

FRIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR
May 11th, 2020

On the 11th day of May, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners Court of Frio County met in a regular meeting with the following members either absent or present, to-wit: Arnulfo C. Luna, Frio County Judge was present; Vicki Camacho, Commissioner Pct 1 present; Richard “Dicki” Graf, Commissioner Pct 2 present; Ruben Maldonado, Commissioner Pct 3 present; Jose Asuncion, Commissioner Pct 4 present; Joseph A. Sindon, Legal Counsel for Frio County Commissioners Court present; and Aaron Ibarra, Frio County Clerk present when the following meeting was held, to-wit:

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Adopt Agenda
Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado
Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Graf
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- III. Old Business
None

PRESENTATION

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- IV. General Discussion: **Rey Trevino, spoke regarding elections**
- V. Citizens To Be Heard

Please note that the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the Commissioners Court of Frio County, Texas limit each speaker to a maximum of three (3) minutes to make his or her remarks. Inappropriate conduct or comments during this time, including but not limited to disruptive behavior, insults, personal attacks, and inappropriate language, may result in the speaker being ordered to leave the meeting and forfeit any remaining speaking time. For more information regarding the above-mentioned rules, please see the complete Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at Meetings of the Commissioners Court of Frio County, Texas, which is available upon request.

- VI. New Business

PRESENTATION

- (1) David Hall, Texas Rio Grand Legal Aid, requests:

Presentation regarding district wide public defender program.

- (2) Oscar Ramirez, Frio County Grant Writer, requests:

Presentation regarding possible potable water technology for historically underserved areas in Frio County

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

- (1) Frio County Commissioners Court, requests:

Consider/take action on an order authorizing a tax abatement agreement with Morrow Lake Solar, LLC (Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312) as posted on March 26, 2020 below:

**FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

On Monday, May 11, 2020 at 3:00 pm, the Commissioners Court of Frio County (the “County”) shall hold its regular public meeting in the Frio County Courtroom, Frio County Courthouse, 500 East San Antonio Street, Pearsall, Texas 78061. The agenda for this meeting will include discussion and consideration of approval of a tax abatement agreement pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code and other authority.

This proposed tax abatement agreement involves the following:

Motion by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion
Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Graf
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

Applicant	Morrow Lake Solar, LLC
Property Owners	Keystone Ranch, David R. & Frankie Petty, Rodriguez Bros, Melinda Burford, Rollin and Dawn Mangold, Kube-Pearsall Ranch, Maria Medano, Daniel Pawlik, Ramon Saavedra, Rose Elizondo, Carlos Rendon, Jr., David Yanez, Merejildo Elizondo, and Juan Maldonado
Reinvestment Zone	Morrow Lake Solar RZ Reinvestment Zone* <i>*pending consideration by the Frio County Commissioners Court on March 23, 2020</i>
Location of Zone	Approximately 4,600 acres located north of Pearsall, Texas, east of IH 35, more particularly described as follows pursuant to the public records of the Frio County Appraisal District: Frio County Parcel ID 5833,5813, 5827, 5828, 4337, 10894, 5818, 5817, 13421, 18034, 12205, 14815, 12378, 13448, 5816, 7179, 1876, 5815, 21295, 12031, 23433, 12792, 12789, 14041, 12409, 13004, 14342, 17946, 14820, 17950, 20986, 14523, 14524, and 227
Description of Project and Improvements	A renewable energy generating facility with a total capacity of 200 MC-AC of solar, and may include battery storage
Estimated Cost of Improvements	\$190,000,000

- (2) Hon. Jose Asuncion, Frio County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, requests:

Discussion with GEO management and Frio County options for responding to COVID19 outbreak at GEO South Texas Ice Processing Center.

No Action: No Show

Because no representatives were present, the Commissioners decided to do a letter encouraging better communication between GEO and Frio County.

- (3) Hon. Jose Asuncion, Frio County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, requests:

Discuss and act on signing letter of support for the Frio County COVID Command Center initiative and authorize Oscar Ramirez to collaborate on grants.

Motion by: Commissioner Richard Graf
Seconded by: Commissioner Vicki Camacho
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- (4) Oscar Ramirez, Frio County Grant Writer, requests:

Consider/take action on authorizing staff to begin the application process for the 2020 Public Assistance Program for DR-4485 (Texas Covid-19 Pandemic) for eligible reimbursements.

Step 1 register on TDEM Grants Management System.
Step 2 complete and submit the following forms: Designation of Subrecipient Agreement, Grant Terms and Conditions, and Direct Deposit Authorization Form.
Step 3. Cost Tracking and Reporting. These steps support Frio County's request access to TDEM and DHS/FEMA grant program funds

Motion by: Commissioner Vicki Camacho
Seconded by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

- (5) Attorney Kirk Swinney, Frio County Appraisal District, requests:

5.1 Discuss and consider approval of an amended interlocal agreement with Frio County Appraisal District, Pearsall ISD, City of Pearsall, and Frio County Hospital District regarding South Texas Electric Coop., Inc. v. Frio County Appraisal Dist., no. 18-09-00349CVF.

5.2 If the agreement is approved, then sign a resolution authorizing Frio County Judge Arnulfo C. Luna to enter into said contract on behalf of Frio County.

- (6) Hon. A. Albert De Leon, Frio County Sheriff, requests:

Consider/take action on approving requested salaries for the following positions:

- A. Deputy Number 7
Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado
Seconded by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried
- B. Jail Administrator
Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado
Seconded by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

C. Clerk II

Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado

Seconded by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(7) Hon. Crystal Marquez, Frio County Auditor, requests:

Consider/take action to approve the budget amendments to the FY 2019-2020 Frio County Budget as specified below:

Motion by: Commissioner Vicki Camacho

Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Graf

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

DEPT. NAME	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	+ INCREASE (DECREASE)	= ADJUSTED BUDGET			
100 - GENERAL FUND								
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5105	Salaries - Deputies - Deputy I #7	849,490.68	(5,852.00)	843,638.68			*Deputy I #7 \$37,460.00
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5107	Salaries - Jailers - Jail Administrator	520,428.91	(5,673.77)	514,755.14			*Jail Administrator \$44,910.00
100 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5115	Salaries - Clerical - Clerk II / Jailer	110,097.20	744.00	110,841.20			*Clerk II / Jailer \$33,994.00
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5131	Payroll Taxes	138,913.36	(824.81)	138,088.55			
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5151	Co. Retirement Contribution	167,603.95	(995.16)	166,608.79			
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5156	County Retirement Supplement	7,081.87	(42.05)	7,039.82			
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5161	Workers Comp Insurance	74,534.56	(540.17)	73,994.39			
101 - Sheriff	100 - 57207.5171	Unemployment	10,706.98	(65.77)	10,641.21			
100 - Commissioner's Court	100 - 52001.5510	Contingencies	558,696.53	13,249.73	571,946.26			

(8) Roxana Garcia, P.E., Frio County Engineer, requests:

8.1 Consider / take action on approving Work Authorization No. 1 between Frio County and Gessner Engineering, LLC..

8.2 If the work authorization is approved, consider / take action on approving and signing resolution authorizing Hon. Judge Arnulfo Luna to enter into same on behalf of Frio County.

Motion by: Commissioner Vicki Camacho

Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Graf

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(9) Cpl. John A. Rodriguez, Frio County Sheriff's Deputy, requests:

Consider/take action on approving and adopting a resolution accepting \$173,550.00 in grant funding to Frio County for participation in Operation Stonegarden.

Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado

Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Graf

Voted Aye: 4 Voted against: 1 Jose Asuncion

(10) Bobby Deike, Executive Director, Community Council of South Texas, Inc., requests:

Consider/take action on proclaiming May 2019 to be recognized as Community Action Month and sign proclamation stating same.

Motion by: Commissioner Richard Graf

Seconded by: Commissioner Vicki Camacho

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(11) Receive in person from the following county officials the following reports as mandated by law:

11.1 Presentation by Frio County Treasurer of detailed report as mandated by Section 114.026, Local Government (“Code”) (this report is to be presented at each **regular term of commissioners court**).

11.2 Frio County Treasurer to exhibit the books and accounts of that office for the inspection of the commissioners court (**to be done at each regular term of commissioners court**).

11.3 Consider/take action on authorizing the execution by Frio County Commissioners Court (the Judge and each commissioner) of an affidavit stating the requirements of the treasurer’s report have been met as mandated by section 114.026 of the Code.

11.4 Consider/take action on execution of an order of the commissioners court approving the county treasurer’s report and order their publication in the Frio-Nueces Current as mandated by Section 114.026 of the Code or publication on the county’s website.

Motion by: Commissioner Richard Graf

Seconded by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado

Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(12) Frio County Commissioners Court requests:

Presentation, pursuant to Section 114.044 of the Local Government Code, by:

1. Frio County District Clerk;
2. Frio County Clerk
3. Frio County Treasurer
4. Frio County Attorney
5. Frio County Judge
6. Frio County Sheriff
7. Frio County Auditor
8. Frio County Justice of the Peace
9. Frio County Constables

(who collects or handles any money for the use of the county) of all fines imposed, judgments rendered and collected, and all jury fees collected by the respected courts in favor of or for the use of the county and at that time when the reports are presented to present receipts vouchers that show disposition of the money, fines or judgments.

After examination by the commissioners court as to the correctness of the reports, consider/action on directing the county clerk to enter information in county finance records as mandated by Section 114.044 of the Code.

(13) Documents (resolutions, orders, contracts, etc.) to be signed.

(14) Allow bills payable
Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado
Seconded by: Commissioner Jose Asuncion
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

(15) Adjourn
Motion by: Commissioner Ruben Maldonado
Seconded by: Judge Arnulfo C. Luna
Voted Aye: All Motion Carried

Approved:

Attest:
