



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 25, 2003
1:30 p.m.

LOUIS H. BRUNI
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY JUDGE, LOUIS H. BRUNI**
- 2. ROLL CALL BY MARGIE IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 25, JULY 28, AUGUST 6, AND AUGUST 11, 2003 MEETINGS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS –**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT-** This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

LOUIS H. BRUNI, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

8. Discussion and possible action on presentation by TX DOT District Engineer Luis Ramirez and Carlos Villarreal on South Texas Regional Mobility Authority and Webb County Regional Mobility Authority Projects.
9. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$4,000 from account #001-0200-6022 (Professional Services to account #001-0200-6205 (Material and Supplies).

GERARDO “JERRY” VASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

10. Discussion and possible action to request assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for design work to provide platting, water and sewer service to Colonia La Presa

FELIX VELASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

11. Discussion and possible action on modifying the existing operating agreement with Mr. Balt Ramos, Inc. effective October 1, 2003 and for the remaining years on the existing contract.

DAVID R. CORTEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

12. Discussion and possible action to request proposals for additional landscaping and greenery for the Webb County Courthouse with corresponding maintenance agreement.
13. Discussion and possible action to set date for evaluations of department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

MEDIA BREAK – FIFTEEN MINUTES COURT RECESS

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

14. Discussion and possible action to approve additional funding from Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, FY 2003, in the amount of \$50,708.00.
15. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1848, (Driver/Custodian) at \$8.25 per hour, effective August 25, 2003. [Account # 920-4200-5001 Payroll – Community Service Block Grant]

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4

16. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$500 from account #001-2502-6014 (Equipment Rental) to account #001-2502-6205 (Material & Supplies).

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17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a three year extended warranty (maintenance contract) with APC for two Uninterruptible Power Supply systems (UPS) at a cost not to exceed ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0500-6402 Repair & Maintenance Equipment – requested by Management Information System Department]
18. Discussion and possible action authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation, Grant Project 5311, for “Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Grant Application” requesting approximately \$370,000.00 for rural transportation funding for the El Aguila Rural Transit and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Department]

- 19.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation, Grant Project 5310, for “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Funding” requesting approximately \$40,000.00 to offset the cost of preventative maintenance for those vehicles used by the rural transportation program to transport elderly and disabled residents living in the rural area of Webb County to and from their residences and any matter incident thereto. [Requested by the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Department]
- 20.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Laredo Independent School District for eight school resource officers (Sheriff Deputies) to be provided by the Webb County Sheriff at an annual cost of FOUR HUNDRED AND ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS (\$411,529) beginning August 11, 2003 through July 31, 2004 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- 21.** Discussion and possible action to enter into Speech Therapy Service Agreements for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Provider:

Terry Kimmel - 08/01/03 through 07/31/04

and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]
- 22.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year subscriber agreement with Autophone of Laredo to provide Nextel Communication Services for fourteen Nextel phones. The cost of the fourteen (14) Nextel phones is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,185) with a monthly communication air-time service fee for the fourteen phones of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SIX CENTS (\$594.86) for a total cost of EIGHT THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS (\$8,323.32), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0109-6004-1 Telephone – Requested by Facilities Department]

23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Service Agreement with Ana Maria Pena, Registered Dietician, for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004), at reduced fees as set forth in the agreement, authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
[Requested by Head Start]

24. Discussion and possible action to enter into Dental Health Services Agreement for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service providers:

Dr. E.H. Borchers – 8/01/03 through 07/31/04
Dr. Joseph H. Schneidler – 08/01/03 through 07/31/04

and authorizing the Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

25. Discussion and possible action to enter into Medical Health Services Agreements for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Providers:

Dr. Miguel Cavazos - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Armando Garza - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Gustavo Villarreal - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Robert A. Martinez - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04

and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County judge to execute all relevant documents.

26. Discussion and possible action to enter into Mental Health Service Agreements for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, beginning August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Providers:

El Puente Counseling Center
Deer Oaks Mental Health Associates
Dr. Daniel Garza, M.D.
Guillermo E. Gonzalez, Jr., Ph.D.
Dr. Timothy Brown, Clinical Psychologist
Professional Counseling Center
Border Region MHMR Community Center, CAPS Program
Luis E. Flores M.A., L.P.C., LCDC, Dr. Karen Henderson, Psychologist
Denise L. Bradley, L.P.C.
Beatriz Rivero, M.A., L.P.C.
Ramirez Counseling Service
Lisa Cervantes, M.S., L.P.C. Intern

and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
[Requested by Head Start]

27. Discussion and possible action to enter into Non-Financial Cooperative Agreements for the Head Start Program with the following Agencies, Political Subdivisions, Corporations for a period of one year beginning August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents:

Community Action Corporation of South Texas Project Ninos Childhood Intervention Program
Laredo Children's Museum
City of Laredo for the Laredo Public Library
American Heart Association
American Cancer Society
Gateway Community Health Center, Inc., for the "Lado a Lado" Program
City of Laredo for the Health Department Health Protective Services Division and WIC Program
Laredo Independent School District
United Independent School District
[Requested by Head Start]

- 28.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a non-financial professional service agreement with the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, for parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004), at no cost to Webb County, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]
- 29.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year “Texas Vine Grant Contract” agreement (August 11, 2003 through August 31, 2004) with the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, to pay Webb County for costs to be incurred by Webb County’s participation in Texas Vine Program, a statewide crime victim notification services, in an amount not to exceed FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$52,843.00), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff]
- 30.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year and two month service agreement (July 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) with Appriss, Inc. to provide victim notification services (“Texas Vine” Program) at a cost not to exceed FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$52,843.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff]
- 31.** Discussion and possible action to designate and appoint Deputy Sheriff Alberto Villarreal as “Project Coordinator” and Rafael Pena, from Management Information System Department, Webb County’s “Information Technology Contact” person for the Texas VINE Program. These individuals will coordinate the implementation of the Texas Vine Program for Webb County. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff]
- 32.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an engineering contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C. in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$38,400.00) for the design of water and wastewater yard lines for residences in the Colonias Old Milwaukee and Tanquecitos I and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.[State Grant #721175]

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- 33. Discussion and possible action on the approval of three (3) amended resolutions through the South Texas Development Council grant applications from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, on Violence Against Women’s Act Program. These amended resolutions will result in a reduction of the County’s required cash match.
- 34. Discussion and possible action to add a seized vehicle (1998 Nissan Maxima VIN: JNICA 21D8WT504040) to the District Attorney’s Office.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

- 35. Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Judge to enter into an agreement with TX DOT, execute an Affidavit and a “Project Information Sheet” for the reconstruction of San Lorenzo Creek Bridge on Mines Road. Webb County has been designated by the Texas Transportation Commission as an Economically Disadvantaged County and qualifies for financial assistance to reconstruct bridges.
- 36. Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Engineer and the Purchasing Agent to obtain the professional services required to prepare the specifications of a Five Section Traffic Light that will have a protected turning light for the intersection of Espejo Molina Road and Pena Drive.
- 37. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers.

FROM:	801-3003-6007 (Dues & Membership)	\$ 100.00
	801-3003-6014 (Equipment Rental)	300.00
	801-3003-6401 (Repair & Maint Bldg.)	200.00
	801-3003-6403 (Repair & Maint Vehicle)	200.00
	801-3003-6407 (Repair & Maint Shop)	150.00
	801-3004-6048 (License & Permit)	<u>4,980.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$5,930.00
TO:	801-3004-6201 (Utilities)	\$5,930.00

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

38. Discussion and possible action on the approval to pay two invoices dated July 2001 to Sun Belt Air Conditioning in the amount of \$907.00.

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39. Discussion and possible action on the approval to create and fill a slot for a full-time National Reporting System Manager at \$31,000 per year effective September 5, 2003.

LAW LIBRARY

40. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from account #001-1130-6010 (Book and Subscriptions) to account #001-1130-6224 (Minor Apparatus & Tools).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

41. Discussion and possible action to issue “Certifications Regarding compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities” to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i);

1. Block 7, Lot 9, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision,
(Electricity-one dwelling only).

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (c) (1);

1. Block 47, Lot 3, Bruni Subdivision,
(Electricity – one dwelling only)

PURCHASING AGENT

42. Discussion and possible action on the approval to transfer the following vehicles from the Webb County Residential Treatment Center to Nueces County and Uvalde County.

a) Unit #7, 1999 Ford ClubWagon 15-Passenger
VIN:1FBSS31L7WHA62815

b) Unit #10, 1999 Ford E-350 Econoline Van
VIN:1FBSS31L5XHA57274

43. Discussion and possible action on the approval to authorize the ratification of office equipment and supplies purchased for Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, from Executive Office Supplies and Lowe's Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,656.95. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

44. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers in the amount of \$1,616.00.

FROM:	#001-0600-6402 (Repair & Maint Equipment)	\$ 800.00
	#001-0600-6011 (Training & Education)	816.00
TO:	#001-0600-6205 (Material & Supplies)	\$1,616.00

45. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Dell Power Edge 2600 Filer Server with accessories in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Planning Department. [Account #606-8001-7409 – Rural Addressing – 911 Program]

46. Discussion and possible action to award/reject the annual contracts for Webb County for FY 2003-2004.

47. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Auctioneering Services and Refuse Collection Services.

48. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Personal Computer for Constable Pct. 2, Ruben Reyes in the amount of \$1,865.73 from IBM. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]
49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Projector and One (1) rolling case for desktop in the amount of \$3,809.18 from Southern Computers for the Auditor's Office. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]
50. Discussion and possible action to reject bid proposal # 2003-41: Park Improvements for Oilton and Mirando Community Parks and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids. [Account #678-8103-8710-2 – Park Development Precinct 2]
51. Status Report on the insurance related items caused by June 2, 2003 storm.

RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

52. Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from account # 817-0105-5001(Payroll) to account #817-0105-5003 (Overtime – Webb County's Workers Compensation Fund).
53. Discussion and possible action to award contracts for RFP 2003-14 for a Managed Care Health Plan, Managed Prescription Drug Plan and Group Life and AD&D Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

54. Discussion and possible action to approve a thirty day extension to the earnest money contract between Webb County and the Texas Mexican Railway Company for purchase of Lots 1,2,3,4 and the South ½ of the lots 5 and 6, Blk 197, W.D., City of Laredo, (Tex-Mex property). **[Closed Session requested pursuant to Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property)]**

55. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of the Webb County Employees Grievance Committee regarding grievance of Joanne Diaz against the Road & Bridge Department. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)]**
56. Discussion and possible action to temporarily suspend and/or terminate contracts for Fifth International Bridge consultants, and to authorize additional work as deemed necessary. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]** [Sponsored by Commissioner David R. Cortez, Pct. 4 and Commissioner Felix Velasquez, Pct. 3]
57. Adjournment.

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

 **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT** 

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2003.

By: _____
Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the _____ day of _____, 2003 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003

COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____