


ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017, 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 :

MIKE URIEGAS 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 RUBULCABA COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

VISITORS SIGNED-IN: Dahlia Martinez Lee Ann Sistos Eric Olivarez Mary Perez Bob Gasca Richie Griffin Ron Armstrong
Joe Koch Rodrigo Jaime Victoria Keen **Ruth A. Ceniseros** Ricardo Ramirez Jose Calzada **Andres Arambula**
Carlos Pereda Osvaldo Perez

OTHER VISITORS: Jose Galvan Danny Estrada Joe Alcalá

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 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 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 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 COMMENTS

- a) **Rodrigo Jaime**-Asherton, RE:--inquiring about Marmion RD closing (Pct.4)?
- b) **Victoria Keene**-Carrizo Springs, RE: Lions Club Shooting Range, issue w/loose cattle passing thru common fence line at west gate area. NEXT AGENDA ITEM.
- c) **Juan Carmona**-Commsr. Pct. 3, RE: 1) researching on project to remodel old JP 3 Office/County Yard Bldg. in Big Wells --if required to hire architect/engineer (?), 2) installed Speed Bumps at Espantosa Subdivision

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2017

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
MINUTES of Special Meeting held on October 19, 2017 as presented . **MOTION CARRIED.**

1.7 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 23, 2017

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

1.8 APPROVED: MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 2, 2017

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**
MINUTES of Special Meeting held on November 2, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

[RE:--no Bonds timely submitted for approval]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.2 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – EXTENSION AG AGENT

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Ag Agent Richie Griffin as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.3 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY EVENT COORDINATOR

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Event Coordinator Mary Perez as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.4 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To TABLE this Item _____. MOTION CARRIED.

2.5 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 2

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Constable Pct. 2-Andres Arambula as presented.
Discussion:--office now located at new Fire Station MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.6 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 3

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Constable Pct. 3-Ruth Ceniseros as presented.
Discussion:--1)blinds for Office, 2) key access card issues MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – CONSTABLE PCT. 4

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Constable Pct. 4-Jose Galvan as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.8 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – MEDSHIELD AMBULANCE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2017 from Eric Olivarez for Medshield Ambulance as presented .
Discussion:--all billing in-house out of the Eagle Pass Office MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – ARCHITECTURA S.A., INC STATUS ON PROJECTS

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for status on projects from Jose Calzada for ARCHITECTURA S.A., as presented .
Discussion:--1)ADA compliance for restroom at old JP 3 Office required, 2) ADA issue w/Asherton Recreation Center to complete this week, 3) replacing carbon monoxide monitor at new Fire Station MOTION CARRIED.

2.10 APPROVED: PRESENTATION/AUTHORIZE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT AFTER REVIEW BY LEGAL COUNSEL : R4 STRATEGIES ON COUNTY LITIGATION AGAINST OPIOID DRUG EPIDEMIC .

[RE:--Attorney w/ R4 Strategies Ron Armstrong (San Antonio) addressed court w/Presentation on possible county litigation against opioid drug manufacturers, promoters, distributors responsible for causing and contributing to an epidemic of opioid addiction and its effects on Texas Counties—explained how 23 counties have contracted w/ R4 Strategies Resolution and Fee Agreement, at no costs up-front to the county, a 30% Contingent Fee; county only pays portion of costs for recovery which is all controlled by Comptrollers Office, recovery is based “on our damages”..]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To AUTHORIZE County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to obtain legal counsel to review R4 Strategies Resolution/Contract and Fee AGREEMENT, revisit Item w/Commissioners Court and authorize to execute all relevant documents as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.11 APPROVED: “KIDS ARE FIRST” CENTER – USE OF CONFERENCE CENTER (WAIVE FEE)

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
“Kids Are First” Head Start (Carrizo Springs) use of the Dimmit County Conference Center for a Parent-Child Activity & Dinner on November 29, 5pm to 7pm as presented _____. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.12 APPROVED: RESOLUTION – CAST VOTES FOR CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
RESOLUTION NO. –to cast 1417 Votes for Alonso G. Carmona for the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2018-2019 as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.13 APPROVED: FINAL APPROVAL -(subject to) PRINTER/FAX MACHINE – JP PCT. 4
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Printer/Fax Machine (copier) (Konica Minolta Bizhub C258, Model No. C302301)...subject to County Judge review of revised Contract language in mediation section, i.e., that any legal issues be resolved in the State of Texas as presented.
Discussion:--County Auditor: this expense not in current budget, will need Budget Adjustment (NEXT AGENDA ITEM)—
Invoices not being paid MOTION CARRIED.

2.14 APPROVED: INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – CITY OF BIG WELLS
MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Interlocal Cooperation AGREEMENT between the County of Dimmit and City of Big Wells. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.15 APPROVED: PURCHASE OF TRACTOR TRUCK – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 3
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of Tractor Truck w/ belly dump for R&B Pct. 3 (funding from CO's17) thru the Buy Board as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.*attachment

2.16 APPROVED: CONTRACT -- CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE BUILDING FOR JP PCT. 3
MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
CONTRACT w/ Buddy Vasquez for construction of a storage building for JP Pct. 3 as presented.
Discussion:--10'X10' on skids, \$1,800 labor costs, funding from Pct. 3 MOTION CARRIED.

2.17 APPROVED: PURCHASE OF PLAQUES – BIG WELLS and ASHERTON RECREATION CENTERS
MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of Plaque from 3D Impressions for the 1) Big Wells Recreation Center and 2) one for the Asherton Recreation Center ...subject to "correction" of misspelled Ureigas to Uriegas as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.18 APPROVED: AWARD BID – GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT
[RE:--discussion w/bidder (Joe Koch): remodeling of Golf Club House is out-of-pocket expense (J.Koch) and will pay workers for doing maintenance, day-to-day activity; will cut grass maintain the county equipment that is currently there—county pays for the sprinkler system]
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To Award BID for the Golf Course Management to SoTex Golf Operating, d/b/a J. Koch Building Systems, Inc. as presented.
AGAINST: Juan Carmona MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.19 APPROVED: GOLF COURSE : ACCEPT 2ND WATER WELL AND INSPECTION EXPENSES
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To accept the second Water Well located at the Carrizo Springs Golf Course from the City of Carrizo Springs and approve expenses related to the checking of and inspection of same said Well as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.20 APPROVED: HIRING PART TIME EMPLOYEES – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING of two(2) part-time Employees for Road & Bridge Pct. 4 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.21 APPROVED: AWARD BID(s) – a)RESURFACE ALAMO ST.(4TH TO 5TH St.), PARKING LOT, b) RESURFACE W. HOUSTON ST. (4th to 5th St.)
[RE:--Auditor request to consider to "Table" these Items, i.e., bid did ask for requirements; does court want a 6" base(?); one Contractor included this in bid other did not---consensus of court to proceed w/Award of Bids]
MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To Award BID for a) resurface road on Alamo Street from 4th to 5th Street and Parking Lot behind County Treasurer/County Auditor Office Building to ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES (New Braunfels) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
to Award BID b) for resurface road on West Houston Street from 4th Street to 5th Street to ANGEL BROTHERS ENTERPRISES (New Braunfels) as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.22 APPROVED: DESIGNATE SEVEN(7) OFFICIAL POLLING PLACES FOR ALL GENERAL, SPECIAL, COUNTY ELECTIONS.
[RE:--request from County Clerk/EA Mario Z Garcia in keeping w/statute for conducting elections in county-owned buildings for Liability reasons, maintenance]

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To designate the seven(7) Polling Places for all General, Special, County Elections (Primary and/or Taxing Entity Elections per Contract) specifically : CONFERENCE ROOM at Dimmit County Courthouse, 103 N. 5th St., First Floor for use as Main Early Voting Polling Place and as Precinct NO. 1 Election Day Polling Place, and same CONFERENCE ROOM also designate to serve as Justice of The Peace Courtroom and Vault Room for JP Pct. 1 Office with AGREEMENT that no JP Court Docket be called for or during the two(2) weeks of Early Voting and/or on Election Day or for any resulting Runoff Election period , as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.23 NON-ACTION ITEM

2.24 APPROVED: ACCEPTANCE -- CATARINA WATER WELL #1 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To Accept the Catarina Water Well #1 Improvement PROJECT performed by Alsay, Inc., pending contractor completing all required closeout documents and AUTHORIZE the County Judge to execute appropriate closeout construction documents .

Discussion:--Dan Hejl: execute closeout and contractor pay-off today; Well pumps 190 gallons per minute; casing made thicker

MOTION CARRIED.

2.25 APPROVED: DONATION -- PROPERTY FROM THE CARMELITE SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART

[RE:--Block 17, Lots 7-8-9-10, Block 29, Lot 5 Town of Brundage]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
To accept DONATION of property located in Brundage, TX from The Carmelite Sisters of The Sacred Heart and AUTHORIZE County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to proceed to prepare relevant Deed Documents. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.26 APPROVED: THANKSGIVING LUNCH & TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Thanksgiving Lunch & Training for Dimmit County Employees on November 22, 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

2.27 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST -- COUNTY JUDGE

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to attend : 2017 Fall Judicial Session, November 14-15-16-17, in Galveston, TX as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.28 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT -- COUNTY JUDGE

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENT to County Judge Francisco G. Ponce for expenses incurred attending : Mediation at Texas Workforce Commission on November 6, 2017 in Austin, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.29 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST(s) -- COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for County Judge-Francisco G. Ponce, Commissioner Pct. 1-Mike Uriegas, Commissioner Pct. 2-Alonso Carmona, Commissioner Pct. 3-Juan Carmona and Commissioner Pct. 4-Valerie Rubulcaba to attend : Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Continuing Education Conference for County Officials, December 7, 2017 in Laredo, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2.30 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST -- COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for Ag Agent Richie Griffin to attend : Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Continuing Education Conference for County Officials, December 7, 2017 in Laredo, TX.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.31 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST -- JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 3-Leticia Hernandez to attend : Justice of The Peace 20 Hr. Seminar, February 11-12-13-14 2018 in Austin, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.32 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for County Auditor Carlos Pereda to attend : Investment Academy, November 30 thru December 1, 2017 in Houston, TX as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 APPROVED: HIRING – JAILERS

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

HIRING of Jailers : Diego Valdez, Johnny Arambula, effective: immediately as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3.2 APPROVED: HIRING – FULL TIME DISPATCHER

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

HIRING of full time Dispatcher: Jasmine Nicole Garcia for Sheriff’s Office as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3.3 APPROVED: JAIL OPERATIONS REPORT, STATUS

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Jail Operations REPORT for Month of October 2017 and Jail Status from Jail Administrator-Osvaldo Perez and Sheriff’s Department Activity REPORT for Month of October 2017 as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

4.1 APPROVED: REMOVE SEWAGE FEE – CATARINA WATER SUPPLY

[RE:--letter from TCEQ-Laredo Region 16 allowing county to proceed]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To remove Sewage FEE for Catarina Water Supply Customers as presented .

Discussion:--send Notice to customers

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.2 STATUS REPORT

[RE:--new Well next week—moving tanks to other Well sites—TxDOT plans for a drainage system at new Fire Station]

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: COMPENSATORY TIME FOR UTILITIES DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

To buy back Compensatory Time for Utilities Department Personnel that exceeds 20-hours as a result of the Emergency Catarina Well Restoration Project as presented.

Discussion:--4-5 employees; leave 20 hours and pay the rest

MOTION CARRIED.

5.2 APPROVED: CLAIMS

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

List of CLAIMS (Claim Forms, Purchase Orders, Travel Request, Reimbursements). **MOTION CARRIED. *attachment**

5.3 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

GENERAL FUND docket (\$129,183.75) as presented .

ABSTAIN: Francisco G. Ponce [any/all claims for Michael Ponce and/or Ponce family-related]

Alonso Carmona, Juan Carmona [any/all claims for Marina Carmona and/or Carmona family-related]

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

LAW LIBRARY FUND docket (\$2,445.00) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

RCDS/COUNTY CLERK FUND docket (\$177.00), PUBLIC SAFETY CORP. FACILITIES FUND docket(\$185.60) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubulcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

UTILITIES FUND docket (\$25,302.31) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

MOTION: Valerie Rubulcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

RODEO ARENA/CONFERENCE CENTER FUND docket (\$8,245.53) .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5.3 CLAIM DOCKET, contd.,

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

CO's 17 FUND docket (\$415,349.55) as presented.

Discussion:--report of running totals Report on CO' to County Judge

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

MOTION CARRIED.

***attachment**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

[12:35 PM]

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

[1:28 PM]

[RE:--county employee; mediation report]

MOTION: Mike Uriegas SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

To AUTHORIZE County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to negotiate within bounds of the Mediation Proposal Settlement as presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Mike Uriegas

To Adjourn Meeting [1:33 PM].

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT **APPROVE :**

APPROVED :

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK