

September 7, 2023

Budget Workshop

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 7th day of September, A.D., 2023 there was held a Budget Workshop 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. Budget Workshop.
4. Adjourn

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,
Susana R. Garza,	County Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Frances L. Najera

Also present are:

District Judge, Adolfo Cordova

Sheriff Jose Salazar

Justice of the Peace Judge, Juan Salinas

Justice of the Peace Judge, Rodolfo Cantu

Constable Ben Vera

Justice of the Peace Judge, Jessica Rosas

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1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – **All Present**

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IN REGARDS TO
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chairman Guerra, proceeds with the Budget Workshop. Discussion continues on reference to the Budget for the following:

Sheriff's Department:

Discussion on reference to the Deputy Positions and Jail Positions. The recommendation is to transfer from Deputy Positions to Jail Department.

Commissioner Eliberto Guerra recommends that a company should be hire to transport the Inmate Food in order to reduce the overtime.

District Judge:

District Judge, Adolfo Cordova is requesting a full-time position for one (1) Bailiff for District Court.

Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Salazar, comments if the Court would consider reduction on the Constable positions from four (4) to three (3). Since, there is only three (3) Justice of the Peace Judges.

Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 11:11 a.m. and returns back at 11:12 a.m.

Commissioner Ernesto Garcia asks the Sheriff how many individuals he has assigned to Courthouse Security. Sheriff Salazar, answers he has three (3) deputies.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 11:29 a.m. and returns back at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Guerra, states moving three (3) positions from the Sheriff's Department. Then the Jail Department will have two (2) additional positions to have a total of 19 positions and adding one (1) position for Bailiff District Court Security (already has the position which is a stipend for Cameron County Bailiff for mileage).

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Chairman Guerra, mentioned to discuss a Department created a while back that is funded 80% Hotel/Motel and 20% County, which is the Community Development Specialist. Court agrees for a \$5,000.00 salary increase for the Department Head effective October 1, 2023.

Chairman Guerra, discusses about the SB 22 for January 2024.

County Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios arrives at the meeting at 11:55 a.m. and continues taking the Commissioners Court Minutes.

County/District Attorney's Office:

Discussion with County/District Attorney, Annette Hinojosa regarding her \$5,000.00 salary increase. Court agrees for Mrs. Hinojosa to discuss this with County Auditor, Maria Del Carmen Maldonado to add to her General Fund.

Administration:

Chairman Guerra, discusses about the following:

Travel and Training increase to \$69,000.00

Community Involvement increase to \$1,210.00 in General Fund

Awards Account Number 401-145 increase to \$5,660.00

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

There being no further action.

Court Adjourned.