

November 10, 2016

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 10th day of November, 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 6, 2016 Joint Meeting, October 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. ACTION REQUIRED
6. Spread in the minutes; Willacy County Building Inspector has completed 8 hours of TCEQ approved continuing education units in electrical wiring and connections.
7. Discussion and Action to approve the renewal of GlobaFone Satellite phone services agreement for EOC. ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to approve the 2017 Willacy County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to renew 3 year Contract with Unifirst for the County Maintenance Department. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to advertise for TCOLE Certified Solid Waste Dumpsite Patrol Position. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to approve or deny bid offers received for the properties struck off to Willacy County on Tax Resale May 3, 2016 for itself taxing jurisdictions. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action on Resolution to approve or deny the bid offers received on properties struck off to Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action on issuing a Proclamation in memory of Pablo G. Contreras, a Vietnam Veteran and recognize with honor his dedicated service to the U.S. Armed Service with the official name of the LaSara Community Park. ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to reappoint Jimmy Riggan to represent Willacy County on the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority Board to serve from 2015-2019. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Approval to accept caliche donation to Precincts 2,3 and 4 from Suemar Exploration from Corpus Christi, Texas. ACTION REQUIRED

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16. Approval for Travel & Training Reimbursement for jailers, funds need to be reimbursed back into the Sheriff's Department Commissary Fund for a total of \$600.00 dollars. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action to approve the Justice of the Peace to process citations and schedule hearings that are being issued by Port Mansfield's Navigation District newly formed Police Department. ACTION REQUIRED
18. Discussion and Action on issuing a Proclamation to honor the Centennial Celebration of the Bethal Lutheran Church in Lyford, Texas and its service through its congregation commitment and community service throughout the Rio Grande Valley. ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to approve County Judge to go before Raymondville City Commission to request the removing of a no parking space that was recently designated in front of the Tax Office. ACTION REQUIRED
20. Discussion and possible action on Change Order No. 1 for the street improvements project CDBG Contract #7215511. POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED
21. Approval to donate used vehicle and law enforcement equipment to Sheriff's Department for law enforcement purposes. ACTION REQUIRED
22. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Approval of Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
27. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Adjourn.

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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,	ABSENT
Ida Martinez,	County Auditor,	
Lorena Cepeda,	County Clerk Deputy,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Sara A. Alvarado

Cynthia Ramos

Jose A. Salazar

Ben Vera

Juan Mijares

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) – None

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Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS
FOLLOWS; OCTOBER 6, 2016
JOINT MEETING, OCTOBER 13,
2016 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of previous minutes as follows; October 6, 2016 Joint Meeting, October 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. 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 # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES;
WILLACY COUNTY BUILDING
INSPECTOR HAS COMPLETED
8 HOURS OF TCEQ APPROVED
CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS
IN ELECTRICAL WIRING AND
CONNECTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval to spread in the minutes; Willacy County Building Inspector has completed 8 hours of TCEQ approved continuing education units in electrical wiring and connections. 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 APPROVE THE RENEWAL
OF GLOBAFONE SATELLITE
PHONE SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR EOC

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of the renewal of GlobaFone Satellite phone services agreement for EOC. 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
DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE THE 2017
WILLACY COUNTY RESOLUTION
FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENSE
GRANT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of the 2017 Willacy County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. 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 RENEW 3 YEAR CONTRACT
WITH UNIFIRST FOR THE COUNTY
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to renew 3 year contract with Unifirst for the County Maintenance Department. 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 TO
ADVERTISE FOR TCOLE CERTIFIED
SOLID WASTE DUMPSITE PATROL
POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to advertise for TCOLE Certified Solid Waste Dumpsite Patrol Position. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE OR DENY BID
OFFERS RECEIVED FOR THE
PROPERTIES STRUCK OFF
TO WILLACY COUNTY ON
TAX RESALE MAY 3, 2016
FOR ITSELF TAXING JURISDICTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of bid offers received for the properties struck off to Willacy County on Tax Resale May 3, 2016 for itself taxing jurisdictions. Property identified as Account # 15168. 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 ACTION
ON RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
OR DENY THE BID OFFERS
RECEIVED ON PROPERTIES
STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY
COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval on Resolution to approve or deny the bid offers received on properties struck off to Willacy County. 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 # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
ON ISSUING A PROCLAMATION
IN MEMORY OF PABLO G.
CONTRERAS, A VIETNAM
VETERAN AND RECOGNIZE
WITH HONOR HIS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE U.S. ARMED
SERVICE WITH THE OFFICIAL
NAME OF THE LASARA COMMUNITY
PARK

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval on issuing a proclamation in memory of Pablo G. Contreras, a Vietnam Veteran and recognize with honor his dedicated service to the U.S. Armed Service with the official name of the LaSara Community Park. 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 # 14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO REAPPOINT JIMMY
RIGGAN TO REPRESENT
WILLACY COUNTY ON
THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL
WATER AUTHORITY BOARD
TO SERVE FROM 2015-2019

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval to reappoint Jimmy Riggan to represent Willacy County on the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority Board to serve from 2015-2019. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 15
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
TO ACCEPT CALICHE
DONATION TO PRECINCTS
2, 3 AND 4 FROM SUEMAR
EXPLORATION FROM CORPUS
CHRISTI, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to accept caliche donation to Precinct 2, 3 and 4 from Suemar Exploration from Corpus Christi, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners Guerra, De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra steps out at 10:27 a.m. and does not vote on item # 16

Agenda # 16
APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL
& TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT
FOR JAILERS, FUNDS NEED TO
BE REIMBURSED BACK INTO
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COMMISARY FUND FOR A
TOTAL OF \$600.00 DOLLARS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of travel and training reimbursement for jailers, funds need to be reimbursed back into the Sheriff's Department Commissary Fund for a total of \$600.00 dollars. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Commissioners De Luna, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Guerra returns back to the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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Agenda # 17

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE THE JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE TO PROCESS
CITATIONS AND SCHEDULE
HEARINGS THAT ARE BEING
ISSUED BY PORT MANSFIELD'S
NAVIGATION DISTRICT NEWLY
FORMED POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 and Serrato voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
ON ISSUING A PROCLAMATION
TO HONOR THE CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION OF THE BEHTAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LYFORD,
TEXAS AND ITS SERVICE THROUGH
IT'S CONGREGATION COMMITMENT
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGHOUT
THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval on issuing a Proclamation to honor the Centennial Celebration of the Bethal Lutheran Church in Lyford, Texas and its service through its congregation commitment and community service throughout the Rio Grande Valley. 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 # 19

DISCUSSION AND ACTION
TO APPROVE COUNTY JUDGE
TO GO BEFORE RAYMONDVILLE
CITY COMMISSION TO REQUEST
THE REMOVING OF A NO PARKING
SPACE THAT WAS RECENTLY
DESIGNATED IN FRONT OF THE
TAX OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Serrato, seconded by Commissioner De Luna for approval of County Judge to go before Raymondville City Commission to request the removing of a no parking space that was recently designated in front of the Tax Office. 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 # 20

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER
NO. 1 FOR THE STREET
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CDBG CONTRACT #7215511

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval on change order No. 1 for the street improvements project CDBG Contract # 7215511. 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 # 21

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
TO DONATE USED VEHICLE
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
EQUIPMENT TO SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval to donate used vehicle and law enforcement equipment to Sheriff's Department for law enforcement purposes. 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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Commissioner Guerra steps out at 11:08 a.m. and does not vote on item # 22

Agenda # 22

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Commissioner Guerra returns back to the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Agenda # 23

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Serrato for approval of Treasurer's Report 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.

Agenda # 24

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales for approval of Tax Collector's Report 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.

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Agenda # 25

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, 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, Serrato and Gonzales voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 26

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. D.A.'s Office for one (1) person to Montgomery, Texas on November 29, - December 2, 2016.
2. Justice of The Peace, Judge Silva Jr. to Galveston, Texas on December 4 – 7, 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 # 27

IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, 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.

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Motion was made by Commissioner De Luna, seconded by Commissioner Serrato 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.