

ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF MAY 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 :

JOSE A. URENDA
COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

FRANCISCO G. PONCE
COUNTY JUDGE

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: Richard Beeler Jane Beeler Alfredo Segovia Eric Olivarez Lupe Puente Chris Castañeda **Robert Balderas** Dan Hejl Carlos Pereda Norma Carrillo **Luciano Quintanilla** Yolanda Salgado Michael Salgado Stephanie Marroquin Victoria Keene Christine Cardona-Guerrero Leticia Carmona Chelsea Bollier Daniel Estrada Chris Plaster **Marion Boyd Mary Sandoval** Richard Ramirez, Jr. **Andres Arambula**

OTHER VISITORS: Jose Galvan Rebekah Pullara Michael Ponce

<><><> 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 **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

[RE: -0-]

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEEETING – APRIL 26, 2021

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2021 as presented --subject to correction of Name in the Heading for Commissioner Pct. 1 (Jose Urenda) as presented . **MOTION CARRIED.**

PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVED: BONDS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE** : BOND for Deputy Clerk-Sally Flores Hernandez, County Clerk's Office, Deputy Clerk Sara Garza. District Clerk's Office as presented . **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BOND for Sara Garza-Deputy Clerk, District Clerk's Office and Sally Flores-Hernandez- Deputy Clerk, County Clerk's Office as presented .

NOTED:--both hired to fill vacant positions

MOTION CARRIED.

2.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – RODEO ARENA EVENT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of March, April 2021 from Event COORD. Guadalupe Puente as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 1

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Constable Luciano Quintanilla as presented.

NOTED:--vehicle equipped w/Radar

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 APPROVED: RE-APPOINT RESERVED DEPUTY – CONSTABLE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Re-Appointment of Zechariah Bradshaw as Reserved Deputy for Constable Pct. 1 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Constable Andres Arambula as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 3

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Constable Robert Balderas as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 4

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Constable Jose Galvan as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.8. APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Supervisor Eric Olivarez for Medshield Ambulance as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 APPROVED: DESIGNATE NEW LOCATION FOR ELECTION PCT. 1 AND MAIN EARLY VOTING SITE

[RE:--County Clerk/County Elections Officer Mario Z Garcia addressed court w/request, reasons (attachment) for moving from Old Courthouse Conference RM to Commissioners CRT RM Courthouse "Annex"]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
DESIGNATE new location for Election Pct. 1 Polling Place and Main Early Voting Polling Place from Courthouse- Conference RM, 103 N. 5th St., to Dimmit County Courthouse "Annex", Commissioners Courtroom 1st Floor, 212 N, 4th St., Carrizo Springs, TX to conduct, administer all County, General, Special Elections, effective: June 1, 2021 and AUTHORIZE Public Notice Publications to inform Voters as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2.10 APPROVED: DIMMIT CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT – RETAIN SURPLUS FUNDS FOR AERIAL FLYOVER

[RE:--DCAD Chief Appraiser Norma Carrillo addressed Court w/request and purpose for using 2020' surplus funds, that, 1) flyover expense not in their budget; last one done 5-6 yrs. ago, 2) this is not a request for additional funds]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Dimmit CAD request to use 2020' surplus amount due to Dimmit County (entity) of \$12,924.69 for purpose of the Aerial County Flyover purchase as presented . **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.11 APPROVED: AWARD CONTRACT – TxDOT CTIF PROGRAM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

[RE:-- 3 Bids timely received were opened on 04/26/2021]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Award Construction CONTRACT for the TxDOT CTIF Program : Munson, Carrizo Hills and Palo Verde Road Improvement PROJECTS to : CK NEWBERRY, LLC (\$1,161,210.72) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.12 APPROVED: ACCEPT THE CATARINA WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Accept the Catarina Water Line Improvement PROJECT NO. 7219035 and authorize the County Judge to execute the closeout documents, approve Final Change ORDER, pay Estimate and approve Contractor's One-Year WARRANTY as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.13 APPROVED: MOVE (REASSIGN) DATE FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Move Commissioners Court Meeting of June 28, 2021 to Friday, June 25, 2021 due to Judge and Commissioners attending the 87th Annual South Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association Conference, June 28 thru July 1, 2021 in South Padre Island, TX as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.14 APPROVED: SUMMER WORKING HOURS – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Option for Road & Bridge Employees to start work shifts from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm for the summer months as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.15 APPROVED: USE OF CONFERENCE CENTER – LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
USE OF the Conference CNTR/Rodeo Arena for the Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 14, 2021 hosted by R&B Pct. 4 Commissioner Valerie Rubalcaba and Med Shield Ambulance. MOTION CARRIED.

2.16 APPROVED: (subject to) INSTALL GATE ENTRANCE – TORTUGA COUNTY ROAD (PRECINCT 3)

[RE:--owner of the Tortuga Ranch Richard Beeler addressed Court w/request adding, that : 1) 3 other landowners in the area have Letter of Support, 2) this is a dead-end road that halts police chases which ends in damaging fence lines]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
[sic] permission to Mr. Richard Beeler to install an electronic Gate at the entrance to the Tortuga County Road located in Pct. 3 given that, the County cannot Close or Abandon the Road and subject to : Gate be opened from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, allow Key Pad Entry for Authorized Personnel, i.e., Sheriff, Border Patrol, Dispatchers as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.17 APPROVED: TRADE-IN VEHICLE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1

[RE:--Trade-in for a new truck; Vehicle Buyer's Order obtained]

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Road & Bridge Pct. 1 request to trade-in a 2008', ½ Ton Chevy Truck, w/mileage at 71,000 as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.18 APPROVED: PURCHASE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1

[RE:--cooling units combo-purchase w/ R&B Pct. 2]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of portable Cooling Units for the Commodities Work Areas for R&B Pct. 1 and R&B Pct. 2 due to hot temperatures in the coming months, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.19 APPROVED: ASSISTANCE TO TRANSPORT BRUSH – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1

[RE:--aftermath of dead trees, brush from Winter Storm (February 2021) at Golf Course; need to dispose]

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Request for assistance in transporting brush from the Golf Course to the Landfill as presented.

NOTED:--other R&B Pcts. welcomed to assist MOTION CARRIED.

2.20 APPROVED : (subject to) OPENING OF THE ALANIZ FIELDS FOR PRACTICES

[RE:--Michael Salgado, Director/Manager/Coach for the Carrizo Elite Travel Baseball and Softball Non-Profit Organization addressed the Court w/request /brief history and growth of the organization since May, 2019 and adherence to their Polices: 1) No Pass No Play, 2) No Bullying, 3) School Attendance—due to limited fields allowed for practices they are here to ask for allowing Practices Only at the (currently closed) ALANIZ FIELD .

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Allow/Authorize Carrizo Elite Travel Baseball Organization USE OF the ALANIZ FIELD facilities for Practice Sessions, ONLY...subject to : they (Organization) maintenance of the Field, provide Schedule to the Regulatory Compliance Office and supervise Public (spectators at Practices) as presented .

NOTED:--NEXT AGENDA ITEM : Purchase a Batting Cage MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.21 NON-ACTION ITEM: PRELIMINARY TOTALS REPORT and PROJECT LOSS OF TAX REVENUE FOR 2021-2022

[RE:--Agenda Item entered only to [sic] explain tax situation; these are only preliminary values (not certified) and projected figures; to research utilizing surplus for the General Budget, keeping in mind that values are a constant change] *attachment NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.22 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY TAX OFFICE DEPUTY CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Clerk-Lizette Perez to attend : TAAO Course 28-Truth in Taxation (Required Course for Certification), June 28-30, 2021 in Austin, TX as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 APPROVED: COUNTY JAIL – MEDICAL DIRECTOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Renewal of the Dimmit County Jail Medical Director Professional Services AGREEMENT as presented .

NOTED:--Dr. Valentine.Ugwu, M.D. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3.2 APPROVED: PURCHASE – NEW LAVATORY AND RESCIND PRIOR ACTION ON THIS MATTER

MOTION: Jose Urenda SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of a Lavatory from Morrison Supply; (being that) the Zoro combination toilet is not compatible for direct installation and to (therefore) RESCIND prior action on this matter as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3.3 APPROVED: a) (subject to) PURCHASE BULLET PROOF VESTS AND b) (subject to) PURCHASE PATROL RIFLES

[RE:--vests previously approved (subject to) on 04/12/2021; Sheriff then directed not to use Forfeiture Fund for this purchase and/or amend budget—Sheriff determined [sic] “county responsibility to provide this purchase to protect Deputies”. Estimated cost for vests : \$87,000.-consensus of court for Auditor to research using CO’s for this purchase(s) (?)]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
(subject to) AUTHORIZE County Auditor to research, per legal Bond Consul, if county can use CO’s for this type of purchase(s); then to proceed with the purchase utilizing proportions from each Road & Bridge CO’s allocations, as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT, contd.,

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS:

3.4 REQUEST/APPROVAL FOR ONE DEPUTY POSITION AND ONE JAILER POSITION (positions that were taken away during budget) IF APPROVED TO HIRE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. NON-ACTION ITEM

3.5 REQUEST/APPROVAL TO AMEND BUDGET FOR SHERIFF OFFICE/COUNTY JAIL IF POSITIONS FOR ONE JAILER AND ONE DEPUTY APPROVED. NON-ACTION ITEM

[RE:--Sheriff Marion Boyd addressed Court w/the increase of activity, i.e., (distress) Calls have increased [sic] horribly, as well as, the time consumption w/ each one—asking if adjustments be made within his department to regain these positions adding, that he can wait on the Jailer position until October 1—consensus of Court advised to meet with the County Auditor for research/report] NO MOTION PRESENTED.

3.6 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – SHERIFF DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Deputies Joseph Mahurin and Luciano Quintanilla to attend : Texas Narcotics Officers Association Conference, August 23-26, 2021 in Galveston, TX . MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

3.7 APPROVED: JAIL STATUS AND SHERIFF REPORT/STATUS

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
JAIL Operations Report for Month of April 2021 from Sheriff Marion Boyd as presented.

NOTED:--Jail Administrator out of town at Conference; Sheriff to request increase in Federal Inmates
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Sheriff Dept. Activity REPORT for Month of April 2021 from Sheriff Marion Boyd as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

4.1 APPROVED: RESOLUTION – TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Ratify and Accept the RESOLUTION of the Texas Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements

(from 9th St. and W. Houston Street towards 13th Street, Carrizo Springs, TX) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.2 NON-ACTION ITEM: PURCHASE – 2, 5-TON A/C UNITS FOR DPS OFFICE AND (adjoining Office) STEWART TITLE COMPANY

[RE:--this request can be covered on current Contract w/ COOL COMFORT in their maintenance agreement]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

4.3 STATUS REPORT

NON-ACTION ITEM

[RE:--due to Asherton having an “open” CDBG Project; county reversed plans for repairs on Austin St.—to advertise for Landfill in June—valve at Duncan Water Well missing—FEMA assistance for damages after the Winter Storm (February 2021); applicants required to submit insurance proof, receipts, photos]

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 365TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENT for 365th Court Reporter Patricia Salinas for expenses incurred w/mileage, meals for March 11

thru April 14, 2021 as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.2 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 19 – UTILITIES DEPT.

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 19 (Utilities Dept. - \$12,000.00) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5. FINANCIAL, contd.,

5.3 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE CLAIM DOCKET :

GENERAL FUND (\$683,949.93) AIRPORT FUND (\$3,188.43) COURTHOUSE SECURITY(\$1,559.09)

UTILITIES (\$52,917.27) STONEGARDEN(\$27,410.83) CTIF-TXDOT (\$418,214.07)

DC PAYROLL (\$444,352.71) CO's-2019(\$46,520.97) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION [NON-ACTION ITEM]

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION [NON-ACTION ITEM]

8. PUBLIC SAFETY CORPORATION

8.1 NEW BUSINESS [NON-ACTION ITEM]

8.2 PERSONNEL and EXPENDITURES [NON-ACTION ITEM]

8.3 CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Public Facilities Fund (\$3,148.53) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :

Adjourn Meeting. [1:08 PM] .

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK

SEAL :