



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
November 24, 2003
1:00 p.m.

LOUIS H. BRUNI
Webb County Judge
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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 FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2003.**
- 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. Presentation by Washington's Birthday Celebration Association.
9. Discussion and possible action to adopt the procedure for approval of Webb County building and park dedication plaques and any matters incident thereto.
10. Presentation by Bearing Point on the State of Texas, Texas Online Project for e-filing.
11. Discussion and possible action to approve Capital Outlay list for Certificates of Obligation Series 2003.
12. Discussion and possible action to approve an additional four (4) hours for the Thanksgiving Holiday. (Wednesday afternoon, November 26, 2003)
13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract with Earthwise Technologies, Inc., for the implementation and technical evaluation of precipitation augmentation services (Provaqua Project) for a twenty-four month period (including construction) at a cost of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. [Fund 663-019-8601]
14. Discussion and possible action to relocate Webb County employees from the Webb County Courthouse Annex to other available County facilities, and any other matters incident thereto. [Co-sponsored by Commissioner David R. Cortez]

GERARDO VASQUEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

15. Discussion and possible action to create and fill temporary grant position – Rio Bravo Housing Intake Clerk at \$8.25 per hour, based on experience, at no cost to the General Fund.

DAVID R. CORTEZ, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

16. Discussion and possible action to determine space availability and use at the Administration Building, Justice Center, Courthouse Annex, and the Tex-Mex building.

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17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a consulting agreement with Griffin Communication Strategies and Webb County at a rate of \$150.00 an hour for consulting services on the Webb County International Bridge Number 1 project for a period of one year. [Account # 625-8104-6022 Professional Services]

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

18. Discussion and possible action to approve modification of slot # 2014 (Weatherization Clerk) from Full-time temporary, to Full-time with benefits effective November 24, 2003. (Funding comes from LIHEAP and DOE Grants. No impact to the General Fund)
19. Discussion and possible action to approve Budget Revisions to the State of Texas Comprehensive Energy Grant, Comprehensive Energy Assistance Grant (CEAP), contract number 587047 for FY 2003, by line item transfer from the "Energy Crisis Fund" (\$13,511.00) and from the "Co-payment services fund" (\$10,500.00) to the "Elderly and Disabled Assistance Fund" (\$9,783.00) and the "Heating and cooling systems fund" (\$14,228.00) and revising the CEAP General Order to reflect the sources of funding for Slot 1810 Energy Assessor/Inspector.

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20. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo to accept funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Elderly Nutrition Program for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 (October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004) to provide meals to approximately 160 eligible individuals within the City of Laredo and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
21. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo to accept funding in the amount of \$22,500 for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Homeless Prevention Program for year 2003-2004, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]

22. Discussion and possible action to accept from the State of Texas, Texas Department of Human Services, under contract number 11K1965 (Vendor Number 158100), FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE-HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$579,562.00). The moneys will be used by Webb County, through the Webb County Community Action Agency, to provide home-delivered meal services as part of the county's "Meals on Wheels" program. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
23. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo to accept funding in the amount of \$14,250 for the Webb County Community Action Agency's "Meals on Wheels" Program for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 (October 1, 2003-September 30, 2004) to provide meals to approximately 209 eligible individuals within the City of Laredo and Authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
24. Discussion and possible action to approve a three year (November 24, 2003 through November 23, 2006) Equipment Lease Agreement with IOS Capital (IKON Office Solutions) for a 45 CPM Ricoh 2045 Digital copier for the Extension Service Office at a monthly cost of FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINETY-SEVEN CENTS (\$521.97) within an allowance of 0.0062 per page for overages, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. The total cost over the lease term is EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS AND NINETY-TWO CENTS (\$18,790.92). [(Account # 001-5001-6014 Equipment Rental) Requested by Extension Office]
25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a field agreement with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Program for a two year period at a cost of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS per year for protection of crops, livestock, wildlife through the control of predatory and problem wildlife. [Account # 01-4300-7412]

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

26. Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the DEA Narcotic Task Force and City of Laredo Financial Task Force DEA, effective November 1, 2003 pending the receipt of all required grant documents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

27. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract extension with Turner Collie & Braden Inc., Project Engineer for the Webb County Highway 59 Facility Plan Project extending the contract to July 1, 2004, with no cost increase to the contract.
28. Discussion and possible action to approve payment to the following persons that worked with Turner, Collie, and Braden Inc., Engineers for Webb County Hwy. 59 Facility Plan Project in verifying survey forms for Hwy 59 Colonia residents that are affected by this project. [Account # 505-0102-6022 Professional Services]

a) Mr. Pablo Lemos, Jr.	\$ 104.00
b) Ms. Edith Hinojosa	896.00
c) Ms. Santos Martinez	444.00
d) Ms. Ana Maria Guerra	748.00
e) Ms. Rosario Gutierrez	32.00

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

29. 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 232.028 (a) and (b):
1. Lot 4 & 5, Block 33, (electricity – one dwelling only)
- Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i):
1. Lot 8,9, &10, Block 32, Mirando Subdivision, (electricity - one dwelling only)
30. Discussion and possible action to grant preliminary and/or final plat approval of the Las Minas Industrial Park, Phase I.

PURCHASING AGENT

31. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for upgrade of disk storage for the Management Information Systems Department. [Account # 001-0500-8801 Capital Outlay]

32. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to award/reject bid No. 2003-45 "Justice of the Peace Courthouse Precinct 2, Place 1 & 2". [Account # 679-8105-8103 Building Improvements Certificates of Obligation Series 2001 and Account # 689-1046-8601 Construction in Progress Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]
33. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase five (5) mobile radios from the Houston Galveston Area Council state contract in the amount of \$8,565.10 for the Road and Bridge Department. [Account # 010-7002-6403 Repairs and Maintenance - Vehicles]
34. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to award bid No. 2004-31 "Digital Copiers 45 copies per minute and 55 copies per minute for the Sheriff's Department, Commissioners, Road and Bridge and County Clerk's Office.
35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to dispose of surplus or salvage property pursuant to Section 263.151, Texas Government Code, Chapter D, Disposition Of Salvage and Surplus.

RISK MANAGEMENT

36. Discussion and possible action to approve the School Leaders Errors & Omissions Liability Insurance Package, including or excluding terrorism coverage, from McGriff, Siebel's & Williams of Texas, Inc. through National Union Fire Insurance company to be effective October 1, 2003, and authorization for the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0105-6032 Property Casualty Liability]
37. Discussion and possible action regarding the property damage claim of the District Attorney's Office for a motor vehicle accident which occurred on or about June 7, 2003. [Account # 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid - Property]

SHERIFF

38. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of computer technology equipment and accessories for use at the Webb County Jail, Quad-City Substation, HWY 359 Substation and Sheriff's Office. [Local Law Enforcement Block Grant]

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

39. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of policies and procedures for the dispersal of funds through the Webb County Veterans Assistance Program to qualified veteran applicants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

40. Discussion and possible action regarding the claim of Lydia C. Valdez resulting from an incident on or about July 30, 2003 (**Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code-Consultation with Attorney**). Requested by Risk Management. [Account # 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid]
41. 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 NOVEMBER, 2003.

By: _____
Louis H. Bruni
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: _____