



**COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES
DECEMBER 9th REGULAR TERM, A.D. 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. DETERMINATION THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 9TH day of December A.D. 2020 at 9:00 o'clock A.M., after due notice was given by posting of the attached Agenda; the Honorable Val Verde County Commissioners' Court convened in **REGULAR SESSION**. The meeting was called to order, the following members being present and constituted a quorum: Lewis G. Owens Jr., County Judge, Presiding, Martin Wardlaw, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1; Juan Carlos Vazquez, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2; Robert "LeBeau" Nettleton; Commissioner of Precinct No. 3; Gustavo Flores, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4; and Generosa Gracia-Ramon, County Clerk; when the following proceeding was had to wit:

3. Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval and/or amending minutes from previous meetings.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-679	N	V		9/16, 9/21, 9/29		O, W, V, N, F		
				2020 Minutes.				

5. Citizen's Comments

- 1) _____ None _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

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:

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QUORUM

☒ COUNTY JUDGE

_____ Judge's Staff

_____ Judge's Staff

☒ COMM. PRCT# 1

☒ COMM. PRCT# 2

☒ COMM. PRCT# 3

☒ COMM. PRCT# 4

ATTENDING

COUNTY STAFF/DEPTS:

☒ COUNTY ATTY (9-20)

_____ COUNTY ATTY STAFF

_____ COUNTY ATTY STAFF

☒ DISTRICT CLERK

☒ IT

_____ SHERIFF

_____ SHERIFF'S STAFF

☒ AUDITOR

☒ TREASURER

☒ PURCHASING

☒ HR

☒ TAX COLLECTOR

☒ RISK MGMT

_____ FIRE DEPT

_____ EMERGENCY MGMT

_____ JP #1 Constable #1

☒ JP #2 Constable #2

_____ JP #3 Constable #3

☒ JP #4 Constable #4

_____ OTHER _____

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6. Approving subdivision plats.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
N/A				None.				

7. Approving certificates of compliance.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
N/A				None.				

8. Approving monthly reports from elected officials.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-680	F	V		Motion to accept as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

9. Approving bills for payment.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-681	N	F		Motion to accept as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

10. Recognizing county employees for their years of service by presenting awards.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
N/A				Presentations: 5 Years:				
				Brenda Garcia, JP Lopez, JP Faz, Aaron				
				Rodriguez, Roland Garza, Norma Garcia,				
				Brenda Rivera, Ana Guia, Juan Delgado,				
				Mario Vargas, Cecilia Martinez,				
				Vanessa Payne, Nancy Gamez,				
				Brandon Vasquez, Roberto Vela,				
				Maria Rosales, Yulissa Guajardo,				
				Reggie Rangel, Michael Cirilo.				

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				10 Years:				
				Adrian Gonzalez, Rogelio Musquiz,				
				Mary Ross, Richard D'Avy, Miguel Lozano,				
				Martha Garza, Valerie MaGutchen, Oscar				
				Quieto, Maria Garcia, Juan Herrera, and				
				Maria Villarreal.				
				15 years:				
				Jose Galvan, Connie Gonzalez,				
				Cynthia Carbajal, Ricardo Carbajal, and				
				Crystal Ortiz.				

Matthew S. Weingardt, County Auditor

11. Auditor's Report

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-682	F	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

Aaron D. Rodriguez, County Treasurer

12. Treasurer's Report.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
N/A				None.				

David Bond, County Library Director

13. Accepting donation of various materials leftover from the 2020 Census for County use. The Val Verde County Library has been partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau this year for meetings, recruitment, and information. (PPE kits, binder clips, binders, hand sanitizer, surge protectors etc.)

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20-683	N	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

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Robb Stevenson, Executive Director, Equity CDC/VVC Self-Help Center

14. Updating status of the Emergency SHC Program, requesting an amendment to the program policies, and granting authority for County Judge to sign letter to TDA requesting changes, if applicable

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-684	N	V		Motion to approve, authorize the Judge to sign, approve the change From 50% to 80% and include any county employee that may apply.		O, W, V, N, F		

Lewis G. Owens Jr., County Judge

15. Discussing matters relating to COVID-19.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
				COVID Funding ran out 12/31/2020, County has Contract with the City Which automatically renews and will be extended. County has set aside in the budget \$200,000.00 for 2021 Budget and does not include the FEMA Reimbursement.				
20-685	W	N		Motion to extend VVC Declaration for 90 days and include the points Outlined by Dr. Palao in her report.		O, W, V, N, F		

16. Granting authority for County Judge and County Auditor to sign Draw #1 Form A203 requesting funds for engineering services, KSA invoice No. 80220 (Revised) and administration services, Esser & Company Consulting LLC invoice No. 1 for TxCDBG 7219085 San Felipe Pastures, Vega Verde and Rise Estates Waterline Project.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-686	N	W		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

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17. Adopting a resolution opposing the abolition of the Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Act.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-687	N	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		
				(Ana gave report to the Court.)				

Martin Wardlaw, Commissioner Pct. 1**18. Requesting the public lease of horse stalls to continue at the fairgrounds.**

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-688	F	W		Motion to keep horse stalls at the		V, W, F	N, O	
				Fairgrounds for historical reasons.				
			F	Amend Motion to include authorizing	W			
				Commissioner Wardlaw to consolidate				
				some of the current horse stalls and use				
				insurance monies to do so.				

Gustavo Flores, County Commissioner Pct. 4**19. Granting authority for County Judge to sign Contract Extension Request for TxCDBG 7218026 Ridgeline Waterline Project Requesting six additional months to complete project. New end date May 31, 2021.**

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-689	F	W		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

20. Granting Authority for County Judge to certify Self-Monitoring Review Report and Certification for TxCDBG Contract No. 7218026 Ridgeline Waterline Project.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-690	F	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

21. Granting Authority for County Judge to sign Form A808 Request to use Force Account Labor for 7218026 Ridgeline Waterline Project.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-691	F	N		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

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Carlos Velarde, County Engineer

22. Granting authority for County Judge to sign Grant application for PIPSA to cover expenses for secure access for building on 509 E. Gibbs St., Del Rio, Tx.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-692	N	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

Joe Frank Martinez, County Sheriff

23. Authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to purchase 20 Motorola Handheld Radios out of General Fund Capital in the amount of \$93,572.20.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-693	F	W		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

24. Authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to purchase Shelter Pro Management System in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid out of Animal Control Equipment line item.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-694	N	F		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

25. Authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to purchase a Chest Freezer in the amount of \$599.00 to be paid out of Animal Control Equipment line item.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-695	N	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

26. Authorizing Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez to purchase a Refrigerator/Freezer in the amount of \$729.00 out of Animal Control Equipment line item.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-696	F	V		Motion to table.		O, W, V, N, F		

27. Approving Val Verde County Rabies and Animal Control Ordinance.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-697	N	V		Motion to table.		O, W, V, N, F		

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Guillermo Sanchez, County Purchasing Agent

28. Approving an agreement with Rio Grande Electric in the amount of \$3,879.83 to be paid out of Precinct 3 Operating Expense and granting authority for the purchase agent to sign.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-698	N	V		Motion to approve as presented.		O, W, V, N, F		

29. Approving the purchase of a water truck for Building Maintenance not to exceed the amount of \$34,769.93 to be paid out of General Capital Outlay account and Building Maintenance Capital Outlay.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-699	N	V		Motion to approve as presented		O, W, V, N, F		
				and pay from tax note.				

Edgar Perez, Fairgrounds Manager

30. Approving a lease agreement for the use of the fairgrounds between Val Verde County and Ryan Seddon for "Unleash the Beast" (PBR event) to be held on January 30th & 31st or February 13th & 14th.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
20-700	N	V		Motion to approve as presented to include		V, N, O	W, F	
				all COVID & CDC restrictions subject to any				
				CDC changes.				

Juanita Barrera, County Human Resources

31. Considering organizing a social event for county employees.

ORDER	Motion	2 nd	Amend	Amendment/Notes	Accept	Ayes	Noes	Abst
N/A				No vote taken but was authorized				
				to proceed with proposed employee				
				food drive thru.				

Ana Markowski Smith, County Attorney

32. Closed session consultation pursuant to Texas Government Code:

- A. §551.071(2), attorney/client privilege
- B. §551.071(1)(A), contemplated litigation

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Executive Session items that may result in action in open session thereafter

EXECUTIVE SESSION:	_____ §551.071(1) (A) _____	_____ §551.071(1) (A) _____	_____ §551.071(2) _____	_____ §551.071(1) (B) _____	_____ §551.072 _____
OTHER _____	BEGAN @ 9:41	ENDED @ 10:04	BREAK @ _____	RESUMED @ _____	ACTION
OTHER _____	BEGAN @ 10:23	ENDED @ 10:45	BREAK @ _____	RESUMED @ _____	ACTION

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.

33. Commissioners' comments. none

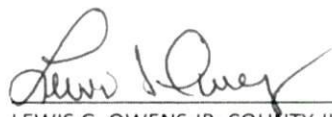
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35. Adjourn. 10:45 AM

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The foregoing, recorded in Volume 58, pages 333-359, inclusive, was on this the 3rd day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2021, read and is hereby **APPROVED**.

Respectfully submitted,


LEWIS G. OWENS JR, COUNTY JUDGE
VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:


GENEROSA GRACIA-RAMON, COUNTY CLERK
VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS



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County of Val Verde



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County Judge

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Del Rio, TX 78840
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AGENDA/NOTICE
VAL VERDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR TERM MEETING

Old County Court-at-Law
207B East Losoya Street
Del Rio, TX 78840

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

Social distancing and face masks required

December 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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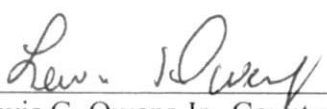
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The next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be December 23, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. **Agenda Items are due THURSDAY, December 17, 2020 @ 12:00 noon.**



Lewis G. Owens Jr., County Judge
Val Verde County, Texas

THIS NOTICE OF THE AGENDA WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ON
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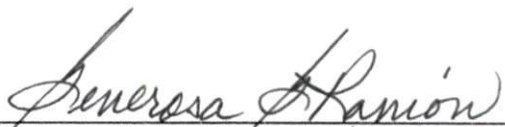
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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above **AGENDA/NOTICE/ADDENDUM** of the Val Verde County Commissioner's Court is a true and correct copy of the **AGENDA/NOTICE/ADDENDUM** as posted on the courthouse door of Val Verde County, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 4th day of December, 2020, at 4:32 o'clock P. m. and said **AGENDA/NOTICE/ADDENDUM** remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.





Generosa Gracia-Ramon
Val Verde County Clerk



TxCDBG Request for Payment

#19
#16
A203

Grant Recipient: Val Verde

Contract No: 7219085

Request #: Draw 1

Activity Number	Current Budget	This Request	Total Drawn	Balance	% Remaining
Match 03J	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$50,000.00	100.00%
Construction 03J	\$ 770,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$770,900.00	100.00%
Engineering 03J	\$ 77,500.00	\$ (6,210.00)	\$ (6,210.00)	\$71,290.00	91.99%
Acquisition 03J	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,000.00	100.00%
Construction 14A	\$ 74,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$74,100.00	100.00%
Engineering 14A	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,500.00	100.00%
Admin 21A	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (12,600.00)	\$ (12,600.00)	\$47,400.00	79.00%
Totals:	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ (18,810.00)	\$ (18,810.00)	\$981,190.00	

Progress Report	Actual Date	Exhibit C Date	Revised Date	Month Diff.
Contract Start Date:		2/1/2020		
All Professional Services Contracts Awarded:	7/24/2019	4/1/2020		-8.4
4-month Conference Call:	12/11/2019	6/1/2020		-5.8
Plans and Specs Completed/Approved by Locality:		8/1/2020		
Environmental Review Submitted:		8/1/2020		
All pre-construction Special Conditions cleared:		10/1/2020		
Construction Start:		11/1/2020		
50% of TxCDBG funds obligated:		11/1/2020		
Construction 50% Complete:		4/1/2021		
Construction 75% Complete:		7/1/2021		
Construction 90% Complete:		9/1/2021		
Construction & Final Inspection Completed:		10/1/2021		
End Date:		1/30/2022		
Project Completion Report Submitted:		3/31/2022		

Period Covered:	2/19/2020	to	12/9/2020	If outside contract period, select:
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ALL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THIS CONTRACT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIFORM GRANT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 783 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND 2 CFR PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS, FINAL GUIDANCE.

CERTIFICATION: By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

Lewis G. Owens Jr.	County Judge		12-9-20
Name of 1st Authorized Signatory	Title	Signature of Authorized Official	Date
Matthew Weingardt	County Auditor		12-09-20
Name of 2nd Authorized Signatory	Title	Signature of Authorized Official	Date

Tax Registration Number: 75-1600863

KSA

Mr. Guillermo Sanchez
Purchasing Agent
Val Verde County
400 Pecan Street
Del Rio, TX 78840

November 11, 2020 ✓

Invoice No: 80220 (Revised) ✓

Invoice

Project Manager Christopher Wilde

KSA Project VVC.004

2019-2020 TxCDBG Water Line Improvements

TxCDBG Contract No. 7219085 ✓

email copy: carl.esser@hotmail.com

Professional Services for the Period: October 4, 2020 to October 31, 2020 ✓

Phase	Phase Fee	Percent Complete	Fee Earned	Prior Billing	Current Fee
Preliminary Design	27,000.00	23.00	6,210.00	0.00	6,210.00
Final Design	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bidding	22,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction	18,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closeout	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fee	90,000.00		6,210.00	0.00	6,210.00
Total Fee					6,210.00
Total Project Invoice Amount					\$6,210.00 ✓

ALL Services for OJT WATER CONSTRUCTION

140 E. Tyler St., Suite 600 • Longview, TX 75601 • Phone: 903.236.7700 • www.ksaeng.com

ESSER & COMPANY CONSULTING LLC
702 ASHBY DRIVE S.
UVALDE, TEXAS 78801
(830) 486-5849 PHONE
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December 9, 2020

Honorable Lewis G. Owens Jr., County Judge
Val Verde County Courthouse
400 Pecan Street
Del Rio, Texas 78840

Ref: Esser & Company Consulting LLC Invoice No. 1 for Administrative
Services, TxCDBG Contract No. 7219085, San Felipe Pastures, Vega Verde
Road and Rise Estates Waterlines

February 19, 2020 thru December 9, 2020

Dear Judge Owens:

In accordance with the terms of the above referenced contract as specified in the
Scope of Services, we submit the following:

Billing Phase	% of Contract	Fee	Percent Complete	Earned	Previous Fee Billing
Establishment of Record Keeping System	5%	\$3,000.00	100%	\$3,000.00	00.00
Completion of Environmental/ Special Conditions Clearance	20%	\$12,000.00	20%	\$2,400.00	00.00
Completion of all Acquisition Activities	5%	\$3,000.00	0%	\$00.00	00.00
Completion of the Bid/Contract Award Process	20%	\$12,000.00	0%	\$00.00	00.00
Labor Standard Compliance/ Completion of Construction	10%	\$6,000.00	0%	\$00.00	00.00
Comply with EEO/Fair Housing Requirements	10%	\$6,000.00	100%	\$6,000.00	00.00
Program and Financial Management	20%	\$12,000.00	10%	\$1,200.00	00.00
Filing of all required Close- Out Information	10%	\$6,000.00	0%	\$0.00	00.00
Total Fee		\$60,000.00		\$12,600.00	00.00

Total this Invoice **\$12,600.00**

Respectfully,

(to be paid from TDA Grant)



Carl Esser, Consultant
Esser & Company Consulting LLC

#17

**VAL VERDE COUNTY'S RESOLUTION OPPOSING
THE ABOLITION OF THE LICENSED BREEDERS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sunset Commission of the Texas State Legislature will be reviewing the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), which includes consideration on maintaining the Texas Licensed Breeders Program rules found at Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91 for re-adoption, revision, or repeal, an administrative review required every four (04) years; and

WHEREAS, under the Texas Licensed Breeders Program rules, large scale breeders (sometimes known as puppy mills) are required to provide basic protections for thousands of dogs and cats confined and raised in large scale breeding facilities by requiring humane housing and care standards and needed veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, the current rules require anyone who has 11 or more adult intact female dogs and/or cats **AND** who sells or offers to sell 20 or more dogs or cats in a calendar year to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, the law provides exemptions for certain types of dog breeding, including dogs, bred for herding livestock, hunting, or competing in field trials; and

WHEREAS, since its adoption in May, 2012, this critical program has successfully protected Texas animals, and if abolished, will result in a rise in the number of unethical breeding operations that devolve into cruel puppy mills across the state; and

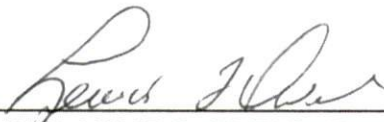
WHEREAS, the program is a crucial safeguard for Texas consumers and responsible breeders, successfully preventing inhumane practices by large scale commercial breeders; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the program would permit the operation of large scale breeding facilities, who produce dogs and cats for profit and do not provide minimum care, who defraud the unsuspecting public by selling animals with serious illnesses and health conditions and the negative impact that will have on responsible breeders who provide necessary care to the animals they breed; and

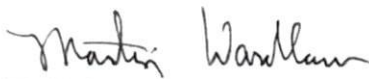
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Val Verde County Commissioners Court, strongly urges the Texas Legislature to oppose the abolition of the Licensed Breeders Program and ensure the protection of animals from inhumane conditions and unsuspecting consumers from unscrupulous breeders who put profit before the proper care and treatment of animals.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Val Verde County Commissioners Court.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2020.



HON. LEWIS G. OWENS, JR.
VAL VERDE COUNTY JUDGE



HON. MARTIN WARDLAW
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1



HON. JUAN CARLOS VAZQUEZ
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2

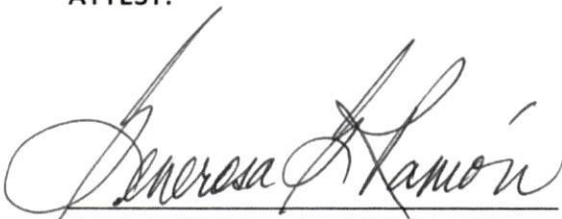


HON. ROBERT "BEAU" NETTLETON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3



HON. GUSTAVO FLORES
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4

ATTEST:



HON. GENEROSA GRACIA RAMON
VAL VERDE COUNTY CLERK





#19

TxCDBG CONTRACT AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION REQUEST A1101

Grant Recipient Name: Val Verde County Contract No. 7218026 Region MRGDC
Amendment No. 3 Start Date 04/23/2018 End Date 11/30/2020 Contract Amount \$350,000.00

Check all contract provisions to be amended/modified (additional questions appear for some selections):

- ☐ Exhibit A Performance Statement ☐ Exhibit B Budget ☒ Contract Period (extension) ☐ Special Conditions
☐ Other _____

What changes are proposed for the contract? Expansion of original project scale

Why are the proposed revisions requested for this contract?

Val Verde County is requesting a six (6) month extension to complete the construction activities using volunteers and force account personnel & equipment due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Is the contract on hold for non-compliance with audit, monitoring, or programmatic requirements? No TDA concur _____

For Contract Extension Amendment Requests

Proposed New End Date: 05/31/2021 Length of Requested Extension in Months 6

How many previous extensions have been approved? 1 Total Requested Extension in Months 12

Describe the extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the Grant Recipient that will prevent completion of the project within the current contract period. If a previous extension has been approved, the explanation must address extenuating circumstances **since the previous extension request** was submitted.

Val Verde County is requesting a six (6) month extension due to the continuing Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented Val Verde County using volunteers to complete the construction activities. As of September 4, 2020 Val Verde County has reported two thousand seventeen (2,017) positive cases with ninety-one (91) related COVID-19 deaths pending state confirmation. During this most critical time Val Verde County personnel have practiced social distancing and maintained essential operations. Val Verde County is confident that with the slowing of the COVID - 19 pandemic Val Verde County with the help of volunteers and use of County personnel and equipment that this project will be able to be completed within the next six months as outlined in the revised implementation schedule with this request. Your favorable consideration to Val Verde County's request is most appreciated. Val Verde County understands and acknowledges that Val Verde County will not be eligible to apply for additional funding until TxCDBG Contract No. 7218026 is complete, and the Project Completion Report and Final Draw submitted.

Required as of September 1, 2020 for all requested changes to TxCDBG contracts.

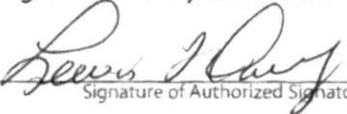
For additional information on contract changes see TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual Chapter 11

Provide any other appropriate information about this request in the space below:

Supporting Documents Attached (if applicable):

- ☐ Revised Exhibit A (using track changes) ☐ Revised Exhibit B (using track changes) ☐ Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing
☐ Engineer's letter ☐ Revised Project Map ☒ Revised Implementation Schedule
☐ Other

By my signature, I certify that the above is true and accurate and hereby request the contract change:

 Val Verde County Judge 12/09/2020
Signature of Authorized Signator Title Date

Notifications:

Mailing Address Honorable Lewis G. Owens Jr. Val Verde County Judge 400 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas 78840
Email Address for Grant Recipient lowens@valverdecountry.texas.gov
Other Email Address (list address for persons to be included in notification) tgarcia@valverdecountry.texas.gov
debbieesser@yahoo.com
carl.esser@hotmail.com
gflores@valverdecountry.texas.gov

TDA Action:

☐ Notes Attached

	Contract Specialist Approval	Management Approval
	Date	Date

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EXHIBIT C
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
Val Verde County 7218026

CONTRACT START DATE CONTRACT END DATE
June 1, 2018 May 31, 2021

If Contractor fails to meet milestones in accordance with this schedule, the Department will withhold payments to Contractor until such milestone has been completed.

Activity To Be Completed by Date Specified:		Milestone Date
Procurement of Professional Services Completed	Month 2	6/23/2018
4-Month Conference Call / Meeting Completed ⁽¹⁾	Month 4	8/23/2018
Plans and Specifications Completed	Month 6	12/1/2018
Plans and Specifications Submitted for Approval (as required ¹)	Month 6	12/1/2018
Environmental Review Completed	Month 6	12/01/2018
Clearance of Pre-Construction Special Conditions	Month 8	02/01/2019
Wage Rate 10-Day Confirmation	Month 8	N/A
Construction Contract Awarded & Executed	Month 9	03/01/2019
Construction - 50% TxCDBG project complete	Month 30	11/30/2020
Construction - 75% TxCDBG project complete	Month 33	02/28/2021
Construction - 90% TxCDBG project complete	Month 35	04/01/2021
Construction & Final Inspections Completed	Month 36	05/31/2021
End Date of Contract	Month 36	5/31/2021
Close-out documents submitted to Department (60 days after End Date)	Month 38	7/30/2021

⁽¹⁾ See TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual



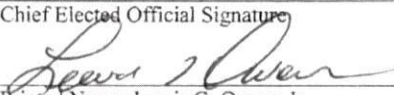
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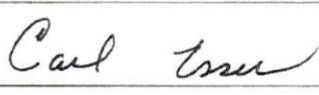
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COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

Office of Rural Affairs
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

SELF-MONITORING REVIEW CERTIFICATION

Grant Recipient: Val Verde County	TxCDBG No. 7218026
By signing this Self-Monitoring Review Certification, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached monitoring review checklists are true, complete, and accurate and that they were completed by a person possessing a current certificate for successful completion of TxCDBG Program Project Implementation training. I also certify that any findings of non-compliance have been accurately self-reported. A copy of this Self-Monitoring Review will be retained in local files with all project records in accordance with TxCDBG program project implementation policy.	
Chief Elected Official Signature 	Title: Val Verde County Judge
Printed Name: Lewis G. Owens Jr.	
Date: December 9, 2020	

Based on my examination of pertinent project records for the referenced TxCDBG contract, I hereby certify that I have truthfully and accurately completed the attached Self-Monitoring Review checklist.	
Signature of Reviewer: 	Reviewer Title or Name of Firm: Esser & Company Consulting LLC
Printed Name: Carl Esser	
Date: December 9, 2020	

TDA Use Only	
Acceptance of Self-Monitoring Review	
TxCDBG Program Monitor Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	

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Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

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Printed Name: Carl Esser	
Date: December 9, 2020	

TDA Use Only	
Acceptance of Self-Monitoring Review	
TxCDBG Program Monitor Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	

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REQUEST TO USE FORCE ACCOUNT

#21
A808

Grant Recipient: Val Verde County Contract Number: 7218026 Region: MRGDC

If a Grant Recipient did not include force account in its TxCDBG application, the Grant Recipient must receive TDA approval prior to the use of Force Account by submitting the following information:

1) Description of the construction activities to be completed by force account:

Trenching of waterlines

2) Justification for doing the work by force account

Cost effective, feasible, timely, efficient, and protection of volunteers.

3) Details of Grant Recipient's experience with projects of like or similar nature.

Val Verde County Precinct #4 has vast experience of completing projects of similar nature including other TxCDBG waterline projects.

4) Information on workload as it may affect capacity to do the work within time frame or work schedule.

This additional workload will have limited affect or capacity to complete the work within the next six months.

5a) A complete estimated cost breakdown showing the number of work hours and cost per hour for each category of labor:

Labor Type	Job Description	# of Employees	Est. Work Hrs.	Hourly Wage	Subtotal Cost	+
Construction	Equipment Operator	1	640	15	\$9,600.00	-
Estimated Total Labor Costs					\$9,600.00	

5b) List of material and supplies owned by the Grant Recipient.

Materials	UOM	Qty	Unit Price	Subtotal Cost	+
					-
Estimated Total Material Costs					

5c) List of equipment owned by the Grant Recipient and/or equipment that must be rented (Evidence of ownership must be submitted with this form).

Equipment	Reimbursement Type	Est. Work Hrs.	Hourly Rate	Subtotal Cost	+
					-
					-
					-
Estimated Total Equipment Costs					
Estimated Total Force Account Costs				\$9,600.00	

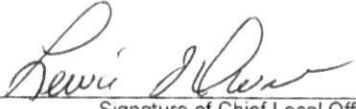
6) List the names and qualifications of personnel performing specialized work, such as inspection, testing, electrical work, etc. as applicable.

Employee Name	Specialized Work to be Done	Qualifications	+
Raymond Rodriguez Sr.	Equipment Operator	Experienced Equipment Operator	-

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7) I certify the following:

1. That the persons performing force account work are W-2 form registered employees, (and not 1099 form contractors) of the Grant Recipient, a city/county, a public utility district, or a utility company; and
2. If temporary workers are hired, that they will be W-2 form registered employees (and not 1099 form contractors), and that the employer's policies for temporary employees will be followed.

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Signature of Chief Local Official

Date

Lewis G. Owens Jr.	Val Verde County Judge
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Printed Name

Title

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TDA Approved Signature

Date

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Printed Name

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TDA Comments

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