


ON THIS THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2021, 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 :

JOSE A. URENDA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

JUAN R. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



ALONSO G. CARMONA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

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

VALERIE RUBALCABA
COMMISSIONER PCT., 4

VISITORS SIGNED-IN: Graciela Perez Alberto Esquivel Alicia Sanchez Dan Hejl Alfredo Martinez Chris Castañeda Esther Hernandez Leticia Hernandez Sonia G. Perez Carlos Pereda Leticia Carmona Maricela G. Gonzalez Daniel Estrada Chris Plaster Christine Guerrero Estanislado Martinez Daniel M. Gonzalez

OTHER VISITORS: ---

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE

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 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) Valerie Rubalcaba-Commsr. Pct. 4, RE:-- 1) request for Letter of Support for Carrizo Springs CISD to apply for State Waiver Application to TEA impacted by Winter Storm Frees on 02/15/2021—2) assistance w/the COVID Food Distribution set for Thursday, 03/25/2021
b) Francisco G. Ponce-County Judge, RE:--authorized to negotiate; seller of property next to Metroplex has made offer settling price agreed, placed Under Contract—will need to call Special Meeting to proceed.
c) Juan Carmona-Commsr. Pct. 3, RE:--update on personal health; glad to be back
d) Jose Urenda-Commsr. Pct.1, RE:--residents along Urenda Loop w/complaints about heavy traffic damaging private property(s)..EX: chartered Buses from the Immigration Detention Camp located across on Munson RD
COURT ADVISORY: install Signage Warnings (EX: Unsafe for Buses)

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 8, 2021
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on March 8, 2021 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.
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2. **PERSONNEL & POLICY**

2.1 **APPROVED: BONDS**
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
BOND for Deputy/Sheriff Dept. Joseph Mahurin as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS :

2.2 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1**
2.3 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2**
2.4 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3**
2.5 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4**
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
REPORT(s) for Month of February 2021 from JP 1-Sonia G. Perez, JP 2-Alberto Esquivel, JP 3-Leticia Hernandez and
JP 4-Alfredo Martinez as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.6 **APPROVED: HIRING – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
HIRING of Cristina Bernal-Cruz as Temporary Part-Time Clerk for the JP Pct. 4 Office, effective:03/22/2021, until the
regular part-time Clerk returns as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

2.7 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
REPORT for Month of February 2021 from District Clerk Maricela Gonzalez. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.8 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK**
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
REPORT for Month of February 2021 from County Clerk Mario Z Garcia. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 **APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY CLERK STAFF**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
TRAVEL request(s)/expenses for County Clerk Mario Z Garcia and Deputy Clerks Delma De Leon and Belinda
Sandoval to attend : 2021 PROBATE ACADEMY, May 12-14, in Corpus Christi, TX as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.10 **APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
REPORT for Month of February 2021 from Commissioners : Pct. 1-Jose Urenda, Pct. 2-Alonso Carmona, Pct. 3-Juan Carmona
and Pct.4-Valerie Rubalcaba as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.11 **APPROVED: DONATION – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1**
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
DONATION of 1400 cubic yards of topsoil/backfill from LCRA to R&B Pct. 1 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.12 **APPROVED: USE OF ASHERTON RECREATION CENTER – ANNUAL EASTER EVENT**
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
USE OF the Asherton Recreational Center for the 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3, 2021.
NOTED:--Mask will be required; Event for all County MOTION CARRIED.

2.13 **APPROVED: (subject to) RAZE HAZARDOUS TREE FOR OWNER – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 6**
[RE:--request from elderly man w/ concerns for mishaps; 25' tree sits close to residence, walkway]
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
R&B Pct. 6 to [sic] cut down a hazardous Tree for an elderly man and serve as a “Public Purpose for the health and
general welfare of anyone in said vicinity” ...subject to a Waiver from owner of the tree; not to hold Dimmit County
liable for any damages/injuries/environmental issues in the event of-- and as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.14 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – DCVFD ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

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

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

2.15 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of January, February 2021 from Administrative DIR Graciela Perez as presented .

NOTED:--providing transportation for Catarina elderly residents to Vaccine site—issue w/radios previously(which actually are “walkies” used by Sheriff dept.—COURT : option to purchase thru Sheriffs’ Grants:then lease to EMS, 9-1-1 Providers MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.16 APPROVED: ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – TxDOT CTIF PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Hejl, Lee & Associates (HLA) to coordinate w/County Staff to Advertise and BID TxDOT CTIF Program for Carrizo Hills, Palo Verde and Munson Road Improvement Projects as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

2.17 APPROVED: AWARD CONTRACT – MARTIN AVENUE & CAREY LANE ROADWAY PROJECT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Award CONTRACT for the Martin Avenue and Carey Lane Roadway PROJECT to J&J Excavation (Crystal City) in the amount of \$371,996.00 as presented .

NOTED:--3/4 mile project--CTIF monies for JP 4 Bldg., CSA Bldg. but not for MRGDC Bldg. MOTION CARRIED.

2.18 APPROVED: REQUEST FOR UTILITY INSTALLATION PERMIT IN COUNTY ROW ON MUNSON ROAD

[RE:--from HLA Engineer Dan Hejl : negotiated to install outside the paving, they will maintain; TxDOT provided a License Agreement Form to be reviewed by legal counsel—they (requestor) will maintain the installation.

COURT: County can set Rules & Regulations on a County Right-of-Way; lines belong to Carrizo Hill Subdivision which have TCEQ jurisdiction]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Request for Utility Installation PERMIT in County Right-of-Way (ROW) to install wastewater force main on Munson Road to accommodate wastewater from Carrizo Springs Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) influx Housing PROJECT for a FEE of Two-Dollars (\$2.00) per linear foot as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.19 APPROVED: NOT TO OPEN – SPORTS COMPLEX

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Not Open all of Dimmit County Sports Complex (inc. Jesus “Chi Chi” Rodriguez T-Ball Field at this time as presented MOTION CARRIED.

2.20 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY COURT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Judge Francisco G. Ponce and County Court COORD. Marisel Muñoz to attend : 2021 Probate Academy, May 12-14, 2021 in Corpus Christi, TX. MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 TABLED: HIRING – FULL TIME COURTHOUSE SECURITY, FULL TIME JAILER EFFECTIVE 03/19/2021

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

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT, contd.,

3.2 APPROVED: RESOLUTIONS (only) : a)LOCAL BORDER SECURITY, b) OPERATION BORDER STAR, c) OPERATION STONE GARDEN FY'21

TABLED: GRANT REQUEST BREAKDOWN FOR RESOLUTIONS

[RE:--joint discussion on Grant Request Breakdown (attachment) as subject to--]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

a)LOCAL BORDER SECURITY FY'22 RESOLUTION, b) OPERATIONS BORDER STAR FY'22 RESOLUTION and c) OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY'21 GRANT RESOLUTION [sic] with the understanding that for any Line Item will depend on the amount getting (awarded) and use \$70,000.00 of Overtime for hand-held Radios and other Equipment and TABLE the Grant Request Breakdown until actual Award amounts is received, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

3.3 NON-ACTION ITEM : STATUS REPORTS

[RE:--Commsr. Alonso Carmona expressed concerns/inquiry for Deputies working at the UAC Center with the (reported) COVID outbreak there (?)]

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

4.1 APPROVED: ORDER – CONTINUE DISASTER DECLARATION EXECUTIVE ORDER

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
To Extend the EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER issued on February 16, 2021, due to the February Winter Storm for 180 days from date of the declaration as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.2 NON-ACTION ITEM : STATUS REPORTS

[RE:--[sic] working on 1) Catarina Water Line, 2) plans for Landfill : José working on design/drafts—AD Bid will out this summer—CSA contract approved; doing Title Search—No update on HOME (TDA programs)—COVID-19: 49 active (44 contained at the UAC Housing; 5 in county); National Guard not coming to assist w/vaccine transporting (only 8 accounted for); Medshield to provide transportation]

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 12 – SHERIFF DEPT.

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 12 (Sheriff Dept.-\$ 23,705.00) as presented . **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURER

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
REPORT for Month of February 2021 from County Treasurer Estanislado Martinez as presented .
NOTED: --update on Investments, interest created in general fund **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.3 APPROVED: FINANCIAL REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
Financial REPORT for Month of February 2021 from County Auditor Carlos Pereda as presented .
NOTED:--inquiry about cemetery fees (?) **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.4 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
List of Claims and Claim Docket : General Fund (\$587,447.85) Airport Fund (\$2,750.00) Utilities (\$ 31,972.91) Courthouse Security (\$4,882.00) RCDS/MGMT County Clerk (\$541.23) Stone Garden (\$ 27,905.91) CTIF-TXDOT (\$46,095.00) DC Payroll (\$ 509,066.99) CO's-2017 (\$ 36,906.56) Catarina Water Well (\$59,099.58) CO's-2019 (\$ 37,040.44) CO's-2020 (\$ 4,000.00) GRAND TOTAL: \$1,347,708.47, as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSSION
- 7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

[NON-ACTION ITEM]
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8. PUBLIC SAFETY CORPORATION

- 8.1 NEW BUSINESS [NON-ACTION ITEM]
- 8.2 PERSONNEL AND EXPENDITURES [NON-ACTION ITEM]
- 8.3 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda
Public Facilities Fund docket (\$2,836.50) as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda
Adjourn Meeting [12:05 PM] .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK

SEAL: