

Honorable County
Commissioner Jesse Gonzales,
Pct. 3



Honorable County
Commissioner Florencio "Flo"
Melendrez, Pct. 4

Honorable County
Commissioner, Pct. 1
Joe Cruz

Honorable County
Raul Gomez
Commissioner Pct. 2

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna

REGULAR MEETING

August 10th, 2022

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to the requirement of Section 551.001 ET EQ., Texas Government Code that the Commissioner Court of Zavala County will meet in a Regular Session, Wednesday, August 10th, 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.

PRESENT:

Honorable County Commissioner Joe Cruz Pct. 1
Honorable County Commissioner Raul Gomez Pct. 2
Honorable County Commissioner Jesse Gonzales Pct. 3

ABSENT:

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna
Honorable County Commissioner Florencio "Flo" Melendrez Pct. 4

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle B. Urrabazo, County Clerk; Mr. Pereda; Sheriff Salinas; Elizabeth Tovar, County Treasurer; Florinda Perez, Tax Assessor; Leslie Dominguez, County Agent and JP Berrena

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM:

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

2. WELCOME THE PUBLIC:

Commissioner Gonzales presiding over the meeting welcomes everyone present.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

3. CONSIDER APPROVING BILLS AND REQUISITIONS:

Motion made by Commissioner Cruz Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve bills and requisitions for Mr. Pereda; Sheriff Salinas to attend Southern Border Sheriff Coalition; Leslie Dominguez travel reimbursement; Bettena Martinez 5 vacation days; Daniel Rios 5 vacation days Anselma 2 vacation days.
Motion carries. 3/0 vote

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Commissioner Joe Cruz, Pct. 1 and 1A gave his July monthly report with the distribution of commodities, pick up trash on Old Highway 83, picked up branches
B. Commissioner Raul Gomez, Pct. 2 gave his July monthly report with the distribution of commodities, chopped overgrown branches along fence line on Wagner Road, moved lawn and weed eat at Crystal City Post Office and Annex Building, cleaned a portion at Edgewood Cemetery due to a funeral/burial, clean mowed grass and picked papers at Campestre, helped city of Crystal City with removal branch ashes, picked up branches on East Edwards, East Dimmit and East Refugio Street.
C. Commissioner Jesse Gonzales, Pct. 3 gave his July monthly report with the distribution of commodities, repair water leak at Zapata Park, removed overgrown branches along the fence; trimmed branches; removed old paint

Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 1
 Joe Cruz
 Honorable County Commissioner Pct. 2
 Raul Gomez

Honorable County Commissioner Jesse Gonzales,
 Pct. 3

Honorable County Commissioner Florencio "Flo"
 Melendrez, Pct. 4

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna



- from exterior walls and repainted exterior walls of the restroom at Popeye Lake Park, continue watering trees at all parks and advertise at the newspaper the construction of the Bike & Hike Trail for the safety of using the trail.
- D. Commissioner Melendrez submitted his July monthly report with the distribution of commodities, picked up branches in La Pryor, patched potholes in La Pryor, repaired Hutchins Street with 3 loads of asphalt, repaired Hazel Street with 3 loads of asphalt, repaired Velma Street 3 loads of asphalt, repaired Benson with 3 loads of asphalt and picked up trash at Nueces River.
- E. County Treasurer, Elizabeth Tovar submitted her July monthly report for total operating balance \$164,776.18 and compensation time-earned report.
- F. Utility Dept., Anselma Rocha submitted her July monthly report for utility revenue \$61,934.02 and landfill revenue \$11,000.00.
- G. Nutrition Center, Janie Patching submitted her July monthly report for Middle Rio Grande \$7,282.40 and Title XX \$2,299.23.
- H. Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office, Leslie Dominguez submitted her July monthly report.
- I. County Auditor, Carlos Pereda submitted his July monthly report for budget analysis and expenditures.
- J. Zavala County Child Welfare Board-Jose "Jody" Cerdá presented the by law for the Zavala County Welfare Board. He gave his monthly report for the board. Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the bylaws. Motion carries. 3/0 vote
- Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the departmental reports submitted by each department.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote
5. BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023:
 Mr. Pereda stated the proposed budget meeting will be August 15, 2022, discuss the tax rate and needs to be approve on September 7th or 21st, 2022.
 No action taken for this agenda item.
6. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR:
 Andrea from Patillo, Brown & Hill L.L.P gave report on the audit performed for 2020-2021 and stated Zavala County has a clean opinion. She also provided a copy of the full report.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the presentation of audit for 2020-2021 fiscal year.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote
7. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL REQUEST FROM TORIBIO GARCIA TO HOOK UP RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TO COUNTY WATER SERVICES:
 Although Mr. Toribio Garcia and Mrs. Idalia Garcia were notified of this meeting, neither were present to make their presentation.
 Motion made by Commissioner Cruz to TABLE this agenda item.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna
 Commissioner Jesse Gonzales, Pct. 3
 Honorable County Commissioner Florencio "Flo" Melendrez, Pct. 4

Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 1
 Joe Cruz
 Honorable County Raul Gomez
 Commissioner Pct. 2



8. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE ZAVALA COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD:
 Jody Cerdá addressed the court for appointing new members for the board. He submitted the list of new members Diana C. Guerrero, Mary Jane Surita, Dr. Maricela Guzman, Adelaida Gonzales and Cristina Ramirez.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve appointing new members to the Zavala County Child Welfare Board.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

9. CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE CAMINO REAL COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE MATCH CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COUNTY OF ZAVALA:
 Iris Musquiz from Camino Real Community Services addressed the court in regards to the match contribution from the County of Zavala. She stated there is no change.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the match contribution.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

10. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AWARDBIDS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN ZAVALA COUNTY:
 Mr. Pereda stated there were two bids submitted and he reviewed both bids. He recommends the Alamo Area Ambulance option 2 in the amount of \$250,000.00 a year.
 Motion made by Commissioner Cruz Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve awarding the bid to Alamo Area Ambulance.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

11. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN ZAVALA COUNTY:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve the budget amendment \$16,708.00.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

12. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AWARDBIDS FOR REPAIRS TO THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4:
 Mr. Pereda stated there were two bids submitted and the lowest bid is from Rudy Ramirez in the amount of \$21,298.00.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve awarding the bid to Rudy Ramirez in the amount of \$21,298.00 to repair the Justice of the Peace located in precinct 4.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

Honorable County
 Commissioner, Pct. 1
 Joe Cruz

Honorable County
 Commissioner Pct. 2
 Raul Gomez

Honorable County
 Commissioner Jesse Gonzales,
 Pct. 3

Honorable County
 Commissioner Florencio "Flo"
 Melendrez, Pct. 4

Honorable County Judge Joe Luna



13. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADVERTISING TO ADD DOORS AND REPAIR OF WEST SIDE OF BUILDING INCLUDING THE SIDEWALK AT THE CAMINO REAL MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC BUILDING LOCATED AT 315 N 1ST CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve advertising to add doors and repair of west side of building including the sidewalk at the Camino Real Mental Health Clinic building.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

14. CONSIDER SETTING UP A CENTRAL EMAIL FOR ZAVALA COUNTY DEDICATED TO RECEIVING PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve setting up a central email for Zavala County dedicated to receiving public information request.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:
 Mr. Pereda stated the recommendation for the tax rate is .692400%.
 Motion made by Commissioner Cruz Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve the proposed tax rate .692400%.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

16. CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:
 Mr. Pereda stated the increase recommended for elected officials is 5% and one time COVID pay of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Gomez recommends a 6% raise since the elected officials did not receive a raise last year.
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez second by Commissioner Cruz to approve to advertise 6% increase to elected official salaries for 2022-2023 fiscal year.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR CONTRACT FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gomez Second by Commissioner Cruz to approve to terminate the contract FI (Financial Intelligence).
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PASSING A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT GOVERNOR ABBOTT CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE AGE FROM 18 TO 21 TO THOSE PURCHASING FOR SEMI-AUTOMATIC, ASSAULT STYLE RIFLES:
 Motion made by Commissioner Gonzales Second by Commissioner Gomez to approve passing a Resolution to request that Governor Abbott call a special session of the legislature to consider increasing the age from 18 to 21 to those purchasing for semi-automatic assault style rifles.
 Motion carries. 3/0 vote

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

Honorable County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Joe Cruz



Honorable County Commissioner Jesse Gonzales,
Pct. 3

Honorable County Raul Gomez
Commissioner Pct. 2

Honorable County Commissioner Florencio "Flo"
Melendrez, Pct. 4

20. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Court, Judge Luna adjourned the Regular Commissioners Court for August 10th, 2022 at 10:53 A.M.

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 24th day of August, 2022.
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 24th day of August, 2022.

Hon. Joe Luna, County Judge



Attest:

Michelle B. Urrabazo
Michelle B. Urrabazo, County Clerk