

**FRIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR
April 6TH, 2020**

On the 6th day of April, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners Court of Frio County met in a regular meeting with the following members either absent or present, to-wit: Arnulfo C. Luna, Frio County Judge was present; Vicki Camacho, Commissioner Pct 1 present; Richard "Dicki" Graf, Commissioner Pct 2 present; Ruben Maldonado, Commissioner Pct 3 present; Jose Asuncion, Commissioner Pct 4 present; Joseph A. Sindon, Legal Counsel for Frio County Commissioners Court present; and Aaron Ibarra, Frio County Clerk present when the following meeting was held, to-wit:

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Adopt Agenda
Motion by: Commissioner Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Camacho
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- III. Old Business: **None**

PRESENTATION

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- IV. General Discussion: **None**
- V. Citizens To Be Heard: **None**
- VI. New Business

PRESENTATION

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- (1) Frio County Commissioners Court, requests:
 - 1.1 Open and hold public hearing on a request by Morrow Lake Solar, LLC for the designation of a contiguous land area in Frio County, Texas as a tax abatement reinvestment zone (the "Zone"), pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code and other authority.

Motion to open public hearing at 3:25 p.m.
Motion by: Commissioner Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Camacho
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried
 - 1.2 Close Public Hearing.

Motion to close public hearing at 3:39 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Camacho

Seconded by: Commissioner Graf

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- 1.3 Consider/take action on an order authorizing the Morrow Lake Solar RZ Reinvestment Zone (Morrow Lake Solar, LLC Solar Project) (Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312).

- 1.4 Consider/take action on an order authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Morrow Lake Solar, LLC (Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312, as seen below and as originally posted on March 26, 2020, and approving an Agreement for Payment of Review and Development Expenses Incurred by Frio County for the Morrow Lake Solar, LLC Solar Project.

**FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

On Monday, May 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm, the Commissioners Court of Frio County (the "County") shall hold its regular public meeting in the Frio County Courtroom, Frio County Courthouse, 500 East San Antonio Street, Pearsall, Texas 78061. The agenda for this meeting will include discussion and consideration of approval of a tax abatement agreement pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code and other authority.

This proposed tax abatement agreement involves the following:

Applicant	Morrow Lake Solar, LLC
Property Owners	Keystone Ranch, David R. & Frankie Petty, Rodriguez Bros, Melinda Burford, Rollin and Dawn Mangold, Kube-Pearsall Ranch, Maria Medano, Daniel Pawlik, Ramon Saavedra, Rose Elizondo, Carlos Rendon, Jr., David Yanez, Merejildo Elizondo, and Juan Maldonado
Reinvestment Zone	Morrow Lake Solar RZ Reinvestment Zone* <i>*pending consideration by the Frio County Commissioners Court on April 6, 2020</i>
Location of Zone	Approximately 4,600 acres located north of Pearsall, Texas, east of IH 35, more particularly described as follows pursuant to the public records of the Frio County Appraisal District: Frio County Parcel ID 5833,5813, 5827, 5828, 4337, 10894, 5818, 5817, 13421, 18034, 12205, 14815, 12378, 13448, 5816, 7179, 1876, 5815, 21295, 12031, 23433, 12792, 12789, 14041, 12409, 13004, 14342, 17946, 14820, 17950, 20986, 14523, 14524, and 227
Description of Project and Improvements	A renewable energy generating facility with a total capacity of 200 MC-AC of solar, and may include battery storage

Estimated Cost of Improvements	\$190,000,000
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Motion to approve 1.3 and 1.4.
Motion by: Commissioner Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Maldonado
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(2) Frio County Commissioners Court, requests:

Discussion with the Frio County Sheriff regarding personnel issues and the status of the Frio County Jail.

(3) Hon. Arnulfo C. Luna, Frio County Judge, requests:

3.1 Consider/take action on extension of Declaration of Public Health Emergency, dated March 30, 2020, by Frio County Judge, Hon. Arnulfo C. Luna, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.108(b).

It was requested that they enter an executive session to discuss certain aspects of 3.1 Executive session began at 3:46 p.m.

**Motion to enter executive session by
Motion by: Commissioner Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Maldonado
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried**

3.2 If the court is unable to extend the Declaration due to Executive Order GA14, discussion regarding possible alternative measures to ensure public safety and wellbeing.

**Motion to return to regular session at 3:59 p.m.
Motion by: Commissioner Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Maldonado
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried**

The Commissioner's adopted a wait and see mentality as they decided to see how much the virus begins to impact the community, and to see what exactly they could do that wouldn't counter the executive orders issued by the Governor.

(4) Hon. Jose Asuncion, Frio County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, requests:

4.1 Presentation regarding Frio County Census Budget

4.2 Consider/take action on approving the budget and authorize expenditure according to that presented and approved budget.

**Motion to approve by: Commissioner Camacho
Seconded by: Commissioner Asuncion
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried**

- (5) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Update regarding bid opening for building improvements and ADA upgrades to the Frio County Dilley Annex.

An update was given of plans and bids given for the Dilley annex building.

- (6) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Update on status of hiring additional Frio County Building Maintenance Worker.

It was decided that all though the Commissioners had approved and allocated budget for an emergency worker to help sanitize the court house, at this time, one was not needed.

- (7) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Discussion regarding plan of action for re-opening of county buildings on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

The County Engineer spoke at length the measures, and equipment her and her staff will be implementing and employing to ensure the safety of Frio County employees returning to county offices and buildings.

- (8) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Consider/take action on approving a service request form for a preliminary energy assessment of Frio County Operations and Buildings through Texas Energy Engineering Services, Inc. which is contracted through the Texas Comptroller's State Energy Conservation Office to provide free engineering technical assistance services to Texas Counties.

Motion to approve by: Commissioner Graf

Seconded by: Commissioner Camacho

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- (9) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Consider/take action on selecting an engineering firm or multiple engineering forms from among those selected by the technical review committee, to assist the county with the following services: road, bridge, and transportation system assessment; prioritize construction and bridge repair needs; and prepare plans, specifications, estimates for the Frio County's Capital Road and Bridge Improvement Plan, and approve Hon. Arnulfo C. Luna, Frio County Judge, to begin negotiations with the selected firm(s).

Motion to approve by: Commissioner Graf

Seconded by: Commissioner Camacho

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- (10) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

Discussion regarding distribution of cleaning supplies and protective equipment.

The County Engineer informed the Commissioners of the extra hand sanitizer and PPE she purchased in order to ensure the safety of County Employees. It was decided that a sanitizing station would be placed at the front of the courthouse, and face masks would be provided to county employees. Also, the side entrances of the courthouse would no longer be used in order to limit the potential exposure of county employees to those that may be infected.

(11) Hon. Crystal Marquez, Frio County Auditor, requests:

11.1 Consider / take action to approve the budget amendments to the FY 2019-2020 Frio County Budget, as stated below:

DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	+ INCREASE (DECREASE)	= ADJUSTED BUDGET
100 - General Fund					
100 - Commissioners Court	100 - 52001.5510	Contingencies	633,564.04	(82,957.72)	550,606.32
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5107	Salaries - Jailers	464,053.24	56,375.67	520,428.91
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5131	Payroll Taxes	135,104.24	4,312.74	139,416.98
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5141	Group Insurance	392,092.92	13,677.66	405,770.58
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5151	Co. Retirement Contribution	163,008.12	5,203.47	168,211.59
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5156	County Retirement Supplement	6,887.67	219.87	7,107.54
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5161	Workers Comp Insurance	72,039.96	2,824.42	74,864.38
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5171	Unemployment	10,403.25	343.89	10,747.14

This entry is to record a budget amendment to increase expenses to the Sheriff's Office Budget.

11.2 If approved, sign budget amendment order stating same.

Item 11, and 13 would be voted on at the same time since the two items tie in to one another.

(12) Hon. Crystal Marquez, Frio County Auditor, requests:

12.1 Consider / take action to approve the budget amendments to the FY 2019-2020 Frio County Budget, as stated below:

DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	+ INCREASE (DECREASE)	= ADJUSTED BUDGET
100 - General Fund					
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5105	Salaries - Deputies	856,073.98	(6,583.30)	849,490.68
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5105	Salaries - Deputy # 4 Lieutenant	51,493.30	(6,583.30)	44,910.00
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5131	Payroll Taxes	139,416.98	(503.62)	138,913.36
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5151	Co. Retirement Contribution	168,211.59	(607.64)	167,603.95
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5156	County Retirement Supplement	7,107.54	(25.67)	7,081.87
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5161	Workers Comp Insurance	74,864.38	(329.82)	74,534.56
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5171	Unemployment	10,747.14	(40.16)	10,706.98
100 - Commissioners Court	100 - 52001.5510	Contingencies	550,606.32	8,090.21	558,696.53

This entry is to record a budget amendment to reduce expenses to the Sheriff's Office Budget.

12.2 If approved, sign budget amendment order stating same.

**Motion to approve by: Commissioner Graf
 Seconded by: Commissioner Maldonado
 Voted Aye: All Motion Carried**

(13) Hon. Crystal Marquez, Frio County Auditor, requests:

13.1 Consider / take action to approve the budget amendments to the FY 2019-2020 Frio County Budget, as stated below:

DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	+ INCREASE (DECREASE)	= ADJUSTED BUDGET
100 - General Fund					
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5141	Group Insurance	85,717.62	320,052.66	405,770.28
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5151	Co. Retirement Contribution	140,307.71	27,903.88	168,211.59
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5156	County Retirement Supplement	72,259.83	(65,152.29)	7,107.54
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5161	Workers Comp Insurance	173,928.66	(99,064.28)	74,864.38
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5171	Unemployment	72,383.85	(61,636.71)	10,747.14

13.2 If approved, sign budget amendment order stating same.

Motion to approve 11, and 13 by: Commissioner Camacho

Seconded by: Commissioner Graf

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(14) Hon. Arnulfo C. Luna, Frio County Judge, requests:

Consider/take action on selling all of Frio County's surplus Personal Protective Equipment to the Frio County Hospital District.

No action was done on this item at this time.

(15) Documents (resolutions, orders, contracts, etc.) to be signed.

Documents Signed

(16) Allow bills payable

Bills Paid

(17) Adjourn

Motion to approve by: Commissioner Graf

Seconded by: Commissioner Camacho

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

Approved:

Attest:
