



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
March 26, 2007
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE DANNY VALDEZ, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

1. ROLL CALL BY HONORABLE MARGIE RAMIREZ-IBARRA, WEBB COUNTY CLERK
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2007
4. APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. 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:

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April as “Head Start Month in Webb County, Texas”.
8. Discussion and possible action to have the Commissioners Court appoint new members to the Webb County Rural Rail Transportation District.
9. Presentation by the Webb County Rural Rail Transportation District on the status of the Colombia-Webb County Rail Bridge Project.
10. Status report on the “Youth Village” by Mr. Eduardo Quiroga of Frank Architects Inc.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

11. Discussion and possible action to transfer the following slots:

Slot #2325 **FROM** Department 1045 (Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Place 2)
TO Department 0106 (Building Maintenance)

Slot #2064 **FROM** Department 0106 (Building Maintenance)
TO Department 6105 (Rio Bravo Community Center)

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

12. Discussion and possible action to transfer the following slot and available funding to be effective March 27, 2007 until September 30th, 2007.

Slot # 2346 **FROM** Department 6113 (Buenos Aires Community Center)
To Department 1011 (County Court at Law #2)

Honorable Sergio “Keko” Martinez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

13. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Road & Bridge Superintendent to dismantle the water dispenser located at Killam Int'l Blvd and Mines Road on Robert Muller's property effective April 16, 2007, and authorizing the County Engineer to look for another site.
[Requested by Mr. Robert Muller]

MEDIA BREAK

County Attorney

14. Discussion and possible action to rescind the design build agreement with Professional Golf Services, LP as approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court meeting of October 10 & 11, 2006, and enter into a Design Build Agreement with Professional Golf Services, LP for golf course renovations at the Webb County Golf Course in the amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$282,000.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Webb County Engineering Department; Account Number 665-6001-8601]**
15. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with the Laredo Webb County Food Bank DBA South Texas Food Bank for distribution of food to the Meals on Wheels/ Elder Nutrition Programs and Authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Community Action Agency]**
16. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Reliant Energy for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (Reliant Energy CARE Program) whereby Reliant Energy will provide a total of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$24,000.00) in funding to Webb County Community Action Agency (WCCAA) for clients of Reliant Energy that meet the WCCAA's hardship criteria to pay home energy expenses in an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) annually per client, through December 31, 2007 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Community Action Agency]**
17. Discussion and possible action to approve the form of the 2007/2008 Third Party Application, set submission dates and deadlines for application for Third Party Funding and any matters incident thereto.
18. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with The Mapus Investment Group No. 1, Ltd. to dedicate a public right-of-way across a tributary of the Chacon Creek, located approximately three hundred fifty feet north of State Highway 59 and 1400 feet east of the Lake Casa Blanca Dam service road (to be constructed and improved at Mapus Investment's sole cost and expense) and accept the fee simple ownership of an approximate .6574 acre tract and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents, including but not limited to the approved plat of the property dedicating the county owned land as a public right-of-way, and any matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Engineering Agreement]**

District Attorney

19. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of one investigator's position from the Zapata County Sheriff's office to the Webb County District Attorney's office. This position is under the South Texas Anti-Violence Project (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant). The transfer of \$26,658.40 for salaries plus \$9,324.75 fringe benefit for a total of \$35,983.15 from contractual account (284-1100-6023) to payroll account (284-1100-5001) to be retroactive to 03/09/07. This transfer will have no impact on the budget.

20. Discussion and possible action to add a 2006 Dodge Ram Pick-up Vin. Number 1S7HU182X6S649603, to the fleet of vehicles used by the District Attorney's Office DEA Task force.

Sheriff

21. Status report on the Memorandum of Agreement to participate in the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Law Enforcement Aviation Technology Program. Memorandum is between the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Border Research and Technology Center, United States Department of Justice and National Institute of Justice for the use of a Rans6-6ES Coyote II N43822 aircraft.
22. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-2001-6402	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	10,000.00
	001-2600-6022	Professional Services	20,000.00
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To:	001-2060-6401	Repairs & Maint. Buildings	20,000.00
	001-2600-6202	Uniforms	10,000.00

23. Discussion and possible action to approve the following changes for personnel of the Webb County Sheriff's Department effective March 16, 2007. The salary increases are equal to the salary decreases and the amount of personnel costs budgeted for fiscal year 2006-2007 remain unchanged.

Department 2003-Sheriff's Administration – Non-Bargaining Unit

Slot # 417 Administrative Assistant	decrease annual salary	\$47,111 to \$46,378
Slot # 419 Bonds Clerk	increase annual salary	\$20,379 to \$21,112

Department 2061-Sheriff's Non-Bargaining Unit

Slot # 563 Comm Affairs Clerk	increase annual salary	\$22,941 to \$33,280
Slot # 562 Head Cook	decrease annual salary	\$34,403 to \$25,730
Slot # 572 Maintenance II	decrease annual salary	\$28,676 to \$27,010

Tax Assessor-Collector

24. Discussion and possible action to authorize Tax Assessor-Collector to provide proceeds from payroll for security guards needed to secure Tax Office during remodeling process after regular working hours. **[Account Number 001-0700-5001]**

Honorable Oscar R. Liendo Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Pl. 2

25. Discussion and possible action approve the following line item transfer:

From:	Acct 001-1041-6402 Repair & Maint. Equip	\$720.00
To:	Acct 001-1041-6205 Materials & Supplies	\$680.00
	Acct 001-1041-5601 Administrative Travel	\$40.00

Community Action Agency

- 26. Discussion and possible action to authorize payment of invoice # 588445 in the amount of \$159.10 payable to Propane Energy LTD to refuel El Aguila bus # 71 with propane. Invoice #588445 was left out of P.O. #142762. **[Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen; Account Number 980-4205-6204]**
- 27. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$731.21 from Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. **[Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen; Account Number 920-4200-6004]**

Economic Development

- 28. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2007 as Fair Housing Month and April 16th – 20th as Fair Housing Week and designating the Webb County Community Action Agency responsible for monitoring Fair Housing in Webb County.
- 29. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to allow site location of an axial wind turbine built by students at United High School's Engineering and Technology Magnet Program to be located at the Webb County Self-Help Center Tool Library on HWY 359 for the purpose of providing off-grid alternative energy for parking lot security light.
- 30. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Home contract #1000494, for housing rehabilitation in the amount of \$70,261 (grant) with no county match and authorizing the county judge to sign all relevant documents.

El Cenizo Community Center

31. Discussion and possible action approve the following line item transfer:

From:	Acct 001-6101-5601 Administrative Travel	\$1200.00
To:	Acct 001-1041-6205 Janitorial Supplies	\$400.00
	Acct 001-6161-6205 Materials & Supplies	\$800.00

Engineer

32. Discussion and possible action approving deduct Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$1,098.00, final payment and retainage to Zertuche Construction, Inc. for the Villa Antigua Border Heritage Museum and Parking Improvements Project. The Contract amount will decrease from \$1,236,213.00 to \$1,235,115.00. **[Requested by Zertuche Construction; Account Number 677-8102-8609, 725-8102-8609, 677-2311 and 725-2311]**
33. Discussion and possible action approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,699.59, to Prada Construction, Inc. for the Rio Bravo South Activity Center. The Contract amount of \$456,800.00 will not increase due to the fact that we are reducing the Betterment Fund Allowance Line Item from \$18,000.00 to \$7,300.41. **[Park Development Series 2003 & 2006]**

Head Start

34. Report from Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, on Triennial on-site monitoring review conducted from January 28, 2007 to February 2, 2007.

Juvenile Department

35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program, and further authorizing the County Judge, the County Auditor, and the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to execute all forms relevant to said grant. **[Requested by Melissa L. Mojica; Account Number Fund 159]**

Purchasing Department

36. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase three (3) patrol vehicles from PhilPot Motors in the amount of \$105,000.00 from Certificates of Obligation 2006 Series. **[Requested by Constable Tino Juarez]**
37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Forty Four (44) Body Armor Vest Threat Level III and Four (4) Tactical Body Armor Vest in the amount of \$17,996.00 from Gall's Safety Equipment Co. for the Webb County Sheriff's Department. Fund: U.S. Department of Justice Grant, Account No. 305-2001-7211-06 BAL: \$18,624.68. **[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez; Account Number 305-2001-7211-06]**
38. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Thirteen (13) Hand Guns Model No. P226R in the amount of \$7,787.00 from Sigarms, Inc. for the Webb County Sheriff's Department. Fund: Federal Forfeiture. **[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez; Account Number 170-2001-6228]**

39. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Fourteen (14) 4 door trucks and Two (2) SUV's for the Webb County Sheriff's Department. **[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez; Account Number (Grant 2006-DD-BX-0504) \$642,000]**
40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the Penjamo & Llano Pastures Lease for hunting and grazing.

Road & Bridge

41. Discussion and possible action to authorize Dept. 7002, Road & Bridge to fill the following slot: **Slot #677 Maintenance Aide \$9.60/hr.**

Self Help Center

42. Discussion and possible action to develop and submit a contract amendment for TCDP 724003 Webb County Self Help Center (SHC) Project requesting a 12 month time extension from May 2, 2007 to May 1, 2008 and including a budget amendment in order to re-direct efforts to Housing Rehab activities. This action will have no impact on the county general fund.
43. Discussion and possible action to authorize the filling of Slot #2002-Construction Coordinator, at a pay rate not to exceed \$36,250 annually to be paid from the Webb County Self Help Center budget at no cost to the county general fund, effective March 27, 2007.

Executive Session

44. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. L-06-85; Guillermo Garcia vs. Webb County; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
45. Discussion and possible action regarding mediation in Satterfield & Pontikes, Inc. v. Webb County, Texas and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
46. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 06-1079; The City of Laredo, Texas v. Martha Escamilla, et al; In the Supreme Court of Texas, and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

47. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. GV-403943; Webb County, Texas v. Greg Abbott, et al.; In the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis, County Texas; and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
48. Discussion and possible action regarding *Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd., for Permit No. 2286, TQEQ Docket No. 2003-0729-MSW; SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975* ; and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
49. Discussion and possible action regarding legal matter titled Webb County v. Electronic Systems and Software, Inc., and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
50. Adjournment

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into closed 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 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2007.

By: _____
Yolanda L. Carrillo
Court Administrator

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 22nd day of MARCH, 2007 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2007

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Imelda Diaz, Deputy Clerk