

ON THIS THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018 BEING THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, THE HONORABLE DIMMIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION, AT THE DIMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE "ANNEX", WITH MEMBERS PRESENT TO-WIT :

FRANCISCO G. PONCE  
COUNTY JUDGE

MIKE URIEGAS  
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

JUAN R. CARMONA  
COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



ALONSO G. CARMONA  
COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

VALERIE RUBULCABA  
COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

MARIO Z. GARCIA  
COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK  
OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

VISITORS SIGNED-IN: Bob Gasca Lawrence F. Sultenfuss Sherry Sultenfuss Rosa De La Garza Jose F. Carrasco Joe Koch Ronnie Talamantes Jose A. Urenda Carlos Pereda Richard Griffin Rudy Lopez Dahlia Martinez Daniel Estrada Ruth A. Ceniseros Eric Olivarez Ricardo Ramirez, Jr. Christine Cardona-Guerrero Andres Arambula Alberto Esquivel Jose Calzada Bertha Calzada Marion Boyd Sonia Guerrero Daniel M. Gonzalez

OTHER VISITORS: Jose Galvan Dan Hejl

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<><><> THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED, PASSED OR ADOPTED TO-WIT : <><><>

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1.1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER 1.2 ROLL CALL 1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG 1.4 TESTIMONIAL OATH FOR PRESENTERS

County Judge Francisco G. Ponce Called the Meeting to Order [ 10:00 am ]; County Clerk Mario Z Garcia conducted Roll Call of Court Members w/ a full quorum present and so duly noted for the Record. Court Member led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to The Texas Flag. Presenters addressing the Court acknowledged the Testimonial Oath.

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Mike Uriegas-Commsr. Pct. 1, RE:-- 1) prepare Surplus Equipment for Sale; notify all Departments to submit items, 2) advisory from CS City Manager, i.e., No Tipping Fee for brush/debris collected by county from outside city limits
- b) Juan Carmona-Commsr. Pct. 3, RE:--inquiry if old scrap concrete at Espantosa Park a surplus? Court Advisory: Yes, but can relocate to other area for county use
- c) Valerie Rubalcaba-Commsr. Pct. 4, RE:--Appreciation for all the support for a successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt; 375 baskets distributed

1.6 APPROVED: SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 21, 2018

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
MINUTES for Special Meeting held on March 21, 2018 as presented MOTION CARRIED.

1.7 APPROVED: REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 26, 2018

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2018 as presented MOTION CARRIED.

**2. PERSONNEL & POLICY**

**2.1 APPROVAL OF BOND(s)**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
BOND for Deputy/Sheriff's Department Abraham Garza as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

**2.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – ACTING COUNTY EVENT COORDINATOR**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of March 2018 from Acting County Event Coordinator-Christine Guerrero as presented .

NOTED:--submitted request for information on Radio Grant; attended EGrant Training MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 1**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of March 2018 from Constable Pct. 1-Rudy Lopez as presented . MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.4 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of March 2018 from Constable Pct. 2-Andres Arambula as presented. MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 3**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of March 2018 from Constable Pct. 3-Ruth Ceniseros as presented . MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 4**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of March 2018 from Constable Pct. 4-Jose Galvan as presented.

NOTED:--need new tires for patrol vehicle—still no laptop in patrol vehicle MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
REPORT for Month of February and March 2018 from Eric Olivarez for Medshield Ambulance. MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.8 APPROVED: USE OF CONFERENCE CENTER – “KIDS ARE FIRST” MINI-FIESTA**

[RE:--Kids Are First is a child care learning center ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
“KIDS ARE FIRST” to use the Conference Center for Dia de Los Niños, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering on April 27, 2018, during the Hours of 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

**2.9 APPROVED: CLOSE GASCA ROAD IN BIG WELLS, TX**

[RE:--Bob Gasca, Lawrence Sultenfuss addressed court members w/request and pertinent documents to comply w/process, i.e., Petition, Public Notice, etc., i.e. to install gate on north end of Gasca RD (984'ft of Gasca Rd)—COURT ADVISORY: county is 1) not abandoning the road, 2) retaining all interests ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :  
To Close Gasca Road located in Big Wells, TX as presented .

NOTED:--entrance access for Emergency Vehicles, First Responders, etc. MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment

**2.10 NON-ACTION ITEM: UPDATE FROM AIREVAC LIFE TEAM ON RECENT CHANGES FOR DIMMIT COUNTY SERVICE AREA**

[RE:--new Program Director Jose F Carrasco, staff Rosa De La Garza addressed court members w/updates:--new base in Jourdanton added—neo-natal transports now available—fresh blood units always at hand—member coverage after 10:00 pm will come from Laredo, Eagle Pass or Del Rio, which is service area for Dimmit. Court Members addressed questions, concerns in triad situations. County to provide stickers, ID Cards for members ] NO MOTION PRESENTED.

**2.11 APPROVED: AUTHORIZE COUNTY EMPLOYEE AVAILABILITY FOR DIMMIT COUNTY JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION**

[RE:--DCJRA President Ronnie Talamantes and Jose A. Urenda addressed court members w/Arena ground rules, Security, Maintenance of the Arena to promote their on-going relationship w/the county and w/new request to utilize county employee for rodeo events on weekend, i.e., since tractor, water truck equipment can only be operated by a county employee (policy), which involves dragging, leveling the arena dirt. The 2018 DCJRA Summer Series will host 4 Rodeos. ] CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

**2.11 APPROVED: AUTHORIZE COUNTY EMPLOYEE AVAILABILITY FOR DCJRA**

[RE:--employee will substitute a weekday for work on a DCJRA weekend Event ]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

AUTHORIZE a County Employee to work for Dimmit County Junior Rodeo Association sponsored Event in the maintenance of and preparation of the Rodeo Arena, and if said employee works past the 40 hour workweek, the DCJRA shall pay for the additional hours at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.12 APPROVED: FINAL PAYMENT SETTLEMENT TO ARCHITECTURA S.A. FOR COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT**

[RE:--project went past 3 years; Calzada did 95% of grant work for the courthouse project ]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

PAYMENT to Architectura S.A. for the Courthouse Preservation Project and based on contract obligations, i.e., \$51,850.00 less the \$6,150.00 previous overpayment to equal settlement amount of \$ 45,000.00 as the agreed Final Payment as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.13 APPROVED: FINAL PAYMENT TO STODDARD CONSRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

PAYMENT to Stoddard Construction Management, Inc. for the Courthouse Preservation Project of : \$ 32,305.72 as the agreed Final Payment, as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.14 APPROVED: OPEN-ACCEPT-CLOSE BIDDING – RESTROOMS AT CARRIZO SPRINGS GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE**

[RE:--County Judge Francisco G. Ponce opened and duly read aloud the two (2) Bids timely submitted :

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|-------------------|-------------------|----|-----------|---|
| 1. Gabriel Vargas | (Carrizo Springs) | \$ | 38,900.00 |   |
| 2. Rudy Ramirez   | (Crystal City)    | \$ | 38,500.00 | ] |

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Open-Accept-Close all BIDDING for (construction of ) Restrooms at the Carrizo Springs Golf Course Clubhouse and DESIGNATE the County Auditor Carlos Pereda and Golf Course Mgr. Joe Koch to analyze bids for recommendation report.

**AGAINST:** Juan Carmona

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment(s)**

**2.15 APPROVED: QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF WELDING EQUIPMENT – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

best Quote for the PURCHASE of a new Welder w/Trailer, Acetylene and Oxygen Tanks for Road & Bridge Pct. 2 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

**2.16 APPROVED: ADDENDUM TO EXISTING AGREEMENT – SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Addendum to the existing AGREEMENT w/Schindler Elevator Corporation, i.e., add one (1) hydro elevator located at the Dimmit County Courthouse "Annex" building as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**ADDENDUM**

**2.17 APPROVED: PURCHASE CEMENT - FOR GOLF COURSE WATER WELL**

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

PURCHASE of cement from Uvalde Concrete for the Golf Course Water Well located across from the Conference Center/Rodeo Arena as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.18 APPROVED: AGREEMENT – LEGAL COUNSEL TO HIRE WITNESS SERVICES – FUEL SPILL LAWSUIT**

[RE: Hejl, Lee & Associates to assist County w/expert witness services for the Faith Ranch RD Diesel Fuel Spill ]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Professional Services AGREEMENT for Attorney Donato Ramos to hire Dan Heil and Hector Carillo as testifying experts in the TX Energy Services, LLC Lawsuit as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**3. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**3.1 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS AND SHERIFF'S MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

[RE:-- Jail pop. : 65 Federal, 1 Frio County, others Local ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORTS on Jail Status and Sheriff's Department Activity Report for Month of March 2018 from Sheriff Marion Boyd .

NOTED:--no Taser weapon on patrol vehicles—Sheriff request for Rifle &Body armor estimated at \$1,600 per vest; needed for deputies and constables. COURT ADVISORY: submit for 16 Vests

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENTS**

**4.1 NON-ACTION ITEM : (obtain) QUOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR RESTROOM AT JOAQUIN SALGADO COUNTY PARK**

[RE:--to consider modular building or construct (?)—Consensus of Court to obtain three(3) Quotes to build the Restroom Building at the Park ]  
NO MOTION PRESENTED.

**4.2 APPROVED: QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF PORTABLE STAGE AND ATTACHMENTS – ARENA & CONFERENCE CENTER**

[RE:--Acting Event Coordinator **Christine Guerrero** w/compliant 3 Quotes and w/recommendation for best value ]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
best Quote from GLOBAL for the PURCHASE of a portable stage, stage dolly, pleat skirting and steps for the Dimmit County Rodeo Arena and Conference Center as presented .

NOTED:-- size : 24X12X3

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**4.3 STATUS REPORT**

[RE:--final contract for review for Water Well—Roll Up Door installed in Pump Room ]

**5. FINANCIAL**

**5.1 APPROVED : BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CONSTABLE PCT. 1 & 6**

[RE:--\$21,976.00 for 6-months til end of current budget year for the Deputy Constable position—position not budgeted at this time; this type of request is considered at Budget Process time—consider utilize position listed as Code Compliance Officer in the County Judges' department (?) ]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
To transfer the Compliance Code Officer position to the County Judges' Department to use for the Deputy Constable Pct. 1 .

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5.1 APPROVED: REVISIT AGENDA ITEM 5.1 - MEETING TO-DATE**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona  
To ReVisit Agenda Item 5.1 as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5.1 TABLED : BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CONSTABLE PCT.1 & 6**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona  
To TABLE this Item .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5.2 TABLED: APPOINT FULL TIME PAID DEPUTY CONSTABLE, SELENA ESQUIVEL**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona  
To TABLE this Item .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5.3 APPROVED: CLAIMS**

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona  
List of CLAIMS as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :  
**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**5.4 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

GENERAL FUND docket (\$80,376.67) as presented .

**ABSTAIN:** Francisco G. Ponce [ any/all claims for Michael Ponce and/or Ponce family-related ]

**ABSTAIN:** Alonso Carmona, Juan Carmona [ any/all claims for Marina Carmona and/or Carmona family-related ]

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

AIRPORT FUND docket (\$47,52) as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

LAW LIBRARY FUND docket (\$1,231.00), the RCDS FUND-COUNTY CLERK docket (\$2,773.00). **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

UTILITIES FUND docket (\$16,333.30),RODEO ARENA&CONFERENCE CENTER FUND docket (\$2,225.35), the CO's 17 FUND docket (\$111,322.96) as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

CO's 15 FUND docket (\$13,357.00) as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NON-ACTION ITEM

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

NON-ACTION ITEM

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas  
To Adjourn Meeting [ 12:45 pm ] \_\_\_\_\_.

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COUR APPROVE :  
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

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FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK