

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, June 11, 2007 at 9:00 AM
(Approved on June 25, 2007)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

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:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 7th of June 2007. Present also were Mrs. Imelda Diaz, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

Item No. 1. ROLL CALL BY HONORABLE MARGIE RAMIREZ-IBARRA, WEBB COUNTY CLERK

Item No. 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item No. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 29, 2007

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 4. APPROVAL OF BILLS, PAYROLL AND MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained the Auditor's monthly report and detailed activity under the Enterprise and Internal Service Funds. He also explained activity on revenues and expenditures for the Webb County Jail and daily inmate count.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. COMMUNICATIONS

Cmr. Sciaraffa had no items under communications.

Cmr. Tijerina congratulated all graduates, their families, and all teachers. She sent her condolences to Mr. Jesus Davila and family, Dr. Marissa Keene's family and to Mrs. Alice Medina, Larga Vista Community Center on her loss of her baby boy. Cmr. Tijerina congratulated Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, for a obtaining a grant for the

water well project for the residents of Oilton, Bruni, Mirando, as well as for the colonias on 59. She congratulated Senator Zaffirini, Representative Raymond and Guillen for a successful session.

Cmr. Garza had no items under communications.

Cmr. Martinez had no items under communications.

Judge Valdez welcomed Dr. Alfredo Trevino Jr. who was present. Dr. Trevino invited all Commissioners and Judge Valdez to an informal gathering which will discuss tennis around Texas on June 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at TAMIU.

Item No. 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.

1st witness card – Marissa Martinez

Ms. Martinez explained that item #11 was not clear as to what was to be discussed under this item. However, she explained that the item was written to address Commissioners on how they are to behave and how they are to speak.

2nd Dario Montemayor

Mr. Montemayor explained that he was there to speak on behalf of the DD Hachar and Monetemayor family. He stated that different options should be taken into consideration when looking at the 3rd site of the 5th bridge which included the cost of the bridge, time, the future, and the benefits to both the City and County.

3rd – Rosendo “Chendo” Carranco

Mr. Carranco congratulated Judge Valdez and the Mayor for keeping their campaign promises. He thanked them for working together to keep lower taxes and living together in peace. He stated that if the 3rd site is selected it would be a fiasco. He explained that wherever the site is build would benefit someone and it was the Court’s job to select the right site.

Item No. 7. Presentation by Colonel Peter Flores of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding a proposal for the establishment of a TPWD District Law Enforcement Office in Laredo, Texas, with possible action regarding the use of available Webb County office space, and any matters incident thereto.

Judge Valdez congratulated Colonel Peter Flores for doing an outstanding job.

Colonel Peter Flores stated if there could be a possibility of entering into an MOU(Memorandum of Understanding) with the County to establish a local corporate office. He explained that there used to be an office before; however, now there was a need to reestablish this office. Colonel Peter Flores presented a power point presentation. **(On file at the County Clerks Office)**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted and instruct Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, to find some space for The Texas Park and Wildlife Department. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8. Financial status report by Webb County Auditor with regards to the balance remaining on 2006 Capital Outlay Bond Series monies.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained that a memo was sent to the Court on June 5, 2007 which detailed all expenses and that the fund balance was at \$139, 065 at the present time.

Judge Valdez explained that the item was placed on the agenda because he was concerned with expenditures being done and that the balance was going down. Cmr. Garza stated that the Court should take all requests and prioritize them and not go on a first come first serve basis.

Item No. 9. Status report by the Engineering Department on the water well project located on Webb County school lands.

Discussion of file at the County Clerks office in the Commissioner's Court DVD for June 12, 2007 meeting.

Judge Valdez advised Mr. Nathan Bratton, County Attorney's office that he would like to have a status on what the Court can and can not do on school lands.

Mr. Nathan Bratton asked the Court for assistance and/or direction as to what route the Court will be undertaking; to which Cmr. Martinez explained that Webb County would serve as administrators. Mr. Bratton advised the Court that he would provide a status report on the next Commissioner's Court meeting.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to develop an inter-local agreement with the City of Laredo (through Parks & Recreation Department) for a basketball camp program to benefit the children of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and to identify an appropriate funding source for same.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to have the Auditor's office find the appropriate funding source. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to clarify the voting rights and duties of the Commissioners Court appointees to the County-City Projects and Programs Coordinating Committee, and any matter incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks office in the Commissioner's Court DVD for June 12, 2007 meeting.

Judge Valdez motioned that all members of the committee be allowed to vote. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12. Presentation by Laredo District Engineer Mario G. Medina P.E. on the Tx-Dot Port-to-Port feasibility study.

Mr. Mario Medina, Texas Department of Transportation, made a powerpoint presentation. **(On file at the County Clerks Office)**

Judge Valdez stated that the Court was going to be in Corpus Christi next week and advised Mr. Medina that it would be great if he could meet with them some time during next week.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to move up item #21. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Casa de Misericordia in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to defray the cost of the construction and equipment costs for a park at the Casa De Misericordia/Lamar Bruni Vergara Educational Center which serves residents of Webb County with a 24 hour a day full service shelter for victims of domestic violence, counseling services for adults and children, support group services, tutorials for children, and education classes and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Fund: Certificate of Obligation Series 2006]**

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Martinez asked Mr. Leo Flores if funds have already been budgeted; to which Mr. Flores advised that they have been budgeted.

Judge Valdez wished Sister Rose Mary Welsh a Belated Happy Birthday.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to consider the selection of an engineering firm to evaluate the Presidential Permits and Environmental Assessments submitted to the State Department by both the City of Laredo and Webb County and determine the location that will be most feasible and cost effective to both governmental entities. The City-County Government Issues Committee met on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 and agreed to the ranking of those non-local engineering firms that have not performed any work for the City or County. The firms are listed on attached Exhibit "A".

Comr. Tijerina explained that Brown Engineering Company would have to be eliminated from the list since they have done work for the County before.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Martinez asked if the 3rd site would be considered with the Engineering Company; to which, Comr. Tijerina said yes.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to consider including the evaluation of a 3rd site known as the D.D. Hachar Trust site for the construction of the proposed Fifth International Bridge in South Laredo. The City-County Government Issues Committee met on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 and made a motion to consider the evaluation of both sites and a superficial analysis of the 3rd site for both sides, the U.S. and Mexico.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks office in the Commissioner's Court DVD for June 12, 2007 meeting.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

MEDIA BREAK(10:55 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.)

Item No. 15. Discussion regarding repairs done at the Casa Blanca Golf Course by Cantu Electric and action to determine who is the responsible party for making payment thereof. Action to

determine who has authority to request repairs to County Property from an outside provider is also requested.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table the item. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:
From: 001-0109-6021 Auditing & Accounting \$3,500.00
To: 001-1042-5601 Administrative Travel \$1,000.00
001-1042-6005 Postage and Courier Service \$1,000.00
001-1042-6205 Materials and Supplies \$1,500.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table the item. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:
From: Acct 001-1041-6014 Equipment Rental \$480.00
From: Acct 001- 1041-6010 Books & Subscriptions \$192.01
\$672.01
To: Acct 001-1041-6205 Materials & Supplies \$672.01

From: Acct 001-1041-6022 Professional Services \$200.00
To: Acct 001-1041-5601 Administrative Travel \$200.00

From: Acct 001-1041-6402 Repair & Maint. Equipment \$198.00
To: Acct 001-1041-6005 Postage & Courier Services \$198.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to table the item. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a two (2) year (June 11, 2007 through June 10, 2009) Motor Vehicle Validation Sticker Substation Agreement with HEB Grocery Company, L.P. to act as an agent of the Tax Assessor-Collector in the issuance of motor vehicle license validation stickers to further public convenience and wherein HEB Grocery Company, L.P. agrees to lease two (2) "Remote Sticker Printing System (RSPS) equipment from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, at an annual cost of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) a year for a total cost of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,400.00) over the term of the agreement and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
[Requested by Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Garza not present.

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, advised the public that when using these substations there would be a \$1.50 extra charge.

Cmr. Tijerina stated that this would be very convenient for the constituents.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers within the County Attorney Departmental Budget:
From: Acct# 001-1101-6205 Material & Supplies \$1,000.00
001-1101-6022 Professional Services \$1,000.00
001-1101-6007 Dues & Membership \$ 500.00
Total \$2,500.00
To: Acct# 001-1101-6010 Books/Subscriptions \$2,500.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to accept by Order Of the Commissioners Court, the conveyance of a 2.140 acre tract of land from E. G. Ranch, Ltd. for public roadway and right-of-way, public utilities including but not limited to electricity, telephone, cable television, fiber optics, water and sanitary sewer and for storm water facilities, and authorizing the County Judge and Commissioners to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:
From: 001-2503-5011 Sick Leave Buy Back \$400.00
To: 001-2503-6202 Uniforms \$400.00

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a joint application for the Justice Assistance Grant Program with the City of Laredo Police Department to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This grant requires no match, and thus, is at no cost to the county.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a FY 2008 Weed & Seed Communities Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office. This grant requires a twenty-five (25%) percent match, which will be provided by the Webb County Sheriff's Department through in-kind match.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of an Edward Byrne Memorial

Discretionary Grant Program Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This grant requires no match, and, thus, is at no cost to the county.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to file the FY 2007 Webb County Investment Policy.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve Pledge Agreement with Commerce Bank whose securities will secure the deposit of Webb County Depository monies with said bank and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #2345 (Driver Maintenance) at a salary rate of \$10.10 per hour for the Bruni Community Center.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1130, full-time with benefits, at a salary rate of \$9.00 per hour, slot #2054, full-time with benefits at a salary rate of \$9.00 per hour and slot #1789, full-time with benefits at a salary rate of \$9.00 per hour. **[These positions are grant funded for El Aguila Rural Transportation Program. No Impact to the General Fund]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to utilize funds from General Fund Building Maintenance Account to perform certain repair, maintenance and modifications for the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. **[Requested by Rebecca Ramirez-Palomo, Director; Account Number 001-0106-6401]**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez asked Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, how this funding would affect the Building Maintenance general fund; to which Mr. Ramirez advised that this would have a great impact. Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained that he would allocate necessary funds if this account was to fall short.

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From: Acct: 001-0104-6011 Training & Education \$400.00
001-0104-6402 Repairs & Maint. Equip. \$200.00
To: Acct: 001-0104-6204 Fuel & Lubricants \$600.00

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

Sewer

From: Acct. 801-3001-6214 Chemicals \$3,500.00

To: Acct. 801-3001-6004 Telephone \$3,500.00

Water

From: Acct. 801-3004-6007 Dues and Memberships \$395.00

801-3004-6048 License and Permits \$305.00

801-3001-6048 License and Permits \$2,280.00

801-3001-6007 Dues and Memberships \$320.00

801-3001-6011 Training and Education \$70.00

801-3001-6014 Equipment Rental \$130.00

To: Acct. 801-3004-6022-8 Lab Work & Testing \$3,500.00

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to enter into an inter-local agreement with Bexar County whereby the Bexar County Regional Public Defender's Office will provide court-appointed counsel to indigent defendants from Webb County wishing to prosecute an appeal. The services will be provided at no cost to the county.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks office in the Commissioner's Court DVD for June 12, 2007 meeting.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for Judge Ramiro Veliz' Office:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Receipt Printer	POS World	\$ 631.00
1	Cash Drawer	POS World	\$ 159.00
3	Computers	Lenovo	\$2,325.00 (DIR-SDD-200)
3	License	SHI	\$1,074.00 (DIR-SDD-198)
			TOTAL: \$4,189.00

[Requested by Judge Ramiro Veliz; Account Number 016-1042-6224]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following for the Public Information Officer from Certificates of Obligation Series 2006:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Mini Tower Computer	Dell, Inc.	\$1,939.15 (DIR-SDD-192)
1	License	SHI	\$ 538.00

TOTAL: \$2,477.15

[Requested by Larry Sanchez; Account Number 722-8108-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to award the Request for Qualification Q-2007-03 "Law Enforcement Target Range" to Zertuche Construction in the amount of \$49,361.00 for improvements to Sheriff's Target Range. Grant Funds: Account 308-2001-8801.

[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr.; Account Number 308-2001-8801]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to award a contract to Torres Iron Works in the amount of \$8,460.00 to fabricate and repair ADA ramp for the Magic Corner Head Start Center, 2801 Ireland. **[Requested by Estela Salazar, Education Director; Account Number 903-4207-6401]**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for Rio Bravo Recreational Center requested by Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
11	Software License	SHI	\$ 3,938.00 (DIR-SDD-198)
11	Computers	Lenovo	\$10,780.00 (DIR-SDD-200)
1	Printer	Lenovo	\$ 286.50 (DIR-SDD-200)
24	Chairs	Patria	\$ 1,998.72
1	Foosball	Academy	\$ 224.00
1	Air Hockey	Academy	\$ 186.00
1	Ping Pong Table	Academy	\$ 98.86
1	Pool Table	Texas Billiards	\$ 1,250.00
11	Playstation #3	Best Buy	\$ 6,599.89
5	Wireless Controls	Best Buy	\$ 249.95
3	NBA Game	Best Buy	\$ 119.97
3	Formula Cars	Best Buy	\$ 179.97
3	Spiderman	Best Buy	\$ 179.97
3	Marvel Comic	Best Buy	\$ 179.97
11	20" Insignia TV	Best Buy	\$ 1,869.89
1	Refrigerator	LFD	\$ 1,150.00

TOTAL: \$ 29,291.69

[Requested by Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa; Account Number 722-8108-8801]

Com. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #2339 (Driver/Maintenance) at a salary rate of \$10.10 per hour for the Quad-City Community Center.

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Road & Bridge Department to conduct on the following dates a "cleaning campaign" for the following Colonias:

June 23, 2007	June 30, 2007	July 7, 2007
Ranchitos 359	Tanquecitos I	Colorado Acres
San Carlos I	Tanquecitos II	Las Lomas I & II
San Carlos II	Los Altos	

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Com. Tijerina advised all colonia residents on 359 and 59 to take advantage of the services that will be available on these dates. Judge Valdez stated that members of the Court would be helping out during the cleaning campaign.

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action concerning request of Webb County Deputy Sheriffs Association to initiate negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement including, without limitation, appointment of Webb County's representatives in those negotiations. **Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).**

Mr. Nathan Bratton, County Attorney's Office, explained that no discussion was needed in Executive Session; however, he recommended that a negotiating committee be established to initiate negotiations.

Judge Valdez motioned to appoint Com. Tijerina to represent the Court, County Auditor, County Attorney, and MR. Leroy Medford to be part of the committee. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to go into Executive Session and include addendum items. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Executive Session (12:00 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.)

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 06-1079; The City of Laredo, Texas v. Martha Escamilla, et. al; In the Supreme Court of Texas, and any matter incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. GV- 403943; Webb County, Texas v. Greg Abbott, et al; In the 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve recommendations from Mr. Jim Allison, from Allison, Bass, & Associates, to enter into a memorandum of understanding to commemorate the resolutions and memorialize the intentions to move forward as partners on a future international bridge and include authorization for the County Attorney and outside counsel to prepare necessary documents. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum Item No. 1 Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-00810-D1, 359 P4 L.L.C. v. City of Laredo; 49th Judicial District of Webb County, Texas. Due to a reason unforeseeable situation, the meeting is necessary to discuss and consider action on court and administrative deadlines and other matters that affect the aforementioned case. **[Executive/Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 55.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Addendum Item No. 2 Discussion and possible action regarding Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd. for Permit No. 2286, TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0729-MSW; SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975. Due to a reason unforeseeable situation, the meeting is necessary to discuss and consider action on court and administrative deadlines and other matters that affect the aforementioned case. **[Executive/Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 55.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Mr. Jim Allison explained that the reason that addendum items 1 and 2 were placed as a supplemental emergency was because it was discovered during the weekend that the County could retain testifying experts to participate in the landfill application hearing which will be conducted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality within the next 72 hours.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to authorize the Law office of Allison, Bass, & Associates to retain experts for the purpose of testifying in the hearing for the permit application for the Ponderosa Regional Landfill to meet the deadline in any administrative and judicial proceedings including testimony on the issue of ground water, surface water, drainage, animal scavenging, site operating plan and if necessary other publications as identified by the order of the administrative judge in the permit proceeding to protect the public's interest and the health, safety welfare of the residents of Webb County, Texas within the budgetary limits previously authorized by the Commissioner's Court and authorize the County Attorney's office and Allison, Bass, & Associates to review, provide, and exchange information with all parties concerning the land fill permit hearing including the TCEQ to the extent permitted without waiving any privileges. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44. Adjournment

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.