

August 1, 2023
Special Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 1st day of August, A.D., 2023 there was held a Special 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 Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra has successfully completed 9.00 hours of educational training and 4.00 hours of judicial training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 27-29, 2023.
7. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 2 Mario Tijerina has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 27-29, 2023.
8. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 3 Henry De La Paz has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 27-29, 2023.
9. Spread in the Minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 4 Ernesto Garcia has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio Texas on June 27-29, 2023.
10. Discussion on the concerns of roaming livestock in Willacy County.
11. Discussion and Action to approve Host Agency Agreement between Willacy County and AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Understand between the Lyford C.I.S.D. Police Department and the Willacy County Sheriffs Office. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action on Resolution Amendment approve for the FY2024 Local Border Security Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division to replace Grant Number 4773001 with 4492902. Signatory document (Resolution) is attached. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Action to approve purchasing school supplies from the Community Involvement Account #01-401-192 for "Christmas in August Back to School Event" on August 17, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to award contractor with the lowest bid for the TWDB FIF # 40101 Sebastian West Drainage Improvements Project. ACTION REQUIRED
16. Discussion and Action to consider approving funding to be expensed from Capital Fund 02 for MANDATORY travel and training, other than local travel and training. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action on North Alamo Water requesting permission to install a new service line. Location of proposed line side crossing is from the C.L. of FM 88 and CR 2800, go east 2000-feet on the south side. 40-foot Right of Way, 2-inch PVC casing with 3/4-inch meter service to a 1 1/2-inch water line. (Precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action to approve final plat for Dos Lupes Subdivision. A twenty-four lot subdivision in Sebastian, Tx. The tract is more specifically located South of E. Pauline Street, East of Coast Ave. & North of E. 8th Street. (Precinct 4) ACTION REQUIRED
19. Discussion and Action to approve Family Partition of the land of Orlando Lee Gonzales. A two (2) tract Family Partition located on the S.E. corner of intersection of Simo RD (CR 215) & Poinciana Rd (CR 1400) (Precinct 4). ACTION REQUIRED
20. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (A) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and/or negotiations involving the county, its employees, or its interests, pursuant to VTCA Government Code, Section 551.071.
 - (B) Confer with Commissioners Court legal counsel on potential litigation regarding the planned subdivision of the Willacy County Navigation District, pursuant to VTCA Government Code, Section 551.071.
22. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (A) Possible Action.
 - (B) Possible Action.
23. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:
PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,
Eliberto Guerra,
Mario Tijerina,
Henry De La Paz,
Ernesto Garcia,
Annette Hinojosa,
Rebeca Saenz,
Elizabeth Rios,

County Judge,
Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Commissioner, Precinct 4,
County Attorney,
County Auditor's First Assistant,
County Chief Deputy Clerk,

Arrives at 2:09 p.m.

ABSENT

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Rebeca Saenz
Sarah Salas
Paola Cepeda

1. Call to Order – Presiding Chairman Commissioner Eliberto Guerra
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. – **ABSENT**
3. Pledge / Invocation – Commissioner Henry De La Paz
4. Public Comments – None.

Agenda # 5
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

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

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Agenda # 6
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY JUDGE AURELIO
GUERRA HAS SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED 9.00 HOURS OF
EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND 4.00
HOURS OF JUDICIAL TRAINING AT
THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES
AND COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL
CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS ON JUNE 27-29, 2023

As per the Presiding Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Judge Aurelio Guerra has successfully completed 9.00 hours of educational training and 4.00 hours of judicial training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 27-29, 2023.

Agenda # 7
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2 MARIO TIJERINA HAS
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 13.00
HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
AT THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY
JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL
CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
ON JUNE 27-29, 2023

As per the Presiding Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 2 Mario Tijerina has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 27-29, 2023.

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Agenda # 8
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3 HENRY DE LA PAZ HAS
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 13.00
HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
AT THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY
JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS ON JUNE 27-29,
2023

As per the Presiding Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 3 Henry De La Paz has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 27-29, 2023.

Agenda # 9
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –
WILLACY COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 4 ERNESTO GARCIA HAS
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 13.00
HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
AT THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY
JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS ON JUNE 27-29, 2023

As per the Presiding Chairman, spread in the minutes – Willacy County Commissioner Precinct 4 Ernesto Garcia has successfully completed 13.00 hours of educational training at the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 27-29, 2023.

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Agenda # 10
DISCUSSION ON THE CONCERNS
OF ROAMING LIVESTOCK IN
WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to pass on this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 11
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE HOST AGENCY
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLACY
COUNTY AND AARP FOUNDATION
FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY
SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to Host Agency Agreement between Willacy County and AARP Foundation for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 12
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
LYFORD C.I.S.D. POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND THE WILLACY
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Lyford C.I.S.D. Police Department and the Willacy County Sheriff's Office. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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County Judge, Aurelio Guerra, Jr. arrives at the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Agenda # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
RESOLUTION AMENDMENT
APPROVE FOR THE FY2024 LOCAL
BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM OUT
OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, HOMELAND
SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION TO
REPLACE GRANT NUMBER 4773001
WITH 4492902. SIGNATORY DOCUMENT
(RESOLUTION) IS ATTACHED

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Resolution Amendment approve for the FY 2024 Local Border Security Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division to replace Grant Number 4773001 with 4492902. Signatory document (Resolution) is attached. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 14
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE PURCHASING SCHOOL
SUPPLIES FROM THE COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER
01-401-192 FOR "CHRISTMAS IN
AUGUST BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT"
ON AUGUST 17, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of purchasing giveaway items to participate in the "Christmas in August Back to School Event" on August 17th, 2023 with the General Fund Community Involvement budget line item not to exceed \$500.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to amend the amount from \$500.00 to \$700.00, not to exceed \$700.00. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios steps out of the meeting at 2:30 p.m.; County Clerk, Susana R. Garza takes over taking the minutes.

Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios returns back to the meeting at 2:37 p.m. and continues taking the minutes.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and returns back at 2:42 p.m.

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Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
AWARD CONTRACTOR WITH
THE LOWEST BID FOR THE
TWDB FIF NUMBER 40101
SEBASTIAN WEST DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to award contractor with the lowest bid for the TWDB FIF Number 40101 Sebastian West Drainage Improvements Project to Texas Cordia Construction, LLC in the amount of \$3,681,180.90 for base bid only. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER APPROVING FUNDING
TO BE EXPENSED FROM CAPITAL
FUND 02 FOR MANDATORY TRAVEL
AND TRAINING, OTHER THAN LOCAL
TRAVEL AND TRAINING

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of mandatory travel and training, other than local travel and training, from Capital Fund 02 for a max amount of \$7,060.00. A Budget Amendment would follow. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
NORTH ALAMO WATER REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO INSTALL A NEW
SERVICE LINE. LOCATION OF PROPOSED
LINE SIDE CROSSING IS FROM THE
C.L. OF FM 88 AND CR 2800, GO EAST
2000-FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE. 40-FEET
RIGHT OF WAY, 2-INCH PVC CASING WITH
3/4-INCH METER SERVICE TO A 1 1/2-INCH
WATER LINE. (PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of North Alamo Water requesting permission to install a new service line. Location of proposed line side crossing is from the C.L. of FM 88 and CR 2800, go east 2000-feet on the south side. 40 feet Right of Way, 2-inch PVC casing with 3/4-inch meter service to a 1 1/2-inch water line. (Precinct 1). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and returns back at 2:49 p.m.

Agenda # 18
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR DOS
LUPES SUBDIVISION. A TWENTY-
FOUR LOT SUBDIVISION IN SEBASTIAN,
TEXAS. THE TRACT IS MORE SPECIFICALLY
LOCATED SOUTH OF E. PAULINE STREET,
EAST OF COAST AVE. & NORTH OF E.
8TH STREET. (PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Final Plat for Dos Lupes Subdivision, a twenty-four lot subdivision in Sebastian, Texas. The tract is more specifically located South of E. Pauline Street, East of Coast Ave. and North of E. 8th Street. (Precinct 4). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE FAMILY PARTITION
OF THE LAND OF ORLANDO LEE
GONZALES. A TWO (2) TRACT
FAMILY PARTITION LOCATED ON
THE S.E. CORNER OF INTERSECTION
OF SIMO RD (CR 215) AND POINCIANA
RD (CR 1400) (PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Family Partition of the land of Orlando Lee Gonzales. A two (2) tract Family Partition located on the S.E. Corner of intersection of Simo RD (CR 215) and Poinciana RD (CR 1400). (Precinct 4). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that the following travel requests be approved:

1. Sheriff's Department, two (2) Investigators to Brownsville, Texas on August 28-30, 2023 (to be paid out of Fund 35).
2. Auditor's Office, for County Auditor and two (2) First Assistants to Uvalde, Texas on August 1, 2023 funded from Auditor's Travel and Training Budget.
3. Auditor's Office, for County Auditor and First Assistants to Laredo, Texas on August 9, 2023. County Auditor and First Assistant to Laredo, Texas on August 10, 2023 – two (2) First Assistants funded from Auditor' Travel and Training Budget.
4. Auditor's Office, County Auditor and First Assistant to San Marcos, Texas on August 14-16, 2023 funded from Auditor's Travel and Training Budget.

Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 21

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS
COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED
LITIGATION AND/OR NEGOTIATIONS
INVOLVING THE COUNTY, ITS EMPLOYEES,
OR ITS INTERESTS, PURSUANT TO VTCA
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT
LEGAL COUNSEL ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION
REGARDING THE PLANNED SUBDIVISION OF
THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT,
PURSUANT TO VTCA GOVERNMENT CODE,
SECTION 551.071

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 3:14 p.m. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 22

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

- (A) POSSIBLE ACTION
- (B) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to take no action. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Adjourned. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.