

March 9, 2023
Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 9th 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 previous minutes as follows; February 1, 2023 Public Workshop, February 3, 2023 Public Workshop, February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting, February 13, 2023 Special Meeting, February 23, 2023 Regular Meeting and February 24, 2023 Special Meeting.
ACTION REQUIRED
6. Presentation by TxDOT to provide monthly updates.
7. Request for permission to approve a Proposed Two (2) Tract Family Partition for the lands of Catherine Salinas Quiroga. Location approximately 1.3 miles North from FM 498 on East side of Gardenia Road (CR 397), Lyford, Texas 78569 (Precinct 2). ACTION REQUIRED
8. Discussion and Action to approve contract between Willacy County and the Raymondville Independent School District for the conduct and supervision of the School Trustee Election to be held on May 6, 2023. ACTION REQUIRED
9. Discussion and Action to approve accepting monetary donation from VTX 1 in form of a check for the Willacy County Veterans Office. ACTION REQUIRED
10. Discussion and Action to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$58,500 to Precinct 4 for machinery and equipment > 50,000. ACTION REQUIRED
11. Discussion and Action to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$10,500 to Precinct 4 for repairs and maintenance < 50,000. ACTION REQUIRED
12. Discussion and Action to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$14,000 to Precinct 4 for machinery and equipment < 50,000. ACTION REQUIRED
13. Discussion and Action to obligate \$800,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) fund for Willacy County facilities upgrade(s). ACTION REQUIRED
14. Discussion and Action to request an additional phone/phone line from VTX 1 for the Willacy County District Attorney's Office. ACTION REQUIRED
15. Discussion and Action to advertise for bank depository bid. ACTION REQUIRED

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16. Discussion and Action to consider different options on how to proceed with AEP \$65,000 generator grant project. ACTION REQUIRED
17. Discussion and Action on request to open Wood Street East of I-69. ACTION REQUIRED
18. 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.
19. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - (A) Possible Action Required.
20. Approval of Claims. ACTION REQUIRED.
21. Approval of Travel Request. ACTION REQUIRED.
22. Approval of Monthly Reports. ACTION REQUIRED.
23. Approval of Treasurer's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
24. Approval Tax Collector's Report. ACTION REQUIRED.
25. Approval of Budget Amendments. ACTION REQUIRED.
26. Review of Special Claims.
27. Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count.
28. Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.
29. Adjourn.

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THE COURT MET:

PRESENT:

Aurelio Guerra, Jr.,	County Judge,	Absent
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:

Frances Najera

1. Call to Order – Presiding Chairman Commissioner Elberto 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
PREVIOUS MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:
FEBRUARY 1, 2023 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
FEBRUARY 3, 2023 PUBLIC WORKSHOP,
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 REGULAR MEETING,
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING,
FEBRUARY 23, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
AND FEBRUARY 24, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of previous minutes as follows: February 1, 2023 Public Workshop, February 3, 2023 Public Workshop, February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting, February 13, 2023 Special Meeting, February 23, 2023 Regular Meeting and February 24, 2023 Special Meeting. 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
PRESENTATION BY TXDOT TO
PROVIDE MONTHLY UPDATES

As per the Presiding Chairman, no one was present from TxDOT to provide monthly updates.

Agenda # 7
IN REGARDS TO REQUEST
FOR PERMISSION TO APPROVE
A PROPOSED TWO (2) TRACT
FAMILY PARTITION OF THE LANDS
OF CATHERINE SALINAS QUIROGA.
LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 1.3
MILES NORTH FROM FM 498 ON
EAST SIDE OF GARDENIA ROAD
(CR 397), LYFORD, TEXAS 78569
(PRECINCT 2)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval for permission to approve a Proposed Two (2) Tract Family Partition for the lands of Catherine Salinas Quiroga. Location approximately 1.3 miles North from FM 498 on East Side of Gardenia Road (CR 397), Lyford, Texas 78569. (Precinct 2). 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 # 8
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN
WILLACY COUNTY AND THE
RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONDUCT
AND SUPERVISION OF THE SCHOOL
TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
MAY 6, 2023

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval of Contract between Willacy County and the Raymondville Independent School District for the conduct and supervision of the School Trustee Election to be held on May 6, 2023. 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 # 9

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
APPROVE ACCEPTING MONETARY
DONATION FROM VTX 1 IN FORM
OF A CHECK FOR THE WILLACY COUNTY
VETERANS OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz for approval of accepting monetary donation from VTX 1 in form of a check for the Willacy County Veterans 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.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz steps out of the meeting at 10:08 a.m., does not vote for the Amended Motion.

Motion Amended: Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Veterans Donation Account (Fund 135) for the amount of \$2,000.00 and to keep a log of it. Motion was put before the Court by the Presiding Chairman. Presiding Chairman Guerra, Commissioners Tijerina and Garcia voting AYE. NAYS NONE. Motion was declared carried.

Commissioner Henry De La Paz returns back to the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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Agenda # 10

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARP) FUNDING FOR
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$58,500.00
TO PRECINCT 4 FOR MACHINERY AND
EQUIPMENT > \$50,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$58,500.00 to Precinct 4 for Machinery and Equipment > \$50,000.00. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that they Rescind their motions for item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$58,500.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Fund 114 for Precinct 4 for a pick-up truck. 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 # 11

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
ACT (ARP) FUNDING FOR THE TOTAL
AMOUNT OF \$10,500.00 TO PRECINCT
4 FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
< \$50,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$10,500.00 to Precinct 4 for Repairs and Maintenance < \$50,000.00. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that they Rescind their motions for item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$10,500.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Fund 114 for Precinct 4 for Facility Renovation(s). 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 # 12

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARP) FUNDING FOR
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00
TO PRECINCT 4 FOR MACHINERY
AND EQUIPMENT < \$50,000.00

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funding for the total amount of \$14,000.00 to Precinct 4 for Machinery and Equipment < \$50,000.00. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that they Rescind their motions for item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$14,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Fund 114 for Precinct 4 for Sand Bag Machine. 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 # 13

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
OBLIGATE \$800,000.00 FROM THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP)
FUND FOR WILLACY COUNTY
FACILITIES UPGRADE(S)

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$800,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) fund for Willacy County Facilities Update(s). 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that they Rescind their Motions for item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to obligate \$800,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Fund 114 for Willacy County Facilities Upgrade(s). 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.

Move to item number 20.

Agenda # 14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
REQUEST ADDITIONAL PHONE/PHONE
LINE FROM VTX 1 FOR THE WILLACY
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to table 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.

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Agenda # 15
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
ADVERTISE FOR BANK
DEPOSITORY BID

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina for approval to advertise for Bank Depository Bid. 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 # 16
DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO
CONSIDER DIFFERENT OPTIONS
ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH AEP
\$65,000.00 GENERATOR GRANT
PROJECT

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to table 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 # 17
DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON
REQUEST TO OPEN WOOD
STREET EAST OF I-69

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval to open Wood Street East of I-69. 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.

Presiding Chairman Commissioner Eliberto Guerra steps out of the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and returns back at 10:23 a.m.

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Agenda # 18

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 De La Paz, 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 # 19

ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

(A) POSSIBLE ACTION REQUIRED

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia that they Rescind their Motions for item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13. 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.

Return back to item numbers 10, 11, 12 and 13.

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Agenda # 20
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF CLAIMS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia 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.

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 Department, two (2) Deputies to Bridgeport, Texas on March 27-31, 2023.
2. Constable Precinct 2, Andres Chavez to Huntsville, Texas on July 10-14, 2023.
3. Jail Department, Izaiah Cabello for reimbursement for TCOLE Jailer Exam for the amount of \$40.00.

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 # 22
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner De La Paz, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Monthly Reports, 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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Commissioner Mario Tijerina steps out of the meeting at 10:30 a.m., does not vote for item numbers 23 and 24.

Agenda # 23
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Agenda # 24
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

Commissioner Mario Tijerina returns back to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Agenda # 25
IN REGARDS TO APPROVAL
OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Garcia for approval of Budget Amendments, as read and 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 # 26
IN REGARDS TO REVIEW
OF SPECIAL CLAIMS

As per the Presiding Chairman, Review of Special Claims.

Agenda # 27
REVIEW OF MONTHLY REPORTS
ON JAIL COUNT

As per the Presiding Chairman, Review of Monthly Report on Jail Count. There was a total of 91 Inmates.

Agenda # 28
REVIEW OF MONTHLY EMPLOYEE
OVERTIME REPORT

As per the Presiding Chairman, Review of Monthly Employee Overtime Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner De La Paz that Court Adjourned. 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.

There being no further action,

Court Adjourned.

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