

September 12, 2024

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of September, 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. Adoption of 2024-2025 proposed changes in compensation for elected officials. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Adoption of 2024-2025 Salary Schedule. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Adoption of 2024-2025 Willacy County Budget. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Action to ratify the property tax rate in the FY 2024-2025 County Budget. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Adoption of the following Tax Rates through Resolutions:
 - (A) General Funds. ACTION REQUIRED
 - (1.) Maintenance and Operations. ACTION REQUIRED.
 - (2.) Debt Service/Interest and Sinking. ACTION REQUIRED.
 - (B) Road and Bridge. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Approval of Special Claims for FY 2024-2025 on the following:

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| A. postage | L. travel advances |
| B. utilities | M. Texas association of counties |
| C. gasoline & diesel fuel payments | N. grant expenditures |
| D. taxes | O. trust fund refunds |
| E. rents | P. refunds |
| F. contracts | Q. jury fees |
| G. payroll reports | R. debt services |
| H. drug enforcement | S. court ordered attorney payments |
| I. communication expense | T. all legal services |
| J. advertisement of treasurers quarterly reports | U. all county vehicles registrations. |
| K. state quarterly reports | ACTION REQUIRED. |
11. Approval of County Clerks Record Archival Plan and Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED

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14. 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

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Frances L. Najera

Oscar Rivera, Jr.

Priscilla Lee

Paul Anders

Cher Montalvo

Jose A. Salazar

Rick Salinas

Jessica Rodriguez

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 Comment (s) – Rick Salinas comments on reference to the compensation allowance for the Elected Officials

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Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Recess for September 12, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. for item numbers 5-13. 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 Recessed.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 2:30 p.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.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

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| 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, |
| Annette Hinojosa, | County Attorney, |
| 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:

No one signed the sign in sheet.

Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – **ALL PRESENT**

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Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
2024-2025 PROPOSED CHANGES
IN COMPENSATION FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Adoption of 2024-2025 Proposed Changes in Compensation for Elected Officials. 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 # 6

IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
2024-2025 SALARY SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Adoption of 2024-2025 Salary Schedule. 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 # 7

IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
2024-2025 WILLACY COUNTY
BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Adoption of 2024-2025 Willacy County Budget. 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 # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

TO RATIFY THE PROPERTY TAX

RATE IN THE FY 2024-2025

COUNTY BUDGET

Ratify the Property Tax Rate in the FY 2024-2025 County Budget:

Total Tax 0.7833

Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:

For:

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

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

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Agenda # 9

IN REGARDS TO ADOPTION OF
THE FOLLOWING TAX RATES
THROUGH RESOLUTIONS:

Adoption of the following Tax Rates through Resolutions:

A. GENERAL FUNDS

(1.) MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATIONS

0.6410

Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:

For:

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

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

(2.) DEBT SERVICE/INTEREST AND SINKING

0.0127

Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:

For:

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

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

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B. ROAD AND BRIDGE

0.1296

Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:

For:

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

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

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Agenda # 10

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
SPECIAL CLAIMS FOR FY 2024-2025
ON THE FOLLOWING:

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| A. Postage | L. Travel Advances |
| B. Utilities | M. Texas Association of Counties |
| C. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Payments | N. Grant Expenditures |
| D. Taxes | O. Trust Fund Refunds |
| E. Rents | P. Refunds |
| F. Contracts | Q. Jury Fees |
| G. Payroll Reports | R. Debt Services |
| H. Drug Enforcement | S. Court Ordered Attorney Payments |
| I. Communication Expense | T. All Legal Services |
| J. Advertisement of Treasurers Quarterly Reports | U. All County Vehicles Registrations |
| K. State Quarterly Reports | |

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Special Claims for FY 2024-2025 on the following:

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| A. Postage | L. Travel Advances |
| B. Utilities | M. Texas Association of Counties |
| C. Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Payments | N. Grant Expenditures |
| D. Taxes | O. Trust Fund Refunds |
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| K. State Quarterly Reports | |

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 Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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Agenda # 11

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
COUNTY CLERKS RECORD ARCHIVAL
PLAN AND REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of County Clerks Record Archival Plan and Report. 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.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina returns back to the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Agenda # 12

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 13

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina 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.

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