



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
January 26, 2009
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 January 12, 2009
- 4.** Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report
- 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 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

- 7.** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution affirming Webb County's support of and partnership with the 2010 Census.
- 8.** Discussion and possible action to award Request for Qualifications Q-2009-01 "Design Build – Mirando Community Center Improvements". **[Account #732-6100-8103 Series 2008A – (Building Improvements)]**
- 9.** Discussion and possible action to allow the Webb County Road & Bridge Department to partner with the Rio Bravo RC&D (Research Conservation and Development) to conduct a county wide Abandoned Tire Clean Up Campaign.
- 10.** Discussion and possible action to donate \$5,000.00 to the L.I.F.E. organization. **[Account #605-0202-8801]**
- 11.** Discussion and possible action to appoint a committee consisting of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department and Precinct One Constable to analyze security systems currently in use in and around the premises of the Webb County Justice Center, Courthouse, Administrative Building, Sheriff's Administrative offices and Jail.

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- 12.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the 112th Washington Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) to utilize the sidewalk areas in front of the County Courthouse, Administrative Building and County Jail for the IBC Youth Parade and Washington's Birthday Parade and any other matters incident thereto.
- 13.** Presentation by Ms. Nancy Rocha, Vice President of Public Finance for Wells Fargo Bank, regarding the "Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds".

MEDIA BREAK

County Attorney

- 14.** Discussion and possible action to accept the following rights of way, out of; D-5 Acres, Ranchitos Hwy 359 and Laredo Ranchettes.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Grantors</u>
D-5 Acres	
Lot 10	Simon Sanchez and Georgina Sanchez
Lot 15	Homero Sanchez
Ranchitos HWY 359	
Tract 47	El Vagon Ranch, LTD.
Laredo Ranchettes	
Tract 11	Jose Antonio Davalos

and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Fitzgeraldo Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]**

- 15.** Discussion and possible action to accept the following rights of way, out of; San Carlos Phase 1, Old Milwaukee, and Ranchos Penitas West.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Grantors</u>
San Carlos Phase 1	
Lot 6, Block 7	Juan Lopez and Emma Rosa Lopez
Old Milwaukee	
D-2	Zeferino Cortez
Ranchos Penitas West	
Tract 74 Unit V	John Jeffery Witt and Cynthia Yvonne Witt

and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Fitzgeraldo Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]**

- 16.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Nine (39) month (January 26, 2009 through April 25, 2012) lease agreement (Agreement No. 7237499-023) with Office Communications Systems, Inc. concerning the lease of a Toshiba copier (ES453) to be located in the office of the Webb County Justice of the Peace Oscar Liendo Pct 1 PI 2 at a quarterly cost of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS (\$573.93) for a TOTAL COST of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINE CENTS (\$7,461.09) over the term of the agreement and with a one time document fee of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2; Account #001-1041-6014 (Equipment Rental)]**
- 17.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES 2500C Copier located in the Engineering Department at a cost of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS (\$1,939.93) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at .0010000 cents per black copy and .0850 cents per color copy authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer; Account #010-0115-6402]**
- 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (January 26, 2009 through January 25, 2010) premium plus maintenance agreement (Contract Number 211529-ES453) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-453 Copier located in the office of the Webb County Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2 at a cost of ONE THOUSAND THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$1,036.08) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being monthly billed at .007120 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2; Account #001-1041-6014 (Equipment Rental)]**

- 19.** Discussion and possible action to evaluate alternate sites near the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Bravo or in La Presa Subdivision for the possible construction of a 480-foot guyed radio tower subject to the outcome of geographical coverage maps, approval of the Federal Aviation Administration, or any other required studies or approvals. **[Requested by Fitzgerald G. Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]**

- 20.** Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between Webb County and URS Group, Inc., obtain limited title search reports prepared by a Title Company licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance in conjunction with La Presa Colonia Facility Plan project (for the design of certain water and wastewater improvements), U. S. Army Corp. of Engineers contract number DACW64-02-D-0001, Task Order 0018. **[Requested by Fitzgerald G. Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]**

- 21.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department and the Webb County Attorney to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Webb and Texas A & M University to construct/complete a Nutrition and Health Learning Center adjacent to the Webb County Colonia Self-Help Center. **[Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director]**

- 22.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Facilities Department to proceed with alterations and improvements to the Webb County Attorney's Office in an amount up to \$1,500.00. **[Requested by Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]**

Honorable Oscar Hale, 406th District Court

- 23.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-1004-6022	Professional Services	5,000
To:	001-1004-6205	Materials and Supplies	5,000

Honorable Alvino "Ben" Morales, County Court at Law 1

- 24.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-1010-6011	Training & Education	1,000
To:	001-1010-6007	Dues & Membership	1,000

Sheriff Martin Cuellar

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

From: 168-2001-6014	Equipment Rental	10,000
To: 168-2001-6709	Support Assistance	10,000

- 26.** Discussion and possible action to approve financial support to Laredo Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$10,000.00 for rewards for the information program (TIPS Hotline), educational programs and administrative expenses. Funding is available in the State Forfeiture Fund.
- 27.** Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Community Outdoor Outreach Program grant application, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Department of Texas Parks & Wildlife in support of the Sheriff's Outdoor Youth Posse through the Police Activities League (P.A.L.) for educational outdoor recreational activities for the underprivileged children of Webb County and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. The Webb County Sheriff's Office will be providing in-kind match only.
- 28.** Discussion and possible action to approve acceptance of a Citizens Corps Program (CCP) grant from the Office of the Governor - Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$15,485.08 for Neighborhood Watch Program activities and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant has no cash match.
- 29.** Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Court, and Training (LEPCT) Grant, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Criminal Justice Division Office of the Governor for coordination of law enforcement services and coordination of other services targeting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant will have a thirty-five (35%) percent cash match, which will be provided through the Sheriff's State Forfeiture funds.

- 30.** Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of 2009 Operation Stonegarden Grant Application, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Department of Homeland Security for border security operations, and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant has no cash match.
- 31.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Auditor to approve the expenditure of funds from the South Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Laredo initiative for FY 2009, for the month of January 1st, 2009 through February 27th, 2009, pending the receipt of grant continuation award by the funding agency, Office of the National Drug Control.

Tax Assessor Collector

- 32.** Discussion and possible action to authorize payment of \$126.25 for Wireless Card usage from 09/08 to 12/08, and future monthly payments of \$49.19 per month. [Requested by Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector, Account #001-0700-6205]
- 33.** Discussion and possible action to authorize reduction in Passport Photo fees from \$15.00 to \$5.00 in order to provide better customer service and one-stop shopping for passport customers. [Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector; Account #001-0700-3104]
- 34.** Discussion and possible action to approve refund of \$4,881.26 to Encarnacion A. Guerra, for Acct. # 97430001020, due to Supp. 1, Cert. 2008, Reappraised Value per Court Judgement Cause #2006CVQ001466-D1, 49th District Court for 2006 and 2007. [Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector; Account #001-0700-3063]

Administrative Services

- 35.** Discussion and possible action to accept proceeds from Insurance Carrier (Travelers) for the May 5th Storm Claim for a total of \$ 30,231.84 (Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars & Eighty-Four Cents) and to reserve those funds for expenses of same. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #001-2984]

Community Action Agency

36. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 27, 2009:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Salary</u>
1811	Administrative Technician	\$9.00	
1157	Case Worker	\$9.00	
2422	Case Worker	\$9.00	
2011	Manager/Community Social Services Programs		\$31,500.00

[Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #920-4200-5001]

37. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 from TXU Energy. The Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to assist qualified TXU energy clients. **[Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #902-4200-7004]**

38. Discussion and possible action to approve conducting Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy due to an expired term as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant Issuance #2002-2.3). Election will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 for Area IV- Azteca- Guadalupe in the Azteca Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

39. Discussion and possible action to ratify the submission of an application to the FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program Phase #27, in the amount of \$25,050.00 to provide rent and utility assistance for qualified applicants and, authorizing the Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #902]**

40. Discussion and possible action to approve conducting Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy due to an expired term as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant Issuance #2002-2.3). Election will be held on Tuesday, February 03, 2009 for Area III-El Cuatro in the Senior Citizen Home from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Engineer

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

From:	001-0109-6022	Professional Services	36,538
To:	801-3001-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	6,596
	801-3001-6402	Repairs & Maintenance Equip.	9,343
	801-3001-6014	Equipment Rental	20,599

42. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Mr. Fitzgerald G. Sanchez P.E., County Engineer, as the Webb County representative to the Board of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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

From:	801-3001-6502	Janitorial Supplies	2,000
	801-3001-6001	Office Supplies	1,500
	801-3001-6011	Training and Education	575
	801-3001-5601	Administrative Travel	200
	801-3001-5602	Local Mileage	300
To:	801-3001-6205	Materials and Supplies	4,575
From:	801-3002-6214	Chemicals	1,960
To:	801-3002-6402	Repairs and Maintenance Equipment	1,280
	801-3002-6205	Materials and Supplies	680
From:	801-3004-6214	Chemicals	200
	801-3004-6401	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	150
	801-3004-6407	Repairs and Maintenance Waterlines	1,000
	801-3004-6502	Janitorial Supplies	300
To:	801-3004-6205	Materials and Supplies	1,650

Facilities

44. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 27, 2009.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
0034	Custodian	\$9.00
1334	Custodian	\$9.00

Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center

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

From:	001-6104-6401	Repair & Maintenance Building	1,000
	001-6104-5601	Administrative Travel	1,400
To:	001-6104-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,400
	001-6104-6402	Repair & Maintenance Equipment	1,000

[Requested by Joe Gutierrez, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center Director;
Account #6104]

Planning

46. Discussion and possible action to approve/deny the Final Plat of Bonanza Hills Subdivision, Phase 3.

- 47.** 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 and contingent upon the owner’s execution of required affidavits regarding present and future dwellings/structures limitations, uses and sales for the following properties:

D-5 Acres, Subdivision

- 1) Tract 30 (1 dwelling only)

Tanquecitos South Acres, Phase I Subdivision

- 2) Tract 47 (1 non-residential service connection only)
3) Tract 96 (1 non-residential service connection only)

San Carlos Subdivision Phase II

- 4) Block 3, Lot 10 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing Two (2) dwellings on Two (2) lots and Two (2) non-residential service connections on Two (2) lots.

Purchasing

- 48.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the facilities Department to proceed with alterations/improvements at the District Attorney’s Office at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000.00. **[Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, District Attorney; Account #001-0106-6401 (Repairs & Maint. Bldgs)]**
- 49.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the renewal of Annual Plato Support Services from Plato Learning in the amount of \$6,545.34 for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). **[Requested by Melissa Mojica, Juvenile Detention Director; Account #149-1301-6022 (Prof. Services/Develop.)]**
- 50.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of an Extended Warranty for Cisco Hardware from AT&T (State Contract DIR-SDD-233) in the amount of \$17,215.86. **[Requested by Jaime F. Alvarado , MIS Director; Account #001-0500-6402 (Repairs & Maint. Equipment)]**

- 51.** Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2009-02 "Two Medium Duty Cut-away w/2 Wheelchairs Type III Buses" to National Bus Sales for the total amount of \$177,646.00 for the Rural Transportation Department. **[Requested by Roberto Martinez, Jr., CAA Rural Transportation Department; Account #980-8001-8801 (Capital Outlay)]**
- 52.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the payment of 23,000 liner feet of four inch blue strip pipe, labor, related materials in the amount of \$119,000.00 to Pawlik's Supply Co. for an emergency purchase to provide water services to the Community of Mirando and by order of the Commissioners' Court to grant an exemption to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.0024, Discretionary Exemptions, (1), (2) Texas Local Government Code; and any matters incident thereto. Grant Fund: Office of Rural Community Affairs Grant TCDP #728449. **[Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director; Account #709-8001-8701 (Water Facilities)]**
- 53.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a "Wintox 6 Lab Management System Hardware Renewal Syva Instrument Placement" from IMS (sole source) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the CSCD Department. **[Requested by Rebecca Ramirez Palomo, Community Supervision & Corrections Director; Account #079-1200-6205 (Materials & Supplies)]**
- 54.** Discussion and possible action to ratify the emergency repair and replacement of a 375 Watt Repeater Station at Tower #1 North Tower Hwy. 83 by Tri-County Communications in the amount of \$4,797.00 for the Radio Communication Department. **[Requested by Mario Cavazos, Radio Communications; Account #682-0103-8801 (Capital Outlay)]**
- 55.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Community Centers, Fred & Anita Community Center, Penitas West and Santa Teresita Community Center to obtain satellite television services in the amount of \$502.88 per year per facility from Prime One/Direct, Inc. (Direct TV). **[Requested by Joe Gutierrez, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center Director/Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director; Account #001-6104-6401, 001-6114-6401 (Bldg. Maint.)]**

- 56.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of the following vehicles and computers from the Webb County District Attorney's Office to Constable Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez' Office:

2000 Chevy Pick-up	White	VIN #2GCE19T741354307	LIC. #782YH2	Unit #0926	Mileage 129804
2000 Chevy Pick-up	Grey	VIN #2GCE19T841381869	LIC. #252YH2	Unit #0931	Mileage 132260
2002 Ford Explorer	Gold	VIN #1RM2U63W327A55437	LIC. #04FND	Unit #0920	Mileage 83166
Dell Computer W/Monitor, Keyboard and Speakers			County Tag	#19118	
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Green Sentinel Safe					

[Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, Webb County District Attorney]

- 57.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of Three (3) vehicles from the District Attorney's Office to the following departments:

2000 Chevy Impala (Public Defender' Office)	4 Door-Green-VIN #2G1WFS2E7Y928839	LIC. #587	Unit 0928	Mileage 83745
2000 Chevy Monte Carlo (CSCD Office)	2 Door-Gold- VIN #2G1WW12E9Y9233490	LIC. #032BB2	Unit 0940	Mileage 79762
2000 Dodge X-Cab Pick-up (CSCD Office)	Blue -VIN #1B7HC13Y11J254281	LIC #032BB2	Unit 0934	Mileage 110382

[Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, Webb County District Attorney]

- 58.** Discussion and possible action to authorize television internet service upgrade in the amount of \$90.00/mo. (Pro Package) from Novastar (Wild Blue Satellite Internet Service) for La Presa Community Center. **[Requested by Sara Jo Davila, La Presa Community Center Director; Account #001-6115-6401 (Internet Service)]**

Road and Bridge

- 59.** Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 26, 2009.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
2354	Maintenance Aide	\$9.52
2355	Maintenance Aide	\$9.52

Tax Attorney

- 60.** Discussion and possible action to settle and compromise for base tax on the county's proportionate on the acreage that straddled the unsettled (now settled) La Salle-Webb County line.

Property # 1, Account #327-00193-020-001 - Property Description: W32 of Lot 2 Blk 193 ED, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas

Amount Due: \$2,906.23

Amount Paid: \$1,969.00

Treasurer

- 61.** Discussion and possible action to authorize a cell phone for county business use for Webb County Treasurer, Delia Perales. [**Account #001-0109-6004-2 (Cell Phone)**].

Closed Session/Executive Session

- 62.** Discussion and possible action to settle bodily injury claim of Sandra Romero arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on October 10, 2008, involving Webb County employee, Rogelio Fernandez. [**Requested by County Attorney Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez**] [**Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)**]
- 63.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the initiation of negotiations related to the possible drilling, construction and operation of one or more water wells on Lot Thirty-One (31), Block Nine (9), Colorado Acres Subdivision, including but not limited to test wells, other means of evaluation, possible purchase or, alternatively, initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire said property. [**Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director**] [**Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)**] and Section 551. 072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property)]

- 64.** 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 22nd DAY OF January, 2009

By: _____
Belinda Granado
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 January, 2009 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF January, 2009

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Imelda Diaz, Deputy Clerk