

ON THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, BEING THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, THE HONORABLE DIMMIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION, AT THE DIMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE "ANNEX", WITH MEMBERS PRESENT TO-WIT :



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: Angel Ayala Laura Carmona Ronnie Guest Noel Galvan Anthony Guerra Alicia Sanchez Alberto Esquivel Maricela Gonzalez Sonia G. Perez David Torres Daniel Estrada Chris Plaster Christine Guerrero Leticia Carmona Leticia Hernandez Carlos Pereda Julissa Sanchez-Alvarado Yvonne Carrizales Carlos Herrera, Jr. Jose Calzada Carlos Lara Dan Hejl Osvaldo Perez Marion Boyd Daniel M. Gonzalez Estanislado Martinez Joe Robles

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
- 1.2 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 Quorum present and the Absence of Commissioner Pct. 1-Mike Uriegas 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) Cemetery in Catarina w/locked gate off Diamond H RD; to research owner, 2) distribution of Turkey Plate dinners to elderly, homebound in Pcts. 4-5-7

1.6 APPROVED: MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2020
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MINUTES of Regular Meeting held on November 9, 2020 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

1.7 APPROVED: MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2020
MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
MINUTES of Special Meeting held on November 17, 2020 as presented . MOTION CARRIED.

2.

PERSONNEL & POLICY

2.1 APPROVAL OF BONDS

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

NO MOTION PRESENTED.

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

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORTS for Months of September, October 2020 from JP Sonia Guerrero-Perez. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2.3 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 1 Sonia Guerrero-Perez to attend : FY'21 Justice of The Peace Seminar, June 27-29, 2021 in Austin, TX as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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 October 2020 from JP Pct. 2 Alberto Esquivel . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.5 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for JP Pct. 2 Alberto Esquivel to attend : FY'21 Justice of The Peace Seminar, March 28-31, 2021 in San Antonio, TX as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

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

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORTS for Months of September, October 2020 from JP Pct.3 Leticia Hernandez . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.7 APPROVED: HIRING – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

[RE: to fill vacant clerk position]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

HIRING of a Part-Time Clerk for JP Pct. 3 Office, effective: 11/10/2020 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.8 APPROVED: TRAVEL REQUEST – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

TRAVEL request/expenses for JP 3 Leticia Hernandez to attend : FY'21 Justice of The Peace Seminar, March 28-31, 2021 in San Antonio, TX as presented . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.9 TABLED: MONTHLY REPORT – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :

TABLE this Item MOTION CARRIED.

2.10 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month of October 2020 from District Clerk Maricela Gonzalez . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.11 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY CLERK

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month of October 2020 from County Clerk Mario Z Garcia . MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.12 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

REPORT for Month of October 2020 from County Commissioners : Pct.1-Mike Uriegas, Pct.2- Alonso Carmona, Pct.3- Juan Carmona and Pct. 4-Valerie Rubalcaba as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2. PERSONNEL & POLICY, contd.,

2.13 APPROVED: HIRING – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING one (1) Full-Time CDL Employee for R&B Pct. 2, effective: 10/21/2020 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.14 APPROVED: PURCHASE – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 2

[RE:-- 3-Quote compliant obtained]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of an Ice Machine for R&B Pct. 2 as presented MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

2.15 APPROVED: HIRING – ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
HIRING of two (2) Part-Time Employees for R&B Pct. 4 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2.16 APPROVED: (FOR RECORD) DESIGNATED CERTIFIED COUNTY COMMISSIONER – COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

[RE:--completed studies for Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum; recognition from County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Juan Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
FOR THE RECORD: DESIGNATION and certification of Commissioner Pcts. 4-5-7 Valerie Rubalcaba as Certified County Commissioners Court Member from County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.17 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – DCVFD ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2020 from Assistant Fire Chief David Torres as presented. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.18 NON-ACTION ITEM: TO JURISDICTION, RESPONSIBILITIES, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CARRIZO SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DIMMIT COUNTY.

[RE:--City Manager Ronnie Guest and County Judge jointly assessed the current Memorandum of Understanding between both City and County Fire Depts., i.e., to partner and support each other as much as possible—watchful when joint efforts sometimes compromised resulting in loss of property and lives—and reminder that when the Emergency Management Coordinator is called out : that person is in control] NO MOTION PRESENTED.

2.19 APPROVED: RESOLUTION NO. – 2021 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM

[RE:--allows county to be eligible to receive grants providing indigent defense services]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
RESOLUTION for the 2021 Dimmit County Indigent Defense Grant Program. MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

2.20 APPROVED: CONTRACT – PATILLO, BROWN, HILL LLP FOR COUNTY AUDIT ENDING FY'2021

[RE:--request from County Auditor to continue w/ 2-year contract with same Firm]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
CONTRACT with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP for Year Ending September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021 Audit. MOTION CARRIED. *No Attachment(s)

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

3.1 NON-ACTION ITEM : STATUS REPORTS

4. GRANTS & PLANNING / REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

4.1 APPROVED: AUTHORIZATION – HIRING ARCHITECT FOR NEW NUTRITION CENTER PROJECT

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
AUTHORIZE County Judge Francisco G. Ponce to negotiate for a Construction Contract for the new Elderly Nutrition Center Project and revisit /report findings to Commissioners Court as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4.2 APPROVED: CONTRACT – PCT. 1 (UTILITIES DEPT.) WATER WELL

[RE:--Quote compliant obtained]

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :
Award CONTRACT for Water Well Pct. 1 (replacement parts included) and per best quote to SOLANSKY WELDING & PUMP, INC. (\$5,001.45-Crystal City) as presented.

AGAINST: Juan Carmona MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4. GRANTS & PLANNING, contd.,

4.3 APPROVED: PURCHASE – VEHICLE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

[RE:--funding from CRF (COVID-19 Grant) which applies to FEMA, i.e., county makes purchase and then receives reimbursement --county already has the funds, only need to justify the costs; purchase thru Buy Board—price includes TSMTG-Mount Kit (siren, lights, speaker etc.)]

MOTION: Juan Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of a Vehicle (GUNN AUTO GROUP-\$33,241.75) for Emergency Management Coordinator as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment(s)

4.4 APPROVED: PURCHASE – UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
PURCHASE of an Aggregate Chip Spreader Box for Utilities Department as presented .
NOTED:--CO's funding--Training included; equipment will be stored at Pct. 3 Yard MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.5 APPROVED: CATARINA TxCDBG COLONIA CONTRACT NO. 7219035

a) MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
to expand the scope of the Environmental Review for Catarina Tx CDBG Colonia Contract NO. 7219035 as presented .
MOTION CARRIED.

b) MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
to publish the request for Release of FUNDS in local legal newspaper for Catarina Tx CDBG Colonia Contract NO. 7219035 as presented .
MOTION CARRIED.

c) MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
Depository Signature RESOLUTION and designating County Judge Francisco G.Ponce and County Commissioner Pct. 4 Valerie Rubalcaba as Authorized Signatories for contractual and environmental review documents and County Treasurer and County Auditor to prepare Requests for Payment Forms for Catarina TxCDBG Colonia Contract NO. 7219035 as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

4.6 APPROVED: ADVERTISE – PCT. 1 COMMODITIES BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
ADVERTISEMENT for a General Contractor including materials and labor for Pct. 1 COMMODITIES Building drainage, restrooms and roof expansion PROJECT as presented .
MOTION CARRIED.

4.7 STATUS REPORTS

[RE:--NUTRITION CENTER : Surveying of the 5-acre tract completed—LANDFILL: Approval from Project Mgr./Executive Director --target date to start construction : Summer 2021—EMC / COVID-19 : as of 11/20/20, HEB, Dimmit Regional Hospital, The Children's Clinic qualified to apply vaccine; Testing Schedule jointly w/Zavala County; allowing free Masks to Public—COMMODITIES: storage issue with increase in frozen products; will need walk-in Freezer—CATARINA: issue w/public use of fire hydrant using pipe wrench to open; to contact contractor] NO MOTION PRESENTED.

5. FINANCIAL

5.1 APPROVED: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO.2 – COUNTY JAIL

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
BUDGET Adjustment NO. 2 (County Jail-\$12,650.-) as presented .
MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS :

5.2 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 365TH COURT REPORTER

5.3 APPROVED: REIMBURSEMENT – 365TH FAMILY & JUVENILE COURT COORD.

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Alonso Carmona THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REIMBURSEMENTS for 365th CRT.Reporter Patricia Salinas (mileage), 365th Family & Juvenile CRT. COORD. Melissa Garcia (mileage, meals) as presented .
MOTION CARRIED.

5.4 APPROVED: MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURE

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :
REPORT for Month of October 2020 from County Treasurer Estanislado Martinez as presented.
NOTED:--good tax revenue reported for Oct.-Nov.; Interest earned off Investments in Report MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

5. FINANCIAL, contd.,

5.5 APPROVED: FINANCIAL REPORT – COUNTY AUDITOR

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Financial REPORT for Month of October 2020 from County Auditor Carlos Pereda as presented .

NOTED:—40% of current taxes in—Revenues over Expenditures \$3.8M

MOTION CARRIED.

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5.6 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

General Fund (\$607,773.67), Airport Fund (\$2,863.31), Courthouse Security Fund (\$4,300.41), RCDS/MGMT County Clerk Fund (\$1,076.46), Utilities Dept. Fund (\$43,613.86), Stone Garden Fund (\$32,904.68), CTIF-TX DOT Fund (\$140,290.13), DC Payroll Fund (\$555,707.32) and CO's-2019 Fund (\$131,976.00)...Grand Total: \$1,520,505.84 . 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 APPROVED: CLAIM DOCKET

MOTION: Valerie Rubalcaba SECOND: Juan Carmona

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE :

Public Facilities Fund (\$6,505.22) as presented .

MOTION CARRIED. *attachment

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alonso Carmona SECOND: Valerie Rubalcaba

THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVE TO :

Adjourn Meeting [11:40 AM] .

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED:

FRANCISCO G. PONCE, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARIO Z. GARCIA, COUNTY CLERK