

REGULAR MEETING
October 19th, 2022

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to the requirement of Section 551.001 FT EQ., Texas Government Code that the Commissioner Court of Zavala County will meet in a Regular Session, Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Commissioners' Courtroom Zavala County Courthouse located at 200 E. Uvalde Street, Crystal City, Texas.

THE COURT MET AT 10:00 A.M.

APPROVED BY C.C.
This day of Dec 22nd
At: 4:50 o'clock, PM
MICHELLE B. URRABAZO
County Clerk, Zavala County, Texas
By: *[Signature]*

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna	Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 1 Joe Cruz
Honorable County Commissioner Florencio "Flo" Melendrez, Pct. 4	Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 2 Raul Gomez
Honorable County Commissioner Jesse Gonzales, Pct. 3	Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 1 Joe Cruz



OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle B. Urrabazo, County Clerk; Carlos Pereda, County Auditor; Elizabeth Tovar, County Treasurer; Cindy Rivera and Nora Guerrero

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM:

The County Clerk Michelle B. Urrabazo called roll. A legal quorum was established with the County Judge and four County Commissioners present. (Pct.1, 2, 3 & 4)

2. WELCOME THE PUBLIC:

Judge Luna presiding over the meeting welcomes everyone present.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 30 AS NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY:

Motion made by Commissioner Cruz Second by Commissioner Gonzales to approve a Proclamation declaring October 30 as National Weatherization Day.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

4. CONSIDER APPROVING BILLS AND REQUISITIONS:

Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve bills and requisitions for Elizabeth Tovar to attend Public Investment Conference; Clemente De La Cruz travel reimbursement; District Attorney's office Brenda Renteria, Cecilia Villarreal and Malorie Cantu to attend Key personnel training; Leslie Dominguez to attend Regional onboarding workshop; Judge Joe Luna to attend Fall Judicial Academy; Kayla Contreras 6 vacation days; Pedro Morales 10 days without pay and Daniela Rios 5 vacation days.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote
Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the Luna Building. Judge Luna abstained
Motion carries. 4/0 vote

5. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Justice of the Peace Paula M. De Leon, Pct. 1 did not submit her September monthly report.
B. Justice of the Peace Rosie E. Briseno, Pct. 2 submitted her August monthly report total collections \$3,343.73 and September monthly report total collections \$401.93.

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C. Justice of the Peace, Lupe G. Valerio, Pct. 3 submitted her August monthly report total collections \$6,079.63 and September monthly report total collections \$6,079.63.

D. Justice of the Peace Susie Bermea, Pct. 4 submitted her September monthly report total collections \$52,946.72.

E. District Clerk, Ms. Rachel Ramirez did not submit her monthly report.

F. Constable Jose Flores, Pct. 2 submitted his September monthly report.

Constable Flores patrolled residential areas within precinct 2; patrolled school zone traffic a.m. and p.m.; conducted traffic stops issued verbal warnings (pending ticket books); agency assist during a vehicle accident and available to assist local law enforcement agencies.

G. Constable Luis Hinojosa, Pct. 3 submitted his September monthly report.

Constable Hinojosa conducted traffic stops, assisted local law enforcement agencies and conducted a firearms qualifications and training.

H. Tax Assessor Collector, Florinda Perez submitted her September monthly report for voter registration and Texas Department motor vehicle.

I. Sheriff Eusevio Salinas submitted his September monthly report total citations 146; arrest 57; offense/incident reports 108; undocumented persons turned over to BP 128; Operation Lone Star \$600,259.10; OPSG 2021 balance \$142,312.18 and detailed activity report.

J. Technology update, William Bittick submitted his August through September monthly report.

K. County Clerk, Ms. Michelle B. Urrabazo submitted her September monthly report total collections \$11,935.10.

L. Judge Joe Luna update on status of United States Department of Agriculture grants for fire trucks. Judge Luna stated

Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the departmental reports submitted by each department.

Motion carries. 5/0 vote

6. CONSIDER FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR UTILITY DEPARTMENT:

Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve a budget amendment for the Utility Department.

Motion carries. 5/0 vote

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, OF WHEN TO DISTRIBUTE EMPLOYEE COVID PAY:

Mr. Pereda stated we are waiting on the funding and will be distribute as soon as we receive it.

Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Gonzales to approve the distribution of employee COVID pay once the funding is received.

Motion carries. 5/0

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 Commissioner Pct. 2

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8. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE BATESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez to approve a Resolution regarding the United States Department of Agriculture grant application for the purchase of a fire truck for the Batesville volunteer fire department.
 Motion carries. 5/0 vote

9. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE LA PRYOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:
 Motion made by Commissioner Melendrez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve a Resolution regarding the United States Department of Agriculture grant application for the purchase of a fire truck for the La Pryor volunteer department.
 Motion carries. 5/0 vote

10. CONSIDER APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH MIDDLE RIO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Gonzales to approve authorizing Judge Luna to sign the contract.
 Motion carries. 5/0 vote

11. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AWARDDING BIDS TO REMOVE AND BUILD THE ENTRANCE SIDEWALK AT THE FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE:
 Commissioner Gomez recommends to reject the bids. He stated the bids need to include specifics on the material they will be using and emphasize on the start time and end time of project.
 Judge Luna announced a recess at 10:16 a.m. and continued the regular meeting at 10:20 a.m.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Melendrez to reject bids and readvertise.
 Motion carries. 5/0 vote

12. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OPENING BIDS FOR REPAIRS TO CAMINO REAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 315 N 1ST STREET, CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS 78839:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Gonzales to open bids for repairs to Camino Real building located at 315 N. 1st Street, Crystal City, Texas 78839. Judge Luna stated there was one bid submitted.
 Aztex Building & Design Construction \$25,500.00.
 Motion carries. 5/0 vote

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13. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AWARDDING BIDS FOR REPAIRS TO CAMINO REAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 315 N. 1ST STREET, CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS 78839:
Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Melendrez to reject bids for repairs to Camino Real Building located at 315 N. 1st Street, Crystal City, Texas 78839 and to readvertise for the repairs and roof separately.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

14. CONSIDER APPROVING BIDS FOR A 50'X30'X12" RISE STAGE FOUNDATION OF A PAVILION AT POPEYE LAKE PARK:
Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Cruz to TABLE this agenda item.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

15. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADVERTISING TO BUILD RESTROOMS AT POPEYE LAKE PARK:
Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve advertising to build restrooms at Popeye Lake Park.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

16. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION THE 2023 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM:
Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Gonzales to approve by Resolution the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

17. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PAYING OVERTIME FOR COUNTY CLERK'S STAFF FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022:
Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Melendrez to approve paying overtime for County Clerk's staff for the General Election on November 8, 2022.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

18. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL HIRING 15 EARLY VOTING CLERKS; FOR ELECTION DAY 6 PRESIDING JUDGES; 6 ALTERNATE JUDGES AND 3 JUDGES FOR THE BALLOT BOARD FOR GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022:
Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the hiring of election clerks for the General Election on November 8, 2022.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

19. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE REQUEST BY COMMISSIONER FLORENCIO MELENDREZ TO HIRE CROSSING GUARDS FOR LA PRYOR SCHOOLS:
Motion made by Commissioner Melendrez Second by Commissioner Gomez to authorize Sheriff Salinas to hire crossing guards for La Pryor Schools.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

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20. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL DEMOLISHING THE OLD RESTROOMS AND
CONSESSION STAND AT THE LA PRYOR LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD:
Motion made by Commissioner Melendrez Second by Commissioner Gomez to
approve demolishing the old restrooms and concession stand at the La Pryor Little
League Field.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

21. CONSIDER FOR APPROVING BY RESOLUTION TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE TEXANS FEEDING TEXAN: HOME DELIVERED MEAL
GRANT PROGRAM:
Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second Commissioner Cruz to approve by
Resolution Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texan: Home
delivered meal grant program.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

22. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OFFICIAL OATH AND BOND FOR:

a. Constable, Precinct 3;
b. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 and 4A;
c. Commissioner, Precinct 2;
d. Commissioner, Precinct 3;
e. District Clerk; and
f. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2
Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve
official oath and bonds for Constable Precinct 3; Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 and
4A; Commissioner Precinct 2; Commissioner Precinct 3; District Clerk and Justice
of the Peace Precinct 2.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote

23. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, TO WIT:
a. September 7, 2022-Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by
Commissioner Cruz to approve the Commissioner Court minutes.
Motion carries. 5/0 vote
b. September 19, 2022-Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by
Commissioner Cruz to approve the Commissioner Court minutes.
Commissioner Gonzales abstained
Motion carries. 4/0 vote
c. September 21, 2022-Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by
Commissioner Cruz to approve the Commissioner Court minutes.
Judge Luna abstained.
Motion carries. 4/0 vote

24. COMMISSIONER REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
(No action or discussion may occur during this agenda item)
No items requested at this time.

25. ADJOURN
There being no further business before the Court, Judge Luna adjourned the
Regular Commissioners Court for October 19th, 2022 at 10:47 A.M.

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If during the course of meeting, discussing of any item on this Agenda be held to a closed meeting, the Court will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D and E, including consultation with counsel under section 551.071 and certain personnel matter under section 551.074. Before any closed meeting convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the Section or Sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, action, or decisions to be taken in open meeting.

Duly approved by vote of the Zavala County Commissioner's Court sitting in session in the county seat of Zavala County, Texas, on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Hon. Joe Luna, County Judge

Attest:

Michelle B. Urrabazo, County Clerk