MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017 - 12:00 NOON
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - BUILDING B - KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM
301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS
PRESIDING: MAYOR AMBROSIO “AMOS” HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT

1. Call to Order & Roll Call ......................................................................................................................... President
   A. Invocation
   B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consider Approval of September 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes .................................................... President

3. Administration ....................................................................................................................................... President
   A. Report(s) from Legislative Delegation
   B. Public Comment
   C. Consider Appointment of Board Designees and Alternates to Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) and Corporation for Texas Regionalism (CTR). President

D. Consider Annual Adoption of Investment Policy.................................................................................. Crystal Balboa
   Finance Director

E. Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report ............................................................................................ Crystal Balboa
   Finance Director

ACTION ITEM
F. Executive Director Report ............................................................................................................. Ron Garza
   Executive Director

   ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

1. “Explore RGV” Grant Award
3. “Road-to-Recycling” Regional Tire Project Update
4. Department Realignment & LRGVDC Committee Bylaws Standardization

4. Report from 9-1-1 Department ................................................................................................. Sergio Castro
   Director

   A. Program Status Reports

   1. Location Validation Program
   2. Database Program
   3. Mapping Program
   4. System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program
   5. Public Education/Training Program

5. Report from Area Agency on Aging ......................................................................................... Jose L. Gonzalez
   Director

   A. Program Status Reports

   1. Age Well Live Well VISTA Program
   2. Diabetes Education

6. Report from Economic Development Department ........................................................................ Terrie G. Salinas
   Director

   A. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

   1. Status of Regional Small Cities Coalition
   2. EDA Approval of Explore RGV Grant Application
   3. Status of Building PACE in the Valley
   4. Status of Kari’s Law Outreach Project

7. Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO) ......................... Andrew Canon
   Director
8. Report from Homeland Security

   A. Homeland Security
      1. Status Reports
         a. Homeland Security Program & Funding Opportunity
         b. Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness
         c. FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program
         d. FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program
         e. FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

   B. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation
      1. Consider Approval of CJAC Policy Manual
         [ACTION ITEM]
      2. Consider Approval of CJAC Bylaws
         [ACTION ITEM]
      3. Consider Approval of CJAC Biannual Term Appointment
         [ACTION ITEM]
      4. Consider Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for In-kind Contributions from LRGVDC to Hidalgo County District Attorney
         [ACTION ITEM]
      5. Status Report
         a. Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning

9. Report from Regional Planning and Services

   A. Environmental Resources
      1. Water Resources
         a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)
2. Solid Waste Management
   a. Consider Approval of Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Resolution for FY 2018/2019 LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Funding Plan and Grant Application
      
      ACTION ITEM
   
   b. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding
   1. Program Status Reports on 2nd Round Disaster Recovery Funding
      a. Rental Contract

10. Regional Police Academy ............................................................... Randall Snyder
    Assistant Director
    
    A. Status Reports from Regional Police Academy
       1. In-Service Training Hours Reported
       2. Basic Peace Officer Academy
       3. October/November 2017 In-Service Scheduled
       4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies
       5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates
       6. Regional Police Academy Advisory Board Citizen Member Vacancy

11. Report from Valley Metro .............................................................. Tom Logan
    Director
    
    A. Act upon Staff Recommendation
       1. Consider Approval of Revisions to the Drug & Alcohol Policy
          
          ACTION ITEM
       
       2. Program Status Reports
          a. Ridership Report
          b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity
12. Executive Session:

A. Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Gov’t Code to provide legal advice and counsel to the LRGVDC Board of Directors and executive management staff regarding legal action taken against LRGVDC Police Academy

13. Old or New Business ........................................................................................................................................................................... President

A. Reservoir Levels

14. Adjourn .......................................................................................................................................................................................... President

* REMINDER *

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

Public Input Policy: “At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies.”
ITEM 2.

MINUTES
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MEETING OF THE
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS
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PRESIDING: MAYOR AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

1st Vice President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. in lieu of President Ambrosio Hernandez who was unable to attend. Roll call was taken and quorum of the Board was present. She then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of August 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Pilar Garza made a motion to approve the August 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Garcia then moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation; however no reports were available at this time. She then moved to item 3.B. - Public Comment, and recognized Mr. Jose Luis Caso and Mr. Don Median from Hidalgo County Precinct 4. They announced that a groundbreaking ceremony for the long awaited Hidalgo County Raymondville Drain Project is scheduled for 10:00 am on October 6 in Edinburg. Mr. Medina then gave a brief presentation on the project and invited the Board to attend the groundbreaking.

Vice President Garcia then moved to item 3.C. – Board Member Recognition and presented a plaque to former San Benito Mayor Celeste Sanchez in recognition of her years of service to the Board of Directors.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Vice President Garcia moved to item 3.D. – Presentation and Possible Action on Advocacy Alliance Center of Texas (AACT) and recognized Mr. Albert Morales. Mr. Morales began a presentation titled “AACT Impact Report, 2012-2016” in which he illustrated the low voter turnout percentages in the Rio Grande Valley and how AACT has been working to educate through community awareness, engaging the public by encouraging them to register to vote, and empowering the public with the potential influence their votes have. Upon conclusion of the presentation Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the LRGVDC Board of Directors submit a Political Subdivision Commitment form on behalf to AACT. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President then moved to item 3.E. - Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Ron Garza to address the following items:

1. Regional Spotlight Acknowledgements
   Mr. Garza acknowledged shows of unity and support by Valley entities to improve our region:
   - Hidalgo County Precinct #1 Commissioner David Fuentes for the Mile 3 East Pavement Project
   - The RGV community in terms of preparation and coordination for Hurricane Harvey. Mr. Garza stated that our region prepared so well that we were able to provide assistance to victims of this catastrophic storm.
Mr. Garza put this acknowledgement in words in the form of a resolution presented for consideration under the next agenda item.

2. Consider Approval RE: Resolution of Support to Communities Impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Mayor Tony Martinez made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support to Communities Impacted by Hurricane Harvey as presented. Commissioner Daniel Guzman seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Approval of CIEDO Building Lease Space (Texas Tamaulipas Trade Office & UTRGV)

Mr. Garza informed the Board that the LRGVDC has two unique opportunities. The first one is from the Texas Tamaulipas Trade Office (TTTTO). The Governor of Tamaulipas would like to develop and implement actions that allow Texas and Tamaulipas to boost each other’s economic development activities. Because the LRGVDC is both a regional and a neutral entity and our mission is similar to TTTTO’s their staff contacted us regarding their need for office space. The Center for International Economic Development Opportunities (CIEDO) directly aligns with their purpose. Mr. Garza then recognized Mr. Ruben Lozano, Jr., TTTO Director and gave him the floor.

Mr. Lozano thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated that their main office opened last weekend in San Antonio as an inner-state presence, but that they would also like to have a presence in the Rio Grande Valley. In discussions with Mr. Garza and Mr. Matt Ruszczak, Executive Director of the Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC), they determined the CIEDO building would be a perfect fit for their presence in the Valley.

The second unique opportunity Mr. Garza shared with the Board is that the LRGVDC is partnering with UT-RGV as the administrator of the EDA grant for the Center for Innovation and Commercialization (CiC), which will be located nearby at the Weslaco EDC. UT-RGV is excited about bringing some of their operations to the CIEDO building while construction takes place on their future offices. Preliminary negotiations are taking place, but Mr. Garza brought this to the Board’s attention for approval because these two opportunities align in terms of office space. Upon conclusion of discussions Mayor David Suarez made a motion to approve both the TTTO and UT-RGV CiC to have lease space in the CIEDO Building. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

4. Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update

Mr. Garza informed the Board that over 35,000 tires were collected in rounds 1 and 2 of the Road to Recycling project. Round 3 was originally scheduled for August 26, however, due to the devastation and recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey it was rescheduled for October 7. A Public Service Announcement that was created to further advertise the project. Mr. Garza acknowledged the research and hard work put into this project by LRGVDC staff and our partners.

5. Consider Approval to Form Binational Economic Development (BiNED) Advisory Committee

Mr. Garza informed the Board that BiNED originated in Cameron County and has existed for some time. Discussions have taken place recently with the entities that spearheaded BiNED and with the Large Cities Coalition regarding how to take the organization further and leverage the resources the LRGVDC can provide in terms of structure and an advisory committee. It is unknown at this point if BiNED would be a long term advisory committee of the LRGVDC, but the timing seems right to provide structure for BiNED and move it forward. Eventually, if it is warranted, BiNED could branch out into an independent organization. This is an entity that could affect the entire region, and the founders have requested it be brought before this Board to consider allowing the LRGVDC to provide administrative services. Mr. Garza explained the Membership and Terms as well as the Voting structure as defined in Article II of the draft BiNED
Advisory Committee Bylaws.

He explained that the main purpose of BiNED is to address workforce shortages and gaps and to move the progression of advanced manufacturing opportunities forward. Leveraging resources such as RSTEC and the RGV Partnership will ensure that this is accomplished in an aligned format specific to advanced manufacturing and with our over-arching goals for economic development.

BiNED has an informally appointed membership, upon approval of LRGVDC being the administrator; those existing members would make committee member recommendations according to the bylaws to bring before this Board for approval, and then formally seat the full committee. Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve forming the Binational Economic Development (BiNED) Advisory Committee and its bylaws as presented. Mayor David Suarez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.


Mr. Garza reminded the Board that the LRGVDC is mandated to develop and administer the CEDS in order to maintain its Economic Development District designation. For efficiency purposes, in the past the CEDS has been imbedded in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Strategic Plan (RSP). Mr. Garza proposes pulling the CEDS out of the RSP and making it a standalone document that has accountability structure. He proposes calling it the RGV 2020 plan because it contains short term, focused strategies that have to be initiated by the year 2020. Many stakeholders from different factions of this region would like to have a unified strategy, and Mr. Garza identified that what they are asking for, the LRGVDC already does. Creating the CEDS Executive Steering Committee will make it sustainable, and if the Board approves, Mr. Garza would like to launch this in October 2017 and deliver it in June 2018. After thorough research Mr. Garza proposes a 12 member executive steering committee as outlined in the draft RGV 2020 document. The Executive Steering Committee would drive this process in terms of accountability. After the plan is delivered in June 2018, the committee would continue the process to achieve the regional results outlined therein. Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Tony Martinez made a motion to approve RGV 2020: 2018-2020 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of Administration items, Vice President Garcia moved to item 4. – Report from 9-1-1 Department and recognized Program Supervisor Juan Chapa. Mr. Chapa noted that the regular status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review; no action needed.

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 5. – Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez to address the following:

A. Act on Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendations

1. Consider Approval of Additional Direct Purchased Service Contractors

Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approval of additional contractors to the Direct Purchased Services pool. The Area Agency on Aging followed the LRGVDC procurement process to add contractors (vendors) to the current pool. These contractors will cover the period beginning on October 1, 2017 and will end on September 30, 2019. Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the additional Direct Purchased Service Contractors as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion. Commissioner Daniel Guzman noted a difference in prices from different vendors for the same services and asked who sets the rates. Mr. Gonzalez explained that the individual
contractor sets the rates for the services they provide. The Case Managers provide clients with the list of contractors, the services they provide, and the rates for those services. The client is able to select the contractor they prefer. Clients usually chose the contractor that costs the least in order to maximize the allotted funds the Area Agency on Aging allows them. Staff will explore the feasibility of standardizing rates for future bids. Upon conclusion of discussion **Vice President Garcia called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval to Continue the Assisted Living Facility Agreements for Fiscal Year 2018
The Advisory Council recommends approval of the Assisted Living Facility Coverage agreement with Zulma Martinez, Rosaura Aguilar, and Veronica M. Perez. All three of these individuals are certified ombudsman volunteers that have been trained and make visits to nursing homes. It is required that the service is provided by certified ombudsmen. During the last three legislative sessions the Legislature has provided the State Unit on Aging additional funding for the Ombudsman program to expand coverage to assisted living facilities. **Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve continuation of the Assisted Living Facilities Agreements for Fiscal Year 2018 as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consider Approval to Authorize Area Agency on Aging to Apply for CDBG Funding, and for Executive Director to Sign All Related Applications and Agreements
Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends approval to authorize the Area Agency on Aging to seek and apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Cities of Brownsville, San Benito, Harlingen, Weslaco, Pharr, Edinburg, Mission and McAllen. The Advisory Council also recommends authorizing Mr. Ron Garza, LRGVDC Executive Director, to sign all CDBG applications and contracts on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging. This action is meant to satisfy a requirement from the cities that want to know who has the signatory authority for the organization. **Commissioner Daniel Guzman made a motion to authorize Area Agency on Aging to Apply for CDBG funding, and for Mr. Ron Garza, Executive Director to sign all related applications and agreements. Mayor Rick Cavazos seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez noted status reports on the VISTA Project, AARP Care Connection Program, and Medicare Part D Open Enrollment were available in the online meeting packet for review.

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Director Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas addressed item A. 1. – Consider Approval of City of Palmhurst’s Membership Nomination to Regional Small Cities Coalition (RSCC). **Mayor David Suarez made a motion to approve the City of Palmhurst’s membership to the RSCC; Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The Vice President next moved to item 6.B. - Quarterly Report from Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC) and recognized Mr. Matt Ruszczak, Executive Director. Mr. Ruszczak thanked the Board for the opportunity to report on a quarterly basis. He informed the Board that RSTEC will continue with the Building Blocks for Economic Development series; the first one was held in May, the second was held in July and he plans to schedule the third session in October. He stated that in relation to the Texas Tamaulipas Trade Organization item heard earlier, he has had the privilege of teaming up with the Secretary of Economic Development for the State of Tamaulipas, Carlos Rancon, and Mr. Ruszczak is hopeful that building this relationship will have a positive impact on the Valley.

Mr. Ruszczak reported that a RSTEC delegation is scheduled to attend the ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) in Dallas November 8-10; he added that in a few days RSTEC will become an official member of the EAIC (European American Investment Council) and RSTEC will host an EAIC delegation of site selectors at the beginning of 2018 and give them a tour of the Rio Grande Valley.
Upon conclusion of Economic Development items the Vice President moved to item 7. – Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO). HCMPO Assistant Director Linda De La Fuente was recognized and gave an update on projects and the Bike Friendly Business Program. Ms. De La Fuente informed the Board that this program began approximately six years ago. The purpose of the program is to offer citizens of, and visitors to the Hidalgo County area who use bicycles conveniences and services along their bike routes. Currently 47 businesses have signed up and qualified as Bike Friendly Businesses. In order to do so a business must offer three of the following: bike racks, shelter/covered bike area, water, use of restrooms, proximity to bike lanes, flat repair, relaxed dress code for employees who bike to work, and changing station or locker rooms. One of the obstacles for the HCMPO was the cost of printing maps with bike lanes, but TxDOT recently announced they would be able to print the maps. Ms. De La Fuente then updated the Board on other current projects staff is working on and upcoming meetings.

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 8. - Report from Homeland Security and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. Mr. Cruz stated that neither the Homeland Security Program nor the Criminal Justice Program has action for the Board to consider and he gave the status reports for both programs.

The Vice President next moved to item 9. - Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo. Ms. Oviedo noted that the regular program status report for Water Resources was available in the online meeting packet for review. She addressed item A. 2. – Solid Waste Management, a. – Consider Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendation for Solid Waste Advisory Committee Membership, and informed the Board that the committee recommends approval of the nomination of Willacy County Commissioner Eduardo Gonzalez to join the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. **Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve Willacy County Commissioner Eduardo Gonzalez’ nomination to join the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 10. - Report from Regional Police Academy and recognized Assistant Program Director Randall Snyder who addressed the following items:

A. Act upon Police Academy Advisory Committee Recommendations

1. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action on Regional Police Academy Grant Resolution. Mr. Snyder informed the Board that on August 22 the Executive Committee approved Resolution 2017-06 approving and providing for the filing of a Criminal Justice 421 Grant Application for the Regional Law Enforcement Training and Education Program. The resolution is part of a new grant period which began on September 1, thus requiring action prior to the next regularly scheduled LRGVDC Board of Directors meet. **Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to ratify this executive committee action; Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval of Revisions to Basic Police Academy Course Cadet Entrance Requirement
   Mr. Snyder explained that based upon recommendations from the Police Academy Advisory Committee, the applicant entrance exam for the Basic Police Academy Course, which includes sections on reading comprehension, grammar, and arithmetic will be changed from the current 70.00% or higher passing rate to a passing rate of 75.00% or higher in order to begin the application process for the Regional Police Academy. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the revisions to the Basic Police Academy Course cadet entrance requirement as presented. Commissioner Daniel Guzman seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
conclusion of action Mr. Snyder informed the Board that the regular status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review.

The Vice President next moved to item 11. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Director Tom Logan. Mr. Logan noted that the regular program status reports were available in the online meeting packet for review, and added that even though public transportation as an industry has been losing ridership, Valley Metro’s ridership has increased by 4%.

Vice President Garcia next move to item 12. – Executive Session; item A. – Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071(2), Texas Gov’t Code to provide legal advice and counsel to the LRGVDC Board of Directors and executive management staff regarding legal action taken against LRGVDC Police Academy. At 1:35 pm Mayor Rick Cavazos made a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Vice President Garcia resumed regular session at 1:56 pm.

Vice President Garcia next moved to item 13. - Old or New Business; there being none, Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Daniel Guzman seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.

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Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary
ITEM 3.C.

TARC & CTR DESIGNNEES
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: LRGVDC Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Garza, Executive Director

SUBJ: Agenda item 3 C

DATE: October 19, 2017

It is time to consider our Board Member appointments for the Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC) and the Corporation for Texas Regionalism (CTR). Currently our designated representatives for TARC are Javier De Leon and Mayor Jim Darling serves as the alternate. For CTR Mayor Jim Darling is the designee and Javier De Leon is the alternate.

Thank you for consideration of this item and please contact me should there be any questions.
ITEM 3.E.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
This quarterly report is in full compliance with investment policy and strategy as established for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Public Funds Investment Act.

Recorded Interest Income for the quarter $4,946.23

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TexPool Prime Rate as of September 30, 2017 - 1.2719%

Crystal Balboa
Director of Finance
ITEM 4.

9-1-1

DEPARTMENT
4. Report from 9-1-1 Department……………………………………………………………………………Sergio Castro
   Director

A. Program Status Report

1. Location Validation Program

Location Validation staff continuously generates address tickets upon customer requests and
addresses new subdivision plats as they are being developed within rural areas of Hidalgo
and Willacy Counties. After meetings and discussions with community leaders, staff
continues to extend addressing support to the communities of Hargill, Edcouch and La Villa.

2. Database Program

Database staff continuously updates the 9-1-1 database and adds new streets and ranges as
new subdivisions are developed in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. In September a total of 78
Telephone Numbers were corrected and 101 streets in the Master Street Address Guide were
updated. Also, over 220 address request calls were received which resulted in 198 address
tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses.

3. Mapping Program

Mapping Program staff has transitioned all 9-1-1 physical address data to the new State
approved EGDMS Schema; this change is vital to the future of 9-1-1 call routing. It has been
implemented at the LRGVDC 9-1-1 office as well as the host sites at McAllen PD and Hidalgo
County Sheriff’s Office. The Mapping Program continues to use the Geolynx tool to add the
new data to the map more efficiently and to help detect and correct any errors in GIS. Staff
continuously works on address point verification in order to ensure accurate call routing in the
new I-3 9-1-1 environment. The mapping program also continues to update address
information on its local maps.

4. System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program

Systems staff continues monitoring sites and performs regular audits to ensure efficiency of
the 9-1-1 system. Also, our request to add 9-1-1 workstations on some of the PSAP was
approved by CSEC at their September Commission Meeting. The need for additional
workstations was derived from a call volume analysis that demonstrated the need for them.
We are also in the final stages of implementing our backup network with AT&T and it should
be completed by November 2017.

5. Public Education/Training Program

Public Education is an ongoing priority for the 9-1-1 program and staff continues to reach out
to communities and educate residents. In September staff distributed promotional items
throughout Hidalgo & Willacy Counties at various events. Efforts continue to focus on
educating the Lower Rio Grande Valley on Kari’s Laws along with Text to 9-1-1 and Pocket
Dial.

Our Training Program continues to grow and host several trainings that benefit our
Telecommunicators to help them in their day to day operations at the PSAPs and also to
obtain the licensing required in the State of Texas.
ITEM 5.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
A. Program Status Report

1. Age Well Live Well VISTA Program

Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) staff met with a representative of the Texas Health and Human Services Aging Services Coordination unit regarding the upcoming VISTA (Volunteers in Service To America) Program. The AAoA is one of eight AAoAs selected to host a VISTA. The purpose of the program is to create or support an existing Age Well Live Well collaborative. The primary goal is to identify gaps or duplication in local wellness programs.

The major areas of interest for the Lower RGV is to address such issues as falls prevention, food insecurity, and oral health.

2. Diabetes Education

AAoA staff has completed two diabetes training sessions in collaboration with the Texas Medical Foundation. These trainings are being conducted in coordination with Amigos Del Valle nutrition sites. Participants in attendance are recruited to participate in an evidenced based curriculum.
ITEM 6.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
6. Report from Economic Development Department

A. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

1. Status of the Regional Small Cities Coalition

   The October monthly meeting was held at Donna City Hall and was very well attended. We especially want to thank State Representative Armando “Mando” Martinez for attending the meeting and giving RSCC members a special welcome to Donna and to Mr. Lyle Garza, EDC Director for hosting the meeting. This month’s presentation was given by Mobilitie regarding “small cell deployment” and a brief presentation by Ms. Letty Flores, Community Relations for the Governor’s Office. She invited the RSCC to the Texas Business Conference being held October 19 and then Mr. Ron Garza gave an update on LRGVDC’s economic development projects.

   Representative Armando “Mando” Martinez
   District 39

2. EDA Approval of Explore RGV Grant Application

   At the September Board Meeting, the Executive Director and staff wanted to make an EDA grant award announcement, however, a press release by Mr. Juan Sanchez & Abhi Rahman was being prepared. The joint press release was on behalf of Congressmen Cuellar, Vela, and Gonzalez which announced a $375,000 grant award to the LRGVDC. The grant award was made by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the funding of the “Explore RGV” project. As was stated, this
EDA investment will develop strategies to diversify tourist products and create national and international branding to enhance the tourism industry in both the Valley and the State of Texas. The investment will help promote economic and human capital development. All three congressmen sent their congratulations to the LRGVDC!

3. Status of Building PACE in the Valley
Staff is still patiently waiting to announce the first PACE Project, however, the property owner has delayed the announcement until next month. On October 6 however, Mrs. Salinas and Charlene Heydinger made a PACE presentation to attendees at the Valley Environmental Summit. Mrs. Heydinger was also able to touch base with Mayor Patel and gain his support in helping us present PACE to major community and business groups at South Padre Island. Mayor Patel was instrumental in the success of the summit and we appreciate his support of both the Summit and the PACE Program.

4. Status of Kari’s Law Outreach Project
On October 19, staff will assist the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce with their annual “Wild in Willacy” event. This event brings people from all over the Valley and South Texas to enjoy the best the county has to offer. A copy of the poster with dates, times, and activities is attached and everyone is welcome to attend. This annual event brings over 15,000 people to Raymondville and it provides an excellent array of tourist activities. This year staff will present information on Kari’s Law to the general public and will work with the Raymondville Chamber to present at various business and community groups to educate and inform them of this law. Staff thanks the County and the City of Raymondville for their continuous support.
Willacy County Courthouse Grounds
Saturday, October 21st 2017 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wild in Willacy 2017

TOURS - FRIDAY ONLY
Hilltop Garden, Punta Del Monte, East Salt Lakes

5K Run / Walk  Cook-Off  Pumpkin Patch  Kids Corner

Vendors, Food, Fun, and Games

Live Entertainment
Grupo Invazzion
Mt. Whiskey
Saul Cantu
Y Los River Bandits

Decorating Contests
Pumpkin Decorating
Boot Decorating
ITEM 8.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT
8. Report from Homeland Security

A. Homeland Security

1. Status Reports

   a) Homeland Security Program & Funding Opportunity

   Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with Emergency Management Plans (EMP), meeting eligibility requirements, technical assistance on equipment expenditures, and grant deadlines.

   **Funding Opportunity: Humanitarian Relief for Unaccompanied Minors & Families**

   Please be advised that the Request for Applications (RFA) for Humanitarian Relief for Unaccompanied Minors & Families OPENED on September 19 in eGrants.

   Cities, counties, and non-profit organizations in **Cameron** and **Hidalgo** counties are the only ones eligible to apply from our COG-21 region. Staff has provided this announcement to all eligible agencies.

   **As of Oct 16, the state has NO applicants on file.**

   For specific details, please refer to the RFA. Here is the link:

   **Closing date: October 31, 2017**

   b) Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness

   Staff continues to conduct outreach and promote Community Emergency Preparedness and volunteer programs throughout the LRGVDC Region at the monthly Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meetings and other venues.

   c) FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program

   As part of the reallocation process, LRGVDC staff submitted the spending plans for the reallocation funds to HSGD. Items are pending state approval.
d) FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with eGrant and grant awards.

As part of the reallocation process, LRGVDC staff submitted the spending plans for the reallocation funds to HSGD. Items are pending state approval.

e) FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

The Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) has begun the notification process of all grant awards.

Should there be any questions please advise.
8. Homeland Security………………………………………………………………………………..Manuel Cruz
   Director

B. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation

   1. Consider Approval of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)
      Policy Manual.

   In accordance with the 2017 LRGVDC Interagency Contract, staff
   recommends review and approval of the CJAC Policy Manual. The
   CJAC meeting is scheduled to take place on October 24 to review and
   approve the subcommittee’s recommendations. The deadline to
   submit the document to CJD is November 3, 2017.

   Attachment will be presented the day of the meeting. Should there be
   any questions, please advise.
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
Board of Directors Report

October 25, 2017

8. Homeland Security.................................................................Manuel Cruz
   Director

B. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation

2. Consider Approval of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)
   Bylaws

   In accordance with the 2017 LRGVDC Interagency Contract, staff
   recommends review and approval of the CJAC Bylaws. The CJAC
   meeting is scheduled to take place on October 24 to review and
   approve the subcommittee’s recommendations. The deadline to
   submit the document to CJD is November 3, 2017.

   Attachment will be presented the day of the meeting. Should there be
   any questions, please advise.

ACTION ITEM
8. Homeland Security……………………………………………………………………..Manuel Cruz
   Director

   B. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation

   3. Consider Approval of Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC)
      Biannual Term Appointment.

      The CJAC is scheduled to convene on October 24 to review the
      biannual term appointment. The list of appointees the committee
      recommends will be presented at the Board Meeting for consideration.
      The deadline to submit the document to CJD is November 3, 2017.

      Attachment will be presented the day of the meeting. Should there be
      any questions, please advise.

      ACTION ITEM
8. Homeland Security……………………………………………………….. Manuel Cruz
   Director

B. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendation

4. Consider Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for In-Kind Contributions from LRGVDC to Hidalgo County District Attorney.

   In collaboration with the Hidalgo County District Attorney, the attached document will serve as confirmation on the required In-Kind contributions, subject to space availability, that is being made available by the LRGVDC for the Hidalgo County District Attorney VOCA grant application number, 2924302, that was awarded in October.

   Refer to Attachment. Should there be any questions, please advise.
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
AND THE HIDALGO CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

This Agreement made on this ______day of ________, 2017, by and between the LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as “LRGVDC”) and the HIDALGO COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (hereinafter referred to as the “HCDA”) collectively referred to as the “Parties”, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, (the “ACT”) Chapter 791, et seq., Texas Government Code, as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, HCDA is part of a “Local Government” under the ACT, and a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, LRGVDC is defined as a “political subdivision” under the ACT, and a Regional Planning Agency formed under the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, HCDA applied for and received grants through the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division, more specifically titled the Hidalgo County DA’s Office –Victim Assistance Program, funded by the Victims Of Crime Act of 1984 (“VOCA”) Grant Number 2924302 FY2017-2018 (“GRANT”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the GRANT and program is to provide services and assistance directly to victims of crime to speed their recovery and aid them through the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC provided an In-Kind match to the HCDA, which is intended to serve as a portion of the grant match required under the GRANT;

WHEREAS, the LRGVDC and HCDA are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the ACT, which authorizes local governments and political subdivisions to contract with each other to perform governmental functions and services under the terms of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the LRGVDC and HCDA, in consideration of the mutual covenants expressed hereinafter, agree as follows:

1. In order to fulfill the goals of HCDA’S VOCA GRANT the LRGVDC has provided an In-Kind match which includes space, utilities, furniture, maintenance and upkeep cost, more specifically described herein, incorporated by reference, and attached as “Exhibit A”.

2. The In-Kind contribution provided by the LRGVDC shall be used for the purpose of establishing a cooperative working agreement between the HCDA and the LRGVDC in an effort to address needs identified under the LRGVDC Regional Criminal Justice Strategic Plan.

3. In acknowledgement of the Parties vested interest in the program and services of the GRANT, the Parties have identified priority areas to be addressed by the GRANT as appropriate, including but not limited to 1) Establishment of a Multi-Disciplinary Team for Case Coordinating and 2) Training for law enforcement professionals and criminal justice professionals.

4. HCDA will utilize In-Kind GRANT match to organize and conduct victim services oriented public trainings, seminars, including but not limited to Victim Assistance Academies that will provide training and certification for system based victim advocates.

5. HCDA will utilize In-Kind GRANT match to organize and conduct outreach sessions including but not limited to monthly meetings with victim services oriented taskforce and coalition organizations.

6. LRGVDC will provide a monthly statement of the In-Kind GRANT match utilized by HCDA during the term of the GRANT for the purposes of applicable GRANT reporting requirements.

7. HCDA agrees that the use of LRGVDC facilities related to the In-Kind GRANT match shall be subject to availability and LRGVDC executive approval upon written request.

8. HCDA and LRGVDC will comply with their own applicable policies and procedures, state and federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures with respect to any parts terms and conditions of the GRANT.

9. **Conflict with Applicable Law.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and whenever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any present or future law, ordinance or administrative, executive or judicial regulation, order or decree, or amendment thereof, contrary to which the parties have no legal right to contract, the FY2015 Homeland Security terms and conditions prevail, but in such event the affected provision or provision of this Agreement shall be modified only to the extent to bring them within the legal requirements and only during the times such conflict exists.

10. **No Waiver.** No waiver by any party hereto of any breach of any provisions of the Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach of the same or any other provision hereof.

11. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire contract between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representation or agreement in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or
amended only by agreement in writing executed by LRGVDC and HCDA, and not otherwise.

12. **TEXAS LAW TO APPLY.** THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES CREATED HEREUNDER ARE PERFORMABLE WITHIN CAMERON, HIDALGO, WILLACY AND STARR COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PARTIES HEREBY CONSENT TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION IN CAMERON, HIDALGO, WILLACY AND STARR COUNTY, TEXAS.

13. **Governing Provisions.** HCDA shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. A non-exclusive list of regulations commonly applicable to Federal and State grants and equipment can be found in the new 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements.

14. **Notice.** Except as many be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all notices, demands, requests or communication required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be (i) personally delivered against a written receipt, or (ii) sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid and addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may have been theretofore specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:

   If to LRGVDC:  
   Attention: Ron Garza  
   Deputy Executive Director  
   301 W. Railroad ST.  
   Weslaco, Texas 78596

   If to HCDA:  
   Attention: Honorable Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.  
   Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office  
   100 W. Cano  
   Edinburg, TX 78539

   Each notice, demand, request or communication, which shall be delivered or mailed in the manner described above, shall be deemed sufficiently given for all purposes at such time as it is personally delivered to the addressee or, if mailed, at such time as it is deposited in the United States mail.

15. **Additional Documents.** The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Agreement.

16. **Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Agreement.
17. **Assignments.** This Assignment shall not be assignable.

18. **Headings.** The headings and captions contained in this Agreement are solely for convenience reference and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of any paragraph hereof.

19. **Gender and Number.** All pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, and singular shall include the plural whenever and as often as may be appropriate.

20. **Nondiscrimination:** Company/Contractor/Vendor, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement.

21. **Authority to Execute.** The execution and performance of this Agreement by LRGVDC and HCDA have been duly authorized by all necessary laws, resolutions or corporate action, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and enforceable obligations of LRGVDC and HCDA in accordance with its terms.

22. **Governmental Purpose.** Each party hereto is entering into this Agreement for the purpose of providing for governmental services or functions and will pay for such services out of current revenues available to the paying party as herein provided.

23. **Commitment of Current Revenues Only.** In the event that, during any term hereof, the governing body of any party does not appropriate sufficient funds to meet the obligations of such party under this Agreement, then any party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days’ written notice to the other party. Each of the parties hereto agrees, however, to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Agreement. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of each party hereto.

**WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES** effective as of the day and year first written above.

**Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney’s Office**

___________________________________
Honorable Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

___________________________________
Ron Garza, Executive Director

Approved as to form:

Office of Criminal District Attorney
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

By: ________________________________
   Victor M. Garza, Assistant District Attorney
B. Criminal Justice Program

5. Status Report

a. **Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning**

The Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division continues the notification of awards for the FY2017/18 funding cycle. Recipients will have up to 45 days to accept their grant award on eGrants and will be able to begin requesting reimbursements.

The project that was awarded to the LRGVDC has created two employment opportunities for Case Managers. Since last month’s report, the two positions have been filled. The Case Managers will provide services to victims in the Felony, Misdemeanor, Civil, and Juvenile Divisions. Victims will be provided with information and referral on how to access community-based services and other legal remedies available for them. Coordination with Legal Counsel Attorney’s will be conducted to assist victims in filing for protective orders and providing additional legal counsel on family law for information on divorce, child custody, child support, emergency protective orders, and immigration relief for undocumented victims of crime.

Should you have any questions, please advise.
ITEM 9.

REGIONAL PLANNING & SERVICES
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services........................................Marcie Oviedo
               Director

A. Environmental Resources

1. Water Resources

   a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)

      ❖ The next Region M meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2018.

      ❖ The RGRWPG is accepting nominations for one vacancy in the Municipalities Category. Solicitation of Nominations Notice and Request Form can be found on the Region M and LRGVDC website. Deadline for receipt of Nominations is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017.

      ❖ Please visit the Region M website at http://www.riograndewaterplan.org/ for updates on the 2021 Regional Water Plan and other Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group activities.
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services........................................Marcie Oviedo
   Director

A. Environmental Resources

2. Solid Waste Management

   a. Consider Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendation on Resolution RE:
      FY 2018/2019 LRGVDC Regional Solid Waste Funding Plan and Grant Application

      Attached please find a resolution for the FY 2018/2019 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application that will be submitted to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for funding. The FY 2018/2019 LRGVDC Regional Funding Plan was developed in conjunction with and approved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) on September 15, 2017. A public meeting was held on October 10, 2017 and no comments were received. Thank you for consideration of this item. This item requires Board Action.

ACTION ITEM
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION AND A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE FY 2018/2019 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, this resolution will authorize the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Executive Director to file and execute an application and grant contract with the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR FY 2018/2019 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas acting by and through the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY administers the Solid Waste Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY informed the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council that these funds are available to conduct the FY 2018/2019 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors that:

A. The Executive Director be authorized to file and execute an application and grant contract for FY 2018/2019 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM.

B. The Executive Director be authorized to take such actions necessary to implement the aforementioned contract.

C. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council will comply with provisions of the financial assistance program and the requirements of the TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

D. Grant funds will be used only for the purposes for which they are provided.

E. The solid waste program will be in compliance with and supports the State solid waste strategic plan, the regional solid waste management plan, and any superseding plans, statutes, or regulations applicable to the geographical area covered by the program.

Adopted by the LRGVDC at a meeting held on the 25th day of October 2017

The Honorable Ambrosio “Amos” Hernandez, President
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services………………………………..……Marcie Oviedo
Director

A. Environmental Resources

2. Solid Waste Management

b. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

   Staff continues to provide technical assistance and outreach and continues to
monitor all Solid Waste Management Projects. All information pertaining to the
solid waste program is available on our web site at www.lrgvdc.org – regional
planning page. Should there be no questions, this concludes the Solid Waste
9. Report from Regional Planning and Services

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding

1. Program Status Report on 2nd Round Disaster Recovery Funding

   a. Rental Contract

   The LRGVDC executed Texas General Land Office (GLO) contract for Hurricane
   Dolly Disaster Recovery Affordable Rental Program (DRARP) on October 12,
   2012. The LRGVDC awarded five multi-family rental projects, consisting of a total
   of 223 units. Three of the multi projects were new construction and two were
   rehabs. Three single family rental projects were awarded, consisting a total of 12
   units and were new construction. Additional funds have been awarded to two
   Multi-Family Rental Projects, Willacy White House Project and South Texas
   Economic Development Corporation – Donna Project. Willacy White House
   Project anticipates starting construction with the 11 additional units before the end
   of September 2017 and complete work by December 31, 2017. Donna Project
   (STEDC) anticipates starting new construction with 8 units in early November 2017
   and complete work by March of 2018.
ITEM 10.

REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY
10. Regional Police Academy 

A. Status Report from Regional Police Academy

1. In-Service Training Hours Reported

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2. Basic Peace Officer Academy

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3. October/November 2017 In-Service Scheduled

- October 17-18, 2017 Use of Force #2107
- October 20, 2017 Law Updates #3185
- October 25-27, 2017 Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (UTRGV Ballroom)
- November 9-10, 2017 Arrest, Search & Seizure #2108
- November 18-19, 2017 Baton Instructor Course
- November 27-December 01, 2017 Firearms Instructor Course
- December 6-8, 2017 Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation #2105

4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies

The registration process has begun for the upcoming 196th BPOC full-time and part-time academies which are tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2018. Testing dates have been posted on our website for upcoming Academies.

5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates

- 194th BPOC-Night Academy Tentative November 2017
- 195th BPOC-Day Academy Tentative November 2017

6. Regional Police Academy Advisory Board Citizen Member Vacancy

As per TCOLE requirements, 1/3 of an advisory committee membership must be categorized as “public members” as required by TAC 215.7.(b) and TOC 1701.0052. As the current membership of the Regional Police Academy Advisory Board stands, there are two (2) vacancies in this category that may not be a licensed (current or retired) peace officers. To diversify representation, staff requests one (1) member from Cameron County and one (1) member from Willacy County.
ITEM 11.

VALLEY METRO
11. Report from Valley Metro ................................................................. Tom Logan
          Director

A. Rural and Urban System

2. Program Status Reports

a. Ridership Report

Both the Rural and Urban Transit Systems are operating and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of September 2017 ridership for the Urban System, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Hidalgo and Cameron Counties has been averaging 17,595 passengers a week. Ridership for the rural System which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties had an average of 1,634 passengers for the month of September. Please see attached graph for details.

b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

The next RTAP Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2017.

Location: TBD
          10:00 AM
RURAL

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FY'17

Cost per revenue mile = $3.00
Passenger per revenue mile = 0.31

FY'16

Cost per revenue mile = $4.19
Passenger per revenue mile = 0.19

Cost per passenger = $16.89

Urban

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FY 2017 September

Cost per passenger = $8.41
State Avg. = $4.78

FY 2016

Cost per passenger = $5.00
State Avg. = $2.75

FY 2015

Cost per passenger = $4.45
State Avg. = $2.45

FY 2014

Cost per passenger = $4.10
State Avg. = $2.30

FY 2013

Cost per passenger = $3.85
State Avg. = $2.15

FY 2012

Cost per passenger = $3.50
State Avg. = $2.00

FY 2011

Cost per passenger = $3.15
State Avg. = $1.75

FY 2010

Cost per passenger = $2.80
State Avg. = $1.50

FY 2009

Cost per passenger = $2.45
State Avg. = $1.25

FY 2008

Cost per passenger = $2.10
State Avg. = $1.00

FY 2007

Cost per passenger = $1.85
State Avg. = $0.90

FY 2006

Cost per passenger = $1.60
State Avg. = $0.80

Rural Service - service in rural low-population areas outside of urbanized areas

Urban Service- service between or within urbanized areas

FY 2008 - FY 2018 Monthly Ridership Summary

Year to Date Ridership Report

FY 2018 September

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FY 2018

Cost per revenue mile = $3.01
Passenger per revenue hour = 0.30
Passenger per passenger = $16.89

FY 2017

Cost per revenue mile = $3.10
Passenger per revenue hour = 0.31
Passenger per passenger = $16.90

FY 2016

Cost per revenue mile = $3.20
Passenger per revenue hour = 0.32
Passenger per passenger = $17.00

FY 2015

Cost per revenue mile = $3.30
Passenger per revenue hour = 0.33
Passenger per passenger = $17.10

FY 2014

Cost per revenue mile = $3.40
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FY 2013

Cost per revenue mile = $3.50
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FY 2012

Cost per revenue mile = $3.60
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FY 2011

Cost per revenue mile = $3.70
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Cost per revenue mile = $3.80
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Cost per revenue mile = $3.90
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FY 2008

Cost per revenue mile = $4.00
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Fuel Efficiency

FY 2008

Passenger per revenue mile = 0.29
State Avg. = 0.95

FY 2007

Passenger per revenue mile = 0.30
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FY 2006

Passenger per revenue mile = 0.31
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FY 2005

Passenger per revenue mile = 0.32
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