

December 8, 2016

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 8th day of December, A.D., 2016 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; October 27, 2016 Regular Meeting, November 9, 2016 Public Workshop, November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting, November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Presentation: By Carlos from GrantWorks in regards to discuss the County's Colonia Comprehensive Plan and to include discussion on water, sewer, streets, and drainage conditions in Colonia areas.
7. Approval of the Guidelines & Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement in Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Approval for the District Attorney's Office to donate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to the Willacy County Sheriff's Office, to assist in fencing in an area to be used for securing vehicles. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion, consideration relating to 2015-2017 Contractual Agreement terms between Sally Velasquez/Willacy County and possible amendment. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion relating to the organization, donors and partnerships of the proposed Willacy County Coastal Land Natural Resource Center. NO ACTION REQUIRED
11. Approval for Precinct 4 to purchase equipment 1994 Chevrolet Dump Truck and 1998 Ferguson Roller in the amount of \$12,997.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to accept resignation letter from the official court reporter for Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to approve and award contract for Willacy County TDA-7216027 Street and Drainage Improvements-Colonia Sebastian and Santa Monica. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discuss and consider 2017-2018 CD Fund Proposed Projects. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED

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15. Discussion and Action on services provided by Community Loan Center of the Rio Grande Valley. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to approve changes on metes and bounds for Ernesto and Lillian Garcia, 1.0 Acre Tract of land out of share 1, share 9. Of the San Juan De Carricitos Grant. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval OF Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED
23. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	ABSENT
Alfredo Serrato,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Bernard Ammerman,	County Attorney,	ABSENT
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,	
Lorena Cepeda,	County Clerk Deputy,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Marcia Visser
Fatima Flores
Renee Toft
Oralia Cardenas
Annette C. Hinojosa
Rodolfo Montana

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – Commissioner Oscar De Luna - **ABSENT**
3. Pledge – Commissioner Serrato Invocation – Commissioner Gonzales
4. Public Comment(s) – Renee Toft and Marcia Visser from the Chamber of Commerce comment on the Willacy County Coastal Land Natural Resource Center.

Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:08 a.m and did not vote on Item #5.

Agenda # 5

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
OCTOBER 27, 2016 REGULAR
MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2016
PUBLIC WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER
10, 2016 REGULAR MEETING,
NOVEMBER 22, 2016 REGULAR
MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of previous minutes as follows: October 27, 2016 Regular Meeting, November 9, 2016 Public Workshop, November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting, November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

PRESENTATION: BY CARLOS
FROM GRANTWORKS IN
REGARDS TO DISCUSS THE
COUNTY'S COLONIA COMPRE-
HENSIVE PLAN AND TO INCLUDE
DISCUSSION ON WATER, SEWER,
STREETS, AND DRAINAGE CONDITIONS
IN COLONIA AREAS

Presentation by a representative from Grantworks in regards to discuss the County's Colonia Comprehensive Plan and to include discussion on water, sewer, streets and drainage conditions in Colonia areas.

Agenda # 7

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF THE GUIDELINES & CRITERIA
FOR GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT
IN WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement in Willacy County upon review of legal counsel. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 8

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE TO DONATE AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 TO THE
WILLAYC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
TO ASSIST IN FENCING IN AN AREA
TO BE USED FOR SECURING VEHICLES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of the Districts Attorney's Office to donate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to the Willacy County Sheriff's Office, to assist in fencing in an area to be used for securing vehicles. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION
RELATING TO 2015-2017 CONT-
RACTUAL AGREEMENT TERMS
BETWEEN SALLY VELASQUEZ/
WILLACY COUNTY AND POSSIBLE
AMENDMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of termination contractual obligations between Willacy County & Sally Velasquez. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION RELATING TO
THE ORGANIZATION, DONORS
AND PARTNERSHIPS OF THE
PROPOSED WILLACY COUNTY
COASTAL LAND NATURAL
RESOURCE CENTER

Discussion relating to the organization, donors and partnerships of the proposed Willacy County Coastal Land Natural Resource Center.

Agenda # 11

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL FOR
PRECINCT 4 TO PURCHASE
EQUIPMENT 1994 CHEVROLET
DUMP TRUCK AND 1998
FERGUSON ROLLER IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$12,997.00
FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of Precinct 4 to purchase equipment 1994 Chevrolet Dump Truck and 1998 Ferguson Roller in the amount of \$12,997.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION
LETTER FROM THE OFFICIAL
COURT REPORTER FOR
WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by the Chairman for approval to accept resignation letter from the official court reporter for Willacy County. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE AND AWARD
CONTRACT FOR WILLACY
COUNTY TDA-7216027
STREET AND DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS-COLONIA
SEBASTIAN AND SANTA MONICA

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to award contract for Willacy County TDA-7216027 Street and Drainage Improvements-Colonia Sebastian and Santa Monica. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER
2017-2018 CD FUND
PROPOSED PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to authorize Judge and Commissioners to work with Naismith to bring project cost estimates within 2017-2018 CD construction funds available to be discussed and approved next meeting with resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
ON SERVICES PROVIDED
BY COMMUNITY LOAN
CENTER OF THE RIO GRANDE
VALLEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by the Chairman for approval of services provided by Community Loan Center of the Rio Grande Valley. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE CHANGES ON
METES AND BOUNDS FOR
ERNESTO AND LILLIAN GARCIA,
1.0 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT
OF SHARE 1, SHARE 9. OF THE
SAN JUAN DE CARRICITOS GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of changes on metes and bounds for Ernesto and Lillian Garcia, 1.0 Acre Tract of land out of Share 1, Share 9 of the San Juan De Carricitos Grant. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Agenda # 19
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

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Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Commissioner Precinct 4, Eduardo Gonzales & (2) employees to San Antonio, Texas.
2. Extension Office, Matthew Rodriguez to Pearsall, Texas on December 13, 2016.

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

Agenda # 22
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. Commissioners Guerra, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.