

OCTOBER 26TH, 2001 - SPECIAL MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF JIM WELLS)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 26th day of October, A. D., 2001, there was begun and held a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County, Texas with the following members present to-wit:

L. ARNOLDO SAENZ	COUNTY JUDGE
PAM CANALES-PEREZ	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1
LAWRENCE CORNELIUS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
JAVIER N. GARCIA	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
RUBEN SANDOVAL	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Oswald Alanis was absent.

Court was opened by proclamation of the Sheriff at the Courthouse door as prescribed by law; whereupon the following business was transacted:

MINUTES ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve the minutes of September 5, 2001; September 6, 2001; September 10, 2001; September 11, 2001; September 12, 2001; September 17, 2001; September 20, 2001 (Special Meeting) September 20, 2001 (Emergency Meeting); September 24, 2001; September 27, 2001 and September 28, 2001 as submitted. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

VERIZON SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to approve Verizon Southwest Incorporated's request to construct communications line within the right-of-way of County Roads No. 305 & 303 in Precinct No. 3. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

NEW VISION PROGRAM ✓

The New Vision Program located at North Bay Hospital in Amasas Pass was introduced by Frank Valley and Gilbert Morales. They are proposing to get a contract with the County.

The facility offers emergency medical detoxification and stabilization of patients that require an inpatient setting. County will require a copy of the contract so that they can look it over.

305 RANCH TRACTS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve the final plat of 305 Ranch Tracts in Precinct No. 3 subject to the engineer's signature and approval of name change of county road. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BLOCK GRANT ✓

Presentation by Gracie S. Lopez on behalf of Jim Wells County Attorney's Office. Notified the Court that their office will be receiving the U. S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$17,747.00. The grant money will be used to hire additional support staff personnel who will assist in prosecution of crime and also to purchase equipment for office such as computers, printers and cameras. The grant period is effective October 31, 2001 thru October 31, 2003.

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius and seconded by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia to approve a resolution authorizing the County to participate in the H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation and the execution of a "supply agreement" with a retail electric provider, approving initial proposal pricing, and appointing authorized representative (s). Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained. (Copy of resolution on file).

JIM WELLS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve an Interlocal Governmental contract with Jim Wells County Appraisal District for a new Appraisal District Office. (A workshop will be held to discuss the possibility of and under what terms and conditions, the County could fund the Appraisal District's new building project in conjunction with the County's new jail project). Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

WILD ANIMALS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez and seconded by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia to approve a resolution regulating the keeping of wild animals in the unincorporated

area of the County and have the Sheriff's Department (animal control officer) to implement the registration program by charging a nonrefundable \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fee with each application. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

10:45 A. M. CLOSED FOR EXECUTION
11:20 A. M. RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION

LITIGATION ✓

Justice of the Peace Klatt's insurance

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to table amending Humana Group Insurance contract. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

ITEM NOT ON AGENDA: ✓

Speedy Shanks of Alice Communications, Inc. appeared before the Court and quoted prices for a new tower \$158,243.00 painted with red light and \$174,243.00 no paint required. Another option is to rent at \$1195 a month. Commissioners' will look into it.

BILLS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve Bills Nos. 140104; 140196 thru 250214; 140106 to Oscar Roofing in the amount of \$5,250.00 and 141051 to Homeport in the amount of \$6,256.98. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

There being no further business to come before the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County at this Special Meeting of October 26, 2001, motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to adjourn. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.



APPROVED:


L. ARNOLDO SAENZ, COUNTY JUDGE

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2001 - REGULAR MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS X

COUNTY OF JIM WELLS X

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 13th day of November, A. D., 2001, there was begun and held a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County, Texas with the following members present to-wit:

L. ARNOLDO SAENZ	COUNTY JUDGE
PAM CANALES-PEREZ	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1
OSWALD ALANIS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
JAVIER N. GARCIA	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
RUBEN SANDOVAL	COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius was absent.

Court was opened by proclamation of the Sheriff at the Courthouse door as prescribed by law; whereupon the following business was transacted:

JIM WELLS COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to nominate Patricia Richard, Mario Martinez and Jimmy Pineda to the Jim Wells County Child Welfare Board. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

KINGSVILLE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to table entering into Cooperative Working Agreement with the City of Kingsville Narcotics Task Force. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

JIM WELLS COUNTY TASK FORCE ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve a joint resolution between the 79th Judicial District Attorney, Jim Wells County Sheriff, the County Of Jim Wells, City of Alice, Texas, and the Alice Police Chief for the formation and administration of a mutual aid law enforcement task force to cooperate in criminal investigations and law enforcement and for the disposition of forfeited assets. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

HOME OWNER OCCUPIED PROGRAM ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to approve a resolution approving a contract for Grant Management Services and for designating a Project Service Provider for the HOME Owner Occupied Program for Program Years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canlaes-Perez to approve Grant Works to administer this program. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

2001 HOME OWNER OCCUPIED PROGRAM ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez and seconded by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia to approve a resolution approving HOME Program Policies and Procedures, Affirmative Marketing Policy, Texas Minimum Construction Standards and Construction Specification Manual for the 2001 HOME Owner Occupied Program. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

BID ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve awarding bid for Hay Farming and Hay Baling lease at Airport to Mauro O. Garcia for a 5 year contract with option to renew for one additional year. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

REGISTRATION OF DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to table adopting an Order requiring the registration of dangerous wild animals until the meeting of November 26, 2001. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

C. A. T. ORGANIZATION ✓

Tammy Anaya, E.M.S. Director, South Texas E.M.S. gave presentation on Community Against Terrorism, or C. A. T., Organization. Several emergency response agencies (Alice Police Department, law enforcement, emergency medical providers and hospitals) will work together in the event of terroristic acts in the community. A meeting will be held next Thursday , November 15th, 2001 at 3:00 P. M., Conference Room at Christus Spohn Hospital for those who

wish to attend.

PRECINCTS 1 & 2 ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve ratifying trade-in of (a) John Deere 2940: S/N 419356CD, (b) 1991 Tiger Mower 8066; S/N 8062468528 (c) John Deere 3020; S/N T113R097139R for (l) 6310 John Deere Tractor for Precinct No. 2 and ratifying trade-in of (a) Motor Grader; 1971 CAT 12-G; S/N 10R3323 for (l) Alamo AG15 Rotary Mower S/N04494 for Precinct No. 1. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

ITEM NOT ON AGENDA: ✓

Elena Maldonado with Brush Country Business Resource Center reported on status of operation of the business. They have assisted existing businesses and new business prospects with technical services such as learning how to prepare financial statements and how to start a business.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to approve the Treasurer's monthly report and all monthly reports of Alonzo Villarreal, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1; Pablo Moreno, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4; Luz Paiz, Interim Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5; Jose L. Rodriguez, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6; Ruben Sandoval, County Clerk; David Guerrero, District Clerk; Lucila Reynolds, County Tax Assessor-Collector and Lorenzo Monsevais, III, Adult Probation. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained. (Reports not submitted: Elois Barham, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3; Jesusa Sanchez-Vera, County Attorney; Joe Frank Garza, District Attorney and Oscar Lopez, Sheriff)

COUNTY AUDITOR'S BUDGET REPORT ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to approve the County Auditor's Budget report for the period ending October 31, 2001. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

There being no further business to come before the Honorable Commissioners' Court of

Jim Wells County at this Regular Meeting of November 13, 2001, motion was made by
Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to adjourn.
Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

APPROVED:

L. Arnoldo Saenz
L. ARNOLDO SAENZ, COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:

Rubén Sandoval
RUBEN SANDOVAL, COUNTY CLERK

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2001 - SPECIAL MEETING

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COUNTY OF JIM WELLS X

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LAWRENCE CORNELIUS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
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JAVIER N. GARCIA	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
RUBEN SANDOVAL	COUNTY CLERK

Court was opened by proclamation of the Sheriff at the Courthouse door as prescribed by law; whereupon the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez absent:

TEXAS COUNTY DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM ✓

Discussion rescheduled until the meeting of December 10, 2001.

Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez absent:

APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to adopt a resolution casting the County's votes for the Appraisal District Board of Directors for the 2002-2003 term as follows:

Javier N. Garcia	834 Votes
Wallace Burgeson	494 Votes
Olivia Guerra	76 Votes
Abraham L. Aguilar	76 Votes

Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz and Commissioner Javier N. Garcia abstained.

Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez present

DONNA ACUFF

Motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius and seconded by Commissioner Pam

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Canales-Perez to table Donna Acuff's request to grandfather the Thanks Sanctuary, exotic animal refuge, from the new laws regarding wildlife until the meeting of November 30, 2001.

Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

WILD ANIMALS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez to table adopting on Order requiring the registration of dangerous of wild animals until the meeting of November 30, 2001. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN PROGRAM ✓

Discussion and review of Blood Borne Pathogen Program was held. Florentino Rivera and Israel Lopez, Safety Coordinators explained about the hepatitis B Virus and option to take the vaccine at no charge to them. They will hold a workshop for further discussion. Will also try to find out if County's insurance will cover it.

2001 BUDGET AMENDMENT ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to approve amending the 2001 Budget to allow for necessary budget line-item amendments needed to fund the operations of various General Fund departments. Motion carried.

BILLS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to approve Bills Nos. 140751; 140777; 140865 thru 250390 as submitted. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

There being no further business to come before the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County at this Special Meeting of November 26, 2001, motion was made by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to adjourn. Motion carried. County Judge L. Arnoldo Saenz abstained.

APPROVED:


L. ARNOLDO SAENZ, COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:


RUBEN SANDOVAL, COUNTY CLERK

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2001 - SPECIAL MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF JIM WELLS)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 30th day of November, A. D., 2001, there was begun and held a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County, Texas with the following members present to-wit:

JAVIER N. GARCIA	ACTING JUDGE
LAWRENCE CORNELIUS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
OSWALD ALANIS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
RUBEN SANDOVAL	COUNTY CLERK

County Judge L. Arnaldo Saenz and Commissioner Pam Canales-Perez were absent.

Court was opened by proclamation of the Sheriff at the Courthouse door as prescribed by law; whereupon the following business was transacted:

DONNA ACUFF ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to recommend to allow Donna Acuff, owner and operator of Thanks Sanctuary, to fall under the exemption clause on page 7 Section 12, 8-13 Subchapter E to allow to operate in the State of Texas as stated on her license. Motion carried. Acting Judge Javier N. Garcia abstained.

ORDER ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to adopt an Order requiring the registration of dangerous wild animals subject to allowing the County Attorney, upon her revision, to add clause stating that prior to December 1, 2001 Thanks Sanctuary was exempt from the new regulations that go into effect as of June ___ 2002 and is duly noted that Thanks Sanctuary is exempt. Motion carried. Acting Judge Javier N. Garcia abstained.

BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN PROGRAM ✓

Discussion and review of Blood Borne Pathogen Program. Florentino Rivera, Safety Coordinator, stated that sanitary workers, jailers, Adult Probation Officers and Juvenile Probation Officers will be given the option to take the hepatitis B vaccine at no charge to them. Mr.

James Villarreal, representative of Humana Insurance, explained that if this was mandated by the County, the insurance would pay 100 percent by using participating physicians. If employees elect not to, they will have to sign a waiver.

AMENDMENT 2001 HOLIDAY ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Oswald Alanis and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius to amend the 2001 Holiday schedule and declare December 26, 2001 as a holiday.

Motion carried. Acting Judge Javier N. Garcia abstained.

BILLS ✓

Motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence Cornelius and seconded by Commissioner Javier N. Garcia to approve Voucher No. 141793 to Owens Engineering in the amount of \$12,225.00 and Voucher No. 141794 to H & V Equipment in the amount of \$63,949.45. Motion carried.

Acting Judge Javier N. Garcia abstained.

10:40 A. M. CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
11:06 A. M. RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION

LITIGATION ✓

Frank Salazar Vs Jim Wells County
Oscar Delgado Vs Jim Wells County
Mid-State Trust Vs Jim Wells County
Public Facilities Vs Jim Wells County

No Action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Jim Wells County at this Special Meeting of November 30, 2001, motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Oswald Alanis to adjourn. Motion carried. Acting Judge Javier N. Garcia abstained.



Attest:

Rubén Sandoval
RUBEN SANDOVAL, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

Javier N. Garcia
JAVIER N. GARCIA, ACTING JUDGE

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JIM WELLS

**ORDER REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF
DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS**

WHEREAS, this Order is adopted under HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, Chapter 822 E;

WHEREAS, the dangerous wild animal registration program is adopted to protect the health and safety of the residents of Jim Wells County;

WHEREAS, the registration program applies in the unincorporated areas of Jim Wells County;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Jim Wells County that the following animals are required to be registered:

lions, tigers, ocelots, cougars, leopards, cheetah, jaguars, bobcats, lynx, servals, caracals, hyenas, bears, coyotes, jackals, baboons, chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, and hybrids of these animals.

The [animal control office or sheriff (as applicable in a particular county)] shall implement the registration program;

The [animal control office or sheriff] shall administer and enforce the registration program in accordance with HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, Chapter 822 E. The [animal control office or sheriff] shall prescribe the application form and the registration certificate required by HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE CHAPTER, 822 E.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a person may not own, keep, or have custody of an animal to which this order applies unless the person obtains an annual registration certificate from the [animal control office or sheriff]. A person is not required to obtain a registration certificate before June 1, 2002.

The [animal control office or sheriff] shall collect a nonrefundable \$50 fee with each application for issuance or annual renewal of a registration submitted under this Order. However, a person may not be charged more than a total of \$500 in fees regardless of the number of animals the person is registering.

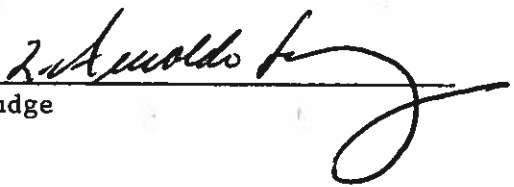
A person commits an offense if the person violates the registration requirements imposed under this Order, fails to display a registration certificate in accordance with HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE CHAPTER, 822 E, or fails to notify the [animal control office or sheriff] of the attack of a human by a dangerous wild animal or the escape of a dangerous wild animal as required by Chapter 822 E, HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. Each animal with respect to which there is a violation and each day that a violation continues is a separate offense.

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly transfers or sells a dangerous wild animal to a person who does not have a certificate of registration for the animal. An offense under this Order is a Class C misdemeanor.

A person who fails to register a dangerous wild animal in accordance with this Order and Chapter 822 E, HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE is liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$200 or more than \$2,000 for each animal with respect to which there is a violation and for each day the violation continues.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that "Thanks Sanctuary" shall be exempt from this new regulation.

ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2001.



County Judge

Attest:

County Clerk

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the provisions of the
Registration & Possession
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