

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2002
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #2
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 10th of January 2002. Present also were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

02-01-101

1. Call to Order – Judge Mercurio Martinez, Jr.

Invocation – Commissioner Jerry Vasquez

Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

02-01-102

2. Approval of minutes –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept the minutes as submitted with a correction on the date which should read December 10, 2001.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to move up item 02-01-106 6. – j. (3.):

Purchase “SUV” / Constable Pct. 3 –

Constable Annette Munoz, Mr. Robert Marshall and Justice of the Peace, Alfredo Garcia addressed the court regarding this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez to approve the purchase of a “SUV” for Constable Annette Munoz, Pct. 3, in an amount not to exceed \$ 22,400.00 from Bond Series 2001 – Capital Outlay. Voting in favor of this motion were Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Velasquez and Judge Martinez; voting against this motion were Commissioner Vasquez and Commissioner Urdiales. The vote being 3 to 2, motion carried.

**Commissioner Gutierrez stepped out momentarily.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to move up item 02-01-108 9. – i. :

Constable Pct. 1 / Purchase of ammunition –

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez to purchase four 12 gauge shotguns, nine 45 caliber handguns (to include on extra magazine), padded floorplate, one high power rifle, three tactical weapons and nine portable radios for Constable Raul Hinojosa, Pct. 1. Voting in favor of this motion were Commissioner Velasquez, Commissioner Vasquez and Judge Martinez, voting against was Commissioner Urdiales. The vote being 3 to 1, motion carried.

02-01-103

3. Communications –

Letter from Mrs. Barbara Kazen, President of Bethany House, thanking the Court for the allocation of \$ 3,000 (Third Party Funding) for the year 2002.

Letter from Ms. Clementina Cuellar, Principal of Cigarroa Middle School, thanking the Economic Development Department for a recent field trip.

Judge Martinez read a letter from Mayor Betty Flores, regarding a request for Webb County to donate 1.6735-acre tract being approximately 50 percent of the former Lake Casa Blanca access road which abuts the airport. This is to provide a more secure Airport environment.

Judge Martinez asked Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, County Engineer to look into this Matter and provide information to the court at a later time.

City of Laredo notification of reportable methane gas levels.

City of Laredo EMS/Fire calls to Webb County for the months of November and December 2001.

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4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. Jorge Flores, Chief Deputy Treasurer presented his report at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the payroll as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve to pay the side bills as presented.

Mr. Flores went over the Sales Tax Report.

Judge Martinez read a letter from Mr. Tom Millwee, State Coordinator for the Division of Emergency Management regarding low interest Economic Injury Disaster loans for Webb County. This is possible because Webb County has been declared a county eligible because of a disaster declaration from the Secretary of Agriculture.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to move up item 02-01-110 10. – e.:

Conveyance of county property / City of El Cenizo Park –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to amend the court’s action of August 28, 2001 regarding the conveyance of county property to the City of El Cenizo for a park, based on the condition as set forth by the County Attorney.

City of El Cenizo, Ms. Flora Barton, addressed the court regarding this item.

Auditor’s Report –

Mr. Rafael Perez, Chief Deputy Auditor presented the Auditor’s report at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to move up item 02-01-106 6. – g :

Baum, Mejia & Co. / GASB 34 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to engage Baum, Mejia & Co., CPA’s to Assist the Webb County Auditor in planning and preparing to implement the financial reporting changes required under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement number 34 (GASB 34) the cost is not to exceed \$ 50,00 and the funding source is account # 001-0109-6022.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney stated that this was a Professional Service and as such, is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.023 Local Government Code.

Mr. Gerardo Mejia informed the court that an update on the Webb County audit would be presented on February 11, 2002.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to move up item 02-01-106 6. – a & 6. – j. (6.):

Approve Resolution / Democratic and Republican Parties –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve a Resolution authorizing the Democratic and Republican parties of Webb County, Texas to enter into a contract with the Elections Administration for the conduct and supervision of the joint primary election on March 12, 2002 and the Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on April 9, 2002.

Designate Permanent Polling Place / Precinct 4 –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to appoint Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Vasquez to a committee to address the designation of 3.6129 acres, for use as a Road & Bridge Satellite Compound, a permanent polling place for voters in that precinct and a fire department/paramedics.

Reports –

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector presented the M.V.D. and Ad Valorem reports.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept all reports as submitted.

02-01-106

6. – b. Central Welfare –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 1891 (General Assistance Eligibility Worker I) @ \$ 8.50 an hour effective 1/14/02 and reclassification of Slot # 599 from Receptionist Clerk to Receptionist/Operations Clerk effective January 14, 2002 (no Change in department budget).

6. – c. Head Start –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slots # 1387 and # 1921 (Teacher Assistants) at \$ 586.99 per pay period effective January 14, 2002.

6. – d. Tax Assessor-Collector –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following refunds:

Wells Fargo Home Mtg.
Reason: over payment
Total refund: \$ 664.93

Killiam & Hurd
Reason: over payment
Total refund: \$ 944.81

Krups North America Inc.
Reason: part of inventory qualifies for federal exemption
as part of ARB Building
Total refund: \$ 52,637.77

Chase Manhattan Mtg.
Reason: over payment
Total refund: \$ 2,376.93

Lereta Corp.
Reason: over payment
Total refund: \$ 578.40

First National Mtg. Corp.
Reason: paid in error
Total refund: \$ 684.89

Alberto Suarez
Reason: over payment
Total refund: \$ 838.46

6. – e. Risk Management –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to fill slot # 874 (Special Projects Coordinator) at \$ 10.00 an hour effective January 14, 2002.

6. – f. Golf Course/Parks and Ground –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “aye”, in favor to fill slot # 886 (Irrigation Technician) at \$ 7.63 an hour effective January 14, 2002.

6. – h. C.A.A. –
1. & 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to accept additional funding from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Weatherization Program (CAA Advisory Board has reviewed and approved. The Weatherization Assistance Program is used to assist low-income families in lowering their energy consumption and costs and to increase their health, safety and well being). Additional funds were for the following components:

Department of Energy	\$ 2,000.00
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	\$ 10,000.00

And;

Accept the new funding source and allocation for the Weatherization Program, the new source is the Systems Benefit Fund. Webb County Community Action Agency allocation will be \$ 117,110.00 contract period is from January 1, 2002 through August 31, 2002 (CAA Board has reviewed and recommends approval).

The court also approved:

6. – i. Planning Department –

The ratification of “Certifications regarding compliance with plat requirements and the connection of utilities” to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i), TLGC

Lot 20, Los Arcos Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)
Lot 14, Block 13, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision (electricity - 1 dwelling)
Lot 158, Las Lomas II Subdivision (electricity 1 dwelling)
Lot 249, Las Lomas II Subdivision (electricity 1 dwelling)
Lot 2, Block, San Carlos (San Enrique) Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (1), TLGC

Lot 94, Tanquesitos South Acres Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling for a total of 2 dwelling units only).

6. – j.
1 New Appointees / Historical Commission –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following new appointees of the Webb County Historical Commission:

Ms. Annabelle Hall, Ms. Toni Volpe Kennedy and Ms. Doris Valls

6. – j.
2. Re-dedicate Rio Bravo Community Center –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to re-dedicate the Rio Bravo Community Center and name it the “Alfonso “Poncho” De La Garza Community Center”.

6. – j.
4. Status Reports / New Jail and Park Committee –

Commissioner Velasquez asked if a “Final Report” from the Mgt. Consulting Firm for the New Jail was ready and requested an update on the Park Committee.

Commissioner Velasquez wanted to inform the public on these matters.

6. – j.
5. Deferred Item –

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to defer this item:

Communication and update regarding the contract between Webb County and the CAA on the \$ 2.00 per non-county inmates issue pursuant to the contract that expired on June 30, 2001.

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7. - a. - d. Economic Development Items -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting "Aye", in favor to approve the following items:

Submit a Contract Budget amendment to the Department of Labor, Welfare to Work Program. The Contract budget amendment will allow the County of Webb to transfer \$ 6,717.34 from the on-the-job training line-item to the subsidized employment line-item at no cost to the county and;

Contract amendment to Texas Community Development Program # 720889 - Los Corralitos Water Improvements, Oilton water well and Bruni Community Center - for a 6 month extension (10-18-2002) at no cost to the county and;

Solicit request for proposals (RFP) for "Architectural Services" for Housing Rehab and Housing reconstruction activities for the Webb County Self-Help Center Program which includes Colonia Los Altos, Tanquesitos I & II, Colonia San Carlos, Colonia San Enrique and D-5 Acres. Grant period 2002-2005 funded under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs - Office of the Colonia Initiatives (These activities are covered by the Self Help Center grant at no cost to the county) and;

Authorize the submission of Change Order # 2 for Lopez Construction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Colonias Initiatives (HCI) Program for CAA Self-Help Center 2000-65 (Alfredo Martinez-Mirando City) reduction of \$ 4,000 (Change Order # 2 is to correct error by project architect).

7. - e. & f. Economic Development / Change Orders -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting "Aye", in favor to authorize the submission of Change Order # 2 for Noah's Construction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Colonia Initiatives Program for CAA-Self Help Center - 2000-64 (Mariano de la Cruz - Mirando City) addition of \$ 600.00 (Change Order # 2 includes the alternative items that pertain to Weatherization Program. Weatherization activities are thermal and moisture protection which include(s) (1) Weatherization: provide rubber base sealant around doors, windows, trim thresholds, cracks or holes subject to weather infiltration. Replace all broken window, damaged or missing thresholds or vinyl inserts, etc. (2) R-30 insulation over ceiling/attic and;

Authorize the submission of Change Order # 2 for Noah's Construction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Colonia Initiatives Program for CAA-Self Help Center – 2000-71 (Raul Cardenas – Mirando City did not qualify for weatherization) Addition of \$ 800.00 (Change order #2 includes the alternative items that pertain to weatherization program. Weatherization activities are thermal and moisture protection which include(s) (1) Weatherization: provide rubber base sealant around doors, windows, trim thresholds, cracks or holes subject to weather infiltration. Replace all broken window, damaged or missing thresholds or vinyl inserts, etc. (2) R-30 insulation over ceiling/attic).

02-01-108

8. – a. Engage services of Dr. Charles Jennett, P.E. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "Aye", in favor to engage the services of Dr. Charles Jennett, P.E., to conduct a study of the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer in the Webb County School Land on Highway 44, to determine the quality, quantity, recharge and yield of said Aquifer. The cost of this study will be \$ 35,000.00 and will be funded by account # 001-0109-6022, Professional Services and ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) as a personal/professional service and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

8. – b. & c. Road & Bridge Items –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting "Aye", in favor to approve the adoption of The Texas Department of Transportation rules for the Colonia paving program. The 77th Legislature passed a Senate Bill 1296, which is designed to provide \$ 175 million in bond revenues to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects serving border colonias. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will administer the program in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, Secretary of State and the Texas A & M Center for Housing and Urban Development (A handout that indicates the allocation of funds based on colonia population will be distributed to the court) and;

Approve a cellular phone for Jose Luis Ramos, Assistant Superintendent of the Road & Bride Department. (250 min.)

8. – d. Office Plans –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to amend the office plan layout of the M.I.S. Department, Planning, and Engineering Department as agreed by the Commissioners Court building committee and the three department directors.

02-01-109

9. – a. & b. Purchasing Agent -

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to purchase one exterior sign and three plaques for the building located on IH 35 and San Dario (new offices of J.P. Oscar O. Martinez and Constable Tino Juarez) for a total amount of \$ 4,901.00 (credit on Airweld Contract from Architectural Graphics and signing. Fund acct. 623-1044-8801 and;

Purchase 100 cam harness child safety restraints # 1086 for the Head Start Program in the amount of \$ 5,656.00 from “EZ-On-Easy Way Products” from account #903-4208-64-3 (New State Law requires all children weighing 50 pounds or less to be in a car seat with appropriate safety restraints).

9. – c. Professional Services / Howland Engineering & Surveying –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to obtain the Professional Services of Howland Engineering & Surveying Company to survey the streets to be paved in Oilton; installation, construction staking and elevations; scope of services shall be limited to Mackin Avenue from Foster to Hall Street and Jim Neal Avenue from Foster Street to Hall Street in Oilton, Texas for a total amount of \$ 6,500 from account #010-7002-6022.

9. –d. - h. Purchasing Items –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items from the Purchasing Department:

Purchase 27 computers from IBM in the amount of \$ 44,314.41 for the Law Enforcement Center.

Solicit bids for one portable building for the Head Start Center to be located at El Eden Subdivision.

Purchase emergency light bars, mobile and portable radios, instrument console

and security screens for the Law Enforcement Center and Constable patrol vehicles.

Obtain the services for three additional pagers for the County Attorney's Office (2 Investigators and 1 attorney) from Autophone, Inc.

Award Bid # 2002-40 "One Administrative Vehicle" for the CAA Transportation Department to Sames Motor Co.

02-01-110

10. – a. Two Year Lease / Ecolab –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting "Aye", in favor to enter into a two year Lease Agreement with Ecolab, Inc., for use of a "Workhorse 44" dish washing machine by the Webb County Sheriff's Department at the rate of \$ 224.95 per month. This Agreement also includes the provision of food service chemical products for use in the dish washing machine at the rate of \$ 300 a month for the same two year period and to allow the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – b. Accept by order / Easement Dedications –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez with all voting "Aye", in favor to accept by order, Easement dedications from property owners in Rancho Penitas West Subdivision and San Carlos, Phase II out of the following tracts:

Lot	Owner(s)
Penitas West Subdivision	
Lot 1, Unit 1- A	Blanca Chapa
Lot 2, Unit 1-A (out of East ½)	Miguel Angulo
Lot 2, Unit 1-A (out of West ½)	Randall E. Leyendecker
Lot 3-B, Unit 1-A	Randall E. Leyendecker and Gustavo J. Garcia
Lot 4, Unit 1-A	Maria Angeles Martinez
Lot 5, Unit 1-A	Elia Flores
Lot 7, Unit 1-A	Roberto C. Lopez
Lot 9, Unit 1-A	Vigar Enterprises
Lot 1B-1, Unit 1-B	Benito Casarez and Patricia A. Pena

Penitas West Subdivision

Lot 25, Unit III
Lot 26, Unit III
Lot 4, Unit 1-A

Hector de la Garza
Hector de la Garza
Juan Manuel Carrillo, Laura
Isabel Jones, Alberto Carrillo,
Jaime Carrillo and Patricia Carrillo

Lot 6, Unit 1-A

Esteban Rosales and Guadalupe
Rosales

Lot 11, Unit 1-A
Lot 12, Unit 1-A

George Jimenez
Mario Alberto Trevino, Thelma E.
Trevino, Lorenzo Moncivais, Jr.,
Maria A. Moncivias

San Carlos, Phase II

Lot 12, Block 3
Lot 21, Block 3
Lot 22, Block 3

Mario Perez and Delia Perez
Mario Perez and Delia Perez
Mario Perez and Delia Perez

10. – d. & e. Maintenance Agreement / Eastman Kodak Co. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Eastman Kodak Co. for scanning equipment located at the Webb County Clerk’s Office for a one year (10/01/01 through 9/30/02) in the amount of \$ 5,678.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – f. Composition of Salary Grievance Committee –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to designate the composition of the Salary Grievance Committee as nine public members (residents of the county).

10. – g. Random Selection / Salary Grievance Committee –

At this Ms. Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk presented Judge Martinez with a box containing slips of paper with the names of the Webb County Grand Jurors for the year 2001.

Judge Martinez and the court randomly selected nine members at this time. They will serve on the Committee if they agree.

The following names were chosen in the following order:

1. Delia Laurel
2. Gloria Alicia Martinez Morales
3. Gary Scott Campbell
4. Teresa Compean De Luna
5. Irene Hill
6. Rene Meza
7. Refugio Proa, Jr.
8. Walter Lee Winters
9. Gabriel Alberto Salazar

10. – h. & i. Agreements –

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to approve the following items:

Enter into an Interlocal Governmental Agreement with City of Laredo for the formation of a Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Task Force during the 2002 Menudo Bowl and the Washington’s Birthday Celebration. Reimbursement is in-kind wherein the Laredo Police Department will provide Law Enforcement assistance to the Webb County Sheriff Department and Webb County Sheriff’s Department will provide Law Enforcement Assistance to the Laredo Police Department during the 2002 Menudo Bowl and Washington’s Birthday Celebration festivities and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a one year Maintenance Agreement (February 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003) with Thyssenkrupp for the maintenance of 3 Dover elevators at the Webb County Law Enforcement Center at the rate of \$ 729.83 per month and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

10. – j. Construction Contract / Ellis and Ellis, Inc. –

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to enter into a Construction Contract, for the Corralitos Waterline (TCDP #720899) with Ellis and Ellis, Inc., in the amount of \$ 266,860.00 base bid with alternative number 1, which oversizes project from a 10 inch waterline to a 16 inch waterline, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

12:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for the following items:

- 6. – j. 7. } Action relating to pending litigation; Webb County, Texas vs. Sheriff Juan Garza, Cause # 2001CVQ001523D2. 111th Judicial District Court, Webb County Texas

- 10. – c. } Action regarding the purchase of real estate property located at 810 Zaragoza Street and any matters incident thereto and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

- 10. – k. } Action regarding Cause # C-01-3404; Roberto Gonzalez vs. Juan Rodriguez; in the Precinct 2 Justice Court of Webb County, Texas.

- 10. – l. } Action regarding Appeal # 04-01-00482-CV; Cause No. 97-CVQ-000-758-D-2; K.Smart vs. Mercurio Martinez, Jr., et.al; in the Fourth Court of Appeals for the State of Texas.

- 10. – m. } Status report concerning Cause No. 2001-CVQ-001309-D1; Javier Rene Sandoval and Patricia Sandoval, individually and on behalf of Jacqueline Renee Sandoval, deceased, Jose Ruben Sandoval, Sr., and Juanita Sandoval vs. Webb County, Texas and Webb County Head Start Program; in the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

1:20 p.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

10. – k. } A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to settle the claim and lawsuit in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 as discussed in Executive Session.

10. – l. } A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor appoint Judge Martinez as a representative for mediation by the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Ramirez recommended settlement perimeters as discussed in Executive Session.

10. – m. } No action taken on this item (Status Only).

10. – c. } A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to authorize negotiate the amount specified in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez with all voting “Aye”, in favor to recess the meeting for 3:00 p.m. to allow for a telephone conference call.

3:20 p.m.

Judge Martinez called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jerry Vasquez provided the invocation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to go into Executive Session for item 6. – j. 7. as listed on page 15.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

3:30 p.m.

The court returned to regular session and Judge Martinez stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

No action needed on this item – information provided to the court via telephone conference call.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez and seconded by Commissioner Urdiales with all voting “Aye”, in favor to adjourn the meeting.

