DIMMIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of September, 2025, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Dimmit County, Texas, convened in regular session in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Dimmit County Courthouse Annex.

1.0 ADMINISTRATIVE

1.1 Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.2 Roll Call – quorum established and duly noted for the record.

Members present:
Martha Alicia Gomez Ponce, County Judge
Jose A. Urenda, Commissioner Pct. 1
Alonso Carmona, Commissioner Pct. 2
Julissa Talamantes, Commissioner Pcts. 3 & 6
Valerie Rubalcaba, Commissioner Pcts. 4, 5 & 7
Claudia McDaniel, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court

Visitors: Adriana Rios, C R Kimbrough, Sheriff Chris Castaneda, Auditor Carlos Pereda, District Judge Amado Abascal, Laura Carmona, Constable Robert Balderas, William Fansler, Alyssa Cruz, Carissa Munoz, Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Sandoval, Constable Manuel Rosas, Francisco R. Ponce, Mirtha C. Hernandez, Ruth A. Ceniseros, Treasurer Oscar Ortiz, George Alvarado, County Attorney Daniel M. Gonzalez, District Clerk Maricela G. Gonzalez, JP Sonia G. Perez, JP Alberto Esquivel, Frank Ponce. (See attached.)

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

The Commissioners Court led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 TESTIMONIAL OATH FOR PRESENTERS

Public was reminded that anyone making a presentation is under oath before the Court.

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Ponce invited everyone to 9/11 Honor Walk on Thursday at 5 pm. Start at steps of Courthouse Annex and walk to Dimmit County Fire Station.

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF August 25, 2025

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2025, subject to corrections.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL

2.1 Recognition of Milo Garza for being invited to Jennifer Hudson show. Presented with certificate and photo op.

3.0 PERSONNEL & POLICY

3.1 APPROVED: BONDS – NONE

3.2 APPROVED: REPORT – CONSTABLE, PCT. 1

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report for Constable Pct. 1 Mr. Rudy Lopez for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.3 TABLED: REPORT – CONSTABLE, PCT. 2

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table the monthly report for Constable Pct. 2 Mr. Andres Arambula for the month of August 2025.

3.4 APPROVED: REPORT – CONSTABLE, PCT. 3

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report for Constable Pct. 3 Mr. Robert Balderas for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.5 APPROVED: REPORT – CONSTABLE, PCT. 4

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report for Constable Pct. 4 Mr. Manuel Rosas for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.6 APPROVED: REPORT – CO EXTENSION AGENT

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report from County Extension agent Ms. Alyssa Cruz for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.7 APPROVED: REPORT – FCH AGENT

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report from FCH Agent Mrs. Carissa Munoz for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – RODEO ARENA

Motion: Julissa Talmanantes Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report from Rodeo Arena Event Coordinator for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – GOLF COURSE

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the monthly report from Dimmit County Golf Course for the month of August 2025. (See attached.)

3.10 NO ITEM LISTED

3.11 APPROVED: COMMODITIES QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL-JUNE

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the quarterly report from Commodities dept. for the months of April-June, 2025. (See attached.)

3.12 APPROVED: SANITATION QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL-JUNE

Motion: Valerie Rubalcaba Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the quarterly report from Sanitation dept. for the months of April-June, 2025. (See attached.)

3.13 TABLED: METAL DETECTOR POLICY

Motion: Julissa Talamantes Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED 4-1
Against: Judge Martha Ponce

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table the metal detector policy pending review by County Attorney Daniel Gonzalez for legal advice. (See attached.)

3.14 NO ACTION: MOU WITH NHS SERVICES OF DIMMIT COUNTY, INC.

3.15 TABLED: DONATION FOR FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Motion: Jose Urenda Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table accepting the donation from Cypress Creek Renewables for firefighting equipment.

3.16 TABLED: REIMBURSEMENT CHECK FROM FOREST SERVICE

Motion: Judge Martha Ponce Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table accepting a reimbursement check from Texas Forest Service in the amount of $1,639.00.

3.17 TABLED: PURCHASE TURNOUT GEAR -DCVFD

Motion: Judge Martha Ponce Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table the purchase of two separate types of turnout gear for Firefighter Melody Trujillo (one set of structure turnout gear and one set of dual-purpose wildland/extrication gear.)

3.18 TABLED: EMERGENCY GENERATOR SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion: Judge Martha Ponce Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table the Dimmit County emergency generator service agreement and proposal.

3.19 APPROVED: REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Motion: Jose Urenda Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approved the interlocal agreement between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Dimmit County. (See attached. Allocation for this agreement would be less than what County currently budgets for court-appointed attorneys. Requires agreement from Maverick and Zavala counties to go into effect. Maverick County spearheaded.)

*** **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:08 AM TO DISCUSS ITEM 3.20 – PENDING LEGAL MATTERS**

*** **OPEN SESSION: 12:37 PM**

3.20 NO ACTION: SHAKES SOLAR LLC

3.21 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DISTRICT CLERK

Motion: Valerie Rubalcaba Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the travel request for Chief Deputy District Clerk Dora Balderas and Deputy District Clerk Aleida M. Garcia to attend the 2025 LGS Users Conference on November 19-21, 2025, in Irving, TX. (See attached.)

3.22 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST - COUNTY ATTORNEY

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the travel request for County Attorney Daniel Gonzalez and County Attorney Investigator Gazaan Gonzalez to attend the TDCAA Criminal and Civil Law Update, Legislative Update on September 23-25, 2025, in Round Rock, TX. (See attached.)

3.23 APPROVED: SAND DONATION – PCT. 2

Motion: Valerie Rubalcaba Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the sand donation from Iron Road Energy Solutions.

3.24 TABLED: PURCHASE STORAGE SHED – PCT. 3

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT table the purchase of a storage shed for R&B 3&6 office.

3.25 APPROVED: AC UNIT SERVICE AT ALANIZ PARK – PCT. 3

Motion: Jose Urenda Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve adding Comfort Tech as a vendor to service the AC unit at Alaniz Park.

3.26 NO ACTION: BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE – PCT. 3&6

Informational – Pct. 3&6 will reinstate brush pick-up on third week of the month.

3.27 APPROVED: SENIOR BREAKFAST AT ARENA ON MAY 29, 2026

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve allowing the Senior class of 2026 to utilize the arena for their Senior Breakfast on May 29, 2026 at a discounted rate of $50.

3.28 NO ACTION: MOTORGRADER – PCT. 3

3.29 APPROVED: PURCHASE MANTIS PRIME MOWER – PCT. 3

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the purchase of a new Mantis prime mower from COs for $415,582.95. (See attached. This item had previously been approved at $355,583.90. Was brought back because of price adjustment.)

*** **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:04 PM TO DISCUSS ITEMS 3.30, 3.31, 3.32 RE: CYBERSECURITY ISSUES & SAFETY**

*** **OPEN SESSION: 1:55 PM**

3:30 NO ACTION: DIMMIT COUNTY PAYMENT PORTAL ISSUES

3.31 NO ACTION: CYBERSECURITY SOFTWARE

3:32 NO ACTION: WORKSTATION BACKUP FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES & COUNTY SERVERS

3.33 BUDGET HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2025-26

OPEN BUDGET HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 4:17 PM

- Frank Ponce (former County Judge) spoke on previous administration. Said they took actions and made changes but made best decisions they could at the time.
- Melissa Garcia (on behalf of District Judge Amado Abascal) to request funding for 293rd office be restored to what it was two years ago. Staff shortages, burden on remaining staff. Said Zavala County is funding $185,000 and asked if Dimmit County could at least match if not restore full funding.

CLOSE BUDGET HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 4:31 PM

3.34 APPROVED: BUDGET FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

Motion: Valerie Rubalcaba Second: Alonso Carmona MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 with the corrections made as discussed.

3.35 APPROVED: 2025 TAX RATE IN TWO PARTS: M&O AND I&S

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve adopting a Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate of $.1800 and an Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate of $.1000 for a total tax rate of $.2800. (See attached. Note: Same rate as last year.)

4.0 LAW ENFORCEMENT

4.1 APPROVED: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS

Motion: Jose Urenda Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Carrizo Springs and Dimmit County for law enforcement services. (See attached.)

4.2 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the jail status report. (See attached.)

4.3 APPROVED: SHERIFF'S REPORT

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Valerie Rubalcaba MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve the sheriff's report. (See attached.)

5.0 FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

Motion: Valerie Rubalcaba Second: Julissa Talamantes MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT approve claim docket. (See attached.)

General Fund	$728,579.64
DC Airport	$530.81
DC Golf Course	$15,518.69
Courthouse Security	$3,989.22
Records Mgmt Co. Clerk	$3,172.89
Utilities	$50,078.32
Rodeo Arena	$1,885.00
Stone Garden	$42,333.66
Op Lone Star 2022	$19,255.40
DC Payroll	$571,682.15
Tax Note Series 2023	$33,259.45
Tax Note Series 2024	$53,355.76
COs 2019	$75,000.00
COs 2021	$250,063.00
COs 2022	$13,899.00
SB22	$13,24069
GRAND TOTAL:	**$1,875,843.67**

6.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – See items 3.20, 3.30, 3.31, 3.32

7.0 RECONVENE – NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXEC. SESSION

8.0 RECESS AND ADJOURN

Motion: Alonso Carmona Second: Jose Urenda MOTION CARRIED

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT recess and adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

MARTHA ALICIA GOMEZ PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

CLAUDIA McDANIEL
COUNTY CLERK

SEAL: