

ON THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, 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. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST., CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS, WITH MEMBERS PRESENT TO-WIT :

FRANCISCO G. PONCE  
COUNTY JUDGE

JOSE A. URENDA  
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

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:** Christine Cardona-Guerrero Laura Carmona Isabelle Carmona Andrea Carmona Julie Carmona Rebekah Pullara Lupe Puente Mary Sandoval Luciano Quintanilla Robert Balderas Leticia Carmona Francisco Ponce Carlos Pereda Osvaldo Perez Daniel Estrada Chris Plaster Dan Hejl Daniel M. Gonzalez Marion Boyd Peter Perez III

**OTHER VISITORS:** José Galvan Austin Jaramillo

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

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## 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 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 Testimony of Oath.

## 1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Jose Urenda-Commsr. Pct. 1, RE:--Annual Livestock Show this week, January 12-15 at the Arena; w/ COVID precautions, restrictions for the public and for the animals

## 1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 27, 2021

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on December 27, 2021 as presented .

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 2. PERSONNEL & POLICY

### 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 – BLT EXTENSION AGENT**

[RE:-- BLT short form for Better Living for Texans; Agent covers Dimmit, Uvalde, Zavala counties ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of November, December 2021 from BLT Agent Carissa Muñoz as presented.

**NOTED:--**Muñoz assignments to Dimmit Co for January **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

**2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – RODEO ARENA EVENT COORDINATOR**

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of December 2021 from Event COORD. Guadalupe Puente as presented.

**NOTED:--**Stock Show BBQ plates will be "drive-thru" w/COVID precautions **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of December 2021 from Constable Luciano Quintanilla as presented .

**NOTED:--** 1) no laptop in patrol vehicle; equipment returned to Sheriff Dept., 2) steep costs for Software Program (est.\$9000.-) to recommend Ad for Bids

**COURT ADVISORY:** Auditor maintain close monitoring of equipment; IT Dept. provide laptop for Pct. 1 immediately

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.5 Tabled: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

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**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

REPORT for Month of December 2021 from Constable Robert Balderas as presented .

**NOTED: --** recently obtained a Laptop; needs Printer

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

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

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

REPORT for Month of December 2021 from Constable Jose Galvan as presented .

**NOTED: --**Laptop in Unit not working; for now tickets are manually

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.8 Tabled: MONTHLY REPORT - VICTORY/MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

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**2.9 Tabled: RENEWAL – AIRPORT MANAGER’S CONTRACT AGREEMENT, 2022’**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

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**2.10 APPROVED: ELECTION ADVISORY – PROHIBIT ELECTIONEERING ON DESIGNATED COUNTY PARKING SPACES**

[RE:--inquiries from candidates for upcoming Primary Election, i.e., where is it permissible ? to station outside the Courthouse Annex during the early voting period (?) Election Code prohibits campaign-related activity within 100’ft to any entrance to the Early Voting Polling location—outside the 100’ft will cause to occupy parking spaces designated for employees, customers and Voters including the adjacent Housing Authority Apartments. Allowable outside the 100’ft and not on county properties is parking on the street curbs. ]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

PROHIBIT political/campaign activity (aka "electioneering") outside the 100’feet distance marker on county-owned properties designated for parking by county employees, customers, Voters conducting business inside the Courthouse "ANNEX" (212 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) and/or the County Finance Bldg. (301 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.), Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm as presented .

**NOTED:--**Courthouse Security Deputy to continue stationary parking at the ANNEX—additional Early Voting will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022, 10 am to 3 pm

**MOTION CARRIED.**



**2.11 APPROVED: CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT – COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

RE:--required education hours each anniversary date upon taking office ]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE AND Accept 2021 Continuing Education Transcript for Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Sandoval**, per Texas Property Code 6.231 as presented

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.12 APPROVED: TERMINATE VERBAL AGREEMENT – GOLF COURSE**

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO : TERMINATE the Verbal Agreement with David Smith concerning the Golf Course and pay him (Smith) the Fees due to him up to today, January 10, 2022 as presented**

**DISCUSSION:**--existing INVENTORY, i.e, alcohol, golf carts (have not been maintained regularly)--BUDGET: comprised from golf revenue and some from Co. Judges' budget; Fees still owed to Smith

**FOR** : Francisco G. Ponce, Jose Urenda, Juan Carmona

**AGAINST** : Alonso Carmona\*, Valerie Rubalcaba

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

(\*recommend Termination "in writing")

**2.13 APPROVED: ORDER "NO THRU TRUCKS" – DUNCAN STREET IN PCT. 6**

[RE: Duncan St. in the Espantosa Subdivision]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE : ORDER to prohibit heavy trucks only on Duncan Street in Pct. 6, i.e., "NO THRU TRUCKS" by way of County Ordinance and/or Resolution including maximum Fine of \$500 for violators as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.14 APPROVED: OPEN BIDS – CATARINA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

[RE:--County Judge Francisco G. Ponce duly opened and read aloud the one (1) Bid timely submitted :

Alvin E. Stock Contractor, LLC (Eagle Pass) \$ 425,066.65 ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO : Accept, Close Bidding for the CATARINA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Phase 2, TX CDBG Contract No. 7219035 and designate County Auditor to analyze, report recommendations. MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.15 APPROVED: AWARD CONTRACT – FAITH RANCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

[RE:--Hejl, Lee & Associates, Inc. w/ recommendation--]

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO : Award Construction CONTRACT for the FAITH RANCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT to Bega Paving, Inc. (\$552,595.00) as presented**

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.16 APPROVED: PURCHASE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1**

[RE:--to replace original shredder; purchase thru Buy Board ]

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE : PURCHASE of a 7'ft Shredder (Ag Equipment, Inc.-est. \$5,675.-) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**2.17 APPROVED: HIRING – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE : HIRING of one Full-Time Employee, effective: 01/04/2022 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.18 APPROVED: TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE – FOR ONE VFD**

[RE:--volunteer is also a county employee; having to use personal phone--OTHER: VFD using pagers thru the Sheriff Dept., 6-mile range only, cost: \$600- each ]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE : TELEPHONE Allowance for one Volunteer Fire Fighter as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.19 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, COUNTY AUDITOR**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE : TRAVEL request/expenses for County Judge Francisco G. Ponce, Commissioner Pct.4 Valerie Rubalcaba and County Auditor Carlos Pereda to attend: Healthy Boot Camp, Feb. 9-11, 2022 in Round Rock, TX.**

**MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

**2.20 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY AUDITOR**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**TRAVEL** request/expenses for County Auditor **Carlos Pereda** to attend : On-the-Road Training, January 11 – 13,  
2022 in Bastrop, TX as presented . **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**3. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**3.1 TABLED: TRANSFER FIVE (5) POSITIONS FROM SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO A CONSTABLES' DEPT.**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**  
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**3.2 APPROVED: (subject to ) REPAIR PADDING ON DOOR – COUNTY JAIL**

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**  
**REPAIR** inside padding of Door at County Jail...**subject to removing 'Administrative Insurance' fee on Quote/Invoice**  
**allowing purchase of the repair (padding only) to a maximum amount of \$6995.—as best product for the least**  
**amount and proceed to search for a full, new door as presented.** **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**3.3 TABLED: EXPENSES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW KITCHEN DISPOSAL AT COUNTY JAIL**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**  
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**AGENDA ITEM REVISITED:**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**  
**Revisit Agenda Item 3.3, Meeting to-date, as presented .** **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3.3 APPROVED: EXPENSES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW KITCHEN DISPOSAL AT COUNTY JAIL**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**Expenses(Invoice:\$3,339.52) to install new Kitchen Disposal at County Jail.** **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**3.4 TABLED: PURCHASE – “HOT FOOD TABLE” FOR COUNTY JAIL**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**  
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**3.5 APPROVED: HIRING – FULL TIME DISPATCHER**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**HIRING** of a Full-Time Dispatcher for Sheriff Dept. as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3.6 APPROVED: PURCHASE – DECALS FOR UNMARKED UNITS**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**PURCHASE** Decals for 13-Unmarked Units from Patty's Signs (Quote:\$13,000.-). **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**

**3.7 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS and SHERIFF'S REPORT/STATUS**

[RE:--NOTED: **SHERIFF DEPT.**: printers not installed in some Units—Citation(s) for illegals—**JAIL**: 5 employees  
currently out w/COVID including the Medical Assistant ..**COURT ADVISORY: get a temporary P/T MA ]**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**REPORTS** for Month of December 2021 from Sheriff **Marion Boyd** (Dept. Activity and Jail Administrator **Osvaldo**  
**Perez** (Jail Operations) as presented . **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachments**

**4. GRANTS & PLANNING /:/ REGUALTORY COMPLIANCE**

**4.1 APPROVED: TABC CONSULTING TO PROCESS ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR COUNTY GOLF COURSE**

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**  
**Texas Alcohol Consulting** to interact on behalf of Dimmit County to process TABC Alcohol **PERMIT** for the County  
Golf Course as presented .  
**AGAINST:** Juan Carmona **MOTION CARRIED. \*attachment**