

ON THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018, BEING THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, THE HONORABLE DIMMIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, AT THE DIMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, WITH MEMBERS PRESENT TO-WIT :

MIKE URIEGAS
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

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: Richie Griffin Gilbert Ayala Rick Velez Debra Alaniz-Gonzalez Christine Cardona-Guerrero Joe Robled Alberto Esquivel Daniel Estrada Mary Sandoval Sonia Guerrero Daniel M. Gonzalez Chris Plaster Alfredo Martinez David Torres Maricela G. Gonzalez Leticia Hernandez Osvaldo Perez Rodrigo Jaime Ricardo Ramirez, Jr. Estanislado Martinez

OTHER VISITORS: Joe Alcala Dan Hejl

<><><> 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. Presenters addressing the Court acknowledged the Testimonial Oath

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) **Francisco G. Ponce**-County Judge, RE:--request audience to consider a Moment of Silence, in Memory of former County Commissioner and Big Wells resident **Oscar Alvarado** and local Attorney, Carrizo Springs- **Rufino Cabello** who passed away recently.
- b) **Alonso Carmona**-Commsr. Pct. 2, RE:--ICS Training (Incident Command System) w/ DPS held recently; to encourage participation from entities
- c) **Mike Uriegas**-Commsr. Pct. 1, RE:--preliminary Meeting w/UTSA School of Architecture students and Joe Alcala from MRGDC --to meet again in May for a complete layout and Presentation for the golf course

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2018

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2018 as presented . **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
BOND for Laura Treviño-Deputy Clerk County Clerk’s Office . **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Months of December 2017, January 2018 from JP Pct. 1-Sonia Guerrero. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2.3 APPROVED: APPOINTMENT OF COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

[RE:--request from JP 1 Sonia Guerrero to consider per SB 42 new legislation effective: 09-01-2017 and HB 1487, i.e., the
“committee to adopt security policies and procedures for the courts served by the local administrative judge...”]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To establish/APPOINTMENT of a Court Security COMMITTEE as per Duties of Local Administrative Judge Government Code,
29.014.30.00007, 74.092(13) and Court Security Fund Art. 102.017 Court Cost, Courthouse Security, Justice Court Building
Security Fund and notify/advise District Judge 365th-Amado Abascal to clarify his participation in said Committee as presented.
NOTED:--Assessment and Training: April 27—Evacuation Plan for all buildings—automatic shut-down system at Courthouse
Annex MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1 COURT CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 1 Court Clerk-Yvette Nesmith to attend : Justice of The Peace Seminar, March 21-22-23,
2018 in San Antonio, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January 2018 from JP Pct. 2-Alberto Esquivel as presented.
NOTED:--JP Esquivel and Staff to assist TMC “Dia de Los Niños” event on April 27; COURT ADVISORY: that at least 1-clerk
remain in the Office MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.6 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2 COURT CLERK

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 2 Court Clerk-Alicia Sanchez to attend : Justice of The Peace Seminar, March 21-22-23,
2018 in San Antonio, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January 2018 from JP Pct. 3-Leticia Hernandez as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January 2018 from JP Pct. 4-Alfredo Martinez as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January 2018 from District Clerk-Maricela Gonzalez as presented.
COURT ADVISORY: all departments to “test” Panic Buttons for security purposes MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.10 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January 2018 from County Clerk-Marío Z Garcia as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.11 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT(s) – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT(s) for Month of January 2018 from County Commissioners, Pct. 1-Mike Uriegas, Pct. 2-Alonso Carmona, Pct. 3- Juan
Carmona and Pct. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba as presented .
NOTED:--Pct. 1: warranty work (Anderson Columbia)follow-up on concrete failures, Pct. 3 : include Street Names on monthly
report for Espantosa Subdivision MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.12 APPROVED: OPEN-CLOSE BIDDING FOR GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

[RE:--County Judge Francisco G. Ponce opened and duly read aloud the three(3) Bids timely submitted :

1. Duinnck Golf (Minn.) 2. Greenscapes (Bastrop,TX) 3. J Koch Building Systems (Crystal City,TX)]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Opening and Closing of Bids for the Golf Course Irrigation System and designate the County Auditor and designer/consultant Ben McCambell for analysis / recommendation of Bids as presented.

AGAINST: Juan Carmona

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

County Auditor to tally (aka analyze) the Bids .

AGAINST: Juan Carmona

MOTION CARRIED.

2.13 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT(s) – DCVFD ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT(s) for Month of December 2017, January 2018 from DCVFD Assistant Fire Chief David Torres as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.14 NON-ACTION ITEM : UVALDE BASED PHI HELICOPTER MEMBERSHIP PLAN—THE CURRENT AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DIMMIT COUNTY AND MEDSHIELD EMS—HIGHER CAPABILITIES OF THE UVALDE PHI HELICOPTER AND ITS EXPERIENCED CREW—AND PHI COUNTY WIDE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

[RE:--spokesperson EMT Paramedic Gilbert Ayala addressed court members w/proposal to cover the entire county; estimated at \$6 per household—the 24/7 coverage, PHI good working relationship w/ EMS Medshield—helicopter takes 13 minutes from Uvalde to Carrizo—current AirEVAC to go on a 12 hours shift only; to research when contract ends—consensus of court members to revisit this Item]

MOTION CARRIED.

2.15 APPROVED: CSCISD GT PROGRAM USE OF DIMMIT COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER

[RE:--spokesperson Debra Alaniz-Gonzalez addressed court members w/request]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Carrizo Springs CISD-GT Program use of the Dimmit County Conference Center on March 8, 2018 for a school sponsored Event, w/ waiver of the User Fee and agreement that they (GT) comply w/ clean-up Policy as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.16 APPROVED: DRAW REQUEST TO TDA FOR CATARINA WATER WELL PROJECT (CONTRACT 7216105)

[RE:--this is a request for payment]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

AUTHORIZATION to submit Draw Request #1 to TDA (Texas Dept. of Agriculture) for Contract #7216105, Catarina Water Well Project as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.17 APPROVED: PROCLAMATION – APRIL 2018 “FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

PROCLAMATION of April 2018 as “Fair Housing Month” in Dimmit County .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.18 APPROVED: DIAMOND H RANCH ROAD CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS – COMPLETION DOCUMENTS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To Accept the Diamond H Ranch Road construction improvements, approving Final Change ORDER No. 2 and authorizing the County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to execute the Certificate of Construction Completion document as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.19 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST -- 365TH DISTRICT JUDGE

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for 365th District Judge Amado Abascal to attend : Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, June 6-7-8-9, 2018 in Washington, D.C. as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.20 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY TREASURER

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for County Treasurer Estanislado Martinez to attend : 46th Annual County Treasurer’s Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-17-18-19, 2018 in San Marcos, TX as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.21 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR & COLLECTOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Tax A&C Mary Sandoval to attend : TSAA 51st Annual Conference & Workshop, April 8-9-10-11, 2018 in San Marcos, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.22 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR & COLLECTOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENT for Tax A&C Mary Sandoval for expenses incurred w/Continuing Education requirements for PCC (Professional County Collector) Designation online courses completed as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.23 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Ag Agent Ritchie Griffin to attend/assist the local youth at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, March 8 – 16, 2018 in Houston, TX as presented .

NOTED: Agent concern for travel funds despite having to lodge in \$38 per night motels and experiencing critical incidents for his Safety---**COURT ADVISORY:** select higher priced lodging; court will deal w/fund source MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 APPROVED: HIRING – FULL TIME DEPUTY

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING of a Full Time Deputy (TBA) for Dimmit County Sheriff's Office . MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 TABLED: PURCHASE OF NEW PATROL VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

[RE:--waiting for Invoices for 4-vehicles, estimated at \$48,000 each; to use lights from older vehicles]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To TABLE this Item . MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 APPROVED: ADVERTISE FOR NEW CONTROL PANEL (JAIL)

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To Advertise (for BIDS) for a new Control Panel at the County Jail as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 APPROVED: HIRING – (2) JAILER POSITIONS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING for two(2) Jailer position vacancies as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

3.5 APPROVED: PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of Office Furniture for the Sheriff's Office, to be paid with Forfeiture Account funds as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3.6 APPROVED: OPEN-CLOSE BIDS FOR COMMISSARY SERVICES

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

1. Keefe Group (Garland, TX) 2. Sterling Commissary, LLC (Clifton, TX)]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Opening and Closing of BIDS for Commissary Services and designate the Jail Administrator and the County Auditor to analyze Bids for recommendation/Report as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

ADDENDUM

3.7 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUESTS – DEPUTIES

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Michael Martinez to attend : HIS/TFO Recertification Training, February 26-27, 2018 in Edinburg, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Abraham Garza to attend : HIS/TEO Training, February 26 thru March 2, 2018 in Edinburg, TX (government will reimburse county upon completion of course). MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT, contd.,

3.8 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUESTS – DEPUTIES

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Jose Diaz and Deputy Dustin Lopez to attend : FREE Training on Basic Criminal Interdiction for the Patrol Officer, March 5-6-7, 2018 in Dallas, TX as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

3.9 APPROVED: (subject to)TRAVEL REQUESTS – DEPUTIES

[RE:--both requests are from Reserve Deputies]
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Jacob Bradshaw and Deputy Juan Ramos to attend : Mid-Level Narcotic Investigation Class, March 15-16, 2018 in Dallas, TX ...subject to approval from the County Auditor. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

4.1 STATUS REPORTS

[RE : --Catarina Well project 'on schedule'—Attorney reviewing contract---Big Wells Gym : sealer on floor becomes slippery when humidity enters thru vents] NO MOTION PRESENTED.

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 4 – JP PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 4 (\$60) for JP Pct. 1 as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.2 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 7 – RODEO ARENA & CONFERENCE CENTER

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 7 (\$1295.26) for transfer within department of the Dimmit County Rodeo Arena & Conference Center as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.3 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 365TH DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENT for 365th District Court Coordinatory Valeria Muñoz for expenses incurred w/meals on July 13, 2017 thru January 25, 2018 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

5.4 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 365TH DISTRICT COURT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENT for 36th District Court Coordinator Melissa Garcia for expenses incurred w/meals on December 19, 2017 thru February 1, 2018 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

5.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURER

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Months of December 2017 and January 2018 from County Treasurer –Estanislado Martinez as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

5.6 TABLED: FINANCIAL REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To TABLE this Item . MOTION CARRIED.

5.7 APPROVED: CLAIMS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
List of CLAIMS as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

5. FINANCIAL, contd.,

5.8 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
GENERAL FUND docket (\$119,242.06) 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: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

AIRPORT FUND docket (\$2,750.00), the UTILITIES FUND docket(\$50,176.15).

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

RCDS/MANAGEMENT COUNTY CLERK FUND docket (\$3,083.51).

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

RODEO ARENA&CONFERENCE CENTER FUND docket (\$400.00), TZONE FUND docket (\$359,389.31) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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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 [12:20 pm],

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK