

February 23, 2017

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23rd day of February, 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. Spread in the minutes; County Inspector Amos Prado has completed 28 hours of continuing education for Code Enforcement Officer II.
6. Approval and Action for Precinct 4 to purchase equipment from Texas Department of Transportation Yoakum District, 1990 Shop Built/Chevrolet Water Tank Serial No. BM7D1G8LV104795 in the amount of \$3,040.00, and a 1996 Waldon Sweepmaster S/N 24698 from Laredo District in the amount of \$3,097.00. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Authorization and Approval to work the OPSG Texas Willacy FY 16 Program 2017 for Willacy County Sheriff Department personnel who are eligible to work on said grant. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to secure allocated monies for the Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Grant. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve utilizing Hotel/Motel Tax monies to secure Nature Center in Port Mansfield. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to request for monies from HAVA grant available in election grants, to be utilized form maintenance of election equipment. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Approval for use of Reber Memorial Library Annex for City of Raymondville and Raymondville ISD Joint Elections beginning April 24th thru May 2 (early vote period). ACTION REQUIRED
12. Approval of Election Contracts between City of Raymondville and City of Lyford with County Election Administrator. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Approval of Election Contract between County Elections Administrator and Raymondville Independent School District. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to approve street light request at Las Majadas Ranch Rd. ACTION REQUIRED

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15. Discussion and Action on approving Willacy County Crime Stoppers permission to use the courthouse lawn for their Market days fundraising event on Saturday, March 11, 2017.
ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to consider advertising for Operating Manager for the Nature Center in Port Mansfield to be paid out of Motel/Hotel Tax. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

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| Aurelio Guerra, Jr., | County Judge, |
| Eliberto Guerra, | Commissioner, Precinct 1, |
| Oscar De 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, |

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Renee Toft

Juan Abelardo Mendez

Albert Cavazos

Mary Hope Barrera

Chris Wright

Guillermo Salinas, Jr.

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

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4. Public Comment(s) – Renee Toft, president of the Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce comments on reference to the Tourism and Economical Development in Port Mansfield, Texas. Also, on the Hotel/Motel Tax monies to secure the Nature Center in Port Mansfield, Texas.

Agenda # 5

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES:
COUNTY INSPECTOR AMOS
PRADO HAS COMPLETED 28
HOURS OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR CODE
ENDORSEMENT OFFICER II

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes: County Inspector, Amos Prado has completed 28 hours of continuing education for Code Enforcement Officer II.

Agenda # 6

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
AND ACTION FOR PRECINCT
4 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT
FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION YOAKUM
DISTRICT, 1990 SHOP BUILT/
CHEVROLET WATER TANK
SERIAL NO. BM7D1G8LV104795
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,040.00
AND A 1996 WALDON SWEEPMASTER
S/N 24698 FROM LAREDO DISTRICT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,097.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for Precinct 4 to purchase equipment from Texas Department of Transportation Yoakum District, 1990 Shop Built/Chevrolet Water Tank Serial No. BM7D1G8LV104795 in the amount of \$3,040.00 and a 1996 Waldon Sweepmaster S/N 24698 from Laredo District in the amount of \$3,097.00. 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 # 7
AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL
TO WORK THE OPSG TEXAS
WILLACY FY 16 PROGRAM 2017
FOR WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO WORK ON
SAID GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Resolution to work the OPSG Texas Willacy FY 16 Program 2017 for Willacy County Sheriff's Department personnel who are eligible to work on said grant. 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 # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
SECURE ALLOCATED MONIES
FOR THE TEXAS HISTORICAL
COMMISSION COURTHOUSE
GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to secure allocated monies from Multi-Purpose Center Fund up to \$402,000.00 for the Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Grant. 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 # 9
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE UTILIZING HOTEL/MOTEL
TAX MONIES TO SECURE NATURE
CENTER IN PORT MANSFIELD

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of utilizing Hotel/Motel Tax monies to secure Nature Center in Port Mansfield. 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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Commissioner Guerra walks out of the meeting at 10:49 a.m. and returns at 10:51 a.m.

Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REQUEST FOR MONIES FROM
HAVA GRANT AVAILABLE IN
ELECTION GRANTS, TO BE
UTILIZED FOR MAINTENANCE
OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of monies from HAVA Grant available in election grants, to be utilized for maintenance of election equipment for the amount of \$2,400.00, as requested. 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.

Skip item number 11, go to item number 12.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR
USE OF REBER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNEX FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE
AND RAYMONDVILLE ISD JOINT
ELECTIONS BEGINNING APRIL
24TH THRU MAY 2ND (EARLY VOTE
PERIOD)

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of use of Reber Memorial Library Annex for City of Raymondville and Raymondville ISD Joint Elections beginning April 24th thru May 2nd (early vote period). 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.

Move to item number 14.

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Agenda # 12
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
ELECTION CONTRACTS BETWEEN
CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND
CITY OF LYFORD WITH COUNTY
ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Election Contracts between City of Raymondville and City of Lyford with County Election Administrator. 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 # 13
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF
ELECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
AND RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Election Contract between County Elections Administrator and Raymondville Independent School District. 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.

Return back to item number 11.

Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE STREET LIGHT REQUEST
AT LAS MAJADAS RANCH RD

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales to table this item. 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 # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
APPROVING WILLACY COUNTY
CRIME STOPPERS PERMISSION
TO USE THE COURTHOUSE LAWN
FOR THEIR MARKET DAYS
FUNDRAISING EVENT ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 11, 2017

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Willacy County Crime Stoppers to use the Courthouse Lawn for their Market Days Fundraising Event for all day use on Saturday, March 11, 2017. 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 # 16

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR
OPERATING MANAGER FOR THE
NATURE CENTER IN PORT
MANSFIELD TO BE PAID OUT OF
MOTEL/HOTEL TAX

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna to table this item until we get clarification from our Counsel and get more information based on the Grant and Hotel/Motel Tax. 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.

Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:20 a.m. returns back at 11:21 a.m.

Commissioner Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:26 a.m. returns back at 11:29 a.m.

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Agenda # 17

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Constable Precinct 1, Carlos Ybarra to Huntsville, Texas on April 9-14, 2017.
2. Constable Precinct 5, Antonio Trevino to Huntsville, Texas on April 9-14, 2017.
3. Constable Precinct 2, Jose Salazar to Huntsville, Texas on April 9-14, 2017.

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 # 18

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Claims, as presented plus two (2) additional claims one to Guzman and Munoz and the other one to Willacy Coop. 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.

Continue with Addendum # 1.