

March 23, 2023  
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 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. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
6. spread in the minutes – the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Willacy County Auditor's Office for its annual comprehensive financial report for the Fiscal Year ended Sept 30, 2021.
7. Spread in the Minutes – Henry De La Paz, Pct. 3 Commissioner has successfully completed the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Government Code 2022.
8. Discussion and Action to request permission to install a new water meter. Location of proposed line extension is from CR 65 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, go south 25-feet to the point of beginning of the 6-inch line extension of 800-feet, on the east side for a 3/4-inch water meter service. 4-inch water line will be placed on the 5-feet alignment of the 40-feet R.O.W., 4-feet deep. (Precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED.
9. Discussion and Action to request permission to approve a proposed two (2) tract Rocha Family Partition for the lands of Fabian G. Rocha & Maria C. Ramirez. Location is NE corner of Simo/Daisy Road (CR215) & Rancho Alegre Road (FM 506 E) intersection. (Precinct 4). ACTION REQUIRED.
10. Discussion and Action to request for permission to approve ROW to trench and install a water supply pipeline across Tropy Road (CR2500). Location is approximately 1200-feet West from intersection of Tamezville Road (CR 60 and Tropy Toad (CR 2500). Precinct 1). ACTION REQUIRED.
11. Discussion and Action to request permission to accept student internships from Lyford CISD through their Law Enforcement Practicum Course. ACTION REQUIRED.
12. Discussion and Action to approve 2023 City of San Perlita ISD School Board Elections to be held on May 6, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
13. Discussion and Action to approve 2023 City Elections for the City of Lyford to be held on May 6, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.

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14. Discussion and Action to approve the contract between Lyford CISD and County Elections Office for the conduct and supervision for the School Board Election on May 6, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED.
15. Discussion and Action to approve Willacy County Burn Ban. ACTION REQUIRED.
16. Discuss and Approve for VTX to add a 2nd phone line for the Inmate Holding Cell Fire Panel in the Courtroom to be in compliance with Jail Standards. ACTION REQUIRED.
17. Discussion and Action to open 10<sup>th</sup> Street West 1015 to CR 65 in Lasara Texas. ACTION REQUIRED.
18. Discussion and Consideration and possible action for Bond # PB01682900023 and Bond # pb01682900022 for Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector. ACTION OFFICE.
19. Discussion and Action to approve Proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, also requesting permission to place tent and use of courthouse lawn on April 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM. ACTION REQUIRED.
20. Discussion and Action to purchase 2 generators (1) one for Willacy County Tax Office building and (1) one for Server Room in County Administration to be purchased with AEP Grant funds not to exceed \$50,000.00. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Travel. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. 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.
23. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - (A) possible action
24. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,
Elberto 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's First Assistant,
Elizabeth Rios,	County Chief Deputy Clerk,

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

PERSONS VISITING THE COURT:

No one signed the sign in sheet.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Aurelio Guerra, Jr.
2. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum – **ALL PRESENT**
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 Chairman. Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Guerra, Tijerina, De La Paz and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

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Agenda # 6

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE  
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA (GFOA)  
HAS AWARDED THE CERTIFICATE  
OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN FINANCIAL REPORTING TO WILLACY  
COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR ITS  
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Willacy County Auditor's Office for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2021.

Agenda # 7

SPREAD IN THE MINUTES –  
HENRY DE LA PAZ, PRECINCT 3  
COMMISSIONER HAS SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETED THE CONTINUING  
EDUCATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE  
81.0025 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT  
CODE 2022

As per the Chairman, spread in the minutes – Henry De La Paz, Precinct 3 Commissioner has successfully completed the Continuing Education Provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Government Code 2022.

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Agenda # 8

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REQUEST PERMISSION TO INSTALL  
A NEW WATER METER. LOCATION  
OF PROPOSED LINE EXTENSION IS  
FROM CR 65 AND 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, GO  
SOUTH 25-FEET TO THE POINT OF  
BEGINNING OF THE 6-INCH LINE  
EXTENSION OF 800-FEET, ON THE  
EAST SIDE FOR A 3/4-INCH WATER  
METER SERVICE. 4-INCH WATER LINE  
WILL BE PLACED ON THE 5-FEET  
ALIGNMENT OF THE 40-FEET R.O.W.  
4-FEET DEEP. (PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of permission to install a new water meter. Location of proposed line extension is from CR 65 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, go south 25-feet to the point of beginning of the 6-inch line extension of 800-feet, on the east side for a 3/4-inch water meter service. 4-inch water line will be placed on the 5-feet alignment of the 40-feet R.O.W., 4-feet deep. (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.

Agenda # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REQUEST PERMISSION TO  
APPROVE A PROPOSED TWO (2)  
TRACT ROCHA FAMILY PARTITION  
FOR THE LANDS OF FABIAN G.  
ROCHA AND MARIA C. RAMIREZ.  
LOCATION IS NE CORNER OF SIMO/  
DAISY ROAD (CR 215) AND RANCHO  
ALEGRE ROAD (FM 506 E) INTERSECTION.  
PRECINCT 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of permission to approve a proposed two (2) tract Rocha Family Partition for the lands of Fabian G. Rocha and Maria C. Ramirez. Location is NE Corner of Simo/Daisy Road (CR215) and Rancho Alegre Road (FM 506 E. Intersection) (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.

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Agenda # 10  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO  
APPROVE ROW TO TRENCH AND  
INSTALL A WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE  
ACROSS TROPY ROAD (CR 2500).  
LOCATION IS APPROXIMATELY  
1200-FEET WEST FROM INTERSECTION  
OF TAMEZVILLE ROAD CR 60 AND TROPY  
ROAD (CR 2500) (PRECINCT 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of permission to approve ROW to trench and install a water supply pipeline across Tropy Road (CR 2500). Location is approximately 1200-feet West from intersection of Tamezville Road CR 60 and Tropy Road (CR 2500) (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.

Agenda # 11  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
REQUEST PERMISSION TO  
ACCEPT STUDENT INTERNSHIPS  
FROM LYFORD CISD THROUGH  
THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PRACTICUM COURSE

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of permission to accept student internships from Lyford CISD through their Law Enforcement Practicum Course. 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 # 12  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE 2023 CITY OF SAN  
PERLITA ISD SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON  
MAY 6, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of 2023 City of San Perlita ISD School Board Elections to be held on May 6, 2023. 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 # 13  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE 2023 CITY ELECTIONS  
FOR THE CITY OF LYFORD TO BE  
HELD ON MAY 6, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of 2023 City Elections for the City of Lyford to be held on May 6, 2023. 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 # 14  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
LYFORD CISD AND COUNTY ELECTIONS  
OFFICE FOR THE CONDUCT AND  
SUPERVISION FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of the Contract between Lyford CISD and County Elections Office for the conduct and supervision for the School Board Election on May 6, 2023. 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 Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:32 a.m., does not vote for item number 15.**

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Agenda # 15  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE WILLACY COUNTY  
BURN BAN

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Willacy County Burn Ban. 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.

**Commissioner Eliberto Guerra returns back to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.**

Agenda # 16  
DISCUSS AND APPROVE FOR  
VTX TO ADD A 2ND PHONE LINE  
FOR THE INMATE HOLDING CELL  
FIRE PANEL IN THE COURTROOM  
TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
JAIL STANDARDS

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval for VTX to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> phone line for the Inmate Holding Cell Fire Panel in the Courtroom to be in compliance with Jail Standards to come out from the same line item as the current VTX Phone System. 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 # 17  
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
OPEN 10TH STREET WEST 1015  
TO CR 65 IN LASARA, TEXAS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to open 10th Street West 1015 to CR 65 in Lasara, Texas. 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 # 18

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION  
AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR BOND  
NUMBER PB01682900023 AND  
BOND NUMBER PB01682900022 FOR  
WILLACY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-  
COLLECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Guerra for approval of Bond Number PB01682900023 and Bond Number PB01682900022 for Willacy County Tax Assessor-Collector. 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 # 19

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
APPROVE PROCLAMATION  
PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD  
ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT  
AWARENESS MONTH, ALSO  
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO  
PLACE TENT AND USE OF  
COURTHOUSE LAWN ON APRIL  
4, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, also requesting permission to place tent and use of Courthouse Lawn on April 4, 2023 at 6:00 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.

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Agenda # 20

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO  
PURCHASE TWO (2) GENERATORS  
ONE (1) FOR WILLACY COUNTY  
TAX OFFICE BUILDING AND ONE (1)  
FOR SERVER ROOM IN COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION TO BE PURCHASED  
WITH AEP GRANT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED  
\$50,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval to purchase two (2) generators one (1) for Willacy County Tax Office Building and one (1) for Server Room in County Administration to be purchased with AEP Grant funds not to exceed \$50,000.00. 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.

**Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 11:07 a.m. and returns back at 11:09 a.m.**

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

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Agenda # 21  
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL  
OF TRAVEL REQUEST

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

1. Sheriff's Office, one (1) Investigator to Texas City, Texas on April 24-28, 2023, to be paid out from Fund 35.
2. Sheriff Jose Salazar to Austin, Texas on April 6, 2023.
3. Sheriff's Office, two (2) Dispatchers to Pharr, Texas on April 17-May 5, 2023, to be paid out of Fund 35 and Meals Only (Non-Overnight Stay). Registration is Free.
4. Sheriff Jose Salazar to McAllen, Texas on April 17-19, 2023.
5. Sheriff's Office, one (10 Deputy to Olmito, Texas on April 3-7, 2023, to be paid out of Fund 35.
6. Extension Agent, Georgina Macias to Alice, Texas on April 12-13, 2023.
7. Justice of the Peace, Judges Rodolfo Cantu and Juan Salinas, Jr., Clerks Melissa Nyquist, Flor Montes and Natalie Perez to San Antonio, Texas on June 25-30, 2023.
8. County Clerk, Susana R. Garza and Chief Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Rios to McAllen, Texas on June 19-23, 2023, including Registration Fee of \$250.00 each to be paid in advance.
9. District Attorney's Office, Lucia Regalado to San Antonio, Texas on April 11-14, 2023, to be paid from Grant Funds from District Attorney's Funds.
10. County Treasurer, Ruben Cavazos to San Marcos, Texas on April 17-20, 2023.

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 # 22

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that Court Adjourn to Closed Executive Session at 11:17 a.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 Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina that Court Reconvene into Open Session at 12:23 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 # 23

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

(A) POSSIBLE ACTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Guerra to take no action on this item. 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 Garcia, 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.