

August 14, 2025

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14th day of August, A.D., 2025 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. Approval of Previous Minutes as follows: July 2, 2025 Public Workshop; July 3, 2025 Special Meeting; July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting; July 21, 2025 Budget Workshop; July 24, 2025 Regular Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.
7. TxDOT to provide Monthly Updates.
8. Approval of Sheriff's and Constables Fees for 2026. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve renewal of Interlocal Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and the Willacy County Sheriff's Office. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve donations for the 2025 Wild in Willacy. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to award the contract to the lowest bidder for Willacy County TWDB Project #40094-Lasara Gates. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve payment for the Willacy County Task Force Membership year 3 of 5 (10/01/25 through 09/30/26). ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Possible Action to approve funding for the Annual National Night Out Christmas in August School Supply Giveaway on August 21, 2025, to be paid out of the Community Involvement account 01-401-192, not to exceed \$450.00. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Requesting authorization to implement a Deputy Reserve program for Willacy County Constable's Department Precinct 3. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Approval for Willacy County District Attorney to apply for Senate Bill 22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for project titled: Willacy County District Attorney SB22 Grant for FY26. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Approval for Willacy County to apply for Senate Bill 22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 for project titled: Willacy County SB22 Grant for FY26. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED

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18. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Review of Special Claims.
23. Review monthly reports on jail count.
24. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
25. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - a. Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, 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).
 - c. Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding legal issues with real estate acquisition, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 551.071.
26. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - a. Possible Action.
 - b. Possible Action.
 - c. Possible Action
27. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz,
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,

Arrives at 10:03 a.m.

Absent

Absent

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Sergio Sustaita
Cristian Bryan (sic)
Myrna Saldana
Jose Salazar

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioners Mario Tijerina and Henry De La Paz –
ABSENT
3. Pledge – Commissioner Ernesto Garcia
Invocation – Commissioner Micaela “Kelly” Zamorano-Alaniz
4. Public Comments – None

Commissioner Mario Tijerina arrives at the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
JULY 2, 2025 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
JULY 3, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING,
JULY 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING,
JULY 21, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP
AND JULY 24, 2025 REGULAR
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of previous minutes as follows: July 2, 2025 Public Workshop, July 3, 2025 Special Meeting, July 10, 2025 Regular Meeting, July 21, 2025 Budget Workshop and July 24, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 7

TXDOT TO PROVIDE
MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Sergio Sustaita with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on FM 490 Project.

Agenda # 8

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF SHERIFF'S AND CONSTABLES
FEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Sheriff's and Constables Fees. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RENEWAL OF
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of renewal of Interlocal Agreement between Tropical Texas Behavioral Health and the Willacy County Sheriff's Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE DONATIONS FOR THE
2025 WILD IN WILLACY

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval to be involve in the 2025 Wild in Willacy. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AWARD THE CONTRACT TO
THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR
WILLACY COUNTY TWDB
PROJECT NUMBER 40094-
LASARA GATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval to award the contract to the lowest bidder to La Feria Excavation, Inc. for the Willacy County TWDB Project Number 40094-Lasara Gates in the amount of \$80,000 for the base bid plus "Alternative Structure C". Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY TASK FORCE
MEMBERSHIP YEAR 3 OF 5
(10/01/2025 THROUGH
09/30/2026)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of payment for the amount of \$9,600.00 for the Willacy County Task Force Membership year 3 of 5 (10/01/2025 through 09/30/2026). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE FUNDING
FOR THE ANNUAL NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT CHRISTMAS IN
AUGUST SCHOOL SUPPLY
GIVEAWAY ON AUGUST 21,
2025, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
ACCOUNT 01-401-192, NOT TO
EXCEED \$450.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of the amount not to exceed \$200.00, to be paid from Road and Bridge Precinct 4 – Community Involvement for the Annual National Night Out Christmas in August School Supply Giveaway on August 21, 2025. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14

IN REGARDS OF REQUESTING
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT
A DEPUTY RESERVE PROGRAM
FOR WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE'S
DEPARTMENT PRECINCT 3

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of authorization to implement a Deputy Reserve Program for Willacy County Constable's Department Precinct 3, to include the requirements that were talked about in Court including the information as discussed by the Auditor on reference to the bonds. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and returns back at 10:46 a.m.

Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
FOR WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY TO APPLY FOR SENATE
BILL 22 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00
FOR PROJECT TITLED: WILLACY COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SB22 GRANT FOR
FY26

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval for Willacy County District Attorney to apply for Senate Bill 22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for project titled: Willacy County District Attorney SB22 Grant for FY26. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 16

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
FOR WILLACY COUNTY TO APPLY
FOR SENATE BILL 22 RURAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$350,000.00 FOR
PROJECT TITLED: WILLACY COUNTY
SB22 GRANT FOR FY26

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval for Willacy County to apply for Senate Bill 22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 for project titled: Willacy County SB22 Grant for FY26. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Monthly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

1. District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa to Round Rock, Texas on September 22, 2025. (To be paid out of BPU Fund 56).
2. District Attorney's Office, Gloria C. Cortez and Leticia Muniz to Mission, Texas on September 8-10, 2025. (To be paid out of VAU Grant Number 2106515).

Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to take no action on this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 22

IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Review of Special Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 23
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per Sheriff Salazar, there was a total of 68 Inmates for the Jail Count.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and returns back at 11:15 a.m.

Agenda # 24
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

Agenda # 25
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
(A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED
LITIGATION AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS
INVOLVING THE COUNTY, ITS EMPLOYEES,
OR ITS INTERESTS, 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)

(C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT
LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES
WITH REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION, PURSUANT
TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION
551.071

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Agenda # 26

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

- (A) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (B) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (C) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to take no action on item numbers 26 A, B and C. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina 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 Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.