

ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021, BEING THE SECOND 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 :

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

JOSE A. URENDA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



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: Osvaldo Perez Robert Balderas Luciano Quintanilla Evelyn Castro Patrick Tollett Twigla Tollett Lucia Juarez
Chris Castañeda Lupe Puente Christine Guerrero Daniel Estrada Carlos Pereda Leticia Carmona **Sonia G. Perez**
Dan Hejl

OTHER VISITORS: Jose Galvan

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE

1.

1.1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.3

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

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 Quorum present and the Absence of Commissioner Pct. 3-**Juan Carmona** 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) **Mario Z Garcia**-County Clerk, RE:--w/presentation of Certificate of Election Commission to County Officials elected to their respective positions at the General Election of November 3, 2020

1.6 APPROVED:

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2021

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2021 as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2.

PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

BOND(s) for Constables; Pct. 1-Luciano Quintanilla, Pct. 2-Andres Arambula, Pct.3- Robert Balderas, Pct. 4-Jose Galvan and Commissioner Pct. 1-Jose A. Urenda as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – RODEO ARENA EVENT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of December 2020, January 2021 from Event COORD. **Lupe Puente** as presented .

NOTED:--Open to Public; Spring 2021 w/caution, i.e, Users w/no underlying conditions **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of January 2021 from Constable Pct.1 **Luciano Quintanilla** as presented .

COURT ADVISORY:-- for all Constables, i.e., any changes, increases approved in new FY Budget will be based on the officials' discharge of duties, caseload, present to address Monthly Report to Commissioners Court and if county is providing a phone; that calls be answered promptly or allow caller to leave a message—provide separate Activity Report for any Deputy Reserve Constables

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2

[RE:--no one present to address this Item]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

TABLE this Item .

MOTION CARRIED.

2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 3

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of January 2021 from Constable Pct. 3 **Robert Balderas** as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of January 2021 from Constable Pct.4 **Jose Galvan** as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE

[RE:--no one present to address this Item]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

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MOTION CARRIED.

2.8 APPROVED: FINANCIAL REPORT – GOLF COURSE

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Financial **REPORT**, February to November 2020, for the Golf Course from P&D Consulting LLC as presented .

NOTED:--report supposed to be submitted quarterly---as of 02/05/21 number of employees: 4 ---new logo sign to depict new name (Windmill Dimmit County Golf Course); to keep Black Mountain signage---explanation of Depreciation Expense in report, i.e., it's a deduction; not money paid out

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 NON-ACTION ITEM : PRESENTATION – UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

[RE:--Partnership Specialist-South Texas Area **Lucia E. Juarez** w/presentation of 2020 Census Certificate on behalf of the U.S. Census Bureau for efforts made in the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program; added Invitation to a Border Communities Webinar Meeting on March 3, 2021 to help guide decision-making related to the COVID-19 pandemic.]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

***attachments**

2.10 APPROVED: (subject to) CONSTRUCT BUILDING w/USED TIRES-PATRICK TOLLETT, PCT. 5 RESIDENT

[RE:--**Patrick & Twigla Tollett** jointly addressed Court w/request for approving a building (60'Wx100'Lx12'Ht.) for livestock shelter and as a supply storage utilizing used tires adding, that stucco mesh material will cover the outside, to encapsulate tires w/dirt, gravel, cement to insure strength, integrity. A draft Proposal has also been sent to TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) whom are waiting for response/outcome today from Commsrs. Court. **COURT ADVISORY:** 1) concern if bldg. causes unsightly issues, 2) if property is ever sold/transferred, 3) protect the environment]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Patrick Tollett to build a structure for Livestock Shelter and Supply Storage using recycled tires...**subject to** : that **1)** the tires on outside walls be concrete-packed and not be visible, **2)** that by covenant : should Tollett sell/transfer same property to disclose that all tires be disposed of and **3)** that final approval from Dimmit County Commissioners Court be based on the response, recommendations from TCEQ as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

***attachments**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.11 APPROVED:(subject to) AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – CASE MANAGER 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
[RE:--reviewed by County Attorney; amended Section 1.03—Discussion: Longevity for permanence, i.e., county has contracted w/the School District; Case Mgr. is a county employee, monies from the school is to provide a Service]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

[sic] modifications of the Amended Interlocal Cooperation **AGREEMENT** between County of Dimmit and Carrizo Springs

Consolidated Independent School District (CSCISD) for the Case Manager position for 2020-2021'School Year....**subject to**

RESCIND MOTION on Longevity Pay **POLICY**, i.e., make exception for **Evelyn Castro** in addition to consider any Stipend from CSCISD as presented

NOTED:--to budget for Supplies; correct W-2 for Castro

MOTION CARRIED.

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2.12 NON-ACTION ITEM : REQUEST FROM JENNIE LOPEZ FOR WATER SERVICE IN CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF NEW HOME AT 640 DUNCAN ST., ESPANTOSA SUBDIVISION

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.13 APPROVED: a) 2021 EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS SAVINGS OPTION PLAN, b) NON-ACTION ITEM

[RE:--**COURT ADVISORY:** cannot refuse to return funds whenever employee makes request..[sic] it is their money--]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

2021 Christmas Savings Plan for County Employees, effective next payroll period as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.14 APPROVED: ADVERTISE – BID FOR MARTIN AND CAREY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN PCT. 3,6

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

HIA (Heil, Lee & Associates Inc) to coordinate with County Staff to advertise and Bid for Martin and Carey Road Improvement PROJECT in Precinct 3 and 6, as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

2.15 APPROVED: CHANGE ORDER, CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTS – WILLIAMS ROAD IMPROVEMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Acceptance of the Williams Road Improvement Change **ORDER** Work Task into the County Road & Bridge Operation and Maintenance Program and Approval of the Final Change **ORDER** adjusting quantities and Authorizing the County Judge to execute Construction **CONTRACT** closeout documents as presented

NOTED:--a cost savings at end of project of \$9,000.- (2019'Bond monies)—return to Building Fund

MOTION CARRIED.

2.16 APPROVED: HIRING – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 3 and 6

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

HIRING of one (1) Part-Time Employee for R&B Pcts. 3 & 6 , effective: 02/02/2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.17 NON-ACTION ITEM : MODIFY DIMMIT COUNTY HOLIDAYS 2021

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.18 APPROVED: EXTEND VACATION TIME – COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

Modify/Extend Vacation Time for County Judge Executive Secretary **Leticia Carmona** as presented.

ABSTAIN: Alonso Carmona

NOTED:--employee lost 14-hours related to recovery(s) from COVID-19

MOTION CARRIED.

2.19 APPROVED: TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT – COUNTY JUDGE

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Reimbursement for County Judge **Francisco G. Ponce** for travel expenses incurred attending : Probate Committee Meeting on January 27-29, 2021 in Georgetown, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

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3.

L A W E N F O R C E M E N T

3.1 APPROVED: RATIFY TRAVEL REQUEST, TRAINING COSTS – DEPUTIES

[RE:--Meeting held in Cotulla; deputies drove to training patrol vehicle—cost only for the Training]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

RATIFY Travel Request for Deputies attending : Enhance Narcotic K9 Training , February 3-5, 2021 and Training Cost (\$500.-) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

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3. **LAW ENFORCEMENT, contd.,**

3.2 APPROVED: SUBMISSION, APPROVAL OF OPSG FY'20 STONE GARDEN RESOLUTION

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
Operation Stone Garden FY20' Grant Resolution as presented

NOTED: --COURT ADVISORY : keep track of Funding; to not exceed monies; provide Commsrs. Court w/copy of Grant
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.3 APPROVED: HIRING – DISPATCHER

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
HIRING of a Dispatcher as presented

NOTED:--Yolanda Martinez in charge of/oversees Dispatchers; Use of cell phones (now) not allowed—Dispatchers leave their
phones in their cars
MOTION CARRIED.

3.4 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – THREE (3) DISPATCHERS

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :

TRAVEL request/expenses for Dispatchers : Angel Ayala, Pedro Olivarez, Myranda Medina to attend : required TCIC/TLETS Full
Access Operator Training Course #4802, March 29-31, 2021 in San Antonio, TX as presented

ABSTAIN: Alonso Carmona (for Pedro Olivarez) **MOTION CARRIED.** *attachments

3.5 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS and SHERIFF DEPT. ACTIVITY REPORT/STATUS

[RE:--**SHERIFF**: 4 traffic deputies : 234 tickets reported—speeders continue, 18 Wheelers on Peña St.—issues w/Radios need
upgrade (MRGDC assist)—software for UCR Reports, March report soon; recommend to have more than 1 person trained for
this type of Report...**JAIL**: State and Federal Inspections due soon]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
Jail Status (Osvaldo Perez) and Sheriff Dept. Activity Report/Status (Chris Castañeda) for Month of January 2021 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

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

4.1 APPROVED: HIRING – PART-TIME FOR VACCINATION SITE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
HIRING of 2 (two) Temporary Part-Time persons to assist at the Mass Vaccination site (Arena) as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.2 APPROVED: STATUS REPORTS

[RE: --new CSA Nutrition Center: plans modified; Advertise for Bids on next Agenda will specify breakdown what is wanted
--LANDFILL: Dan Hejl working on layout plans; Advertise for Bids (w/breakdown) this Summer 2021—Report from Emergency
Management Coordinator for Month of February 2021]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
Status **REPORTS** as presented **MOTION CARRIED.** *attachments

5. **FINANCIAL**

5.1 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 6 – COUNTY JAIL

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 6 (County Jail : \$6,550.-) as presented **MOTION CARRIED.** *attachment

5.2 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** :
Claim Docket : GENERAL FUND(\$8,452,227.85) AIRPORT FUND(\$632.14) UTILITIES(\$53,255.20)

DIMMIT COUNTY GRANTS(\$5,472.24) COURTHOUSE SECURITY(\$4,340.65) STONEGARDEN(\$58,000.00)

RCDS/MGMT CO.CLERK(\$353.98) LOCAL BORDER SEC.(\$2,866.24) DC PAYROLL(\$250,572.66)

CO's 2019(\$179,583.54) GRAND TOTAL: \$11,561,277.50 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** *attachment

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

7. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

PUBLIC SAFETY CORPORATION

8.

8.1 **NEW BUSINESS**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

8.2 **PERSONNEL and EXPENDITURES**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

8.3 **APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

Public Safety Corporation Claim Docket(\$4,039.64) as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

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9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

Adjourn Meeting [12:10 PM] .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK

FEBRUARY 08, 2021

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