

August 28, 2025

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Discussion and Action to Discuss tax rate; take record vote and schedule public meeting. ACTION REQUIRED.
7. Discussion and Action to renew contract for Pretrial Indigent Defense Director for FY2025-2025. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to approve the Community Service Agreement with Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Supervision and Correction Department (CSCD) for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to review and approve ongoing Category 1 drainage study request for Outlay Request #6. ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County for provision of an Emergency Notification System. ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to approve the Lease/Purchase of a Caterpillar (Model 120 Joy) to be paid from account 63-400-385 machinery & equipment over >500. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Possible Action on the placement of stop signs at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and County Road in Sebastian Texas per the request of residents. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Informational only, Willacy County Precinct 4 on the purchase of a 318 P Skid Steer and BA72C Angle Broom to be paid from 64-400-385 Machinery and Equipment >500. NO ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Willacy County for animal control operations and Impoundments. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Approval of Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month and place orange and yellow ribbons on trees that are on courthouse lawn. ACTION REQUIRED

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16. Consideration and Possible Action to accept the Willacy County Insurance Committee recommendation to award stop loss insurance to Fidelity Security to be effective October 1, 2025. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discuss and Approve annual contribution to the Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce for FY 2025-2026 for the total amount of \$23,238.00. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Permission to install 3/4-inch meter service to a 2-inch water line. Approximately 1350-feet South from the south west corner of CR 20 and TX 186. Will Bore CR 20 West to East 4-feet deep. Right-of-Way to Right-of-Way is 40-feet. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
21. 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).
  - 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.
22. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - a. Possible Action
  - b. Possible Action.
  - c. Possible Action.
23. 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,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Lesley Garcia

Rosalie Tristan

Edelmira A. Lopez

Daryl Salinas

Leticia Muniz

Zoe Rodriguez

Libna Sarmiento

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 – Lesley Garcia with Behavioral Health Solutions appreciates Commissioners Court for their participation on the Flag Raising Ceremony, and Kids Festival Activity and Resource Fair.  
Edelmira A. Lopez comments on reference to the budget.

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 Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
DISCUSS TAX RATE; TAKE RECORD  
VOTE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC  
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Proposed Tax Rate 0.7946 per \$100.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to schedule a Public Meeting on September 11, 2025 at 9:45 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioners Court Members Record Vote:**

**For:**

Commissioner Precinct 1, Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz  
Commissioner Precinct 2, Mario Tijerina  
Commissioner Precinct 3, Henry De La Paz  
Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia  
County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

**Against:**

None

Agenda # 7

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
RENEW CONTRACT FOR PRETRIAL  
INDIGENT DEFENSE DIRECTOR  
FOR FY 2025-2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to renew contract for Pretrial Indigent Defense Director for FY 2025-2026. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 8  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE COMMUNITY  
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
CAMERON-WILLACY COUNTIES  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND  
CORRECTION DEPARTMENT (CSCD)  
FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER  
1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31,  
2026

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of the Community Service Agreement with Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Supervision and Correction Department (CSCD) for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 9  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REVIEW AND APPROVE ONGOING  
CATEGORY 1 DRAINAGE STUDY  
REQUEST FOR OUTLAY REQUEST  
NUMBER 6

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of ongoing Category 1 Drainage Study request for Outlay Request Number 6. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE  
AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION  
OF AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County for the provision of an Emergency Notification System, pending legal clarification on Designation of Personnel, of the agreement, with the County Judge's approval. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE LEASE/PURCHASE  
OF A CATERPILLAR (MODEL 120  
JOY) TO BE PAID FROM ACCOUNT  
63-400-385 MACHINERY AND  
EQUIPMENT OVER >500

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to Amend to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Holt Cat Industries for a Caterpillar (Model 120 Joy), to be paid from account 63-400-385 Machinery and Equipment over >500. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12  
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION ON THE PLACEMENT  
OF STOP SIGNS AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> AND  
COUNTY ROAD IN SEBASTIAN,  
TEXAS PER THE REQUEST OF  
RESIDENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the placement of stop signs at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and County Road in Sebastian, Texas per the request of Residents. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13  
IN REGARDS TO INFORMATIONAL  
ONLY, WILLACY COUNTY PRECINCT  
4 ON THE PURCHASE OF A 318 P  
SKID STEER AND BA72C ANGLE  
BROOM TO BE PAID FROM 64-400-  
385 MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT  
>500

As per Commissioner Ernesto Garcia, for informational only, Willacy County Precinct 4 on the purchase of a 318 P Skid Steer and BA72C Angle Broom, to be paid from 64-400-385 Machinery and Equipment >500.

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Agenda # 14  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESLACO  
AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR  
ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS  
AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Weslaco and Willacy County for Animal Control Operations and Impoundments. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 15  
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF  
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
SEPTEMBER 2025 AS BULLYING  
AND SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH  
AND PLACE ORANGE AND YELLOW  
RIBBONS ON TREES THAT ARE ON  
COURTHOUSE LAWN

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of Proclamation recognizing September 2025 as Bullying and Suicide Awareness Month and place orange and yellow ribbons on trees that are on Courthouse Lawn. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.



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Agenda # 16  
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION TO ACCEPT THE WILLACY  
COUNTY INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD  
STOP LOSS INSURANCE TO FIDELITY  
SECURITY TO BE EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 1, 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval to accept the Willacy County Insurance Committee recommendation to award Stop Loss Insurance to Fidelity Security to be effective October 1, 2025, Option Number 6. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17  
DISCUSS AND APPROVE ANNUAL  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE PORT  
MANSFIELD CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE FOR FY 2025-2026  
FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF  
\$23,238.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of donation to the Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce in the amount of as stated in the budget of \$23,238.00, to be paid from Fund 40. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 18

IN REGARDS OF PERMISSION  
TO INSTALL 3/4-INCH METER  
SERVICE TO A 2-INCH WATER  
LINE. APPROXIMATELY 1350-  
FEET SOUTH FROM THE SOUTH  
WEST CORNER OF CR 20 AND  
TX 186. WILL BORE CR 20  
WEST TO EAST 4-FEET DEEP.  
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO RIGHT-OF-  
WAY IS 40-FEET

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of permission to install 3/4-inch meter service to a 2-inch water line. Approximately 1350-feet South from the south west corner of CR 20 and TX 186. Will Bore CR 20 West to East 4-feet deep. Right-of-Way to Right-of-Way is 40-feet. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:10 a.m.**

Agenda # 19

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

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

1. County Auditor's Office, County Auditor Maria Del Carmen Maldonado, Jessica Zamarron, Rebecca Lopez and Klarissa Salazar-Gonzalez to Kingsville, Texas on September 23, 2025.
2. Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia to Galveston, Texas on October 6-9, 2025.

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

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Agenda # 20

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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 Zamorano-Alaniz, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Mario Tijerina returns back to the meeting at 11:12 a.m.**

Agenda # 21

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)
- (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 # 22

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz to take no action on item numbers 22 A, B and C. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.