

June 7, 2018
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 7th day of June, 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; May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, May 23, 2018 Public Workshop, May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting, May 25, 2018 Special Meeting, May 30, 2018 Public Workshop. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Discussion and Action to approve Canvass of Runoff Primary Election held on May 22, 2018. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Action to authorize the County Judge to sign contracts and disburse funds as needed to pay invoices for the Willacy County Safe Room Ribbon Cutting. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Consider approval to issue requests for proposals and qualifications for services related to 2019-2020 Community Development Funding as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion on resolution authorizing the planning, preparation and submittal of grant application to the 2018-2019 Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Grant Program.
10. Discussion and Action to approve a 12 foot variance for Salazar property/6th street, Lasara, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve renewal of current energy company agreement and/or enter into a new agreement with another energy company. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Update by Fulcrum Consulting Services on workshop held between Willacy County Commissioners Court and Hidalgo County Irrigation District concerning the use of Restore Funds.
13. Discussion and Possible Action concerning submitting an official request to the Hidalgo County Irrigation District requesting a hydrology study to be conducted for the City of San Perlita drainage area as it relates to proposed improvements being planned under Restore Act. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED

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14. Discussion and Possible Action authorizing Fulcrum Consulting to plan and coordinate pre-application meeting with the Texas Water Development Board to explore the possibility of securing funding for needed drainage system improvements throughout Willacy County under the clean water state revolving fund program. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
15. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count.
23. Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.
24. 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,	
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	arrives at 10:26 a.m.
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,	arrives at 10:20 a.m.
Elizabeth Rios,	County Clerk Deputy,	

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

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PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:
No one signed the sign in sheet.

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 – None

Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS: MAY 10, 2018
REGULAR MEETING, MAY 23,
2018 PUBLIC WORKSHOP, MAY
24, 2018 REGULAR MEETING,
MAY 25, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING
AND MAY 30, 2018 PUBLIC
WORKSHOP

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of previous minutes as follows: May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, May 23, 2018 Public Workshop, May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting, May 25, 2018 Special Meeting and May 30, 2018 Public Workshop, as read. 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CANVASS OF RUNOFF
PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON
MAY 22, 2018

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Canvass of Runoff Primary Election held on May 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 # 7
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE
TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND DISBURSE
FUNDS AS NEEDED TO PAY INVOICES
FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY SAFE
ROOM RIBBON CUTTING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to authorize the County Judge to sign contracts and disburse funds as needed to pay invoices for the Willacy County Safe Room Ribbon Cutting, funding coming out of Health and Welfare-Community Involvement. 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
CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ISSUE
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND
QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES
RELATED TO 2019-2020 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AS
ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to issue requests for proposals and qualifications for services related to 2019-2020 Community Development Funding as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. 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 ON RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING,
PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL
OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
2018-2019 TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD FLOOD
PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM

Discussion on resolution authorizing the planning, preparation and submittal of grant application to the 2018-2019 Texas Water Development Board Flood Protection Grant Program.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE A 12 FOOT VARIANCE
FOR SALAZAR PROPERTY/6TH
STREET, LASARA, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of a 12 foot variance for Salazar property/6th street, Lasara, Texas of one (1) lot. 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 RENEWAL OF CURRENT
ENERGY COMPANY AGREEMENT
AND/OR ENTER INTO A NEW
AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER
ENERGY COMPANY

Motion was made by the Commissioners Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of renew of current energy company for three (3) years. 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
UPDATE BY FULCRUM CONSULTING
SERVICES ON WORKSHOP HELD
BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT AND HIDALGO
COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER 1
CONCERNING THE USE OF RESTORE
FUNDS

Update by George Lazaro with Fulcrum Consulting Services on workshop held between Willacy County Commissioners Court and Hidalgo County Drainage District Number 1 concerning the use of Restore Funds.

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Agenda # 13
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
CONCERNING SUBMITTING AN
OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE HIDALGO
COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER
1 REQUESTING A HYDROLOGY STUDY
TO BE CONDUCTED FOR THE CITY
OF SAN PERLITA DRAINAGE AREA
AS IT RELATES TO PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENTS BEING PLANNED
UNDER RESTORE ACT

Motion was made by the Commissioners Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of working into an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County Drainage District Number 1. 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 POSSIBLE ACTION
AUTHORIZING FULCRUM
CONSULTING TO PLAN AND
COORDINATE PRE-APPLICATION
MEETING WITH THE TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO EXPLORE
THE POSSIBILITY OF SECURING
FUNDING FOR NEEDED DRAINAGE
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
THROUGHOUT WILLACY COUNTY
UNDER THE CLEAN WATER STATE
REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM

Motion was made by the Commissioners De Luna, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for authorizing Fulcrum Consulting to Plan and coordinate pre-application meeting with the Texas Water Development Board to explore the possibility of securing funding for needed drainage system improvements throughout Willacy County under the clean water state revolving fund program. 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
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna 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 # 16
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna 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 # 17
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Sheriff Department, Sheriff Larry Spence and Chief Deputy Joe Jimenez to Grapevine, Texas on July 19-25, 2018.
2. Elections Office, Administrator Mary Hope Barrera to Austin, Texas on July 30-August 1, 2018.
3. Raymondville Fire Department, Fire Chief Lauro Oscar Gutierrez, Paul Villalpando, Eric Moreno, Andres Maldonado and David Ramirez to College Station, Texas on July 21-27, 2018. (Lodging Meals and Parking); with the correction of \$299.00 for David Ramirez.

Motion Dies, Lack of Second Motion.

Motion Amended:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of travel request for the Election's Officer with the correction on July 29-August 2, 2018 at Austin, Texas. Fire Department, Chief Gutierrez and the Volunteers for July 21-27, 2018 with the correction on David Ramirez just for meals in the amount of \$299.00. Also, need more information on number (1) travel request for Sheriff Spence and Deputy Joe Jimenez. 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 QUARTERLY TREASURER'S
REPORT

As per the Chairman, pass on this item.

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

As per the Chairman, pass on this item.

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Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and 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.

Commissioner Guerra leaves the meeting at 11:50 a.m. does not vote for item numbers 21-24.

Agenda # 21
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 22
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORT
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Report on Jail Count.

Agenda # 23
REVIEW OF MONTHLY
EMPLOYEE OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Chairman, review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.