

County of Val Verde



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AGENDA/NOTICE
VAL VERDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR TERM MEETING

Old County Court-At-Law Building
207B E Losoya Street
Del Rio, TX 78840

Live Feed Link- <http://valverdecountry.texas.gov/>

MARCH 25, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to order.
2. Determine that a quorum is present.
3. Reciting the pledge of allegiance.
4. Reciting the Texas pledge of allegiance.
5. [Approving and amending minutes](#)
6. Citizens' Comments.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND POSSIBLE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY
THE VAL VERDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:**

Aaron D. Rodriguez, County Treasurer

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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8. Discussion and possible action on issuing a Fleetsource gas credit card to Veterans Office under Gloria Sanzone.

9. Discussion and possible action on a Statement of Support for International Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2026.

10. Discussion and possible action on an MOU between City of Del Rio, SFDRCISD, Maybe Val Verde Regional Hospital and Val Verde County to hire an Advocacy Group . Cost would be \$48,000.00 to be shared equally by all mentioned in MOU.

11. Discussion and possible action on MOU Between the city of Del Rio and Val Verde County allowing Val Verde County to install two culverts on Chapman Road .

12. Discussion and possible action on a policy for purchase of pants and boots "uniform" for elected officials' money to come out of there prospective budgets .

13. [Discussion and possible action on First Amended Lease Agreement with MONSA, LTD \(Francisco Mondragon\).](#)

Juan Carlos Vazquez, County Commissioner Pct. 2

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the request from Texas Department of State Health Services to use the Tony Faz Community Room for weekly meetings on Wednesdays to commence on April 8, 2026 and finalize on May 13, 2026.

15. Discussion and possible action to ratify the use of the Antonio "Tony" Faz Facility on March 16, 2026, for a committee meeting hosted by the Del Rio Mental Health Group.

16. [Discussion and possible action on Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month from SJRC Belong and CASA of Val Verde.](#)

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the reclassification and reassignment of rooms at the Antonio "Tony" Faz Annex. Specifically, the relocation of Narcotics Anonymous from Room F1 to Room D3, and approval for SJRC Belong to expand into the adjoining Room F1 due to program growth.

18. Discussion and possible action on the approval to utilize the Precinct 2 Antonio "Tony Faz" County Annex for an Easter event on April 2, 2026.

19. Discussion and possible action to approve the request from CASA of Val Verde to utilize the

Precinct 2 Antonio “Tony” Faz County Annex to host a volunteer and family appreciation event on April 22, 2026, in recognition of National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-26, 2026).

20. Discussion and possible action on CASA of Val Verde quarterly update to the Commissioners Court.
21. [Discussion and possible action to approve the request from MJ Ybarra to use the Tony Faz Community Room for the “Fairy Godmother Closet” project from March 24, 2026 through April 30, 2026.](#)
22. [Discussion and possible action to authorize Val Verde County to enter into an electric service cooperative membership agreement with Rio Grande Electric Cooperative for the purpose of installing electrical service for a water well located off Dolan Creek Road; and to authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.](#)

Sergio J. Gonzalez, Court at Law Judge

23. Discussion and possible action to consider donation and acceptance of a metal bench and plaque in Loving Memory of Hon. Judge Enrique “Henry” Fernandez, 63rd Judicial District Court.

David Bond Library Director

24. [Discussion and possible action for the Val Verde County Library to accept a donation of \\$50.00 from the Cactus Thorn Garden Club in memory of Lt. Col. Jerry Grabeklis.](#)

Elodia Garcia, Tax Assessor-Collector

25. [Discussion and possible action to review PID 25342 Ms. Sandra Navarro is requesting P&I waiver. Please see the attached request.](#)

Joe Frank Martinez, Sheriff

26. [Discussion and possible action authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to sign an agreement between the Val Verde Sheriff’s Office and Border Animal Mission Inc.](#)
27. Discussion and possible action on issuing a county credit card for the Val Verde Sheriff’s Office to be issued to Sgt. Ramiro E. Barrera.
28. [Discussion and possible action on allowing the purchase of firearm by Honorably Retired Peace Officer, Sergeant Joaquin Palacios, in accordance to Sec. 614.051 of the Government Code.](#)
29. [Discussion and possible action authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to sign a Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) between TxDOT and Kinney County Sheriff’s Office, Maverick County](#)

Sheriff's Office, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, Val Verde County Sheriff's Office, and Edwards County Sheriff's Office.

Mireya Rodriguez, Fairgrounds Secretary

30. [Discussion and possible action on approving a lease between Val Verde County and Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt on behalf of Michael Andrade for March 24, 2026 \(ratification needed\).](#)

Carlos Velarde, County Engineer

31. [Discussion and possible action on revision of plat \(re-plat\) or Lot 1 Block 19 Val Verde Park No. 2, creating Lots 1A and 1B, previously recorded on the plat of record in Volume 2, Page 68 of the Val Verde County Map Records.](#)

32. Discussion and possible action authorizing County Judge to sign letter to AEP for 4–71-watt streetlights at Agua Crystal Subdivision, with the condition that the developer is responsible for the operating cost until the road is accepted as a County maintained road.

Melissa Vazquez, Purchasing Agent

33. Discussion and possible action on approving four (4) new extensions to the Spectrum VOIP contract to provide phone services for new employees at the Sheriff's office. The recurring monthly charge of \$60.00 will be funded from the utilities account.

34. [Discussion and possible action on approving a month-to-month agreement with Spectrum Business for cable TV service at the Social Security office located in Precinct 4's community center, and to authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement. The expense will be funded through precinct 4's operating budget at a recurring monthly cost of \\$95.00 and a one-time installation fee of \\$99.00.](#)

35. [Discussion and possible action on approval of upgrades for ten \(10\) new light arms on existing street lights from 6' to 10' at the locations shown on the map, and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \\$3,014.84.](#)

A) Cienegas Road/106 Cerezo Bus Stop (no pole #)	\$301.48	Map #1
B) Cienegas Road/In front of GXO (pole #R10673850T)	\$301.48	Map #2
C) 2863 Cienegas Road (pole #Y211769)	\$301.48	Map #3
D) Cienegas Road/Before Dollar General (pole #Y971274)	\$301.48	Map #4
E) Cienegas Road and Howmet Aerospace (pole #Y380334)	\$301.48	Map #5
F) Cienegas Road and Industrial Blvd (no pole #)	\$301.48	Map #6

G) Cienegas Road/In front of GXO (pole # Y178788)	\$301.49	Map #7
H) Cienegas Road/Past Dollar General (pole #994550L)	\$301.49	Map #8
I) Cienegas Road/Holly Bus Stop (no pole #)	\$301.49	Map #9
J) Cienegas Road/Brewer Drive	\$301.49	Map #10

36. Discussion and possible action on approval of upgrades for nine (9) street lights on existing poles from 250W HPS to 250W LED at the locations shown on the map, and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement, if applicable. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$1,240.74.

A) Cienegas Road/106 Cerezo Bus Stop (no pole #)	\$137.86	Map #1
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37. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light and transformer at 2345 Cienegas Road & Finegan Road (Location #2 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$637.46.

38. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light and SEC cable at 2410 Cienegas Road across from Dollar General (Location #3 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$98.46.

39. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light and transformer at 2727 Cienegas Road (Location #6 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$715.06.

40. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light and transformer at 2799 Cienegas Road (Location #7 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$710.77.

41. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light and SEC cable at 2917 Cienegas Road (Location #8 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$40.33.
42. Discussion and possible action on approval of the installation of one (1) LED street light, transformer and SEC cable at 3019 Cienegas Road (Location #10 on map), and to authorize the County Judge to sign the AEP CIAC Agreement. The expense will be funded through Precinct 4's operating budget in the total amount of \$791.00.
43. Discussion and possible action on approving the payment for (5) pairs of jeans to be used as uniforms for Constable Precinct 3. The expense to be paid out of Constable Precinct 3's operating budget in the total amount of \$449.75.
44. Discussion and possible action on approval to amend the County's purchasing policy by increasing the threshold for required performance bonds pertaining to public works contracts from \$50,000 to \$100,000, aligning with recent legislative changes affecting contract approval thresholds for Commissioners Court. The proposed adjustment promotes consistency with evolving statutory requirements.
45. Discussion and possible action – In recognition of March as Procurement Month, the Purchasing Department is having a "Shop Day" event for all County departments to visit the warehouse, view available surplus inventory, and engage with Purchasing staff on March 31, 2026. This event is intended to promote collaboration, increase awareness of procurement processes, and highlight the services and support provided by the Purchasing Department.
46. Discussion and possible action for approval to declare the following items listed as surplus property and to authorize proper disposition. Disposition may include but not limited to auction, transfer, recycling, and/or destruction, in accordance with applicable policies and procedures. (See Attached)

Juanita Barrera, HR Director

47. Discussion and possible action on approving HR report for period from March 13, 2026 through March 25, 2026.
- A. Jorge Vargas, Fire Chief, is requesting to stop the issuance of checks to Luis Cabello, Fire Recruit, effective March 11, 2026. Mr. Cabello was terminated.

- B. Joe Frank Martinez, Sheriff, is requesting to stop the issuance of checks to Joaquin Palacios, Bailiff, effective March 13, 2026. Mr. Palacios has retired.
- C. Jo Ann Cervantes, District Clerk, is requesting to stop the issuance of checks to Kaelyn Martinez, Deputy Clerk III, effective March 13, 2026. Ms. Martinez was terminated.
- D. Elodia Garcia, Tax Assessor/Collector, is requesting the issuance of checks to Aleria Diaz, Deputy Clerk I, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$31,263.01. Ms. Diaz is replacing Vanessa Rodriguez, who was terminated.
- E. David Bond, Librarian, is requesting the issuance of checks to Edwin Perez, PT Librarian, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$11.00/hr. Ms. Perez is replacing Mauricio Medina, who was promoted to full time.
- F. Joe Fank Martinez, Sheriff, is requesting the transfer of James Sunderland, Headquarters Special Ops. Lieutenant, effective March 16, 2026, with no change in salary, he is replacing Gina Garcia who was promoted to Chief.
- G. Joe Fank Martinez, Sheriff, is requesting the issuance of checks to Julio De Hoyos, Lieutenant, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$56,805.40. Mr. De Hoyos has been promoted and is replacing James Sunderland who transferred to Special Ops.
- H. Joe Fank Martinez, Sheriff, is requesting the issuance of checks to Ramiro E. Barrera, Sergeant, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$51,682.09. Mr. Barrera has been promoted and is replacing Julio De Hoyos who was promoted.
- I. Suzanne West, District Attorney, is requesting to stop the issuance of checks to Kristela Ramirez, Administrative Clerk, effective March 17, 2026. Ms. Ramirez has resigned.
- J. Jorge Vargas, Fire Chief, is requesting issuance of checks to Jesus Lara, Fire Fighter, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$40,000.00. Mr. Lara was a part-time fire fighter and is moving to a full-time position vacated by Mr. Luis Cabello who was terminated.
- K. Jorge Vargas, Fire Chief, is requesting issuance of checks to Sabino Torres, PT Fire Fighter, effective March 16, 2026, with a salary of \$14.71/hr. Mr. Torres is replacing Jesus Lara who moved to a full-time vacancy.

Matthew Weingardt, County Auditor

48. Approving bills for payment.

49. Discussion and possible action to approve the Auditor's Reports:

- County Clerk
- County Library

- District Clerk
- Health/Risk Management
- Justice of the Peace Precinct #1
- Justice of the Peace Precinct #2
- Justice of the Peace Precinct #3
- Justice of the Peace Precinct #4
- Parks and Building Maintenance/Fairgrounds
- Tax Assessor Collector

50. Discussion and possible action on the following certification of revenue:

51. Discussion and possible action on the following Budget Adjustments:

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52. [Discussion and possible action on a grant request from the Texas Ornithological Society in the amount of \\$5,000.00 in support of participation in the Birding the Border Festival to come out of HOT Tax Funds \(April 30 – May 3, 2026\).](#)

David E. Martinez, County Attorney

53. Closed session consultation pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- A. §551.071(2), attorney/client privilege.
- B. §551.071(1)(A), contemplated litigation.
- C. §551.072 regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and possible action in open session thereafter.
- D. §551.073 regarding a negotiated contract, lease, or value of real property and possible action in open session thereafter.
- E. §551.076 regarding security devices, security audits, and/or security personnel

Commissioners Court reserves the right to hear any of the above agenda items that qualify for an executive session in a closed session by publicly announcing the applicable section number of the Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) that justifies executive session treatment.

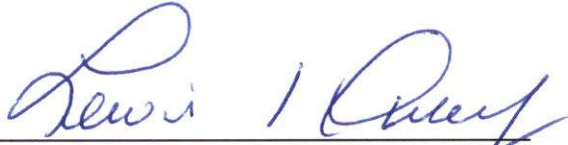
54. Commissioners' comments.

55. County Judge's comments.

56. Adjourn.

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the County Judge's Office at 830-774-7501 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be on APRIL 8, 2026, @ 9:00 a.m. (unless changes are made). Agenda Items are due WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.



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THIS NOTICE OF THE AGENDA WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
ON March 20, 2026, AT 8:16 A.M./P.M.

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