

September 26, 2024

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 26th 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. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Spread in the Minutes – Commissioner Ernesto “Ernie” Garcia Precinct 4 has successfully completed the required 16 annual hours for the 2024 County Commissioners Continuing Education Requirements.
7. Discussion and Action to Amend and Update changes to the Regional Public Defender Contract between Willacy County and Texas RioGrande Public Defender. ACTION REQUIRED.
8. Discussion and Approval of Proclamation to recognize October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to place purple ribbons on trees on Willacy County Courthouse Lawn. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Approval of Care Coordination Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health (TTBH) and Willacy County Sheriff's Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to consider approving Indigent Defense Director Agreement for Willacy County effective October 1, 2024. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve Proclamation recognizing Willacy County as an “Age-Friendly” Community. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve stop loss insurance coverage for Willacy County Self Funded Insurance FY 2024-2025 provided by One80 Intermediaries. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discuss, Consider and select GrantWorks, Inc. to administer project delivery management services to complete project implementation and approve Resolution for 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Resolution included. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discuss and Approve three-year subscription of Hyper-Reach Sam Usher Computing Services, Inc. for the amount of \$5,800.00. ACTION REQUIRED

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15. Discussion and Action to approve Standards of Conduct and Conflict-of-Interest Policy for the Willacy County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF). ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Action to approve Financial Management Policies and Procedures for the Willacy County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds (SLFRF). ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Budget Amendments. 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,
Rebecca Lopez,
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,
Elizabeth Rios,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor's First Assistant,
County Auditor,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

ARRIVES AT 11:03 A.M.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Debra Liachico

Frances L. Najera

Cher Montalvo

Paul Anders

Kimberly Simmons

Leticia Munis

Gloria C. Cortez

Rick Salinas

Veronica Caballero

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

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.

Agenda # 6

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
COMMISSIONER ERNESTO “ERNIE”
GARCIA PRECINCT 4 HAS SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED THE REQUIRED 16 ANNUAL
HOURS FOR THE 2024 COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS CONTINUING
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Commissioner Ernesto “Ernie” Garcia Precinct 4 has successfully completed the required 16 annual hours for the 2024 County Commissioners Continuing Education Requirements.

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Agenda # 7

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AMEND AND UPDATE CHANGES
TO THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
CONTRACT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND TEXAS RIOGRANDE
PUBLIC DEFENDER

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to Amend and Update changes to the Regional Public Defender Contract between Willacy County and Texas RioGrande Public Defender. 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 # 8

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE
OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
AND TO PLACE PURPLE RIBBONS
ON TREES ON WILLACY COUNTY
COURTHOUSE LAWN

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Proclamation to recognize October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to place purple ribbons on trees on Willacy County Courthouse Lawn. 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 # 9

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
CARE COORDINATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (TTBH) AND
WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Care Coordination Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health (TTBH) and Willacy County Sheriff's Office. 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 # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING INDIGENT
DEFENSE DIRECTOR AGREEMENT
FOR WILLACY COUNTY EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 1, 2024

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Indigent Defense Director Agreement for Willacy County effective October 1, 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 # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING WILLACY COUNTY
AS AN "AGE-FRIENDLY"
COMMUNITY

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Proclamation recognizing Willacy County as an "Age-Friendly" Community. 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 # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE STOP LOSS INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR WILLACY COUNTY
SELF FUNDED INSURANCE FY
2024-2025 PROVIDED BY ONE80
INTERMEDIARIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Willacy County Self Funded Insurance FY 2024-2025 provided by One80 Intermediaries. 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 # 13

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND SELECT
GRANTWORKS, INC. TO ADMINISTER
PROJECT DELIVERY MANAGEMENT
SERVICES TO COMPLETE PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROVE
RESOLUTION FOR 2025-2026 TEXAS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT FUND PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA),
RESOLUTION INCLUDED

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to select GrantWorks, Inc. to administer project delivery management services to complete project implementation and approve Resolution for 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Resolution included. 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 # 14

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THREE-
YEAR SUBSCRIPTION OF HYPER-
REACH SAM USHER COMPUTING
SERVICES, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT
OF \$5,800.00

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.

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Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CORONAVIRUS
STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY
FUNDS (SLFRF)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Standard of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy Addendum for the Willacy County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). 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 # 16

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARPA) CORONAVIRUS
STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY
FUNDS (SLFRF)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the Financial Management Policy and Procedures Addendum for the Willacy County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). 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 11:00 a.m. and returns back at 11:03 a.m.

County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado arrives at the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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Agenda # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that the following travel requests be approved:

1. Sheriff's Department, Investigator Jose Castaneda to Galveston, Texas on October 28-November 1, 2024.
2. Building Inspector, Robert Salinas, Commissioner Precinct 1 Eliberto Guerra, Commissioner Precinct 2 Mario Tijerina, Commissioner Precinct 3 Henry De La Paz and Commissioner Precinct 4 Ernesto Garcia to Laredo, Texas on December 5-6, 2024.
3. County Clerk's Office, County Clerk Susana R. Garza and Chief Deputy Elizabeth Rios to Kingsville, Texas on October 2-4, 2024.
4. 197th District Court, Court Administrator Veronica Caballero and Court Coordinator Rebecca Chapa to Houston, Texas on October 28-November 1, 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.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra leaves the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Agenda # 18

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Budget Amendments, as received and presented. 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.

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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)

Agenda # 20

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to take no action on item numbers 19 and 20. 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.

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