

April 12, 2018
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 12th day of April, A.D., 2018 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 previous minutes as follows; March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting, March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting, March 28, 2018 Budget Workshop. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Spread in the minutes; Willacy County Community Development Specialist Jessica Rodriguez Gracida has received a Certificate of Completion from UTRGV Continuing Education for completing the "Certificate in Grant Development 12 hours of Instruction" Course.
7. Presentation by the UTRGV Nursing Program to recognize Commissioner Eliberto Guerra for attending the Buena Salud Health Fair.
8. Presentation: GrantWorks to present maps and text produced for the County's TXCDBG Planning Grant, Contract No. 7215135.
9. Discussion and Action to review text and maps associated with TXCDBG Planning Grant, Contract No. 7215135 and adopt resolution required by TDA affirming review of the plan and its suitability to guide future policy decisions. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to approve Proclamation declaring the Month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month in Willacy County." ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve Proclamation declaring the week of April 8-14, 2018 as Reber Memorial National Library Week. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Approval to hold the Annual Willacy County Kids Fest at the Library/Courthouse grounds during the week of June 20-22, 2018. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Month and Autism Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and action to transfer balance of Hotel/Motel tax in General Fund to Fund 97 (pooled cash) for benefit of Fund 40. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Presentation: UTRGV Senior Capstone Design Program- Student team to provide an update on the "Update to the Willacy County Parks Master Plan" Project.

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16. Discussion and Action to allow the County Judge to sign the Letter of Interest and Letter of Authorization for the request of Historical Usage Information requested by Schneider Electric. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Lyford C.I.S.D and Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for Border Prosecution Unit Grant through the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2018-2019. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for BL18 Border Security Program Grant through the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2018-2019. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and Action to approve a direct bill application with Island Hospitality Management for Charles Mattingly, Nereyda Morales Martinez, and Juan Mijares to stay at the Residence Inn, in Brownsville, Texas throughout the duration of the Capital Murder case. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Discussion and Action to employ temporary attorney (s) to assist with case load in Willacy County while Capital Murder case is being held in Cameron County. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED
26. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
29. Approval of Monthly Report on Jail Count. ACTION REQUIRED
30. Approval of Monthly Employee Overtime Report. ACTION REQUIRED
31. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Oscar De La Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Clerk Deputy,

ABSENT
ARRIVES AT 10:06 A.M.

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Dennis and Donna Hoot	Alexis Saenz
Carolina Gonzalez	Laura Lester
Rachel Tunberg	Juan Bosquez, Jr.
Shania Garza	Stephanie Garcia

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – **ALL PRESENT**
3. Pledge – Commissioner Henry De La Paz Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales
4. Public Comments – Tom Floyd, President of Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce comments on reference to item number fourteen (14) from the Agenda. Also, Mr. Floyd states he would like to know when the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund are being discuss in Commissioners Court Meetings.

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: MARCH 8, 2018
REGULAR MEETING, MARCH
22, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
AND MARCH 28, 2018 BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of previous minutes as follows: March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting, March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting and March 28, 2018 Budget Workshop. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
WILLACY COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
JESSICA RODRIGUEZ GRACIDA
HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION FROM UTRGV
CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
COMPLETING THE "CERTIFICATE
IN GRANT DEVELOPMENT 12
HOURS OF INSTRUCTION" COURSE

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: Willacy County Community Development Specialist Jessica Rodriguez Gracida has received a Certificate of Completion from UTRGV Continuing Education for completing the "Certificate in Grant Development 12 hours of Instruction" Course.

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Agenda # 7
PRESENTATION BY THE UTRGV
NURSING PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE
COMMISSIONER ELIBERTO GUERRA
FOR ATTENDING THE BUENA SALUD
HEALTH FAIR

Presentation by the UTRGV Nursing Program to recognize Commissioner Eliberto Guerra for attending the Buena Salud Health Fair.

Agenda # 8
PRESENTATION: GRANTWORKS TO
PRESENT MAPS AND TEXT PRODUCED
FOR THE COUNTY'S TXCDBG PLANNING
GRANT, CONTRACT NO. 7215135

Presentation by Carlos with GrantWorks to present maps and text produced for the County's TXCDBG Planning Grant, Contract No. 7215135.

Agenda # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REVIEW TEXT AND MAPS
ASSOCIATED WITH TXCDBG
PLANNING GRANT, CONTRACT
NO. 7215135 AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY TDA
AFFIRMING REVIEW OF THE PLAN
AND ITS SUITABILITY TO GUIDE
FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of review text and maps associated with TXCDBG Planning Grant, Contract No. 7215135 and adopt resolution required by TDA affirming review of the plan and its suitability to guide future policy decisions. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE MONTH OF
MAY AS "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
MONTH IN WILLACY COUNTY"

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Proclamation declaring the month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month in Willacy County". Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL
8-14, 2018 AS REBER MEMORIAL
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Proclamation declaring the week of April 8-14, 2018 as Reber Memorial National Library Week. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL TO
HOLD THE ANNUAL WILLACY
COUNTY KIDS FEST AT THE LIBRARY/
COURTHOUSE GROUNDS DURING
THE WEEK OF JUNE 20-22, 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to hold the Annual Willacy County Kids Fest at the Library/Courthouse Grounds during the week of June 20-22, 2018. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
PROCLAIM APRIL 2018 AS
CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
MONTH AND AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to Proclaim April 2018 as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Month and Autism Awareness Month. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
TRANSFER BALANCE OF HOTEL/
MOTEL TAX IN GENERAL FUND
TO FUND 97 (POOLED CASH)
FOR BENEFIT OF FUND 40

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to transfer balance of Hotel/Motel Tax in General Fund to Fund 97 (pooled cash) for benefit of Fund 40. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 15
PRESENTATION: UTRGV SENIOR
CAPSTONE DESIGN PROGRAM-
STUDENT TEAM TO PROVIDE AN
UPDATE ON THE "UPDATE TO THE
WILLACY COUNTY PARKS MASTER
PLAN" PROJECT

Presentation by Jessica Rodriguez Gracida, Willacy County Development Specialist join by the UTRGV Senior Capstone Design Program-Student Team to provide an update on the "Update to the Willacy County Parks Master Plan" Project.

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Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ALLOW THE COUNTY JUDGE TO
SIGN THE LETTER OF INTEREST
AND LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE REQUEST OF HISTORICAL
USAGE INFORMATION REQUESTED
BY SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to allow the County Judge to sign the Letter of Interest and Letter of Authorization for the request of Historical Usage Information requested by Schneider Electric. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE INTERLOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LYFORD C.I.S.D. AND
WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Lyford C.I.S.D. and Willacy County. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 18
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND
ACCEPT IF AWARDED, GRANTS
FOR BORDER PROSECUTION UNIT
GRANT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR
2018-2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for Border Prosecution Unit Grant through the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2018-2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND
ACCEPT IF AWARDED, GRANTS
FOR BL18 BORDER SECURITY
PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants for BL18 Border Security Program Grant through the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2018-2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 20
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A DIRECT BILL
APPLICATION WITH ISLAND
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
FOR CHARLES MATTINGLY,
NEREYDA MORALES MARTINEZ,
AND JUAN MIJARES TO STAY
AT THE RESIDENCE INN, IN
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
THROUGHOUT THE DURATION
OF THE CAPITAL MURDER
CASE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of a direct bill application with Island Hospitality Management for Charles Mattingly, Nereyda Morales Martinez, and Juan Mijares to stay at the Residence Inn, in Brownsville, Texas throughout the duration of the Capital Murder Case. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
EMPLOY TEMPORARY ATTORNEY (S)
TO ASSIST WITH CASE LOAD IN
WILLACY COUNTY WHILE CAPITAL
MURDER CASE IS BEING HELD IN
CAMERON, COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to employ temporary attorney (s) to assist with case load in Willacy County while Capital Murder Case is being held in Cameron County, subject to if the District Attorney's Office has any funds available to pay that individual. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Monthly Reports, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 23
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna that the following travel requests be approved:

1. Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Larry Spence and Chief Deputy Joe Jimenez to La Cruces, New Mexico on April 8, 2018..
2. District Attorney's Office, Maria Teresa Coronado and Melissa Cruz to Dallas, Texas on April 15-19, 2018.
3. Auditor's Office, Auditor Ida C. Martinez and up to two (2) Employees to Austin, Texas on April 30-May 4, 2018.
4. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Bandera, Texas on April 20-21, 2018.
5. District Attorney's Office, reimbursement for Nereyda Morales Martinez for hotel cost and per diem incurred at the Residence Inn in Brownsville, Texas for the duration of trial for Capital Murder Case.
6. District Attorney's Office, future expense reimbursement for the District Attorney's Employees: Nereyda Morales Martinez, Charles Mattingly, Dora Coy, Juan Mijares, Viola Vela and Melissa Ambriz Cruz for duration of trial for Capital Murder Case located in Brownsville, Texas. To be paid of Fund 56.

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

Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF QUARTERLY TREASURER'S
REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 26
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Tax Collector's Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 27
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Budget Amendments, as presented, except for Fund 60-Budget Amendment (a signature was missing). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 28
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Claims, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 29
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORT ON
JAIL COUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Monthly Report on Jail Count, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 30
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Monthly Employee Overtime Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by the Chairman that Court Adjourn. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, De La Paz and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.