

ON THIS THE 13th DAY OF March, 2023, 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 :

MARTHA ALICIA GOMEZ PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

JOSE A. URENDA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

JUAN R. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



ALONSO G. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

VALERIE C. RUBALCABA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA
COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

VISITORS SIGNED-IN: Alfredo Castañeda III Carissa Muñoz Alyssa Cruz Oscar Ortiz Robert Diaz Mirtha Hernandez Paula Seydel Gabriel Riojas Esteban Ortiz Christine Cardona-Guerrero **Sonia G. Perez** Carlos Pereda Lupe Puente Edward L. Ochoa Marko De Leon Francisco R. Ponce **Robert Balderas** Richard Ramirez Frank Picazo Claudia McDaniel Celina Rodriguez **Andres Arambula** Cynthia Montes **Daniel M. Gonzalez**

OTHER VISITORS: Jose Galvan Amado Abascal Alan Bristol (TAC) Frank G. Ponce Marcos Mendez

<><><> 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 **Martha Alicia Gomez 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) **Amado Abascal**-365th District Judge, RE:--response to and request to reconsider Advisory from County of Dimmit, i.e., effective: January 1, 2023, Reimbursement to Office Staff for mileage, meals will not be Approved.
- b) **Alan Bristol**-Texas Association of Counties (TAC) County Relations Officer w/introduction and receptive to assist county departments with all TAC Services
- c) **Alonso Carmona**-Comm'r Pct. 2, RE:-- reported rail damage on CR 101

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2023

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE : **MINUTES** of Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2023 [as presented] . MOTION CARRIED.

PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS:

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE : **BOND** for Deputy District Clerk **Sara Elisa Garza**, Deputy County Clerk **Celia Flores-Hernandez**. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.2 APPROVED: USE OF COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[RE: Manager **Paula Seydel** addressed Court w/request, purpose for the Event]

MOTION: **Alonso Carmona** SECOND: **Valerie Rubalcaba** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
USE OF the County Fairgrounds and Pavilion at 201 S. 4th St., for the “5K and Walk-A-Thon” sponsored by the Carrizo Springs FFA and Chamber of Commerce on April 15, 2023, 8:00 AM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.3 APPROVED: USE OF RODEO ARENA and WAIVE FEE – CSA SENIOR FUN DAY

[RE: Spokesperson **Robert Diaz** addressed Court w/request(s), purpose for the Event]

MOTION: **Alonso Carmona** SECOND: **Jose Urenda** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
USE OF the Rodeo Arena for “CSA Senior Fun Day” on May 5, 2023 and the Fee of \$10.00 [as presented].

NOTED: Comm’r **Alonso Carmona** to recompense for the Fee **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.4 Tabled: REQUEST/USE OF RODEO ARENA FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR DIMMIT COUNTY REGIONAL STAFF ON JUNE 18, 2023

[RE: No one present to address this Item]

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

2.5 Tabled: PRESENTATION/REQUEST APPROVAL OF KALI ESTATES SUBDIVISION (PLAT)

[RE: **Edward L. Ochoa-Sr.** Project Manager for KCI TECHNOLOGIES INC. (Laredo, TX) addressed Court w/request and preliminary plat which shows ...[sic] existing improvements, proposed lot lines and proposed locations of the shared driveways located off FM 517 –**Ochoa** provided feedback to questions/concerns from Court Members— EX: for restricted, residential Use and compliance w/Model Subdivision Rules. Consensus of Court agreed to Table this Item for more research/information]

MOTION: **Juan Carmona** SECOND: **Jose Urenda** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
TABLE this Item **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

MOTION: **Jose Urenda** SECOND: **Juan Carmona** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from **Alyssa Cruz** [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY FCH AGENT

MOTION: **Alonso Carmona** SECOND: **Valerie Rubalcaba** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from **Carissa Muñoz** [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – RODEO ARENA EVENT COORDINATOR

MOTION: **Valerie Rubalcaba** SECOND: **Juan Carmona** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from **Guadalupe Puente** [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2

MOTION: **Jose Urenda** SECOND: **Valerie Rubalcaba** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from **Andres Arambula** [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.10 APPROVED: APPOINTMENT(s) – RESERVE DEPUTIES FOR CONSTABLE PCT. 2

[RE: Constable **Andres Arambula** addressed Court w/request; **NOTED:** Reserve Deputies also assist other Depts.— strict Policy enforced—not for Use outside the county; failure to adhere are grounds for dismissal—they are unpaid and report from 15 to 20 Hours per Month. **NOTED:** from Chief Deputy **R. Ramirez** : [sic] Policy not same as Reserve Deputies under the Sheriff Dept.; only F/T Peace Officers can work outside the county]

MOTION: **Alonso Carmona** SECOND: **Valerie Rubalcaba** THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Two (2) Reserve Deputies for Constable Pct. 2 [as presented].

AGAINST : **Juan Carmona** **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.11 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT(s) – CONSTABLE PCT. 3, RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE PCT. 3

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT(s) for Month of February 2023 from Robert Balderas and Rudy Lopez [as presented].

NOTED: Constable Balderas lauded job performance(county-wide) from Lopez MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.12 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from Alfred Castañeda III [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.13 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 4

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2023 from Jose Galvan [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.14 Tabled: MONTHLY REPORT – VICTORY AMBULANCE

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

2.15 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Sonia Guerrero-Perez to attend: INQUEST and UNIDENTIFIED BODIES WORKSHOP in Corpus Christi, TX, March 27-28, 2023 [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

CONSENT ITEMS

2. ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY

2.16 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DIMMIT COUNTY JUDGE MARTHA ALICIA GOMEZ PONCE TO ATTEND: DWI SUMMIT, JUNE 22-23, 2023, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

2.17 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DIMMIT COUNTY JUDGE MARTHA ALICIA GOMEZ PONCE TO ATTEND: 89TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-29, 2023 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

2.18 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – PCT. 1 COMMISSIONER JOSE URENDA TO ATTEND : 89TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-29, 2023 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

2.19 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST- PCT. 3 COMMISSIONER JUAN CARMONA TO ATTEND: 89TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-29, 2023 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

2.21 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST- PCT. 4 COMMISSIONER VALERIE RUBALCABA TO ATTEND: 89TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-29, 2023 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

2.23 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST-PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ALONSO CARMONA TO ATTEND : 89TH ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-29, 2023 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for each CONSENT ITEM [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachments**

END OF CONSENT ITEMS.

2.20 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 10 – IT DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment No.10 for it Department (\$2,000.00) [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.22 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 15 – SANITATION DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment No. 15 for Sanitation Dept. (\$55,00.00) [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.24 APPROVED: INCREASE SALARY RATE FOR CO-OP – COUNTY TREASURER OFFICE

[RE:--County Treasurer **Oscar Ortiz** addressed court w/request, i.e., to provide increase from Treasurer’s Budget; CO-OP Student Program(CSCISD) contributes \$5.53 for each student employed—allocations for COOP positions employed by the county are monitored by the County Judge Budget]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
[sic] to increase Co-op Student in Treasurer’s Office pay from minimum wage to Dimmit County starting Salary (\$11.00) [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.25 APPROVED: REQUEST SIGNATURES, ADOPTION OF THE NEW REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY

[NOTED: this **POLICY** supersedes all other Policies; includes new entries, amended sections; Department Heads to provide Copy to each employee and affix signature to acknowledge receipt]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
ADOPTION and Signatures of the New Personnel Policies as presented with New and Amended Entries (effective: immediately) [as presented].

COURT ADVISORY: Department Heads reminded to enforce Dress Code MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 9, BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 11-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment No. 9 for Sheriff Dept. (\$8,000.00) and BUDGET Adjustment No.11 for Jail (\$7,000.00) [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

3.2 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DEPUTY

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy **Luis Carmona** to attend : COMBAT K-9 TRAINING, February 13-24, 2023 in San Antonio, TX – [sic] under the Service AGREEMENT between Dimmit County Sheriff Office and K9 Handler [as presented]

ABSTAIN: Alonso Carmona, Juan Carmona MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.3 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS and SHERIFF ACTIVITY REPORT/STATUS

[RE:--~~JAIL~~: corrected date on Report to indicate for Month of February 2023--~~SHERIFF~~: Dispatch issues with Channel 3—vacancy for Code Enforcer position; several cameras out-of-service; County Attorney Office needs Case NO. for these incidents for filing purposes]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
JAIL Status/Operations Report for Month of February 2023 from Jail ADMR **Cynthia Montes** and SHERIFF Status/Report from Chief Deputy **Richard Ramirez** [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

4. UTILITY / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

4.1 STATUS REPORTS

[RE:--Report from **Manuel Jaime** : CSA Project : sidewalk, curbing complete; still lacking all painting; Calzada from Arquitectura SA plan to install Door w/push-button; target date for completion : March 31.—COUNTY PARK, PLAZITA: break-in’s on Money Box to turn on Lighting, need metal security]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Status REPORT for Utility/Regulatory Compliance Depts. [as presented]. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **GRANTS & PLANNING**

5.1 **APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : TRAVEL request/expenses for Christine Cardona-Guerrero to attend : G-202 DEBRIS MANAGEMENT, May 8-11, 2023 in Eagle Pass, TX [as presented] . **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.2 **APPROVED: STATUS REPORTS**

[RE:--TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION: to hire one defense COORDR. , MLB YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION: for East Avenue Park, Baseball Fields only; TEXAS DEPT. OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Application due; for HOME Program; to inquire Dimmit County current standing with TDHCA—OTHER: 2024' Law Enforcement funds (MRGDC Grant) for Radio Tower in Pct. 1 and Artesia Wells(need new Dispatch Console) —K9 Grant for next Year—future Project for Sport Fields]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : Status REPORTS [as presented] . **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

6. **FINANCIAL**

6.1 **APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : CLAIM DOCKET : GENERAL FUND(\$555,380.63) DC GRANTS(\$58,567.50) DC AIRPORT(\$42.15) DC GOLF COURSE(\$10,176.18) CRTHOUSE SECURITY(\$1,565.99) RCDS/MGMT CO. CLERK(\$1,080.18) UTILITIES(\$42,694.28) RODEO ARENA(\$2,900.00) LOCAL BORDERS S.S.(\$3,109.81) CTIF-TXDOT(\$512,768.70) DC PAYROLL(\$507,115.85) CO's 2019(\$202,190.55) CO's 2020(\$60,750.00) CO's 2021(\$338,250.00)...GRAND TOTAL: \$2,329,982.65 [as presented] . **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

6.2 **APPROVED: OPEN BANK ACCOUNT – OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND**

[RE:--for Settlement monies]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO** : Open Bank Account for OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST FUND [as presented]. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

6.3 **APPROVED: NON-CORPORATE RESOLUTION**

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : [sic] a Non-Corporate RESOLUTION [as presented] .
NOTE: (county) opened an account in its name with FINANCIAL NORTHEASTERN **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

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

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Consensus of Court Members agreed to Adjourn Meeting [11:47 AM] .

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

SEAL:

MARTHA ALICIA GOMEZ PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA
COUNTY CLERK

COMMISSIONERS COURT
COUNTY OF DIMMIT, TEXAS