a.m.

 Crime Victim's Assistance (Liaison) – 20% Match (\$10,990.00) paid from General Fund for the Sheriffs' Department, to continue for one more year and then see how they are at for next year due to County's Match

Commissioners Henry De La Paz and Mario Tijerina step out of the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and return at 11:12 a.m.

- Sheriff's Department for one (1) part time position of 29 hours
- 5% increases for County Employees and Elected Officials
- District Judge's requests of 10% salary increase to his office staff, 10% salary increase to Auditor's Office and 20% salary increase to Court Reporter
- County Phone for County Auditor
- Benefit Coordinator part time position of 29 hours to be paid the same hourly rate as County Treasurer's Assistant

## Commissioner Henry De La Paz leaves the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

- Sheriff's Department for budgeting purposes to budget for 80 hours instead of 86 hours
- Come up with a plan to control the overtime and pay out some of the overtime at Sheriff's and Jail Departments
- Court considering of instead of part-time as mentioned earlier for the Sheriff's Department to apply that salary to increase the Sergeant Dispatcher salary increase to \$19.00 hour and the other four (4) Dispatchers to \$17.00 hour
- Extension's Office, Clerk Cassandra increase salary from \$13.58 hour to \$16.00 hour
- Veteran's Officer, Frances Najera salary increase from \$18.00 hour to \$21.00 hour

County Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios leaves the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and Deputy Clerk, Cheryl Vasquez continues taking the Commissioners Court Minutes.

## **Sheriff's Department:**

Discussion continues on the County Vehicles at the Sheriff's Department.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.