

January 8, 2026
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of January, A.D., 2026 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: December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting; December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting; December 17, 2025 Workshop; December 29, 2025 Regular Meeting; December 30, 2024 Special Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.

7. TxDOT to provide Monthly Updates.

8. Discussion and Action on funding request and approval from Constable Precinct 3 for repairs on the 2003 Ford Patrol Unit to be paid out of Capital Fund 02 (quote is attached). ACTION REQUIRED

9. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department of Homeland Security(ICE), and the Willacy County Sheriffs Office for Warrant Officer Program (287(g)). ACTION REQUIRED

10. Authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding 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 2026-2027, and approve Resolution (included). ACTION REQUIRED.

11. Authorization for the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for grant funding through the Operation Lone Star Grant Program FY2027 out of the Office of the Governor, (Resolution pending due to application available date on 1/12/26). ACTION REQUIRED.

12. Authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding through the FY2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor, and approve Resolution (included). ACTION REQUIRED.

13. Discussion and Action to approve renewal of copier/printer lease agreement with Archer Business Systems for the Willacy County Treasurer's Office. ACTION REQUIRED.

14. Discussion and Action for permission to open Cut Street and perform sewer tap for 4inch sewer service for property. Location is approximately 220feet E from Johnson St. and 9th St. intersection (Precinct 1) ACTION REQUIRED

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15. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
 - a) Willacy County Sheriff Jose Salazar, Chief Administrator Oscar Rivera, and Patrol Corporal Sergio Barrera from the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to attend the Texas LESO Program training on January 29-31, 2026 in Austin, Texas.
 - b) Willacy County Tax Assessor Collector Melissa "Missy" Muniz to attend the 102-Intro to Property Tax System-Appraisal on January 13-16, 2026 in Conroe, Texas.
 - c) Willacy County Commissioner Pct. 3 Henry De La Paz to attend the South Texas County Judge's & Commissioners Association Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 14-18, 2026 (to be paid out of 63-400-150)
 - d) Willacy County Deputy Constable Albert Oviedo Jr to attend the Texas LESO Program training on January 29-30, 2026 in Austin Texas.
 - e) Willacy County Treasurer Ruben Cavazos to attend the 54th annual County Treasurers Continuing Education Seminar on April 20-23, 2026 in San Marcos Texas.
 - f) Willacy County Benefits Coordinator Libna Sarmiento to attend the 2026 County Management & Risk Conference on March 31-April 2, 2026 in Round Rock Texas.
 - g) Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra to attend the South Texas County Judge's & Commissioners Association Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 14-18, 2026.
16. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Treasurers Quarterly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Tax Collector Report. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Review of Special Claims.
22. Review monthly reports on jail count.
23. Review of monthly employee overtime report.
24. 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.
25. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - a. Possible Action.
 - b. Possible Action.
 - c. Possible Action
26. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz,	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:
Miguel Sanchez

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 Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina, De La Paz 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:
DECEMBER 2, 2025 REGULAR
MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2025
REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 17,
2025 WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 29,
2025 REGULAR MEETING AND
DECEMBER 30, 2025 SPECIAL
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of previous minutes as follows: December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting, December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025 Workshop, December 29, 2025 Regular Meeting and December 30, 2025 Special Meeting. 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 # 7

TXDOT TO PROVIDE
MONTHLY UPDATES

Presentation by Victor Santos with TxDOT to provide monthly updates on the Project for FM 490.

Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
FUNDING REQUEST AND APPROVAL
FROM CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 FOR
REPAIRS ON THE 2023 FORD PATROL
UNIT TO BE PAID OUT OF CAPITAL
FUND 02 (QUOTE IS ATTACHED)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for Constable Precinct 3 of repairs on the 2023 Ford Patrol Unit to be paid out of Capital Fund 02. First, to explore the possibility of paying for the Insurance Deductible. Second, or paying for the full repairs if the Insurance Claim takes too long. 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY (ICE) AND
THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE FOR WARRANT OFFICER
PROGRAM (287(G))

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item. 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 # 10
IN REGARDS OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING
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 2026-2027, AND APPROVE
RESOLUTION (INCLUDED)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding 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 2026-2027, and approve Resolution (included). 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 Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 10:36 a.m. and returns back at 10:38 a.m.

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Agenda # 11
IN REGARDS OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING
THROUGH THE OPERATION LONE
STAR GRANT PROGRAM FY 2027 OUT OF
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
(RESOLUTION PENDING DUE TO
APPLICATION AVAILABLE DATE ON
JANUARY 12, 2026)

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding through the Operation Lone Star Grant Program FY 2027 out of the Office of the Governor, (Resolution pending due to application available date on January 12, 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.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to amend to include the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding through the Operation Lone Star Grant Program FY 2027 out of the Office of the Governor. 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 Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to amend of authorization for Willacy County to apply for grant funding through the Operation Lone Star Grant Program FY 2027 out of the Office of the Governor with Resolution pending and to be review by Legal. 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
IN REGARDS OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING
THROUGH THE FY 2027 CRIMINAL
JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM OUT OF
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND
APPROVE RESOLUTION (INCLUDED)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding through the FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor and approve Resolution (included). 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE RENEWAL OF COPIER/
PRINTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
ARCHER BUSINESS SYSTEMS FOR THE
WILLACY COUNTY TREASURER'S
OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of renewal of Copier/Printer Lease Agreement with Archer Business Systems for the Willacy County Treasurer's Office. Also, to look into installing the codes for color printing. 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 # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR
PERMISSION TO OPEN CUT STREET
AND PERFORM SEWER TAP FOR 4
INCH SEWER SERVICE FOR PROPERTY.
LOCATION IS APPROXIMATELY 220
FEET E FROM JOHNSON ST. AND 9TH
ST. INTERSECTION (PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of permission to open Cut Street and perform sewer tap for 4 inch sewer service for property. Location is approximately 220 feet E from Johnson St. and 9th St. Intersection. (Precinct 1). 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
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 A through G:

- a.) Willacy County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Jose Salazar, Chief Administrator Oscar Rivera and Patrol Corporal Sergio Barrera to Austin, Texas on January 29-31, 2026.
- b.) Tax Assessor/Collector, Melissa "Missy" Muniz to Conroe, Texas on January 13-16, 2026.
- c.) Commissioner Precinct 3, Henry De La Paz to San Antonio, Texas on June 14-18, 2026. (To be paid out of 63-400-150).
- d.) Deputy Constable, Albert Oviedo, Jr. to Austin, Texas on January 29-30, 2026.
- e.) County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to San Marcos, Texas on April 20-23, 2026.
- f.) Benefits Coordinator, Libna Sarmiento to Round Rock, Texas on March 31 – April 2, 2026.
- g.) County Judge, Aurelio Guerra to San Antonio, Texas on June 14-18, 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 # 16
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Monthly Reports, 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.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Agenda # 17
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 # 18
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S QUARTERLY
REPORT

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

Agenda # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to table 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.

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Commissioner Henry De La Paz returns back to the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of Tax Collector's Report, 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.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 22
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 84 Inmates.

Agenda # 23
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

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

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Agenda # 24

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 11:04 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 11:19 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.

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Agenda # 25
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 25 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 Zamorano-Alaniz, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz 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.