

ON THIS THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 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 :

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

MIKE URIEGAS
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

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: Alfredo Martinez Sonia Guerrero Christine Guerrero Ruth A. Ceniseros Selena Esquivel Alberto Esquivel Leticia Hernandez Daniel Estrada Carlos Pereda David Torres John Petry Rodolfo Lopez Maricela G. Gonzalez Chris Plaster Daniel M. Gonzalez Osvaldo Perez Ricardo Ramirez, Jr. Barbara Garza Mary Gonzalez Jennifer Gonzalez Mary Sandoval Marion Boyd Estanislado Martinez Paula Seydel

OTHER VISITORS: --

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 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. 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) add 3 R&B employees to attend Food Bank Training in Laredo, 2) Invitation to 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Asherton City Park on Saturday, March 31

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2018

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE : MOTION CARRIED. MINUTES of Special Meeting held on March 7, 2018 as presented .

1.7 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 2018

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

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

[RE:--no Bond(s) timely submitted for approval]

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NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2018 from JP Pct. 1 Sonia Guerrero as presented.

Discussion :--tickets not in system; up to 2-weeks and older—no reports from Deputy Laptops to JP Office –Training w/ Hector Gomez on April 27—Courthouse Security Committee (composition) members pending MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.3 APPROVED: HIRING – FULL TIME JP PCT. 1 COURT CLERK

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING of Samantha Diaz as full time JP Pct. 1 Court Clerk, effective: March 12, 2018

NOTED:--3 month rule still applies for any increase in salary or starting at salary from a former position/office
MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2018 from JP Pct. 2 Alberto Esquivel as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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

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

2.6 APPROVED; TRAVEL REQUEST – JP PCT. 3 COURT CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 3 Court Clerk Ester Hernandez to attend : 2018 Court Personnel Seminar, June 4-5-6, in San Marcos, TX as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JP PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2018 from JP Pct. 4 Alfredo Martinez as presented.

Discussion:--bat infestation at office building that houses both JP and Commissioner MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2018 from District Clerk Maricela G Gonzalez as presented.

Discussion:--request from Federal Probation Dept. for use of the 4H Bldg. for their monthly Meeting, during working hours 8 am to 5 pm
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of February 2018 from County Clerk Mario Z Garcia as presented

Discussion:--word from local Democratic Party Chair, per Advisory from Secretary of State, i.e., curtail expenses for the Runoff Election including, if applicable, to consolidate election precincts MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.10 APPROVED: 1) TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY CLERK, 2) TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY CLERK OFFICE STAFF, 3) CLOSE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 1-DAY STAFF TRAINING

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Clerk Mario Z Garcia to attend : County&District Clerks Association Region 8 Spring Conference, April 19-20, 2018 in Eagle Pass, TX as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Clerk's Staff to attend : County&District Clerks Association Region 8 Spring Conference, April 19, 2018 in Eagle Pass, TX as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To AUTHORIZE to Close Office of the County Clerk, for one (1) day, to allow Office Staff to attend Clerks Region 8 Spring Conference, April 19, 2018 in Eagle Pass, TX as presented MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.11 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT(s) for Month of February 2018 from County Commissioners : Pct. 1-Mike Uriegas, Pct. 2-Alonso Carmona, Pct. 3-Juan Carmona and Pct. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba as presented .

Discussion:--include improvements on roads, i.e., Diamond H, Faith Ranch RD as disclosures MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.12 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2 STAFF

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for R&B Pct. 2 Staff : Oscar Moreno, Francisco Rosas, Pedro Jaime and add : Jose Gonzales, Mauricio Hernandez to attend : Food Bank Annual Conference, April 10, 2018 in Laredo, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.13 APPROVED: REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DEBRIS LEFTOVER FROM COUNTY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To remove large pieces of concrete between properties at 307 Retta St. (Adrian Puente) and 304 Retta St.(Guadalupe Ramirez) left behind by contractor during the construction of house built thru Dimmit County Public Housing project as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2.14 APPROVED: AUTHORIZE TO ISSUE CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNINGS – CONSTABLE PCT. 3

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To AUTHORIZED Constable Pct. 3-Ruth Cisneros to issue CTW (Criminal Trespass Warning) for Minors/Adults causing problems at the Big Wells Recreation Center as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2.15 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 3 STAFF

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for R&B Pct. 3 Staff : Esmeraldo Lozano, Veronica Mena, Graciela Perez, Armando Talamantes to attend : Food Bank Annual Conference, April 10, 2018 in Laredo, TX as presented .

ABSTAIN: Francisco G. Ponce [from claims for Lozano, Perez only] MOTION CARRIED., *attachments

2.16 APPROVED: SM ENERGY CHECK DONATION – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To utilize check from SM Energy (\$600) for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by /hosted by Road & Bridge 4-5 & 7 as presented (check donation was originally donated for Annual Christmas Dinner). MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.17 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for R&B Pct. 4 Official, Dept Head, Staff : Commissioner Valerie Rubalcaba, Food Pantry Coordinator Maribel Miranda and Staff : Eduardo Gutierrez, Jesse Ponce, Roberto Hernandez, Richard Riojas, Luis Carrillo, Miguel Estrada, Carlos De Leon to attend : Food Bank Annual Conference, April 10, 2018 in Laredo, TX. MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.18 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Commissioner Pct. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba to attend : County Management and Risk Conference, April 4-5-6, 2018 in Galveston, TX (expenses paid by Texas Association of Counties). MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT(s) for Months of January and February 2018 from Assistant Fire Chief David Torres for DCVFD as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.20 APPROVED: REINSTATE BURN BAN

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To reinstate the Burn Ban RESOLUTION (Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning) for next 90 days. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.21 APPROVED: CLOSE LONG SHOOTING RANGE- DIMMIT COUNTY SHOOTING RANGE FACILITY

[RE:--spokesperson for CS Lions Club (whom operate the Shooting Range) John Petry addressed court members in support of closing the long range and other improvements needed]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To close down the Long Shooting Range and keep the 200'ft, the 100'ft. and 50'ft shooting range and approve Requirements for Supervision for use of the facility and require proof of insurance for use of the Shooting Range Facility as presented.

NOTED:--CS Lions Club has insurance coverage MOTION CARRIED.

2.22 APPROVED: (subject to) RELOCATE WATER METER IN CARRIZO HILL SUBDIVISION –OWNER REQUEST

[RE:--property owner Barbara V. Garza w/request stemming from said meter installed in wrong property back in 2001-2002 during one of Home Grants Projects; new suggestion to move meter to property line alongside other meter]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Moving (relocate) Meter to Barbara V. Garza property located in the Carrizo Hill Subdivision ...subject to compliance with Carrizo Hill Water District rules & regulations as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.23 APPROVED: PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM UPGRADE

[RE:--better features, more buttons to include the Arena--\$7500 for the unit, includes warranty; extra buttons: \$250 each]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
The Panic Button System Upgrade as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.24 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Auditor Carlos Pereda to attend : County Management and Risk Conference, April 4-5-6, 2018 in Galveston, TX as presented (expenses paid by Texas Association of Counties). MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 APPROVED: INERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – FRIO COUNTY INMATES HOUSING

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Interlocal Cooperation AGREEMENT between Frio County and Dimmit County Jail Inmate Housing and Care as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.2 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DEPUTY

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Jose Diaz to attend : Operation Pipeline Training, March 27-28-29, 2018 in Laredo, TX . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.3 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DEPUTY

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy Diego Blanco to attend : Operation Pipeline Training, March 27-28-29, 2018 in Laredo, TX MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.4 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – DEPUTY K-9 HANDLER

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputy K-9 Handler Michael Martinez to attend : Combat K-9 Recertification Handler and K-9 Course on March 27-28-29-30, 2018 in San Antonio, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.5 APPROVED: PURCHASE OF CONTROL PANEL – COUNTY JAIL

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of Control Panel from MTS (Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC- \$24,700)as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.6 TABLED: APPOINT/HIRE FULL TIME DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR CONSTABLE PCT. 1

[RE:--Constable Pct. 1 Rudy Lopez addressed court w/request and explanation of reasons for this hiring. Advisory from the County Auditor that this will require a Budget Amendment before any consideration, i.e., create the position and approve the Hiring. Consensus of court members agreed to Table this Item and revisit at next regular Meeting]

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

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

4.1 APPROVED: CHANGE ORDER – J & J EXCAVATING & MATERIALS

[RE:--additional asphalt overlay on West Houston St.]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

CHANGE ORDER for J&J Excavating to resurface an additional 150 ft at the intersection of 4th St. and Houston St. as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.2 APPROVED: REPLACE AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS – DC FINANCIAL BUILDING

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To replace three (3) air-condition Units at the Dimmit County Financial Building as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.3 APPROVED: REPLACE AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS – DIMMIT COUNTY PROPERTY

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To replace air-conditioning Units, as needed, at the Dimmit County Property formerly known as Capitol Bank (200 N. 5th St.) and Stewart Title (204 N. 5th St.)Office as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

4.4 STATUS REPORTS

[RE:--delivery of storage tank at Well scheduled for this week—New Well: waiting for Attorneys—lock issues w/ key cards at the new Fire Station]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER :

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION 12:03 PM

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION 12:13 PM

[RE:--purchase of property for County Landfill]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To proceed with the PURCHASE of property for a County Landfill as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 293RD COURT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REIMBURSEMENT for 293rd Court Coordinator Aleida Castillo for expenses incurred w/mileage, meals August 2017 thru March 8, 2018 as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

5.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURER

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month of February 2018 from County Treasurer Estanislado Martinez as presented .

NOTED:--better market increase in Interest Rate-- \$49M in CD's + cash balance = \$78M MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month(s) of January, February 2018 from County Auditor Carlos Pereda as presented .

NOTED:-- January : \$3.5M revenues over expenditures; February: \$6.2M revenues over expenditures—98% total collection of current taxes

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

5.4 APPROVED: LIST OF CLAIMS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

List of CLAIMS as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.5 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

GENERAL FUND docket (\$62,036.22) 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 CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

AIRPORT FUND docket (\$47.32) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5. FINANCIAL, contd.,

5.5 CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

TECHNOLOGY FUND docket (\$2,995.00), the RODEO/CONFERENCE CENTER FUND docket (\$518.21) as presented.

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

MOTION: Valérie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

CO'17 FUND docket (\$82,943.92) as presented .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

To Adjourn Meeting [12:45 PM] .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK