

December 28, 2017

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 2017 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. Discussion and Action to approve Workforce Solutions Work Experience / Subsidized Employment Agreement". ACTION REQUIRED
6. Discussion and Action to approve "2018 Willacy County Holiday Schedule". ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Action to approve Family Partition of the land of Max and Emma C. Ramirez, Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to approve Family Partition of the lands of Evangelina Gutierrez, Willacy County, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action on funding opportunity for Willacy County Coastal Land Resource Center. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to approve to purchase a cell phone for Communication Development Specialist. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve to purchase system Jackets liner/shell combos for Willacy County Constable Pct. 2 (Const. Salazar, Const. Prieto, Const. Tamez). ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve renovations to the Willacy County Constables Office located at 192 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Courthouse Annex Building to include Office Phones and Internet Services. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discuss and consider authorization to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for planning services related to preparation of a Master Parks Plan. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to approve MOU between Communities Against Substance Abuse Coalition, Prevention Resource Center Region 11 and Rural Border Intervention, efforts of behavioral solutions of South Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to approve 2012 ICC International Fire Codes. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Action to approve fire truck repairs for Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department. ACTION REQUIRED

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17. Discussion and Action to approve hiring a Veteran's Service Officer as recommended by the Veteran's Service Officer Hiring Committee. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Possible Action to award the 2016-2017 Independent audit services to the only proposal submitted. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
21. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	<b>ABSENT</b>
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	<b>ABSENT</b>
Rebeca Saenz,	County Auditor's Assistant,	
Elizabeth Rios,	County Clerk Deputy,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Rebeca Saenz  
Kernini Perez  
Jose Salazar  
Ruben Cavazos

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Henry De La Paz - **ABSENT**
3. Pledge / Invocation – Commissioner Eduardo Gonzales
4. Public Comments – None

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Agenda # 5  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE WORKFORCE  
SOLUTIONS WORK EXPERIENCE/  
SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Workforce Solutions Work Experience/Subsidized Employment Agreement. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE "2018 WILLACY COUNTY  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE"

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of the 2018 Willacy County Holiday Schedule, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 7  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE FAMILY PARTITION  
OF THE LANDS OF MAX AND  
EMMA C. RAMIREZ, WILLACY  
COUNTY, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Family Partition of the lands of Max and Emma C. Ramirez, Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE FAMILY PARTITION  
OF THE LANDS OF EVANGELINA  
GUTIERREZ, WILLACY COUNTY,  
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Family Partition of the lands of Evangelina Gutierrez, Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
WILLACY COUNTY COASTAL  
LAND RESOURCE CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of continuation or proceedings for funding opportunities for Willacy County Coastal Land Resource Center by Ms. Jessica Gracida. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE TO PURCHASE A  
CELL PHONE FOR COMMUNICATION  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to purchase a cell phone for Communication Development Specialist, to be paid out of Hotel/Motel Tax. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval if for some reason it cannot be taken out from Hotel/Motel Tax for it to be taken out from Administration. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE TO PURCHASE SYSTEM  
JACKETS LINER/SHELL COMBOS FOR  
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE PCT. 2  
(CONST. SALAZAR, CONST. PRIETO,  
CONST. TAMEZ)

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to purchase system jackets liner/shell combos for Willacy County Constable Precinct 2 for Constables Salazar, Prieto and Tamez, to be paid out of Health and Welfare. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RENOVATIONS TO THE  
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLES  
OFFICE LOCATED AT 192 N. 3<sup>RD</sup>  
STREET COURTHOUSE ANNEX  
BUILDING TO INCLUDE OFFICE  
PHONES AND INTERNET SERVICES

Motion was made by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to allow Constable Salazar to look into getting quotes for the partition offices: dry walls, air conditioning, electrical and to get with Lee on the internet situation. Also, to see what kind of systems they can come up with as far of cost. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER  
AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED  
WITH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
(RFP) FOR PLANNING SERVICES  
RELATED TO PREPARATION OF  
A MASTER PARKS PLAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to advertise to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for planning services related to preparation of a Master Parks Plan. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE MOU BETWEEN  
COMMUNITIES AGAINST SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE COALITION, PREVENTION  
RESOURCE CENTER REGION 11 AND  
RURAL BORDER INTERVENTION,  
EFFORTS OF BEHAVIORAL SOLUTIONS  
OF SOUTH TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of MOU between Communities Against Substance Abuse Coalition, Prevention Resource Center Region 11 and Rural Border Intervention, efforts of Behavioral Solutions of South Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 15  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE 2012 ICC INTERNATIONAL  
FIRE CODES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to table this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS  
FOR RAYMONDVILLE VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of fire truck repairs for Raymondville Fire Department, invoices as submitted. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 17

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE HIRING A VETERAN'S  
SERVICE OFFICER AS RECOMMENDED  
BY THE VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER  
HIRING COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to table the recommendations from the Veteran's Committee. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner De Luna leaves the meeting at 11:48 a.m., did not vote for agenda items 18-21.**

Agenda # 18

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION TO AWARD THE 2016-2017  
INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES TO  
THE ONLY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to award the 2016-2017 Independent Audit Services to Burton, McCumber and Cortez, LLP. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Communication Development Specialist, Jessica Gracida to McAllen, Texas on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, approval of reimbursement for registration fee \$249.00.
2. Communication Development Specialist, Jessica Gracida to Harlingen, Texas on January 5, 2018.
3. Communication Development Specialist, Jessica Gracida to Edinburg, Texas on February 8-9, 2018.
4. Communication Development Specialist, Jessica Gracida to South Padre Island, Texas on January 4, 2018.
5. Commissioner Precinct 4, Eduardo Gonzales to South Padre Island, Texas on January 4-5, 2018.

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

Agenda # 20

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL

OF CLAIMS

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

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.