

ON THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MAY, 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

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: Charlette Guzman Johnny Saenz **Sonia Guerrero-Perez** Alicia Sanchez **Alberto Esquivel** Rebekah Pullara
Leticia Carmona **Maricela Gonzalez** Chris Castañeda Lupe Puente Kaeloni Perez Peter Perez III
Jesus Perales **Alfredo Martinez** **Daniel M. Gonzalez** David Torres Christine Cardona-Guerrero Dan Hejl
Daniel Estrada Christopher Plaster Osvaldo Perez **Estanislado Martinez**

OTHER VISITORS: ==

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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

1.3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

1.2 ROLL CALL

1.4 TESTIMONIAL OATH OF PRESENTERS

Senior Commissioner **Juan Carmona** Called the Meeting to Order [10:00 AM]; County Clerk **Mario Z Garcia** conducted Roll Call of Court Members with a Quorum present and the Absence of County Judge **Francisco G. Ponce** 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) **Alonso Carmona**-Commsr. Pct. 2, RE:--NEXT AGENDA ITEM : Donation of 60 bags of clothes from church in Crystal City; same church also delivered clothes to the local Women's Shelter

b) **Valerie Rubalcaba**-Commsr. Pct. 4, RE:--NEXT AGENDA ITEM: 1) Assist CSCISD w/clearing creek area to be used as access to the new High School area and 2) the old Asherton HS football field now being used as "walking trail" for the public

c) **Juan Carmona**-Commsr. Pct. 3, RE:-- information discussed or agreed in Commsrs. CRT Meetings being misrepresented to the Public, i.e., referring to recent discussion w/Sheriff for purchasing Vests for Deputies which this Court never said NO for this type of purchase

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 2021

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on May 10, 2021 as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BOND for Chief Deputy District Clerk-Dora Balderas as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona
SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from JP 1 Sonia Guerrero-Perez . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment
NOTED:--Seminar Information : funding available to assist w/Inquests

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

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba
SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from JP 2 Alberto Esquivel . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

[RE:--no one present to address this Item]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona
SECOND : Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
TABLE this Item . MOTION CARRIED.

2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba
SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from JP 4 Alfredo Martinez . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION: Jose Urenda
SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from District Clerk Maricela Gonzalez .
NOTED:--damages to Storage Bldg. from recent rain storm MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba
SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of April 2021 from County Clerk Mario Z Garcia . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba
SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT(s) for Month of April 2021 from Commissioners ; Pct. 1-Jose Urenda, Pct. 2-Alonso Carmona, Pct. 3-Juan Carmona and Pct. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba . MOTION CARRIED. *attachments

2.9 APPROVED: HIRING – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 3

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Jose Urenda THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING of 1- Temporary Part-Time employee for R&B Pct. 3 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.10 APPROVED: PURCHASE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 3

[RE:--3-Quote compliance obtained]
MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE (36"x22' Culvert) for R&B Pct. 3 per best quote value as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachments
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2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.11 APPROVED: (subject to) ASSIST REMOVING UNSAFE MATERIAL – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Jose Urenda

SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

R&B Pct. 4 to assist with removal of hazardous debris from a house damaged by rainstorm winds (05/10-11/2021) and now a health risk for its residents...subject to obtaining this request "in writing" and a Waiver for No Liability to the County from the owners as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.12 APPROVED: (subject to) ASSIST CITY OF ASHERTON REMOVAL OF HEALTH RISK TREE-ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

R&B Pct. 4 to assist City of Asherton, per current Interlocal Agreement, to cut-down a hazardous tree on property (within city limits) for an elderly woman ...subject to obtaining this request "in writing" and a Waiver for No Liability to the County from the owner as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.13 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DCVFD ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month of April 2021 for DCVFD from Assistant Fire Chief David Torres. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.14 APPROVED: PROCLAMATION – COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH, MAY 2021

[RE:--in recognition of all Community Action Agencies in Dimmit County from The Community Council of South Central Texas]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

PROCLAMATION to designate May 2021 as Community Action Month in Dimmit County, Texas as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.15 TABLED: REVISITED: NON-ACTION HIRING PART-TIME EMPLOYEE – OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER

[RE:-- County Treasurer **Estanislado Martinez** w/request for a Temporary P/T to manage old records for either retention or disposal for compliance purposes, from May 25 thru August 2, 2021—this position is not in his current budget nor can budget be amended—**COURT ADVISORY:** to consider contacting MRGDC for program now assigning college students for summer jobs and they (MRGDC) pay their salary]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.16 APPROVED: TEMPORARY OFFICE CLERK – OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

County Judge's Office to accept, one (1) Temporary Office Clerk for the summer through MRGDC (program) , effective : May 17, 2021 as presented.

NOTED:--Office to share this information(MRGDC) w/other Depts.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.17 TABLED: CONSIDER BREAK TIME ROAD and SAENZ ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1

[RE:--Commissioner **Urenda** request to Table this Item to allow time for review w/ Dan Hejl (engineer)]

MOTION: Jose Urenda

SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :

TABLE this Item.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.18 APPROVED : OPEN BIDS – TxDOT CTIF PROGRAM WEST SAN HILARIO ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

[RE:--Commissioner **Juan Carmona** opened and duly read aloud the three (3) Bids timely submitted :

1.Bega Paving Inc. \$ 780,776.12

2. CK Newberry, LLC 838,173.50

3. J & J EXCAVATING 899,146.25]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :

Accept, Close all BIDS for the TxDOT CTIF Program : West San Hilario Road Improvement Project and designate County Auditor and Hejl, Lee & Associates (engineer) to analyze bids for best value and Report.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.19 APPROVED: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – (new) STRH, CSA PLANS/SPECIFICATIONS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Professional Services **AGREEMENT** from Hejl, Lee & Associates, Inc. (HLA) to prepare plans, specifications to be included in the Architects **BID** documents for performing [sic] “site grading plan, parking lot layout, water and wastewater Utility Plan, coordination with County, TxDOT and South Texas Rural Health (STRH) staff on connecting proposed Community Services Agency (CSA) site to existing roadway, highway, water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure” as presented .

NOTED:-- (Dan Hejl) will need easement from property owner in between to allow access from 9th St. to 1st St.(Hwy.83)—STRHS has private water line; will need Interlocal Agreement—TxDOT to prepare traffic impact evaluation/projection **(Juan Carmona)** can (connection path) be dedicate as a county road (?)

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Professional Services **AGREEMENT** from HEJL, LEE & ASSOCIATES, INC. to prepare plans, specifications, Architects Bid documents for the South Texas Rural Health (STRH) and Community Services Agency (CSA) new sites (aforementioned) as presented .

FOR : Alonso Carmona, Juan Carmona, Jose Urenda

AGAINST : Valerie Rubalcaba

MOTION CARRIED.

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A D D E N D U M AGENDA ITEMS :

2.20 APPROVED: (subject to) ASSIST, REMOVAL OF HEALTH RISK TREE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Road & Bridge Pct. 1 to assist w/ cut,removal of tree damaged by rainstorm winds (05/10-11/2021) causing damages to home of an elderly man ...**subject to** obtaining this request “in writing” and a Waiver for No Liability to the County from the owners as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

2.21 APPROVED: (subject to) ASSIST, REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Road & Bridge Pct. 4 to assist w/removal of hazardous material/debris on residence damaged by rainstorm winds (05/10-11/2021 ...**subject to** obtaining this request “in writing” and a Waiver for No Liability to the County from the owners as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

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3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 TABLED: RENEW JAIL MEDICAL CONTRACT WITH DR. VALENTINE UGWU AND TO RESCIND PRIOR ACTION (05/10/2021) ON THIS MATTER

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

TABLE this [sic] entire Agenda Item and (acknowledge) current Contract remains in effect, as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

3.2 APPROVED: HIRING – FULL TIME DEPUTY

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

HIRING of a Full-Time Deputy, to fill vacancy, for Sheriff Department as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3.3 APPROVED: EXTEND VACATION TIME – DEPUTY

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

Extend Vacation-Time for Deputy **Ricardo Ramirez** as presented .

NOTED:--Ramirez out of town at Conference/Training (Anniversary Date: 06/03/2021) **MOTION CARRIED.**

3.4 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – CHIEF DEPUTY

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

TRAVEL request/expenses for **Luciano Quintanilla** to attend : 35th Annual TCDA Training Conference, June 14-18, 2021 in College Station, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

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3. **LAW ENFORCEMENT, contd.,**

3.5 **STATUS REPORTS**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

ADDENDUM AGENDA ITEM :

3.6 **TABLED : REQUEST AND APPROVAL TO HIRE PART-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF**

[RE:--consensus of court to wait for report from County Auditor on finance status]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**
MOTION CARRIED.

TABLE this Item _____.

4. **GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

4.1 **APPROVED: a) OPEN CONFERENCE CENTER/RODEO ARENA, 100% CAPACITY, b) ALLOW ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN CONFERENCE CENTER/RODEO ARENA EVENTS**

[RE:--restrictions have ben lifted]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

Opening the Conference Center/Rodeo Arena to 100% capacity and allow Alcohol Consumption in the Conference Center/Rodeo Arena as long as persons adhere to Contract regulations as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.2 **APPROVED: ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – ASHERTON JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BUILDING (PCT. 4)**

MOTION: Jose Urenda

SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

Advertise for Construction BIDS for the Asherton Justice of The Peace Building as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4.3 **TABLED: AMEND CONTRACTS – USE OF JACK BOWMAN FIELD, ALANIZ SPORTS COMPLEX**

[RE:--review still needed on use of Utilities]

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

TABLE this Item _____.

MOTION CARRIED.

4.4 **APPROVED: EXTEND VACATION TIME – REGULATORY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**

Extend Vacation Time for **Danny Estrada** as presented .

MOTION CARRIED.

4.5 **STATUS REPORTS**

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

[RE:--CATARINA: to close-out contract on sandpipe line; advertise for remaining funds—LANDFILL: Architect finishing up plans for the building; culvert to be cement—CATARINA PARK: to consider installing solar-type lights; for the Walking Trail (estimate 10 lights),COVID FOOD DISTRIBUTION: set for June 23. NO MOTION PRESENTED.

5. **FINANCIAL**

5.1 **APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 20 – PUBLIC FACILITIES**

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

BUDGET Adjustment NO. 20 for transfer within Public Facilities Dept. (\$10,000.00) 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 April 2021 from County Treasurer **Estanislado Martinez** .

NOTED: Sales Tax up for May

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5. FINANCIAL, contd.,

5.3 TABLED: FINANCIAL REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR

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

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba

SECOND: Alonso Carmona

TABLE this Item .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**
MOTION CARRIED.

5.4 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Jose Urenda

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

General Fund (\$923,207.86)	Airport Fund (\$2,750.00)	Grants (\$6,105.67)
Courthouse Security (\$3,732.68)	Utilities (\$46,014.72)	Equitable Sharing (\$70,730.80)
Stone Garden (\$104,009.35)	DC Payroll (\$256,229.34)	CO's-2015 (\$ 35,737.50)
CO's-2019 (\$38,336.04)	Claim Docket as presented .	MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

ADDENDUM AGENDA ITEM :

5.5 TABLED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO.22 – SHERIFF OFFICE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND : Valerie Rubalcaba

TABLE this Item .

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE TO :**
MOTION CARRIED.

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 & EXPENDITURES

[NON-ACTION ITEM]

NOTED:--doors at Border Patrol collapsed; needed repair asap

8.3 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona

SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

Public Safety Facilities Fund (\$479.82) 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:

SEAL :

MARIO ZUVIA GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK