

March 5, 2026
Special Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 5th 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 and Action to consider extending Willacy County Emergency Declaration and Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant FY2026 due to border crisis, resolution attached. ACTION REQUIRED.
4. Discuss and Approve Willacy County's acquisition of a drainage easement for GLO CDBG-DR Project 24-067-017-E204, to include purchasing the property easement of 2.29 acres out of Tract 166, Share 107, Ojo de Agua Tract, Cameron County TX from Oscar and Hortensia Family, LTD at cost of \$22,900 to be paid from CDBG-DR grant funds. ACTION REQUIRED
5. Approval for Family Partition of the Lands of Maria C. Jimenez. A 1.06 acre tract of land being a portion of Lot 1, Ranch El Ontoy Subdivision. (Precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED
6. Authorization for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for grant funding through FY2027 Appropriations Community Project Funding out of the office of 34th District of Texas Congressman Vicente Gonzales and sign attached resolution. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
 - a. Raul Garza to attend the 2026 Data Coordinator's Conference on April 7-8, 2026 in San Marcos, Texas. (Texas Juvenile Justice Department funding will be used to satisfy this travel expense).
 - b. Letty Esparza to attend the 2026 Data Coordinator's Conference on April 7-8, 2026 in San Marcos, Texas. (Texas Juvenile Justice Department funding will be used to satisfy this travel expense).
 - c. Georgina Macias to attend the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show on March 12-21, 2026 in Mercedes, Texas. (County Agent will just need meals, she will be staying with a friend at RGVLS).
8. 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, subject to the attorney client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.
 - b. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024(A) "a Professional Service" for the "provision of legal services/representation in connection with litigation."
 - c. Engagement with the firm of _____ for the "Provision of Legal Services/Representation in connection with the Litigation" and authority to submit letter of engagement (subject to compliance with HB1295).

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9. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IN OPEN SESSION:
 - a. Possible Action – Pending and/or potential litigation.
 - b. Possible Action.
 - c. Possible Action.

10. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Micaela “Kelly” Zamorano-Alaniz,
Mario Tijerina,
Henry De La Paz,
Ernesto Garcia,
Annette Hinojosa,
Rebeca Saenz,
Elizabeth Rios,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor’s First Assistant,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

ABSENT

ARRIVES at 10:05 a.m.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Rebeca Saenz

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.

2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioners Micaela “Kelly” Zamorano-Alaniz
– **ABSENT**

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Agenda # 3
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER EXTENDING WILLACY
COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION
AND RESOLUTION FOR OPERATION
LONE STAR GRANT FY2026 DUE TO
BORDER CRISIS, RESOLUTION
ATTACHED

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of extending Willacy County Emergency Declaration and Resolution for Operation Lone Star Grant FY2026 due to border crisis, Resolution attached. 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.

District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa arrives at the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda # 4
DISCUSS AND APPROVE WILLACY
COUNTY'S ACQUISITION OF A
DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR GLO
CDBG-DR PROJECT 24-067-017-E204,
TO INCLUDE PURCHASING THE
PROPERTY EASEMENT OF 2.29 ACRES
OUT OF TRACT 166, SHARE 107, OJO
DE AGUA TRACT, CAMERON COUNTY,
TEXAS FROM OSCAR AND HORTENSIA
FAMILY, LTD AT COST OF \$22,900.00,
TO BE PAID FROM CDBG-DR GRANT
FUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Willacy County's acquisition of a drainage easement for GLO CDBG-DR Project 24-067-017-E204, to include purchasing the property easement of 2.29 acres out of Tract 166, Share 107, Ojo de Agua Tract, Cameron County, Texas from Oscar and Hortensia Garcia Family, LTD at cost of \$22,900.00, to be paid from CDBG-DR grant funds. 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 # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
FAMILY PARTITION OF THE
LANDS OF MARIA C. JIMENEZ.
A 1.06 ACRE TRACT OF LAND
BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1,
RANCH EL ONTOY SUBDIVISION.
(PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Family Partition of the Lands of Maria C. Jimenez. A 1.06 acre tract of land being a portion of Lot 1, Ranch El Ontoy Subdivision. (Precinct 1). 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 # 6
IN REGARDS OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY
FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH
FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING
OUT OF THE OFFICE OF 34TH
DISTRICT OF TEXAS CONGRESSMAN
VICENTE GONZALEZ AND SIGN
ATTACHED RESOLUTION

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 FY2027 Appropriations Community Project Funding out of the Office of 34th District of Texas Congressman Vicente Gonzalez and sign attached Resolution. 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 # 7
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that the following travel requests be approved A through C:

- a.) Juvenile Department, Raul Garza to San Marcos, Texas on April 7-8, 2026.
(Texas Juvenile Justice Department funding will be used to satisfy this travel expense).
- b.) Juvenile Department, Letty Esparza to San Marcos, Texas on April 7-8, 2026.
(Texas Juvenile Justice Department funding will be used to satisfy this travel expense).
- c.) Extension Agent, Georgina Macias to Mercedes, Texas on March 12-21, 2026.
(County Agent will just need meals, she will be staying with a friend at RGVLS).

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 # 8

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, SUBJECT TO THE
ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
SECTION 551.071, GOVERNMENT CODE
- (B) REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM
COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE, SECTION 262.024(A) "A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE" FOR THE
"PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES/
REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH
LITIGATION"
- (C) 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 HB1295)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. 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 Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 10:51 a.m. 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 # 9
ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION, IN OPEN SESSION:

- (A) POSSIBLE ACTION – PENDING AND/OR
POTENTIAL LITIGATION
- (B) POSSIBLE ACTION.
- (C) POSSIBLE ACTION.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to take no action on item numbers 9 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.