

March 24, 2026
Special Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 24th day of March, A.D., 2026 there was held a Special 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. Discussion to assess whether county election precinct boundaries require adjustment to remain in compliance with Texas. Elec. Code Sec. 42.031. POSSIBLE ACTION
 - (a) Request exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), "a Professional Service" for the "provision of legal services." POSSIBLE ACTION
 - (b) Approval of Letter of Engagement with a Law Firm for the provision for legal services to Willacy County. POSSIBLE ACTION

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

4. Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding legal issues and updates involving potential real estate/easement acquisitions by Willacy County and/or right-of-way conveyances to Willacy County pursuant to V.T.C.A> Government Code Section 551.071, on the following grant projects:
 - (a) E203 GLO
 - (b) E204 GLO
 - (c) 40097 Simo TWDB
 - (d) 40100 Mulberry TWDB
5. Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, subject to the attorney client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.
6. Request exemption form competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4), "a Professional Service" for the "provision of legal services/representation in connection with litigation."
7. Engagement with the firm of _____ for the "provision of legal services/representation in connection with litigation" and authority to submit letter of engagement (subject to compliance with HB 1295), and ratification of actions taken to engage the firm.

OPEN SESSION:

Possible Action on any agenda items discussed in Executive Session.

8. Adjourn.

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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,

ABSENT

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

No one signed the sign in sheet.

1. Call to Order – Presiding Chairman Commissioner Ernesto Garcia
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – County Judge Aurelio Guerra, Jr. – **ABSENT**

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Agenda # 3

DISCUSSION TO ACCESS
WHETHER COUNTY ELECTION
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES REQUIRE
ADJUSTMENT TO REMAIN IN
COMPLIANCE WITH TEX. ELEC.
CODE SEC. 42.031

- (A) REQUEST EXEMPTION FROM
COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE 262.024(A)(4), "A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE" FOR THE "PROVISION OF
LEGAL SERVICES"
- (B) APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT
WITH A LAW FIRM FOR THE PROVISION
FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO WILLACY
COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz to table item numbers 3 (a) and (b). Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Agenda # 4

CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
LEGAL ISSUES AND UPDATES INVOLVING
POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE/EASEMENT
ACQUISITIONS BY WILLACY COUNTY AND/OR
RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCES TO WILLACY
COUNTY PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 551.071, ON THE FOLLOWING
GRANT PROJECTS:

- (a) E203 GLO
- (b) E204 GLO
- (c) 40097 SIMO TWDB
- (d) 40100 MULBERRY TWDB

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Agenda # 5

CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT
LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING
OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND/OR
NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE COUNTY,
ITS EMPLOYEES, OR ITS INTERESTS, SUBJECT
TO THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE OPEN
MEETINGS ACT SECTION 551.071,
GOVERNMENT CODE

Agenda # 6

IN REGARDS TO REQUEST EXEMPTION
FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
262.024(A)(4), "A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE"
FOR THE "PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES/
REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH
LITIGATION"

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 10:19 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 11:01 a.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

As per Presiding Chairman Garcia, to take no action on item numbers 4, 5 and 6.

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Agenda # 7
IN REGARDS TO ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE FIRM OF _____
FOR THE "PROVISION OF LEGAL
SERVICES/REPRESENTATION IN
CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION" AND
AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT LETTER OF
ENGAGEMENT (SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE
WITH HB 1295), AND RATIFICATION OF
ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENGAGE THE FIRM

OPEN SESSION:
POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS
DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Zamorano-Alaniz for approval of action as discussed in Executive Session. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Garcia, Commissioners Zamorano-Alaniz, Tijerina and De La Paz voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.