



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 22, 2007
9:00 a.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 OCTOBER 9, 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 the week of October 20 thru 28 "Red Ribbon Week" in Webb County, Texas.
- 8.** Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of November as "Home Care and Hospice Month" in Webb County, Texas.
- 9.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Zapata County, authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto.

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

- 10.** Presentation on behalf of H.E.B. by Chairman Arnold Davis and Co-Chairman Bertha Mena regarding the upcoming Thanksgiving Feast of Sharing.
- 11.** Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Johnson & Johnson, Attorneys at Law, to provide legislative consulting services to Webb County and ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 of the Local Government Code (262.024 (a) (4)) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- 12.** Discussion and possible action to rescind Bid # 2007-96, House-To-Line Connections, awarded October 9, 2007 to sole bidder C.G. Construction, Inc., This action will not have an impact on the County general fund.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- 13.** Presentation by the Laredo Rotary Club on their up-coming Rotary Night at the Laredo Entertainment Center.
- 14.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo for the provision of 3-1-1 service to Webb County and City of Laredo residents at a cost to Webb County of an amount not to exceed a one-time expenditure of \$45,000.00 toward start up costs, \$32,000.00 for the first twelve months of operation, \$37,000.00 for the second twelve months of operation (each being approximately 10% of the total operational cost with the City to incur approximately 90% of operational costs), and the use of space in the Tex-Mex building (utilities included as County match) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
[Requested by Commissioner Jerry Garza Pct. 3, Account Number; 001-0109-6004-4]

Commissioners Court

15. Discussion and possible action to enter a Resolution and Order of the Webb County Commissioner's Court nominating a candidate and casting it's votes for the County's nominee to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Webb County Appraisal District]**

MEDIA BREAK

County Attorney

- 16.** Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Allison, Bass & Associates to represent Webb County, Texas vs. Barbara Jeanne Goodman; Cause No. 2004-CVE-001299-D1; in the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas, and enter into and ratify a retainer agreement with said law firm and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]**
- 17.** Discussion and possible action to enter into the First Amendment to Lease with the City of Laredo for the Buenos Aires Community Center; to increase the size of the leased premises with the City to contribute \$300,000.00 in funding to construction and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3]**
- 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter an Architectural Services contract with Frank Architects, Inc. D/B/A FQR Architects for the design of the Buenos Aires Community Center and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3]**
- 19.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (October 22, 2007 through October 23, 2010) Master Lease & Maintenance Agreement with Ikon Office Solutions, Inc. to lease and maintain a Ricoh MP4500 Copier to be located at the Agriculture Extension Office at a quarterly cost of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$1,146.00) for a total cost of over the lease term of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS (\$13,752.00), and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Mr. George Gonzalez, Agriculture Extension Office, Account Number; 001-501-6014 (Equipment Rental)]**
- 20.** Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution and ratify the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of SIX HUNDRED NINETY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$693,664.00) with no Webb County Match, authorizing the designation of The Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge, as the county's authorized official for the grant program, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Mr. Raul Hinojosa, South Texas Anti-Violence Project]**

- 21.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (September 28, 2007 through September 27, 2008) Equipment Maintenance Agreement to maintain the binding machines located in the County Auditor's office in the amount of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,215.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Mr. Leo Flores, Webb County Auditor, Account Number; 001-0400-6402 (Repairs & Maintenance)]**
- 22.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Design-Build Contract with Rhino Builders, Ltd. for improvement to the Webb County Sheriff's Substation, located at 7209 U.S. Highway 59, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$109,872.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Rick Flores, Webb County Sheriff]**
- 23.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an "Agreement with State/Local Law Enforcement Agencies for Temporary use of Department of the Navy Equipment/Facilities for Law Enforcement Purposes" in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,200.00) for a one year period, to pay the estimated cost of use of twelve night vision goggles and twelve night vision monoculars and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Rick Flores, Webb County Sheriff, Account Number; 168-2001-6022 Professional Services]**
- 24.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twelve (12) month Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Webb County and Dimmit County for the housing of Webb County inmates at the Dimmit County jail at a rate of THIRTY NINE DOLLARS (\$39.00) per day and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Rick Flores, Webb County Sheriff, Account Number; 001-2060-6023-03 Contract Services Dimmit County]**
- 25.** Discussion and possible action to enter into the State/Local Public Transportation Fiscal Year 2008 Section 5011 Grant Agreement No. RPT 0802 (22) for Project No. 51822F7038 in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$185,758.00) for El Aguila Rural Transportation Program and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]**

- 26.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year (December 31, 2007 through December 30, 2010) maintenance agreement with Clear Technologies to provide maintenance to the IBM 3570-B01 Tape Subsystem located at the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office at a total cost of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$6,513.32), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Honorable Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, Account Number; 001-070-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance)]**
- 27.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twelve (12) month Service Agreement with Metroplex Control Systems, Inc. at an annual cost of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$360.00) to monitor the fire alarm system at La Presa Community Center and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account Number; 001-6115-6401 Repair & Maintenance]**
- 28.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a twelve (12) month Service Agreement with Metroplex Control Systems, Inc. at an annual cost of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$360.00) to monitor the fire alarm system at the Santa Teresita Community Center and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account Number; 001-6114-6401]**
- 29.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month agreement with AT&T Premier SERVSM Dedicated Internet Services for one (1) Essential-Router PAK MLFR (10.5Mbps) Domain Service, Business email, and one (1) Cisco 3725 (new router) at a monthly cost of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Purchasing Agent, Account Number ;001-0500-6402]**
- 30.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008) Interlocal agreement with United Independent School District (UISD) for Three (3) Justices of the Peace Juvenile Court Coordinators in the amounts of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS \$13,738.50 for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 1, FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS(\$15,849.50) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 2, and SEVENTEEN THOUSAND THIRTY DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$17,030.05) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 4, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by J.P. Pct. 2, Pl. 1; Pct. 2, Pl. 2; and Pct. 4, Webb County Attorney, Account Number; 001-1045-6022, 001-1044-6022, and 001-1042-6022]**

- 31.** Discussion and to enter into the following third party funding contracts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents:

Contractor Organization	Contract amount
General Fund	
TAMIU Guitar Ensemble	1,000
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.	1,500
B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone Special Together)	2,000
South Texas Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America	3,750
Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc.	3,750
AVANCE - Laredo Chapter	5,000
Webb Soil and Conservation District #337	5,000
Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc.	7,500
Casa de Misericordia	10,000
Bethany House of Laredo, Inc.	12,500
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc.	15,000
American Red Cross, San Antonio Chapter, Laredo Branch Office	18,750
Boys and Girls Clubs of Laredo, Inc.	18,750
Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County	65,000
Greater Laredo Development Foundation	71,250
Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County (Safe Haven Program)	80,000
Border Regional MHMR Community Center	100,000
Texas A&M Dance Program	1,000
Health and Welfare	
Ruthe B. Cowl	90,000
Mercy Ministries	157,500
Hotel Motel Tax	
Laredo International Fair & Exposition	3,400
Society of Martha Washington, Inc.	4,200
Laredo Philharmonic Chorale	5,000
LULAC Council No. 12	5,000
LULAC Council No. 7	5,000
Laredo Center for the Arts, Inc.	8,400
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer Association, Inc.	8,400
Texas Special Olympics, Laredo Area	8,400
Washington Birthday Celebration Association	8,400
Salon de la Fama Latinoamericano Del Deporte	9,200
Streets of Laredo Mall, Inc.	10,000
Webb County Heritage Foundation	50,000
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	125,800

District Attorney

- 32.** Discussion and possible action to transfer a vehicle from the District Attorney's Office to County Court at Law II. [D. A. Unit 0923, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Vehicle Identification Number: 2FAF P72W173576]

Sheriff

- 33.** Discussion and possible action to accept an award from the State of Texas Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for a WF-16.588 Violence against Women Grant and designate the County Judge as the grantees authorized official. This grant has a match of \$4,476 which will be met through the services provided by a Crime Victims Advocate employed by the Webb County Sheriff's Department.

Tax Assessor Collector

- 34.** Discussion and possible action to renew IBM 3570-B01 Tape Subsystem Maintenance Contract for an additional Three (3) years at a cost of \$6,513.32.
- 35.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Webb County Tax Office as a passport acceptance facility.

Administrative Services

- 36.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Renewal with Texas Association of Counties (HEBP), with Blue Cross Blue Shield as carrier, for the Webb County Health Insurance Program (November 01, 2007 - October 31, 2008). The claim administration services rates will be as follows, per month, per covered individual: \$40.46 for medical claim administration services, \$3.79 for dental claim administration services, \$3.40 for disease management services, \$22.56 for specific stop loss insurance, with a \$200,000 deductible for medical claims, and \$3.40 for aggregate stop loss insurance with a 125% corridor for medical and prescription drug claim. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director, Account Number; 816-0105-6038]

Community Action Agency

- 37.** Discussion and possible action to accept SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) from the City of Laredo third party funding for the Meals on Wheels Program. **[Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director, Account Number; 952-4216-6213]**
- 38.** Discussion and possible action to accept SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500.00) from the City of Laredo third party funding for the Elderly Nutrition Program. **[Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director, Account Number; 955-4222-6213]**
- 39.** Discussion and possible action to recognize and seat two elected Category "B" members: Ms. Rafaela C. Sanchez/Representative from Area V- Buenos Aires-San Luis Rey, and Ms. Idalia Lerma Alternate from Area V- Buenos Aires-San Luis Rey.
- 40.** Discussion and possible action to accept TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) from TXU Energy Retail Company to be used to help families that are in financial distress to meet energy related costs essential to their health and welfare. **[Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director, Account Number; 902-4202-6201]**

Economic Development

- 41.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department in partnership with the Laredo Family Economic Success Coalition to develop and submit a project application to the Corporation for National and Community Service Americorps/VISTA program for the development of a VISTA program for the Coalition's VITA program. **[No local match is included; therefore this action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund]**
- 42.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department to submit a contract amendment to the Office of Rural Community Affair (ORCA) for TCDP Contract #721175 to include Colonia Los Altos as part of the project site and remove Colonia Old Milwaukee; and designating the County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this project. **[This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund]**

Indigent Defense

43. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #599 (General Assistance Worker I) up to \$10.96 per hour depending on experience effective October 22, 2007.

Medical Examiner

44. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #2394 (Secretary) at an hourly rate of \$12.02/hr. effective October 22, 2007.

Planning

45. Discussion and possible action to approve the issuance of "Certificates of Compliance with Plat Requirements Regarding the Connection of Utilities" to authorize water and sewer service connections pursuant to the provisions of Section 232.028(b), Local Government Code to the following properties located within the Tanquecitos South Acres Subdivision (a.k.a., Phase I) contingent upon the owner's execution of required affidavits regarding present and future dwellings/structures limitations, uses and sales:

1) Lot 76 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced property consisting of One (1) tract and One (1) dwelling.

Purchasing Department

46. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for One (1) Type III Medium Duty Bus for the El Aguila Transportation. Funded: Project Grant Agreement, Project No. RPT 0707(22) 29. **[Requested by Roberto Martinez, Jr., El Aguila Transportation Director, Account Number; 980-8001-8801 Capital Outlay]**
47. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Proposals to retain the services of an Architectural Firm to develop plans and specification for the construction of the Northside International Park. **[Requested by Commissioner Jerry Garza Pct. 3]**
48. Discussion and possible action to award Proposal P-2007-09 "Casa Blanca Club House Improvements" to Humphries & Sanchez Architects and proceed with plans and specifications. **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account Number; 665-6001-8601 Construction]**

- 49.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase equipment needed to install Two (2) VIZIO TVs in the Central Jury Room from The Visual System Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,948.00 from Capital Outlay Account. **[Requested by Sylvia Palumbo, Account Number; 660-1111-8801 Capital Outlay]**
- 50.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) Fargo HDP5000-LC Color Printer with Lamination Station and Software from The Police & Sheriff's Press, Inc. for the Sheriff's Department, I.D. and Records Division for a total amount of \$11,028.00. **[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez, Webb County Sheriff Department, Account Number; 168-2001-8801 Capital Outlay & 168-2001-6205 Material and Supplies]**
- 51.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to cancel the service with Texas Wired Music, Inc. (Muzak of San Antonio) used for the county telephone system while on hold for a fee of \$73.95 per month. **[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account Number; 001-0109-6004-1]**
- 52.** Discussion and possible action to purchase the following from ANIDIRECT Network Security Solution for the M.I.S. Department:

(1) SS-100GV12	Websense Web Security	\$20,493.00
(1) RMF-200GV12	Websense Remote Filtering Software	<u>\$ 1,242.00</u>
	Total	\$21,735.00

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director, Account Number; 001-0500-6411 Repairs & Maintenance Software]

Road and Bridge

- 53.** Discussion and possible action authorizing Dept. 7002 Road & Bridge to fill the following slots:

Slot # 2402	Equipment Operator	\$10.64/hr.
Slot # 2403	Motorgrader Operator	\$12.68/hr.
Slot # 1995	Refuse Truck Driver	\$11.98/hr.

Self Help Center

- 54.** Discussion and possible action to approve the charging of staff time for slot #1461 and slot #2003 to the following programs: HOME Investment Partnership Program, Contract for Deed Conversion, USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation, and Self Help Rehabilitation Program. **[This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund]**

Closed Session/Executive Session

- 55.** Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000810-D1, 359 P4 L.L.C. v. City of Laredo; in the 49th Judicial District Court of 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)]**
- 56.** Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. County of Webb; in the 341st Judicial District Court of 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)]**
- 57.** Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2007-CVQ-00168004 Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. County of Webb; in the 406th Judicial District Court of 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)]**
- 58.** Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 506-CV-00168, Mario A. Compean et al v. County of Webb, et al; in 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)]**
- 59.** Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2004-CVE-001299-D1, Barbara Jeanne Goodman v. Webb County, Texas in the 49th Judicial District Court of 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)]**
- 60.** Discussion and possible action regarding Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. vs. Webb County, and any matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
- 61.** Adjourn

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 DAY OF October, 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 -day of October, 2007 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS DAY OF October, 2007

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Imelda Diaz, Deputy Clerk