

ON THIS THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 BEING THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, THE HONORABLE DIMMIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, AT THE DIMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE "ANNEX", 212 N. 4th St., CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS, WITH MEMBERS PRESENT TO-WIT :

JOSE A. URENDA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

JUAN R. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



ALONSO G. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

VALERIE RUBALCABA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

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

VISITORS SIGNED-IN: Ernest Flores III Laura Vera Eloy Vera, Jr. **Sonia G. Perez Alberto Esquivel** David Torres **Alfredo Martinez Mary Sandoval** Daniel Estrada Chris Plaster Leticia Carmona Ricardo Ramirez, Jr. Christine Cardona-Guerrero Jose Calzada Osvaldo Perez Carlos Pereda

OTHER VISITORS: Dan Hejl **Estanislado Martinez** Juan Aguilera Robert Tijerina Paula Lowe

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

1.

- 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 OF 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 with a Full Quorum present so duly noted for the Record. Court Members led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to The Texas Flag. Presenters addressing the Court acknowledged the Testimonial Oath.

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) **Laura Vera, Eloy Vera-Home of Living Faith, Inc.,** RE:--addressed court w/brief history of their mission statement and a request to consider a Partnership in their type of services, i.e., food distribution in both Zavala and Dimmit counties a/k/a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Consensus of Court expressed interest; encouraged visitors to submit their request/ proposal as a NEXT AGENDA ITEM.
- b) **Valerie Rubalcaba-Commsr. Pct. 4,** RE:--AEP installing posts in Catarina; having issue w/5-6 blocks of wrong fence lines

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 09, 2021

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on August 09, 2021 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

[RE: no Bond(s) timely submitted for approval]

NON-ACTION ITEM

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from JP Sonia Guerrero-Perez as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from JP Alberto Esquivel as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TABLE this Item . MOTION CARRIED.

2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from JP Alfredo Martinez as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.6 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
TABLE this Item . MOTION CARRIED.

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from County Clerk Mario Z Garcia as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from County Commissioners: PCT. 1-Jose Urenda, PCT. 2-Alonso Carmona, PCT. 3-
Juan Carmona and PCT. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DCVFD ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of July 2021 from Assistant Fire Chief David Torres for DCVFD.
NOTED:--NEXT AGENDA ITEM: purchase Uniform Set for 10 active Volunteers MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.10 APPROVED: ORDER AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021, etc.

[RE:--Bond Consul reps Juan Aguilera, Robert Tijerina addressed court w/Final Pricing Results, Timetable, Summary of Bids Received and Working Group Participants; responded to questions/concerns from court members, e.g., explanation of the legal language term : Limited Pledge per Local Government Code and interest rate locked if loan paid-off]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
ORDER Authorizing the Issuance of "Dimmit County, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021, Providing for the Payment of the Certificates by the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax upon all Taxable Property within the County and further Securing the Certificates by a Lien on and Limited Pledge of the Revenues of the County's Solid Waste Management System; and Providing for OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.11 APPROVED: (subject to) USE OF LIGHTS – ALANIZ SPORTS COMPLEX

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
CARRIZO ELITE (organization) USE OF the lights at Alaniz Sports Complex until 9:00 PM during winter months (Daylight Savings Time ends) for practices on Monday thru Thursday ...subject to payment of \$50 Fee for length of season, for practices and for games; same applies to other organizations as well, as presented .

NOTED:--same Fee Policy for use of Bowman Field; Youth and Adults MOTION CARRIED.

2.12 APPROVED: ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – NUTRITION CENTER / CSA BUILDING

[RE:--Architect Jose Calzada to reword language in Bid Notice]

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Advertise for BIDS for construction of the (new) Nutrition Center/CSA Building as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.13 APPROVED: ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS – NUTRITION CENTER/CSA BUILDING
[RE:--blueprints, drawings, plans submitted from Architect]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Approval and Acceptance of the Construction Documents for the Nutrition Center/CSA Bldg.. MOTION CARRIED.

2.14 APPROVED: TxDOT CTIF PROGRAM VALLEY STREET PROJECT and RESOLUTION
[RE:--prioritized List of action items in order to qualify for program eligibility]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TxDOT CTIF Program Valley Street PROJECT process and draft RESOLUTION for presentation to City of Carrizo Springs for
including two blocks of road currently located in the city limits of Carrizo Springs for improvement under the CTIF Program as
presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.15 APPROVED: ROAD & BRIDGE PCTS. – ASSISTANCE FROM MRGDC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS
[RE:--(Commsr. Pct. 1 proposal Item) WFSMRG rep Ernest Flores addressed Court w/Grant information that offers to provide
manpower assistance for any clean-up projects (tree, debris etc.) on damaged areas
Projects, at Minimum Wage, for a one-year Term]
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Assistance from Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande(WFSMRG) Board to provide dislocated workers to assist Dimmit
County Road & Bridge Precincts with areas affected by the Winter Storm (February 2021) and DECLARE this purpose as a Public
Service for Citizens of Dimmit County as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.16 APPROVED: PURCHASE – CREW CAB TRUCK FOR ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2 EMPLOYEES
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of a Crew Cab Pickup Truck for Pct. 2 Employees as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.17 APPROVED: PURCHASE – GMC SIERRA TRUCK FOR EXTENSION OFFICE
MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of a GMC Sierra 2400HD Truck (2022') for use by the County Extension Office with funding thru the County Judges'
Fund, as presented
NOTED:--COURT ADVISORY: to make purchase once Agent is installed in Dimmit County MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.18 APPROVED: PRESENTATION – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AUDIT REPORT
[RE:--Paula Lowe from CPA Firm PATTILLO, BROWN & HILL, LLP w/Presentation on audited financial statements for Fiscal Year
ending 09/30/2020; w/response on questions/concerns from Court Members]
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Presentation and acceptance of the AUDIT Report for Dimmit County Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 from PATILLO,
BROWN & HILL,LLP as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS :

2.19 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY JUDGE (-and COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

2.20 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL requests/expenses for County Judge Francisco G. Ponce , County Auditor Carlos Pereda and Commissioner Pct. 4
Valerie Rubalcaba [Next Agenda Item] to attend : TAC Legislative Conference, September 1-2-3, 2021 in Austin, TX
as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.21 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – TAX OFFICE CHIEF DEPUTY

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Tax Office Chief Deputy-Lizette Perez to attend : Course #7-Property Tax Law, October 4-5-6,
2021 in Austin, TX (Certification Credit) as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 STATUS REPORTS

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

4. GRANTS & PLANNING // REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

4.1 **APPROVED:** (subject to) **AWARD CONSTRUCTION BID – ASHERTON PCT. 4 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BUILDING**
[RE:--lowest bidder disqualified, i.e., supporting documents not submitted(EX: Financial Statement is required)]
MOTION: Jose Urenda **SECOND:** Juan Carmona **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :**
Award Construction BID to SUMMIT BUILDING & DESIGN (Laredo-\$1,530,000.-) ...subject to negotiations w/ County Judge Dept. and [sic] if it goes south then go to the next bidder, as presented.
AGAINST: Alonso Carmona **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.2 **APPROVED:** **HIRING – UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba **SECOND:** Alonso Carmona **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
HIRING of one (1) Full Time Employee for the Utilities Dept., effective: 08/09/2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.3 **APPROVED:** **CLOSING RECREATION CENTERS DUE TO COVID VARIANT**
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba **SECOND:** Alonso Carmona **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :**
Reconsider Closing the Dimmit County Recreation Centers due to the COVID/Variant as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.4 **STATUS REPORTS** [NON-ACTION ITEM]
[RE:-- COVID case report from EMC Christine Guerrero]

5. FINANCIAL

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS:

5.1 **APPROVED:** **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 47 – EXTENSION OFFICE**
5.2 **APPROVED:** **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 48 – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2**
5.3 **APPROVED:** **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 45 – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona **SECDOND:** Jose Urenda **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
BUDGET Adjustment NO.47 (\$34,114.-), NO. 48 (\$36,000.-), NO. 45 (\$25,000.-) as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachments**

5.4 **APPROVED:** **MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURER**
MOTION: Jose Urenda **SECOND:** Alonso Carmona **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
REPORT for Months of June, July 2021 from County Treasurer Estanislado Martinez. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachments**

5.5 **APPROVED:** **MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona **SECOND:** Jose Urenda **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
Financial REPORT for Month of July 2021 from County Auditor Carlos Pereda. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.6 **APPROVED:** **CLAIM DOCKET**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona **SECOND:** Jose Urenda **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
Claim Docket : GENERAL FUND (\$522,068.64), AIRPORT FUND (\$2,758.13), COURTHOUSE SECURITY (\$3,116.42)
RCDS/MGMT (\$290.19), UTILITIES (\$52,417.32), EQUITABLE SHARING (\$3,265.59), STONEGARDEN (\$23,905.12),
CTIF-TXDOT(\$524,003.92), DC PAYROLL (\$357,288.88), CO's-2017 (\$10,620.00) as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** [NON-ACTION ITEM]

7. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION** [NON-ACTION ITEM]

8. PUBLIC SAFETY CORPORATION

8.1 NEW BUSINESS

8.2 **APPROVED:** **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona **SECOND:** Valerie Rubalcaba **THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :**
MINUTES of Regular Minutes held on August 9, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. PUBLIC SAFETY CORP., contd.,
8.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda
REPORT for Month of July 2021 for Public Facilities Corp. from County Auditor Carlos Pereda as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

8.4 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba
Public Facility Fund (\$2,818.93) as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

9. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda
Adjourn Meeting [12:16 PM] .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED :



FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST :



MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK

SEAL : COMMISSIONERS COURT
COUNTY OF DIMMIT, TEXAS