



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
August 9, 2010
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 July 26, 2010
- 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 Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

7. Presentation by Mr. Beto Nava, President of the United Way of Laredo regarding the upcoming 2010 United Way of Laredo campaign.
8. Presentation and Recognition of "Laredo Fastbreak" 3rd Grade Division for their undefeated 2009-2010 basketball season and 1st place victory in the National Championship tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada.
9. Discussion and possible action to declare an emergency as per *Chapter 111, §111.010 Local Government Code, Emergency Expenditure*, and authorize an emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original 2009-2010 budget to create the Webb County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department; create Three (3) employee positions including One (1) Fire and EMS Coordinator and Two (2) Assistant Fire and EMS Coordinator positions; advertise for one or more of the positions, create an operational budget, set salaries and allocate funds; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
10. Discussion and possible action to approve county committee recommendations for fire suppression proposals submitted by the Cities of El Cenizo and Rio Bravo for the unincorporated areas of Webb County off South Hwy 83; and authorizing the County Attorney's office to enter into negotiations for the development of an interlocal agreement for said services; any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
11. Discussion and possible action to schedule a Commissioner's Court workshop to prioritize the Capital Outlay Project requests submitted by all county departments to be funded from the proposed 2010 Certificate of Obligation Bond Series; and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

- 12.** Discussion and possible action for approval of the Webb County Fines/Fees collection contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, and to allow the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matter incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
- 13.** Recognizing Alejandra Salinas for being selected the first Hispanic President of the College Democrats of America.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- 14.** Status report by county staff of the negotiations with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) of the terms and conditions of construction funding reimbursement, project scope, design, schedules, and funding sources for the Pass Through Toll Financing Project Proposal Application for State Loop 20–Spur 400 (Clark Blvd) Interchange; with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
- 15.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-6113-5001 Payroll Savings	3,200
	(or any other sources as identified by the county auditor)	
To:	001-0203-5005 Part-Time Personnel line items	3,200

MEDIA BREAK

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

- 16.** Discussion and possible action to approve a renewal for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for a State Case Registry (SCR) Contract which furnishes Court order information relating to Child Support Protective Orders and Family Violence under the Texas Family Code, Title 4, Subtitle B and Suits Affecting the Parent-Child relationship under the Texas Family Code, Title 5, Subtitle B, for use in the State and Federal Case Registries ("State Case Registry") and local handling or inquires on Child Support Cases and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Manuel Gutierrez, Webb County District Clerk]**

- 17.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Professional Service Agreement renewal with Ana Maria Pena, registered dietician, for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start/Early Head Start Program for a period of One (1) year starting October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, to assist in assessing the nutritional status and special needs of children at fees as set forth in the agreement, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director]**

- 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Hardware/Software Maintenance Agreement with IBM Corporation for the AS400 located at the Tax Assessor Collector Dept for a period of One (1) year from July 31, 2010 through July 30, 2011, for a total amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$11,487.38) to be paid quarterly, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant document. **[Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, Account # 001-0700-6402 (Repair and Maintenance Equipment)]**

- 19.** Discussion and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Laredo Independent School District for funding of Juvenile J.P. Court Coordinators for fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year 2010-2011. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney]**

Honorable Margie Ibarra, County Clerk

- 20.** Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and allow the Webb County Clerk's Office to fill the following positions effective August 9, 2010.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
0306	Cmrs. Ct./Office Secretary	\$40,085.00

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

From:	001-1120-6205	Materials and Supplies	1,016
To:	001-1120-6005	Postage	1,016

Honorable Joe Lopez, 49th District Court Judge

- 22.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-1001-6024	Court Appt. Attorneys	5000
	001-1001-6022	Professional Services	7000
	001-1001-6402	Equipment Maintenance	1000
	001-1001-5601	Administrative Travel	<u>1000</u>
		Total	14,000
To:	001-1001-7001	Indigent Defense	12,000
	001-1001-6205	Material & Supplies	1000
	001-1001-6010	Books & Subscriptions	<u>1000</u>
		Total	14,000

Honorable Manuel Gutierrez, District Clerk

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

From:	001-1111-6724	Central Jury Petit Juror	5,000
To:	001-1111-6205	Materials & Supplies	5,000

24. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following slot effective August 9, 2010.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
290	Deputy District Clerk	\$12.94

Honorable Ramiro Veliz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Pl. 1

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

From:	001-1042-5601	Administrative Travel	835
To:	001-1042-6005	Postage & Courier	835

Honorable Oscar O. Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4

26. Discussion an possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-1044-6205	Material & Supplies	542
To:	001-1044-5601	Postage & Courier Services	542

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

27. Discussion and possible action to approve acceptance of the Laredo Auto Theft Force Interagency Agreement between Webb County and the City of Laredo to participate in a multi-agency Auto-theft Task Force with the Automobile theft preventive authority of the State of Texas and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. Total funding designated for this grant is \$433,514.00; County's cash match is \$43,000.00 [170-9501-9301- \$21,500.00, 001-0112-7202-02 - \$21,500.00]

28. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-2060-6005	Postage	2,500
	001-2060-6010	Books & Subscriptions	1,000
	001-2060-6014	Equipment Rental	5,000
	001-2060-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	3,000
	001-2060-6023-03	Dimmit County	108,300
	001-2061-6209	Medicines	10,000
	001-2062-6502	Janitorial Supplies	<u>10,000</u>
		Total	139,800

To:	001-2001-5004	Longevity Pay CPO	9,200
	001-2001-6001	Office Supplies	2,300
	001-2001-6014	Equipment Rental	1,800
	001-2001-6202	Uniforms	2,800
	001-2001-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	17,000
	001-2001-6205	Materials & Supplies	2,400
	001-2001-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	1,900
	001-2001-6401	Repairs & Maint. Buildings	4,900
	001-2001-6402	Repairs & Maint. Equip.	2,900
	001-2001-6706	K9 Expense	1,000
	001-2020-5004	Longevity Pay CPO	500
	001-2060-6001	Office Supplies	1,500
	001-2060-6202	Uniforms	1,800
	001-2060-6205	Materials & Supplies	8,900
	001-2060-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	1,000
	001-2062-6205	Materials & Supplies	9,900
	001-2062-6714	Medical Services	<u>70,000</u>
		Total	139,800

29. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County Wide hiring freeze to allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the following vacant law enforcement slot to support overall operations:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
510	Officer IV	\$19.64

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

- 30.** Discussion and possible action to allow the Tax Assessor-Collector to adjust the salary of the following slot as per original budget after successful completion of probationary period effective 08-13-2010.

	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
From:	1750	Deputy Tax Collector	\$12.00
To:	1750	Deputy Tax Collector	\$14.23

- 31.** Discussion and possible action to approve the 2010 Certification of the Tax Roll.
- 32.** Discussion and possible action to approve the anticipated collection for 2010 of 100%.
- 33.** Discussion and possible action on Tax Rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the effective tax rate, take record vote (to consider the tax increase) and schedule public hearings (date, time and place).

Administrative Services

- 34.** Discussion and possible action for the approval of the following line item transfers:

From:	863-0105-9201	Claims Paid Medical	3,000
	816-0105-9201	Claims Paid Medical	<u>40,000</u>
		Total	43,000
To:	863-0105-9202	Claims Paid Dental	3,000
	816-0105-9202	Claims Paid Dental	<u>40,000</u>
		Total	43,000

Community Action Agency

- 35.** Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the General Bank Account for the Transportation Program and to be reimbursed by Fund #980, effective September 1, 2010 for a 90 day period, pending the receipt of all required documents for the new program year. **[Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director; Account #980]**

- 36.** Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the General Bank Account for Meals On Wheels Program and the Elderly Nutrition Program to be reimbursed by Fund #952 & 955, effective October 1, 2010 for a 90 day period, pending the receipt of all required documents for the new program year. **[Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director; Account #952 & 955]**
- 37.** Discussion and possible action to approve South Texas Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity as a Representative Organizations for Category "C" for the Webb County Community Action Agency Advisory Board.
- 38.** Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Federal Emergency Management Administration grant for elderly nutrition.

Economic Development

- 39.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to develop and submit an application to the Texas Forest Service on behalf of the Webb County Fire Suppression Service for the acquisition of a large brush fire truck, and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in this application.

Engineer

- 40.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	010-0115-5601	Administrative Travel	2,500
To:	010-0115-6010	Book & Subscription	1,000
	010-0115-6402	Repairs & Main Equip.	1,000
	010-0115-6001	Office Supplies	<u>500</u>
		Total	<u>2,500</u>

41. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers for the Water Utilities Department:

From:	801-3001-6407	Repair And Maint. Water Lines	700
	801-3001-6502	Janitorial Supplies	500
	801-3001-6703	Landfill Fees	900
	801-3002-6214	Chemicals	200
	801-3002-6402	Repair And Maint. Equipment	150
	801-3004-6214	Chemicals	130
	801-3004-6224	Minor Tools And Apparatus	370
	801-3004-6407	Repair And Maint. Water Lines	<u>400</u>
		Total	3,350
To:	801-3001-6202	Uniforms	3,350

Indigent Healthcare Services

42. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following line item transfers:

From:	001-4101-6714-4	Hospital Outpatient Services	80,000
To:	001-4101-6714-1	Physician Services	57,000
	001-4101-6714-5	Labs/X-rays	<u>23,000</u>
		Total	80,000

43. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Indigent Health Care Services Department to transfer employees into the following slots and to fill the resultant vacant position:

<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
From:	599	General Assistance Worker	\$10.50
To:	598	Eligibility Worker V	\$13.53
From:	1891	Front Desk Coordinator	\$10.50
To:	599	General Assistance Worker	\$10.50
<u>Fill Vacant:</u>	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
	891	Front Desk Coordinator	\$10.50

44. Discussion and possible action to waive Webb County hiring freeze and authorize the Indigent Health Care Services Department to fill the following position effective August 9, 2010:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
925	Maintenance/Outreach Caseworker	\$10.00

Purchasing

45. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Department to purchase up to Four (4) Fire Brush Trucks from Wildfire Truck & Equipment Sales. Each brush truck is valued at \$150,096.79; and to grant an exemption to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.024, Texas Government Code (a) (2), "an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county" Funding to come from the proposed 2010 Certificate of Obligation Bond Series; and any other matters incident thereto.
46. Discussion and possible action to approve the repairs for One (1) pump from Delta House Electric & Motor Rewind, Inc. in an amount of \$5,321.09. **[Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer; Account #801-3004-6402 (Water Utilities)]**
47. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of One (1) vehicle, described as a 2000 White Chevy Impala, VIN #2G1WF2E1Y9332294 from Constable Precinct 2, to Head Start Department. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director]**
48. Discussion and possible action to purchase Four (4) Computers Learning Workstations with integrated software from Hatch Inc. in an amount of \$7,468.60. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #905-4208-6224 (ARRA Funds Expansion)]**
49. Discussion and possible action to approve plans and specifications for the Quad City Design Built Project, Fire Station Expansion, J.P. Court Renovations and Bruni Park. **[Requested by Dr. Cecilia May Moreno, Webb County Purchasing Agent]**

- 50.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of an Entry-Scan 3e Portal from Morpho Detection in the amount of \$86,953.88 and authorize the exception to competitive bids pursuant to Discretionary Exemptions (A) 7(a), Sole Source, Section 262.024, Texas Local Government Code. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account 327-2001-8801]**

Rio Bravo Community Center

- 51.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From: 001-6105-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	100
001-6105-6404	Repairs & Maint. Equip.	100
To: 001-6105-6401	Repairs & Maint. Building	200

- 52.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From: 001-6105-6502	Janitorial Supply	234
001-6105-6201	Utilities	1,100
To: 001-6105-6403	Repair & Maint. Vehicle	234
001-6305-6201	Utilities (Activity Center)	<u>1,100</u>
	Total:	1,334

Self Help Center

- 53.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the release of the 10% retainage payment (\$2,893.00) to Laredo Artistic Builders for the housing rehabilitation of Mr. Francisco Degollado home located at 224 Barrera Road, San Carlos II, HWY 359, under the Self-Help Center Housing Rehabilitation Program. To be paid from grant funds, account # 507-6500-7037-3. This action will not impact the County's General Fund. **[Requested by Alice Herrera Garcia, Webb County Self-Help Center Interim Director; Account #507-6500-7037-3]**

- 54.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the release of the 10% retainage payment (\$2,958.80) to Laredo Artistic Builders for the housing rehabilitation of Mr. Jorge Gutierrez home located at 354 Pinzon Road, Ranchitos, HWY 359, under the Self-Help Center Housing Rehabilitation Program. To be paid from grant funds, Account #507-6500-7037-3. **[Requested by Alice Herrera Garcia, Webb County Self-Help Center Interim Director; Account #507-6500-7037-3]**

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

From:	500-6500-6201	Utilities	13,504
To:	500-6500-5001	Payroll Account	13,504

56. 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 6th DAY OF August, 2010

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 6th day of August, 2010 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF August, 2010

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Imelda Diaz, Deputy Clerk