

January 26, 2023

Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2023 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. Spread in the Minutes – District Court of Willacy County, Texas Order Appointing County Auditor of Accounts and Finances of Willacy County, Texas.
6. Spread in the Minutes – Jose Cabrerra attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention training on 1/10/23 in Harlingen TX. and received up to 2 In-Service credit hours.
7. Spread in the Minutes – Gilbert Vela attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention training on 1/10/23 in Harlingen TX and received up to 2 In-Service credit hours.
8. Spread in the Minutes – Ernesto Aguirre attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention training on 1/10/23 in Harlingen, TX and received 2 In-Service credit hours.
9. Spread in the Minutes – Adolfo Mata received 2.4 CEU's Certificate of Completion in Troubleshooting AC Electrical Circuits in San Antonio Tx on Jan 15-18, 2023.
10. Spread in the Minutes – Ernesto Garcia has completed a course of training on the Texas Public Information Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 552.012 on January 11, 2023.
11. Spread in the Minutes – Ernesto Garcia has completed a course of training on the Texas Open Meetings Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 551.005 on January 11, 2023.
12. Spread in the Minutes – Commissioner Ernesto Garcia has successfully completed 20.50 hours of Educational Training for 2023 Seminar for Newly elected Judges and Commissioners, College Station TX.
13. Spread in the Minutes – Mario Tijerina Comm. PCT 2 has successfully completed 20.50 hours of Educational Training at the 2023 Seminar for Newly Elected Judges and Commissioners at College Station TX on January 10-13, 2023.

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14. Spread in the Minutes – Mario Tijerina Comm Precinct 2 has completed a course of training on the Texas Open Meetings Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 551.005 and training on the Texas Public Information Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 552.012 effective January 11, 2023.
15. Discussion and Action to approve a Family Partition of the lands of Carlos Armando Garza-Cuellar and Norma Elizabeth Garza located at 11921 Marina Road Raymondville TX 78580 (Precinct 4). ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discussion and Action to approve ROW permit for NAW permission to install new water meter, location of proposed line side service is approximately 650-feet South from the SW corner of CR 3300 and CR 315. 3/4-inch water meter to a 2-inch water line. on the west side of CR 315. R.O.W. 40-feet. (Precinct 2). ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action to request for Maria Del Carmen Maldonado's Vacation and Compensatory Time to be paid out. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Action for Road and Bridge Precinct 4 to accept quotes from vendors for employee monthly uniforms. ACTION REQUIRED.
19. Discussion and Action to approve road name change in Pct. 1 County Private road 4100 to be changed to Hacienda La Esperanza Road, 18301 Expressway. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discussion and Possible Action to pre-purchase energy after the expiration of the current electric light contract. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution of Texas Indigent Defense Commission – Grant Award FY2023 Sustainability Grant #SG-23-013. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Discussion and Action to approve Resolution of Texas Indigent Defense Commission – Grant Award FY2022 Improvement Grant – Pandemic Backlog Reduction Grant# PB-22-245. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Discussion and Possible Action to approve creating a 501C3 with the Reber Memorial Public Library. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Discussion and Action to approve Contract with County Elections Officer and City of Raymondville. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Discussion and Action to approve connecting power to the old Sierra Title building considered to be donated by the City of Raymondville to Willacy County, Building is located at 565 W. Hidalgo Ave. Raymondville TX. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Discussion and Action to approve renewal and payment of non-commercial political license for Mario Tijerina. ACTION REQUIRED.

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27. Discussion and Action on Approval to increase the Assistant Librarians annual salary with the amount of \$3094.00 in salaries and \$505 in fringes funded from the Reber Memorial Trust (Fund 44) starting the payroll week of January 28, 2023 and contingent upon available funds. ACTION REQUIRED.
28. Discussion and Action on Approval of Resolution supporting legislative action to eliminate the duplication tax created by South Texas ISD in Willacy County. ACTION REQUIRED.
29. Discussion and Action to consider to appoint a Willacy County Representative to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Stormwater Task Force. ACTION REQUIRED.
30. Discussion and Action to recommend individual for appointment to the TWDB Region 15 Flood Planning Region Committee. ACTION REQUIRED.
31. Discussion and Action to approve Memorandum of Agreement between the LRGV Stormwater Task Force and Willacy County for a Regional Watershed Coordinator, funded via a partnership with Hidalgo County and Cameron County. ACTION REQUIRED.
32. Discussion and Action on Willacy County Constable Office Pct. 4 requesting financial assistance with purchasing two ballistic vests to be used by Constable Jose Alberto Garza and Deputy Constable Alberto Oviedo Jr. ACTION REQUIRED.
33. Discussion and Action to approve Willacy County Constable's Office PCT 4 to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division Local Border Security Program FY2024. ACTION REQUIRED.
34. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Constables office PCT 4 to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program FY2024. ACTION REQUIRED.
35. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Constables office PCT 4 to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division Criminal Justice Grant FY2024. ACTION REQUIRED.
36. Discussion and Action on request Rental of PO Box for Constable PCT 4 mail, due to no mail delivery in Sebastian, if approved, need a budget amendment to expense from 01-423-210. ACTION REQUIRED.
37. Discussion and Action to approve utilizing line item 01-423-210 rentals not budgeted. A budget amendment would follow to move funds to this account. ACTION REQUIRED.
38. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. ACTION REQUIRED.

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39. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Criminal Justice Grant Program of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. ACTION REQUIRED.
40. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. ACTION REQUIRED.
41. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded accept funding from the FY2024 Local Border Security Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division. ACTION REQUIRED.
42. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division General Victim Assistance Grant Program, FY2024. ACTION REQUIRED.
43. Discussion and Action to approve the Willacy County Sheriffs Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. ACTION REQUIRED.
44. Discussion and Action of Proclamation to recognize February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. ACTION REQUIRED.
45. Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grant funds for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2023-2024, and approve Resolution thereof. ACTION REQUIRED.
46. Authorization for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grant funds for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2023-2024, and approve Resolution thereof. ACTION REQUIRED.
47. Discussion and Action to approve Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Zapata County and Willacy County for 2022 TxCDBG Colonia Fund Planning & Needs Assessment. ACTION REQUIRED.
48. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
49. Approval of Quarterly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
50. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.

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51. 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.

52. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) possible action

53. Adjourn.

THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	
Eliberto Guerra,	Commissioner, Precinct 1,	
Mario Tijerina,	Commissioner, Precinct 2,	<b>Absent</b>
Henry De La Paz,	Commissioner, Precinct 3,	
Ernesto Garcia,	Commissioner, Precinct 4,	
Annette Hinojosa,	County Attorney,	
Maria Del Carmen Maldonado,	County Auditor,	
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,	

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

Kimberly Simmons	Lucio
Sofia Soliz	Viola Vela
Augusto Sanchez	Kristin Brown
James Ramirez	Albert Byrom
Juan Galvan	Laura Montes

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

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Agenda # 5

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
DISTRICT COURT OF WILLACY COUNTY,  
TEXAS ORDER APPOINTING COUNTY  
AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS AND  
FINANCES OF WILLACY COUNTY,  
TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of spread in the minutes – District Court of Willacy County, Texas Order Appointing County Auditor of Accounts and Finances of Willacy County, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 6

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
JOSE CABRERA ATTENDED THE  
PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
AND DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING  
ON JANUARY 10, 2023 IN HARLINGEN,  
TEXAS AND RECEIVED UP TO 2 IN-SERVICE  
CREDIT HOURS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Jose Cabrera attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Training on January 10, 2023 in Harlingen, Texas and received up to 2 in-service credit hours.

Agenda # 7

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
GILBERT VELA ATTENDED THE  
PIPELINE EMERGENCY REPOSE  
AND DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING  
ON JANUARY 10, 2023 IN HARLINGEN,  
TEXAS AND RECEIVED UP TO 2 IN-SERVICE  
CREDIT HOURS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Gilbert Vela attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Training on January 10, 2023 in Harlingen, Texas and received up to 2 in-service credit hours.

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Agenda # 8  
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
ERNESTO AGUIRRE ATTENDED THE  
PIPELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
AND DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING  
ON JANUARY 10, 2023 IN HARLINGEN,  
TEXAS AND RECEIVED 2 IN-SERVICE  
CREDIT HOURS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Ernesto Aguirre attended the Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Training on January 10, 2023 in Harlingen, Texas and received 2 in-service credit hours.

Agenda # 9  
SPREAD IN THE MINTUES –  
ADOLFO MATA RECEIVED 2.4  
CEU'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION  
IN TROUBLESHOOTING AC ELECTRICAL  
CIRCUITS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON  
JANUARY 15-18, 2023.

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Adolfo Mata received 2.4 CEU's Certificate of Completion in Troubleshooting AC Electrical Circuits in San Antonio, Texas on January 15-18, 2023.

Agenda # 10  
SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
ERNESTO GARCIA HAS COMPLETED  
A COURSE OF TRAINING ON THE  
TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT  
THAT SATISFIES THE LEGAL  
REQUIREMENTS OF GOVERNMENT  
CODE, SECTION 552.012 ISSUED  
EFFECTIVE THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY  
2023

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Ernesto Garcia has completed a course of training on the Texas Public Information Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 552.012 issued effective this 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023.

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Agenda # 11

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
ERNESTO GARCIA HAS COMPLETED  
A COURSE OF TRAINING ON THE  
TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT THAT  
SATISFIES THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS  
OF GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION  
551.005 ON JANUARY 11, 2023

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Ernesto Garcia has completed a course of training on the Texas Open Meetings Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 551.005 on January 11, 2023.

Agenda # 12

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
COMMISSIONER ERNESTO GARCIA  
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED  
20.50 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL  
TRAINING FOR 2023 SEMINAR FOR  
NEWLY ELECTED JUDGES AND  
COMMISSIONERS, COLLEGE STATION,  
TEXAS

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Commissioner Ernesto Garcia has successfully completed 20.50 hours of Educational Training for 2023 Seminar for Newly Elected Judges and Commissioners, College Station, Texas.

Agenda # 13

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
MARIO TIJERINA COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT 2 HAS SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETED 20.50 HOURS OF  
EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AT THE  
2023 SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED  
JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS AT  
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS ON JANUARY  
10-13, 2023

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Mario Tijerina Commissioner Precinct 2 has successfully completed 20.50 hours of Educational Training at the 2023 Seminar for Newly Elected Judges and Commissioners at College Station, Texas on January 10-13, 2023.



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Agenda # 14

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
MARIO TIJERINA COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT 2 HAS COMPLETED A  
COURSE OF TRAINING ON THE TEXAS  
OPEN MEETINGS ACT THAT SATISFIES  
THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF  
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.005  
AND TRAINING ON THE TEXAS PUBLIC  
INFORMATION ACT THAT SATISFIES  
THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF  
GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 552.012  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2023

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Mario Tijerina Commissioner Precinct 2 has completed a course of training on the Texas Open Meetings Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 551.005 and training on the Texas Public Information Act that satisfies the legal requirements of Government Code, Section 552.012 effective January 11, 2023.

Agenda # 15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE A FAMILY PARTITION OF  
THE LANDS OF CARLOS ARMANDO  
GARZA-CUELLAR AND NORMA  
ELIZABETH GARZA LOCATED AT 11921  
MARINA ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE,  
TEXAS 78580 (PRECINCT 4)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of Family Partition of the lands of Carlos Armando Garza-Cuellar and Norma Elizabeth Garza located at 11921 Marina Road, Raymondville, Texas 78580 (Precinct 4). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 16  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE ROW PERMIT FOR NAW  
PERMISSION TO INSTALL NEW WATER  
METER, LOCATION OF PROPOSED LINE  
SIDE SERVICE IS APPROXIMATELY 650-  
FEET SOUTH FROM THE SW CORNER OF  
CR 3300 AND CR 315. 3/4-INCH WATER  
METER TO A 2-INCH WATER LINE, ON THE  
WEST SIDE OF CR 315 R.O.W. 40- FEET  
(PRECINCT 2)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of ROW Permit for NAW permission to install new water meter, location of proposed line side service is approximately 650-feet South from the SW Corner of CR 3300 and CR 315. 3/4-inch water meter to a 2-inch water line on the west side of CR 315 R.O.W. 40-feet (Precinct 2). Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 17  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REQUEST FOR MARIA DEL CARMEN  
MALDONADO'S VACATION AND  
COMPENSATORY TIME TO BE PAID OUT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Maria Del Carmen Maldonado's vacation and compensatory time to be paid out. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 18  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR  
ROAD AND BRIDGE PRECINCT 4  
TO ACCEPT QUOTES FROM  
VENDORS FOR EMPLOYEE  
MONTHLY UNIFORMS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for Road and Bridge Precinct 4 to accept quotes from vendors for employee monthly uniforms. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 19

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE ROAD NAME CHANGE  
IN PRECINCT 1 COUNTY PRIVATE  
ROAD 4100 TO BE CHANGED TO  
HACIENDA LA ESPERANZA ROAD,  
18301 EXPRESSWAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of road name change in Precinct 1 County Private Road 4100 to be changed to Hacienda La Esperanza Road, 18301 Expressway. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 20

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
TO PRE-PURCHASE ENERGY AFTER  
THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT  
ELECTRIC LIGHT CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to pre-purchase energy after the expiration of the current electric light contract. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 21

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RESOLUTION OF  
TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE  
COMMISSION – GRANT AWARD  
FY2023 SUSTAINABILITY GRANT  
NUMBER SG-23-013

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Resolution of Texas Indigent Defense Commission – Grant Award FY2023 Sustainability Grant Number SG-23-013. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 22  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RESOLUTION OF  
TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE  
COMMISSION – GRANT AWARD  
FY2022 IMPROVEMENT GRANT –  
PANDEMIC BACKLOG REDUCTION  
GRANT NUMBER PB-22-245

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Resolution of Texas Indigent Defense Commission – Grant Award FY2022 Improvement Grant – Pandemic Backlog Reduction Grant Number PB-22-245. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Move to item number 28.**

Agenda # 23  
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE  
ACTION TO APPROVE CREATING  
A 501C3 WITH THE REBER MEMORIAL  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

**Move to item number 27.**

Agenda # 24  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE CONTRACT WITH  
COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICER  
AND CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Contract with County Elections Officer and City of Raymondville. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 25  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE CONNECTING POWER  
TO THE OLD SIERRA TITLE BUILDING  
CONSIDERED TO BE DONATED BY  
THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO  
WILLACY COUNTY, BUILDING IS  
LOCATED AT 565 W. HIDALGO  
AVE., RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of connecting power to the old Sierra Title Building considered to be donated by the City of Raymondville to Willacy County, building is located at 565 W. Hidalgo Ave., Raymondville, Texas. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 26  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE RENEWAL AND PAYMENT  
OF NON-COMMERCIAL POLITICAL  
LICENSE FOR MARIO TIJERINA

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of renewal and payment of non-commercial political license for Mario Tijerina. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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**Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 12:33 p.m. and returns back at 12:34 p.m.**

**Move to item number 29.**

Agenda # 27  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE  
ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS ANNUAL  
SALARY WITH THE AMOUNT OF  
\$3,094.00 IN SALARIES AND  
\$505.00 IN FRINGES FUNDED  
FROM THE REBER MEMORIAL  
TRUST (FUND 44) STARTING THE  
PAYROLL WEEK OF JANUARY  
28, 2023 AND CONTINGENT UPON  
AVAILABLE FUNDS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of stipend to the Assistant Librarian in the amount of \$3,094.00 in salary and \$505.00 in fringes to be paid from Fund 44, with monthly stipend for the next payroll and continuing upon funding availability from Fund 44 with Counsel's and Court's Annual Approval. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. Commissioner Guerra voting NAY. Motion was declared carried.

**Return back to item number 24.**

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and returns back at 11:07 a.m.**

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Agenda # 28  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
TO ELIMINIATE THE DUPLICATION  
TAX CREATED BY SOUTH TEXAS ISD  
IN WILLACY COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for no action taken on this item. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and returns back at 12:17 p.m.**

**Return back to item number 23.**

Agenda # 29  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
CONSIDER TO APPOINT A WILLACY  
COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE  
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
STORMWATER TASK FORCE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval to appoint Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia and Commissioner Precinct 2, Mario Tijerina to serve as an Alternate to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Stormwater Task Force. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 30  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR  
APPOINTMENT TO THE TWDB  
REGION 15 FLOOD PLANNING  
REGION COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Chairman Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to appoint Commissioner Precinct 4, Ernesto Garcia to the TWDB Region 15 Flood Planning Region Committee. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 1:17 p.m. and returns back at 1:19 p.m.**

Agenda # 31  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
LRGV STORMWATER TASK  
FORCE AND WILLACY COUNTY  
FOR A REGIONAL WATERSHED  
COORDINATOR, FUNDED VIA  
A PARTNERSHIP WITH HIDALGO  
COUNTY AND CAMERON COUNTY

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the LRGV Stormwater Task Force and Willacy County for a Regional Watershed Coordinator, funded via a partnership with Hidalgo County and Cameron County. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.



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Agenda # 32  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
WILLACY COUNTY CONSTABLE  
OFFICE PRECINCT 4 REQUESTING  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH  
PURCHASING TWO BALLISTIC  
VESTS TO BE USED BY CONSTABLE  
JOSE ALBERTO GARZA AND DEPUTY  
CONSTABLE ALBERTO OVIEDO, JR.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of the purchase of two (2) ballistic vests to be used by Constable Precinct 4, Jose Alberto Garza and Deputy Constable, Albert Oviedo, Jr., to obtain the difference from Capital Fund from the quote he has, not to exceed the amount of \$3,335.94. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 33  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
CONSTABLE'S OFFICE PRECINCT 4  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED,  
ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE, HOMELAND  
SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION LOCAL  
BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM  
FY2024

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of the Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 4 to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division Local Border Security Program FY2024 and to include the Resolution as provided in the packet. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 34  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
CONSTABLES OFFICE PRECINCT  
4 TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED,  
ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DIVISION RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY  
ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM  
FY2024

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for the Willacy County Constables Office Precinct 4 to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program FY2024 and to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 35  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
CONSTABLES OFFICE PRECINCT 4  
TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED,  
ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DIVISION CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT  
FY2024

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

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 36

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON  
REQUEST RENTAL OF PO BOX  
FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4  
MAIL, DUE TO NO MAIL DELIVERY  
IN SEBASTIAN, IF APPROVED, NEED  
A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO  
EXPENSE FROM 01-423-210

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Rental of PO Box for Constable Precinct 4 mail, due to no mail delivery in Sebastian, if approved, need a budget amendment to expense from 01-423-210. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 37

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE UTILIZING LINE ITEM  
01-423-210 RENTALS NOT  
BUDGETED. A BUDGET AMENDMENT  
WOULD FOLLOW TO MOVE FUNDS  
TO THIS ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of utilizing line item 01-423-210 rental not budgeted. A Budget Amendment would follow to move funds to this account. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Ernesto Garcia steps out of the meeting at 2:21 p.m. and returns back at 2:24 p.m.**

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 2:27 p.m. and returns back at 2:29 p.m.**

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 38

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE FY2024 PROJECT SAFE  
NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM  
OUT OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 39

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE FY2024 CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
GRANT PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNOR,  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Criminal Justice Grant Program of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Motion Amended:** Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 40  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE FY2024 RIFLE-RESISTANT  
BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM  
OUT OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division and to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 41  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE FY2024 LOCAL BORDER  
SECURITY PROGRAM OUT OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICE, HOMELAND SECURITY  
GRANTS DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded accept funding from the FY2024 Local Border Security Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grants Division and to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and returns back at 2:42 p.m.**

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 42  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE DIVISION GENERAL VICTIM  
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2024

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division General Victim Assistance Grant Program and to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 43  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE WILLACY COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR  
AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDING  
FROM THE FY2024 VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM  
OUT OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DIVISION

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of the Willacy County Sheriff's Office to apply for and if awarded, accept funding from the FY2024 Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program out of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division and to include Resolution. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz made the motion for item number 43, but leaves the meeting at 2:50 p.m. did not vote for this item.**

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 44

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF  
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE  
FEBRUARY 2023 AS TEEN DATING  
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Proclamation to recognize February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 45

IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION  
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT  
IF AWARDED, GRANT FUNDS FOR  
THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE DIRECT  
SERVICES PROGRAM THROUGH THE  
VICTIMS OF CRIME GRANT THROUGH  
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2023-2024, AND APPROVE  
RESOLUTION THEREOF

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grant funds for the Victims Assistance Direct Services Program through the Victims of Crime Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2023-2024, and approve Resolution thereof. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 46

IN REGARDS TO AUTHORIZATION  
FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT  
IF AWARDED, GRANT FUNDS FOR THE  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE  
AND TRAINING PROGRAM VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN GRANT THROUGH  
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND APPROVE  
RESOLUTION THEREOF

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval for the District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, grant funds for the Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program Violence Against Women Grant through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor for fiscal year 2023-2024, and approve Resolution thereof. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Agenda # 47

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION  
CONTRACT BETWEEN ZAPATA COUNTY  
AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR 2022  
TXCDBG COLONIA FUND PLANNING  
AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Zapata County and Willacy County for 2022 TxCDBG Colonia Fund Planning and Needs Assessment. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.



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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 48  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that the following travel requests be approved, as presented:

1. Justice of the Peace, Judge Rodolfo Cantu to Corpus Christi, Texas on March 5-8, 2023.
2. Extension Office, Georgina Macias to San Antonio, Texas on February 9-15, 2023.
3. Extension Office, Georgina Macias to San Antonio, Texas on February 20-26, 2023.
4. Road and Bridge Precinct 4 Employees, Gilbert Vela and Jose Cabrera to attend W.C. Argilife Extension Non-Commercial, Political CEU Training on January 30, 2023 at Reber Memorial Library.
5. Precinct 1 Road Maintenance, two (2) Employees to approve payment to attend the Willacy County Agrilife Extension Non-Commercial, Political CEU Training on January 30, 2023 at Reber Memorial Library.
6. Commissioner Precinct 2 and Road Maintenance Employee to approve payment to attend the Willacy County Agrilife Extension Non-Commercial, Political CEU Training on January 30, 2023 at Reber Memorial Library.
7. Precinct 3 Road Maintenance Employee to approve payment to attend the Willacy County Agrilife Extension Non-Commercial, Political CEU Training on January 30, 2023 at Reber Memorial Library.
8. Precinct 2 Road Maintenance/Foreman Lucio Esparza to Weslaco, Texas on March 7-9, 2023.
9. Sheriff's Office, one Deputy to Beaumont, Texas on February 21-22, 2023, to be paid out of Fund 35.
10. District Attorney's Office, Juan R. Mijares to South Padre Island, Texas on February 22-23, 2023.

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

Agenda # 49  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF QUARTERLY REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Quarterly Report, as presented. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Regular Meeting

Agenda # 50  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF CLAIMS

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

Agenda # 51  
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

Agenda # 52  
ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:  
(A.) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table items 51 and 52. Motion was put before the Court by the Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.