BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 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. Spread in the Minutes Order appointing County Auditor of Accounts and finances of Willacy County, Texas.
- 7. Spread in the Minutes on January 7, 2025 Willacy County Pct 4 employees Mark Trevino, Rodolfo Vasquez, Jose Castro, Secundino Torres, Ronaldo Guerrero attended the Coordinated Response & Excavator Exercise Pipeline in Harlingen, Texas, Employees earned 2 In-service credit hours.
- 8. Discussion and Action to approve Amended Tax Abatement Agreement between Willacy County and Lyford Storage LLC. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 9. Discussion and Action to approve ordering an appraised value for the Sebastian Community Center. ACTION REQUIRED.
- Discussion and Action to approve GenMonitor Maintenance Contract between Willacy County and Generator Supercenter of the Valley for the generator located in the server room. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 11. Discussion and Action to approve renewal noncommercial political license for Mario Tijerina Pct. 2 Commissioner. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 12. Discussion and Action to request authorization for the Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 4 to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant Program FY2026 (No Match). ACTION REQUIRED
- 13. Discussion and Action to request authorization for the Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 3 to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant Program FY2026 (No Match). ACTION REQUIRED.
- 14. Review and Approve the Willacy County Constables Office Pct. 3, 9, & 11 Annual Full Exemption Racial Profiling Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 15. Discussion and Action to approve County Judge designating office space for Willacy County Indigent Defense Office. ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED.

- 16. Discussion and Approval of Proclamation to recognize February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and place orange ribbons on trees on Willacy County Courthouse lawn. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 17. Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2025-2026, and approve Resolution thereof. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 18. Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division for the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2025-2026, and approve Resolution. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 19. Discussion and Approval to accept non-monetary donations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 20. Discussion and Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the District Attorney Forensic Evidence Testing Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2026, and approve Resolution. ACTION REQUIRED
- 21. Discussion and Approval of a yearly stipend in the amount of \$1,000 for District Attorney investigator Samuel Adame from Fund 50 for fiscal year 2025. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
- 22. Discussion and Approval to create full-time District Attorney investigator position to be paid from Fund 50 to begin 2/01/2025 and end on 9/30/2025. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
- 23. Discussion and Action to approve travel for two advocates, other staff, or task force members to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Crimes on Crimes Against Women to be held on May 19-22, 2025 in Dallas Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 24. Discussion and Action to approve travel for Annette C. Hinojosa and/or Lucy Regalado to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women to be held on May 19-22, 2025 in Dallas Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 25. Discussion and Action to approve the purchase and/or purchase agreement of affordable mobile/portable radios for the Willacy County Sheriffs Department. ACTION REQUIRED
- 26. Discussion and Action to approve purchasing three county cell phones for Constable Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 5 and County Commissioner Pct. 1 administrative assistant. ACTION REQUIRED.
- 27. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.

## 28. 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).

## 29. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (a) Possible Action
- (b) Possible Action.
- 30. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr., County Judge,

Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz, Commissioner, Precinct 1, ABSENT Mario Tijerina, Commissioner, Precinct 2, ABSENT

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:

Oscar Rivera Veronica Caballero
Miguel Sanchez Zoe Rodriguez
Claudia Gonzalez Gloria C. Cortez
James Euring (sic)

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
- 2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum Commissioners Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz and Mario Tijerina **ABSENT**
- 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 De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES —
ORDER APPOINTING COUNTY
AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS AND
FINANCES OF WILLACY COUNTY,
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to spread in the minutes – Order appointing County Auditor of Accounts and Finances of Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 7

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES —

ON JANUARY 7, 2025 WILLACY

COUNTY PRECINCT 4 EMPLOYEES

MARK TREVINO, RODOLFO

VASQUEZ, JOSE CASTRO, SECUNDINO

TORRES AND RONALDO GUERRERO

ATTENDED THE COORDINATED

RESPONSE AND EXCAVATOR EXERCISE

PIPELINE IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS,

EMPLOYEES EARNED 2 IN-SERVICE

CREDIT HOURS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – on January 7, 2025 Willacy County Precinct 4 Employees Mark Trevino, Rodolfo Vasquez, Jose Castro, Secundino Torres and Ronaldo Guerrero attended the Coordinated Response and Excavator Exercise Pipeline in Harlingen, Texas, Employees earned 2 in-service credit hours.

Agenda # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE AMENDED TAX
ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY
AND LYFORD STORAGE LLC

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Amended Tax Abatement Agreement between Willacy County and Lyford Storage LLC. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Move to item number 25.

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ORDERING AN
APPRAISED VALUE FOR THE
SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of ordering an appraised value for the Sebastian Community Center. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

## Move to item number 15.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE GENMONITOR
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY
AND GENERATOR SUPERCENTER
OF THE VALLEY FOR THE GENERATOR
LOCATED IN THE SERVER ROOM

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of GenMonitor Maintenance Contract between Willacy County and Generator Supercenter of the Valley for the generator located in the server room. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RENEWAL NONCOMMERCIAL
POLITICAL LICENSE FOR MARIO
TIJERINA PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of renewal noncommercial political license for Mario Tijerina Precinct 2 Commissioner. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR
THE WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE'S
OFFICE PRECINCT 4 TO APPLY FOR
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT
PROGRAM FY 2026 (NO MATCH)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of authorization for the Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 4 to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant Program FY 2026. (No Match). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to include the Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR
THE WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE'S
OFFICE PRECINCT 3 TO APPLY FOR
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT
PROGRAM FY 2026. (NO MATCH)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of authorization for the Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 3 to apply for the Criminal Justice Grant Program FY 2026 (No Match) and to include the Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW AND
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY
CONSTABLES OFFICE PRECINCTS
3, 9 AND 11 ANNUAL FULL
EXEMPTION RACIAL PROFILING
REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the Willacy County Constables Office Precincts 3, 9 and 11 Annual Full Exemption Racial Profiling Report. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

## Continue with item number 16.

Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE
DESIGNATING OFFICE SPACE FOR
WILLACY COUNTY INDIGENT
DEFENSE OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of County Judge designating office space for Willacy County Indigent Defense Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Return back to item number 10.

Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE
FEBRUARY 2025 AS TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
AND PLACE ORANGE RIBBONS
ON TREES ON WILLACY COUNTY
COURTHOUSE LAWN

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Proclamation to recognize February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and place orange ribbons on trees on Willacy County Courthouse Lawn. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT
FUNDS FOR THE VICTIMS
ASSISTANCE DIRECT SERVICES
PROGRAM THROUGH THE
VICTIMS OF CRIME GRANT
THROUGH THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE
OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2025-2026, AND APPROVE
RESOLUTION THEREOF

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and approve Resolution thereof. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18
IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT
FUNDS FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING
PROGRAM VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN GRANT THROUGH THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AND
APPROVE RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division for the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and approve Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO
ACCEPT NON-MONETARY
DONATIONS FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to accept non-monetary donations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT
FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FORENSIC EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT
THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026,
AND APPROVE RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for grant funds for the District Attorney Forensic Evidence Testing Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year 2026, and approve Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF
A YEARLY STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,000.00 FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
INVESTIGATOR SAMUEL ADAME FROM
FUND 50 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of a yearly stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 for District Attorney Investigator Samuel Adame form Fund 50 for Fiscal Year 2025, to add one lump sum in the next payroll period. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 22
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO
CREATE FULL-TIME DISTRICT
ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR POSITION
TO BE PAID FROM FUND 50 TO
BEGIN FEBRUARY 1, 2025 AND END
ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to create full-time District Attorney Investigator position to be paid from Fund 50 to begin February 1, 2025 and end on September 30, 2025. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 23
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE TRAVEL FOR TWO
ADVOCATES, OTHER STAFF, OR
TASK FORCE MEMBERS TO ATTEND
THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ON CRIMES ON CRIMES AGAINST
WOMEN TO BE HELD ON MAY
19-22, 2025 IN DALLAS, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of item numbers 23 and 24. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 24
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE TRAVEL FOR ANNETTE
C. HINOJOSA AND/OR LUCY
REGALADO TO ATTEND THE 20<sup>TH</sup>
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CRIMES
AGAINST WOMEN TO BE HELD
ON MAY 19-22, 2025 IN DALLAS,
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of item numbers 23 and 24. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Continue with item number 26.

Agenda # 25
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND/OR
PURCHASE AGREEMNT OF
AFFORDABLE MOBILE/PORTABLE
RADIOS FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item, pending information from Mrs. Hinojosa. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to conclude by next week. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Return back to item number 9.

Agenda # 26
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASING THREE
COUNTY CELL PHONES FOR
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3,
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5 AND
COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT
1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of purchasing county cell phones for Constable Precinct 5 and for County Commissioner Precinct 1 Administrative Assistant. Constable Precinct 3 will have one phone transfer to him, to be paid from their budgets. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 27 IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

- 1. Road Maintenance Precinct 3, Gabriel Garza to Weslaco, Texas on February 11-13, 2025.
- Tax Assessor/Collector, Missy Muniz to take the Texas A&M AgriLife New County Tax Assessor/Collectors and Chief Deputy Orientation and Ethics for County Tax Assessor/Collector online course.
- 3. District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa and Nereyda Morales-Martinez to South Padre Island, Texas on February 19-20, 2025.
- 4. District Attorney's Office, Samuel Adame to College Station, Texas on February 3-6. 2025.
- 5. District Attorney's Office, Victor Ramirez to Allen, Texas on February 16-19, 2025.
- 6. Sheriff's Department, Deputies Roy Morales, Daniel Velasco, Jeremias Rivas, John Anzaldua and Jose Castaneda to Robstown, Texas on January 31, 2025. (Non Overnight).
- 7. Sheriff's Department, Deputy Daniel Velasco to Edinburg, Texas on February 4-5, 2025. (Non Overnight).
- 8. Sheriff's Department, Deputy Elijah Lopez to Houston, Texas on February 10-14, 2025.
- 9. District Attorney's Office, Alberto Osorio and Juan R. Mijares to South Padre Island, Texas on February 19-20, 2025.

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

Agenda # 28 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 # 29 ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz to take no action on item numbers 28 and 29. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners 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 De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.