

March 12, 2026
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of March, 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. Informational Only – NO ACTION REQUIRED.
 - a) The Willacy County Commissioners Court and the Willacy County Sheriffs Office would like to Recognize Willacy County Constable Precinct 4 Alberto Garza for his courageous actions at a house fire in Lyford Texas that occurred on February 15, 2026.
 - b) Willacy County Sheriffs Office will be hosting the 5th Annual Easter Community Event at the Willacy County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, March 28, 2026.
7. Spread in the Minutes – NO ACTION REQUIRED.
 - a) Willacy County Clerks Susan R. Garza has received Certificate of Attendance 2025 VSS Annual Conference attending on December 11 & 12, 2025 and has received the County & District Clerk's Association of Texas Certificate of Completion for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2025.
 - b) Acknowledging bond received from Willacy County Commissioner Pct 3 Henry de la Paz with an effective date of January 1, 2025, and approved in the Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court on January 9, 2025, and to be made part of the official record.
 - c) Acknowledging bond received from Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Jessica Rosas with an effective date of January 1, 2023, and approved in the Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court on January 5, 2023, and to be made part of the official record.
8. TxDOT to provide Monthly Updates.
9. Approval of Previous Minutes as follows: February 4, 2026 Special Meeting; February 6, 2026 Emergency Meeting; February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting; February 26, 2026 Regular Meeting; ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Burn Ban for Willacy County. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED

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11. Discussion and Action to proclaim the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to accept the Local Border Security Program Grant, DA LBS Grant No. 5943501, in the amount up to \$15,000.00 effective 09/01/2026 through 08/31/2027. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Permission to upgrade telephone system at the Willacy County Sheriff's Office and Jail with VTX. ACTION REQUIRED.
14. Discussion and Action to approve construction contract between Willacy County and ML Contracting, Inc. for CMP Project GLO Contract No. 24-099-010-E546. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Permission to do (5) five bores in county Right-Of-Way to place fiber optic cable for high Speed-Internet distribution. (Project # 5401445, 5401448, 5401453, 5401457, 5401460) Precinct 3 & 4. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
 - a) Travel for Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector Melissa Missy Muniz to attend the 9-Advanced Assessment & Collections Training on May 18-20, 2026 in Conroe Texas.
 - b) Travel for Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector Melissa Missy Muniz to attend the 92nd Annual Tax Assessor-Collectors Association Conference on June 7-10, 2026 in Waco Texas.
 - c) Travel for Willacy County District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa to attend the 2026 County Management and Risk Conference on March 31 – April 2, 2026 in Round Rock Texas.
 - d) Travel for Cindy Adameit to attend the eGrants Training on June 18, 2026 in Corpus Christi Texas.
 - e) Travel for Willacy County District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa, Cindy Adameit and Juan Mijares to attend the BPU Annual Conference on June 23 – 26, 2026 in Fredericksburg Texas (to be paid from fund 56).
 - f) Travel for Willacy County Sheriff Jose Salazar and Chief Administrator Oscar Rivera to attend the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition and the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition joint meeting on April 28-29, 2026 in South Padre Island, Texas.
17. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Treasurers Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED

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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.

THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Micaela "Kelly" Zamorano-Alaniz,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	ABSENT
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,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Frances L. Najera

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Micaela “Kelly” Zamorano-Alaniz –
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 Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

INFORMATIONAL ONLY –

- A) THE WILLACY COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT AND
THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE
PRECINCT 4, ALBERTO GARZA FOR
HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS AT A
HOUSE FIRE IN LYFORD, TEXAS THAT
OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2026

As per the Chairman, Informational Only – The Willacy County Commissioners Court and the Willacy County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Willacy County Constable Precinct 4, Alberto Garza for his courageous actions at a house fire in Lyford, Texas that occurred on February 15, 2026.

- B) WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE WILL BE HOSTING THE
5TH ANNUAL EASTER COMMUNITY
EVENT AT THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 28, 2026

As per the Chairman, Informational Only – Willacy County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the 5th Annual Easter Community Event at the Willacy County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

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Agenda # 7

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –

- A) WILLACY COUNTY CLERK'S,
SUSAN R. GARZA HAS RECEIVED
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
2025 VSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ATTENDING ON DECEMBER 11 AND
12, 2025 AND HAS RECEIVED THE
COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE
OF COMPLETION FOR COMPLETING
THE REQUIRED 20 HOURS OF
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2025

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Clerk's, Susan R. Garza has received Certificate of Attendance 2025 VSS Annual Conference attending on December 11 and 12, 2025 and has received the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas Certificate of Completion for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2025.

- B) ACKNOWLEDGING BOND RECEIVED
FROM WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3, HENRY DE LA PAZ WITH AN
EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2025,
AND APPROVED IN THE REGULAR
MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
ON JANUARY 9, 2025, AND TO BE MADE
PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Acknowledging bond received from Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 3, Henry De La Paz with an effective date of January 1, 2025, and approved in the Regular Meeting on Commissioners Court on January 9, 2025, and to be made part of the Official Record.

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- C) ACKNOWLEDGING BOND RECEIVED FROM JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1, JESSICA ROSAS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2023, AND APPROVED IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT ON JANUARY 5, 2023, AND TO BE MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Acknowledging bond received from Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Jessica Rosas with an effective date of January 1, 2023, and approved in the Regular Meeting of Commissioners Court on January 5, 2023, and to be made part of the Official Record.

Agenda # 8
TXDOT TO PROVIDE
MONTHLY UPDATES

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

Agenda # 9
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING,
FEBRUARY 6, 2026 EMERGENCY
MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
REGULAR MEETING AND FEBRUARY
26, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of previous minutes as follows: February 4, 2026 Special Meeting, February 6, 2026 Emergency Meeting, February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting and February 26, 2026 Regular Meeting. 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 # 10
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION TO APPROVE BURN
BAN FOR WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Burn Ban for Willacy County. 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.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to include the Order Restricting Outdoor Burning. 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.

Move to item number 12.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ACCEPT THE LOCAL BORDER
SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT, DA
LBS GRANT NUMBER 5943501, IN
THE AMOUNT UP TO \$15,000.00
EFFECTIVE 09/01/2026 THROUGH
08/31/2027

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table this item. 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 # 13
IN REGARDS OF PERMISSION TO
UPGRADE TELEPHONE SYSTEM
AT THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL
WITH VTX

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

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY AND ML
CONTRACTING, INC. FOR CMP PROJECT
GLO CONTRACT NUMBER 24-099-010-
E546

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Construction Contract between Willacy County and ML Contracting Inc. for the total amount of \$913,269.50 for CMP Project GLO Contract Number 24-099-010-E546 to funded with Grant Funds and Local Matching Fund – 70 GOMESSA. 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 # 15
IN REGARDS OF PERMISSION TO
DO (5) FIVE BORES IN COUNTY
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PLACE FIBER
OPTIC CABLE FOR HIGH SPEED-
INTERNET DISTRIBUTION. (PROJECT
NUMBERS 5401445, 5401448,
5401453, 5401457 AND 5401460)
PRECINCTS 3 AND 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of permission to do (5) five bores in County Right-Of-Way to place fiber optic cable for high speed-internet distribution. (Project Numbers 5401445, 5401448, 5401453, 5401457 and 5401460) Precincts 3 and 4. 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.

Return back to item number 11.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF
APRIL 2026 AS CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to Proclaim the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. 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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Continue with item number 16.

Agenda # 16
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 F:

- a) Tax Assessor-Collector, Melissa "Missy" Muniz to Conroe, Texas on May 18-20, 2026.
- b) Tax Assessor-Collector, Melissa "Missy" Muniz to Waco, Texas on June 7-10, 2026.
- c) District Attorney, Annette C. Hinojosa to Round Rock, Texas on March 31 – April 2, 2026.
- d) District Attorney's Office, Cindy Adameit to Corpus Christi, Texas on June 18, 2026.
- e) District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Annette C. Hinojosa, Cindy Adameit and Juan Mijares to Fredericksburg, Texas on June 23-26, 2026. (To be paid from Fund 56).
- f) Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Jose Salazar and Chief Administrator Oscar Rivera to South Padre Island, Texas on April 28-29, 2026.

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.

Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Monthly Reports, as 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 # 18
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Treasurer's Report, as 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.

Agenda # 19
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.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, 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 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.

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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 74 Inmates.

Agenda # 23
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

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

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

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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 Tijerina to take no action on item numbers 25 a, b and c. 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.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.