

March 24, 2016  
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 24th day of March, 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. Update on Monthly Status Report for La Jarra Project TCF 711322.
6. Discussion and Action to Proclaim Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Senior Corps AmeriCorp day in recognition for their services to our communities. ACTION REQUIRED
7. Discussion and Action to award Professional contracts for Application Preparation and Project Implementation and Engineering for RESTORE Act Projects. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Approval of resignation from Jeremy Sorelle and approve new hire of Lawrence Rabb as Border Prosecutor effective March 17, 2016. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Agreement for the Pace Program between Willacy County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Action Required
10. Discussion and Action on approving Interlocal Agreements with the City of Raymondville and Delta Lake Drainage District for participation in Willacy County RESTORE Act Projects. ACTION REQUIRED
11. To discuss the Willacy County Coastal Resource Center, and possibly recommend and approve the selection of the contractor for the project. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Approval needed to remove old carpet in the hallway and front offices for the Sheriff's Office and replace it with commercial tile, to come out of their department budget. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to approve cost increase due to relocation of Safe Room-Shelter. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.

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18. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.

19. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.

20. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Oscar De Luna,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Alfredo Serrato,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Eduardo Gonzales,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Bernard Ammerman,	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:

Cynthia Rios	Terrie J. Salinas
Maria E. De La Paz	Mary Villanueva
Irma Gonzales	Rosalie Tristan
Ms. Mungia	Fred Ballard
Oralia Cardenas	

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – All Present
3. Pledge – Commissioner Serrato                      Invocation – Commissioner Gonzales
4. Public Comment(s) – Rosalie Tristan with CASA comments on reference to the Kids Fest that was held last week at the Reber Library Grounds.

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Agenda # 5  
UPDATE ON MONTHLY STATUS  
REPORT FOR LA JARRA PROJECT  
TCF 711322

Update by Fred Ballard on reference to the Monthly Status Report for La Jarra Project TCF 711322.

Agenda # 6  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
PROCLAIM TUESDAY, APRIL 5,  
2016 SENIOR CORPS AMERICORP  
DAY IN RECOGNITION FOR THEIR  
SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to Proclaim Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Senior Corps AmeriCorp Day in recognition for their services to our communities. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 7  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
AWARD PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS  
FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION  
AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION  
AND ENGINEERING FOR RESTORE  
ACT PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Grantworks, as the Grant Administrator to provide project related application preparation and implementation services related to Grant Administration from 2016-2021 RESTORE Act Projects. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of contract to provide Engineering Services related to the application on the drainage district related to the Delta Lake Jurisdiction lateral work drainage improvements to Guzman and Munoz, Heritage Center to Naismith Engineering and Fred Stone Park to LeFevre Engineering; contingent upon if there is a conflict of interest then we will move to the next engineering which is Fulcrum Engineering. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 8  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL OF  
RESIGNATION FROM JEREMY  
SORELLE AND APPROVE NEW  
HIRE OF LAWRENCE RABB AS  
BORDER PROSECUTOR EFFECTIVE  
MARCH 17, 2016

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of resignation from Jeremy Sorelle and approve new hire of Lawrence Rabb as Border Prosecutor effective March 17, 2016. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 9  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENT FOR THE PACE  
PROGRAM BETWEEN WILLACY  
COUNTY AND THE LOWER RIO  
GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Interlocal Agreement for The Pace Program between Willacy County and The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 10  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
APPROVING INTERLOCAL  
AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY  
OF RAYMONDVILLE AND DELTA  
LAKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN WILLACY COUNTY  
RESTORE ACT PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of Interlocal Agreements with the City of Raymondville and Delta Lake Drainage District for participation in Willacy County RESTORE Act Projects; contingent upon the County Attorney reviewing the Interlocal Agreement. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 11  
IN REGARDS TO DISCUSS THE  
WILLACY COUNTY COASTAL  
RESOURCE CENTER, AND POSSIBLY  
RECOMMEND AND APPROVE THE  
SELECTION OF THE CONTRACTOR  
FOR THE PROJECT

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to allow Naismith to negotiate with G & G Contractor to bring down the cost within the budget. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12  
DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL  
NEEDED TO REMOVE OLD CARPET  
IN THE HALLWAY AND FRONT  
OFFICES FOR THE SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE AND REPLACE IT WITH  
COMMERCIAL TILE, TO COME  
OUT OF THEIR DEPARTMENT  
BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to remove old carpet in the hallway and front offices for the Sheriff's Office and replace it with commercial tile, to come out of their department budget. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 13  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE COST INCREASE  
DUE TO RELOCATION OF SAFE  
ROOM-SHELTER

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of relocation of Safe Room to include the additional cost of \$137,500.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna and Serrato voting AYE. Commissioner Gonzales voting NAY. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

As per the Chairman, this item was put inadvertently on the Agenda.

Agenda # 15  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

As per the Chairman, this item was put inadvertently on the Agenda.

Agenda # 16  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

As per the Chairman, this item was put inadvertently on the Agenda.

Agenda # 17  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

As per the Chairman, this item was put inadvertently on the Agenda.

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Agenda # 18  
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. D.A's Office, up to four (4) persons to Galveston, Texas on September 21-23, 2016.
2. D.A's Office, for one (1) person to Montgomery, Texas on November 30-December 2, 2016.

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

Agenda # 19  
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, 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, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.