

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

MONDAY AUGUST 13, 2007 at 9:00 AM
(Approved August 27, 2007)

Call to order by Cmr. Jerry Garza

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:

Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Absent:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 9TH of August 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

Cmr. Garza advised everyone that Judge Danny Valdez was not present due to flight delays in Dallas.

Cmr. Garza motioned to excuse Judge Valdez and Cmr. Tijerina from being absent. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2007

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Mr. Leo Flores, Webb County Auditor, explained the Auditor's report ending July 31, 2007.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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Item No. 5. COMMUNICATIONS

Cmr. Sciaraffa sent his condolences to Cmr. Martinez on the passing of his sister. He stated that he would defer mentioning the ribbon cutting dates for the new recreation center in Rio Bravo and Las Presas Community Center until Judge Valdez and Cmr. Tijerina are present.

Cmr. Martinez thanked everyone for sending their condolences and gave background on his sister. He welcomed Mr. John Peter Montalvo and Ms. Guillermina Mina Montes.

Cmr. Garza sent his condolences to Cmr. Martinez. He congratulated Laredo HEAT for their championship this past weekend and asked Ms. Yolanda Carrillo, Court Administrator, if at the next meeting an item would be placed under his items to give them proper recognition.

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.

Cmr. Garza advised that there were no items under public comment.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Proclamation recognizing the month of August 2007 as "*Laredo Independent School District's 125th Anniversary Celebration*".

Cmr. Garza welcomed everyone and read proclamation.

Ms. Veronica Guerra, LISD Superintendent, thanked the Court for all their support and explained that also present were some members of the LISD Board of Trustees which included Mr. John Peter Montalvo, President, Mr. Jesus Justo Guerra, Vice President, and Ms. Guillermina Mina Montes, Secretary.

Mr. Montalvo, Mr. Guerra, and Ms. Montes expressed their thanks to the Court for their support.

Cmr. Garza congratulated the Vidal M. Trevino magnet School students on their musical performance.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to re-appoint Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, and Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa to the Border Region MHMR Community Center Board of Trustees, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Daniel Castillon and Mr. Bobby Vela expressed their gratitude to the Court for their ongoing support.

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution supporting the South Texas Development Council and reaffirming Webb County's participation in the South Texas Development Council Programs, and authorizing the payment of membership assessments.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Sergio "Keko" Martinez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following equipment for Commissioner Pct. 4 Office:

Qty	Description	Amount
1	SYS.881CT Computer	\$1,199.00
1	Lenovo Thinkvision Flat Panel Monitor	\$ 199.00
1	HP Laser Jet Printer	\$ 356.00
1	Software	\$ 353.00

[From Capital Outlay Account #722-8108-8801 in the amount of \$2,107.00]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Line Item Transfers

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers for the following departments:

Webb County Judge Danny Valdez

From: #001-0200-6010	Books & Subscriptions	1,160
To: #001-0200-6205	Materials and Supplies	1,160

Public Defender

From: #001-1102-5601	Administrative Travel	2,000
#001-1102-6007	Dues and Membership	2,000
To: #001-1102-6010	Books & Subscriptions	2,000
#001-1102-6022	Professional Services	2,000

Constable Ruben Reyes Pct. 2

From: #001-2503-6205	Materials and Supplies	300
To: #001-2503-6402	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	300

Medical Examiner

From: #001-2070-6022	Toxicology, Histology and Radiology	500
To: #001-2070-6205	Materials and Supplies	500

Purchasing

From: #001-0600-6011	Training and Education	2,500
To: #001-0600-6202	Uniforms	2,500

Judge Alvino "Ben" Morales County Court at Law No. 1

From: #001-1010-5601	Administrative Travel	1,523
#001-1010-6024	Court Appointed Atty/Fee	7,000
To: #001-1010-5002	Incentive Pay	904
#001-1010-5004	Longevity Pay	619
#001-1010-7050	Adult Misdemeanor	7,000

Judge Hector Liendo JP Pct. 1 Pl. 1

From: #001-1040-5601	Administrative Travel	2,500
#001-1040-6010	Books & Subscriptions	500
#001-1040-6014	Equipment Rental	2,000
#001-1040-6402	Equipment Maintenance	1,500
To: #001-1040-6205	Materials & Supplies	6,500

Administrative Services

From: #816-0105-9201	Medical Claims	130,000
To: #816-0105-6202	Dental Claims	5,000
#816-0105-9203	Rx Claims	125,000

From: #001-0114-5601	Administrative Travel	1,500
#001-0114-6204	Fuel/Lube	250
#001-0114-6701-1	Health Fair	1,000
#001-0114-6702	Health Education	800
To: #001-0114-5001	Payroll	600
#001-0114-6224	Minor Apparatus/tools	2,850
#001-0114-6403	Vehicle Maintenance	100

Building Maintenance

From: #001-0106-6401	Repairs & Maintenance Buildings	6,000
To: #001-0106-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	2,500
#001-0106-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	2,500
#001-0106-6403	Repairs & Maintenance of Vehicles	1,000

Building Maintenance (Parks and Grounds)

From: #001-6002-6202	Uniforms	1,500
#001-6002-6703	Landfill Fees	1,200
To: #001-6002-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	1,500
#001-6002-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	1,200

Treasurer

From: #001-0300-5602	Local Mileage	50
#001-0300-6005	Postage	880
#001-0300-6007	Dues & Memberships	20
#001-0300-6010	Books & Subscriptions	108
#001-0300-6011	Training & Educations	94
#001-0300-6014	Equipment Rental	432
To: #001-0300-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,584

Auditor

From: #001-1010-7052	CCL#1 Juvenile Felony	3,260
#001-0109-6022	Professional Services	8,800
To: #001-1011-5002	CCL#2 Incentive Pay	3,260
#001-1400-6030-45	Autopsies JP Rangel	3,645
#001-4300-7604	City Health Contract	5,155

Santa Teresita Community Center

From: #001-6114-5601	Administrative Travel	900
#001-6114-6201	Utilities	8,000
#001-6114-6204	Fuels & Lubricants	1,500
To: #001-6114-6205	Materials & Supplies	2,400
#001-6114-6401	Repairs & Maintenance of Bldg	8,000

MIS

From: #001-0500-6411	Repairs & Maintenance Software	3,000
To: #001-0500-6011	Training & Education	3,000

Judge Oscar Martinez JP Pct. 4

From: #001-1044-3005	Materials & Supplies	292
To: #001-1044-5601	Administrative Travel	292

Engineer

From: #010-0115-5601	Administrative Travel	5,200
#010-0115-6011	Training Education	5,700
#801	Water Utilities (Fund Balance)	11,500
To: #010-0115-6204	Fuel & lube	2,000
#010-0115-6205	Materials & Supplies	4,600
#010-0115-6001	Office Supplies	1,000
#010-0115-6402	Repair & Maintenance Equipment	3,000
#010-0115-6010	Book & Subscriptions	300
#801-3001-6011	Water Utilities Dept Training & Education	11,500

Constable Rudy Rodriguez Pct. 1

From: #001-2500-6005	Postage & Courier Service	250
#001-2500-6014	Equipment Rental	1,454
#001-2500-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,000
#001-2500-5601	Administrative Travel	1,400
#001-2500-6011	Training & Education	354
To: #001-2500-6010	Books & Subscriptions	250
#001-2500-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	4208

Sheriff

From:	#001-2001-6014	Equipment Rental	2,300
	#001-2600-5004	Longevity Pay	556
	#001-2600-5009	Uniform Allowance	600
	#001-2600-5601	Administrative Travel	6,500
	#001-2600-6014	Equipment Rental	690
	#001-2600-6204	Fuel & Lube	2,200
	#001-2600-6403	Vehicle Maintenance	1,000
To:	#001-2001-6202	Uniforms	1,200
	#001-2001-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	1,490
	#001-2060-6001	Office Supplies	5,000
	#001-2060-6205	Materials & Supplies	5,000
	#001-2600-5006	Education Incentive	1,156

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

County Attorney

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to reclassify Planning Department slot number 010-0102-2360 as an "Investigator" under the supervision of the Webb County Attorney working in conjunction with the Planning Department and to further approve the funding of said reclassified slot in the amount of NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$9,240) from the County Attorney's office payroll savings, and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney Account Number 001-1101-5001]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to Planning Advisory Board. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised that Judge Valdez had already submitted his appointee and that this item would be placed on the next Commissioner's Court agenda so that everyone could vote on the item. He advised that no action would be required for this item.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract for a twelve (12) month (August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008) Premium Plus Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions Texas (Contract Numbers 34437 & 34438) to service two Toshiba DP125F facsimile machines, located at the County Attorney's office at a maintenance fee of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$295.00) per year each and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez; Account Number: 001-1101-6402]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Third Party Funding Agreement with the Laredo Webb County Food Bank for the Rio Bravo and El Cenizo Kids Cafes after school funding sites in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)

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and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number 001-0110 7500]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Third Party Funding Agreement with the Mexican Cultural Institute in the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,400.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number 007-01017487]

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

Cmr. Martinez asked Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, what services the Mexican Culture Institute offer for the County; to which, Mr. Ramirez asked for some time to get the details.

Cmr. Sciaraffa and Cmr. Garza retracted their motion till later in the meeting.

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract #23358109 with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for partial reimbursement to Webb County for expenses related to legal services rendered by the Webb County Attorney's Office in child abuse and neglect cases, and authorizing County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number Reimbursement Basis to Webb County]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of Title IV-E Child Welfare Services Contract #23358108 with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services requiring Webb County to maintain a Child Welfare Board and providing for the reimbursement for certain expenditures made by Webb County relating to foster children, and authorizing County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number Reimbursement Basis to Webb County]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (1) (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) maintenance agreement with Copy Connection for a Xerox Copier located at Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 offices at a maintenance cost of \$0.0084 per black and white copy and 0.099 per color copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Hon. Ramiro Veliz, Jr., Justice of the Peace Precinct 2; Account Number 001-1042-6402]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Additional Services Agreement with New World Systems Corporation in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$22,000.00) for training and support services on the Utilities Software, travel to Webb County, and data conversion and installation, authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Jaime F. Alvarado, Director, MIS Department, Account Number 722-3001-8801 and 801-3001-6011]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. 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. [Requested by Mr. Mike Cabello, Interim County Engineer]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to accept one (1) Right of Way and Public Utility Easement out of Ranchitos IV Los Minerales Tract 39, and authorizing the County Judge and Commissioners to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Cabello, Interim County Engineer]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into contract amendment number one (1) to the Section 5311 Grant Agreement Number RPT 0706(22) 30 with the State of Texas (through the Texas Department of Transportation) to increase the grant amount by TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$24,031.00) to assist with rising fuel costs bringing the total funding granted to Webb County, CAA, El Aguila Rural Transportation Program to TWO HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$249,819.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director CAA; Account Number 980-4205-6204]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to enter into contract amendment number two (2) to the Rural Transportation State Fund Grant agreement No. Rpt 0702 (22) with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, wherein Webb County accepts a line item transfer of funds of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) from the operating expenses to capital expenses for the purchase of one Type II bus and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director CAA; Account Number 980-4205-8801]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to by Resolution and Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court authorize the submission of a contract/grant application to the Texas Department Of Aging and Disability Services to fund the County's Community Action Agency "Meals on Wheels Program" and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director CAA; Account Number Grant, No impact to General fund]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a United We Ride grant application to the Texas Department of transportation by Webb County Community Action Agency in the amount TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000.00), THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$13,750.00) will be allocated to El Aguila Rural transportation (sub-recipient) and THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$13,750.00) to El Metro transit Company (sub-contractor, mentor agency) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director CAA Account Number 980-8001-8801]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one year (1) (August 13, 2007 to August 12, 2008) maintenance agreement with IKON Office Solution, Inc. for a Canon IR 1023IF Copier located at the Santa Teresita Community Center at a monthly maintenance cost of FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$14.90) with copy overages of \$0.0149 per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Ms. Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director; Account Number 001-6114-6402]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a three (3) year (August 13, 2007 through August 12, 2010) Security Systems Agreement with Kelmar & Associates for La Presa Community Center with a quarterly cost of SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS

AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$74.85) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account number 001-0106-6401]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to enter into a three (3) year (August 13, 2007 through August 12, 2010) Security Systems Agreement with Kelmar & Associates for the Rio Bravo Community Center with a quarterly cost of SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$74.85) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account number 001-0106-6401]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to Correct the official minutes concerning the Webb County Commissioners Court meeting of Monday, November 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. concerning Item No. 9 to correctly reflect the proper action taken by the Webb County Commissioners Court directing the Webb County Purchasing Agent to solicit requests for proposals for the possible sale of the Webb County Detention Center. [Requested by Jim Allison, Legal Counsel]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, asked the Court to defer item till after Executive Session.

County Clerk

Item No. 31. Status Report on Court Collections Department.

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

District Attorney

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to transfer (1) 2000 Chevy impala vehicle VIN #: 2G1WF52E1Y9332294 from the District Attorney's Office to Constable Ruben Reyes Pct. II.

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Motion carried 2-1 with Cmr. Martinez voting against.

Sheriff

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to accept an Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) for the FY 2008-2009 term in the amount of \$50,000 from the Office of the Attorney General Crime Victim Services Division and designating the County Judge as authorized signatory in all matters related to this grant award.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to donate the following vehicle to the Laredo International Fair and Exposition: 1999 Ford F-250, VIN# 1FTNW21L5XED31128. Vehicle to be donated and to be removed from the Webb County Sheriff's Department fleet.

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the item be tabled and be considered at the next Commissioner's Court meeting.

Cmr. Sciaraffa and Cmr. Garza withdrew their motions.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action for the approval to add the following forfeiture vehicle to the Webb County Sheriff's Department fleet: 2006 Dodge 2500, VIN# ID7HA182X6J198946

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to accept the following vehicle donated by U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co.: Operation Wrangler to the Webb County Sheriff's Department Fleet: 2007 Polaris ATV, VIN # 4XARF68A67D042852

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Assessor Collector

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to approve a transfer of \$10,700 from payroll savings to slot #1248 and change title from Control Clerk to Certified Peace Officer at \$18.50 hourly plus fringes and incentives and to transfer \$12,300 from payroll savings to a Temporary Part-Time line item. [Requested by Patricia Barrera; Tax Assessor-Collector; Account Number 001-0700-5001]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Motion 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2007 Certification of the Tax Roll.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to approve the anticipated collection for 2007 of 100%.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. 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).

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, explained that the Court was not voting on the tax rate but that the Court is acknowledging that the proposed tax rate in the County Judge's proposed budget is greater than the effective tax rate but lower than the roll back rate, and that the Court is acknowledging to work with this. She also explained that because there is an increase in revenues, there would have to be two public hearing to which she recommended them for August 27th @ 6:00 p.m. and August 31st @ 9:00 a.m. to be held at 1000 Houston St. 2nd Floor, Laredo, Texas 78040.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the record vote and the two public hearing dates. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza advised that the Court would go into a 15 minute media break.

Media break (10:39 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.)

Cmr. Garza motioned to bring back Item No. 40. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. 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).

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, explained that the Tax Rate was at 0.420055 to every \$100.00.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the tax rate and approve the public hearings that would be held on August 27th @ 6:00 p.m. and August 31st at 9:00 at 1000 Houston St. 2nd Floor, Laredo, Texas 78040. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to bring back Item #5. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

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Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lupita Zepeda, Regional Manager of AT & T, explained that the Public Commission has approved the 311 license. She thanked Cmr. Garza and the MIS Department and stated that set up should take place sometime in October.

Cmr. Garza thanked the MIS Department, Mr. Eluid Diaz, and the City of Laredo.

Administrative Services

- Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to amend the salaries of the following slot:**
- | Slot # | Description: | From: | To: |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 2146 | Employee Benefits Specialist | \$17.54/hr. | \$18.60/hr |
- (Increase being funded from department's operational line items)
[Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director, Account Number 001-0114-5001]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

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

Motion carried 2-1 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Auditor

- Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to approve the following changes to the personnel budgets of the District Courts effective September 14, 2007. The cost for this year will be less than \$1,000 taken from salary savings and the cost for next year is a net of \$6,352 (\$15,352 minus a reduction of \$9,000 from an Interpreter expense line item #001-1050-6029) The changes total \$15,352 and will be taken from payroll savings:**

FOR THE 49th DISTRICT COURT:

- Slot #154 - Criminal Coordinator from \$45,000 to \$48,731
- Slot #156 - Civil Coordinator from \$45,000 to \$48,731
- Slot #153 - From Bailiff to Interpreter/Court Admin. Asst. from \$42,500 to \$36,251
- Slot #157 - Court Admin. Asst. from \$32,176 to \$33,182
- Slot #804 - Court Admin. Asst. from \$32,176 to \$33,182
- Code 5005 - Part-Time from \$42,500 to \$45,760

FOR THE 406th DISTRICT COURT:

- Slot #1867 - Civil Docket Coordinator from \$45,814 to \$48,731
- Slot #1869 - Bailiff from \$44,642 to \$45,760
- Slot #2296 - Bailiff from \$44,642 to \$45,760
- Slot #1904 - Court Admin. Asst. from \$32,506 to \$33,182

FOR THE 111th DISTRICT COURT:

- Slot #0161 - Court Coordinator from \$50,320 to \$50,500
- Slot #1559 - Court Administrator from \$48,267 to \$48,731
- Slot #1562 - Bailiff form \$43,366 to \$45,760

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to accept the second installment of funding from Direct Energy/CPL Retail Energy/WTU Retail Energy's Neighbor to Neighbor Program for PY-2007 in the amount of \$17,617.07. Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to help qualifying families that are in financial distress to meet energy related costs essential to their health and welfare. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen; CAA Director, Account Number: 907-4202-6201]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Economic Development

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to accept a continuation 3rd year grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 with no County match for the period of August 15, 2007 to August 14, 2008 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and continuing the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans (AAMA), Concilio Hispano Libre for the provision of intervention, prevention and treatment of substance abuse services and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents pertaining to this grant.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineering Department

Item No. 45. Discussion and Possible Action authorizing the relocation of the northwest fence line of LIFE DOWNS. This fence is encroaching approx. sixty five (65) feet into the new Medical Examiners (Morgue) Building site. Thirty feet of the encroachment is needed to resolve drainage and clearance problems of the site. Contractor has agreed to relocate fence and install swale at no cost to the County.

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item and appoint Cmr. Sciaraffa, as Court representative, and Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, or his appointee to have some dialogue with LIFE Board. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning Department

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to approve the issuance of "Certificates of Compliance with Plat Requirements Regarding the Connection of Utilities" to

authorize water and sewer service connections pursuant to the provisions of Section 232.028(b), Local Government Code to the following properties located within the Tanquecitos South Acres Subdivision (a.k.a., Phase I) contingent upon the owner's execution of required affidavits regarding present and future dwellings/structures limitations, uses and sales:

- 1) Lot 14-A (2 dwellings only)
- 2) Lot 44 (1 dwelling only)
- 3) Lot 48 (1 dwelling only)
- 4) Lot 55 (1 dwelling only)
- 5) Lot 72 (1 dwelling only)
- 6) Lot 73 (2 dwellings only)
- 7) Lot 81 (1 dwelling only)
- 8) Lot 90 (3 dwellings only)
- 9) Lot 95 (1 dwelling only)
- 10) Lot 99 (3 dwellings only)
- 11) Lot 100 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above referenced 11 tracts which consists of 17 dwellings and notes that these are the first Colonia tracts to meet approval criteria for hook-ups to the City-County EDAP funded water and sewer improvement project along State Highway 359.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza thanked Ms. Rhonda Tiffin for all her hard work.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Engineer and/or Road and Bridge Superintendent to draw the necessary funds in an amount up to \$61,625.00 from the Stand By Letter of Credit No. SB501093 (International Bank of Commerce) as required to complete pending driveway improvements along US Highway 59, as required by the final plat approval of the Replat of the Las Haciendas Subdivision, Unit I in the event that, on or before August 21, 2007, the developer fails to either: 1) complete the improvements as required by the final plat approval of the Replat of the Las Haciendas Subdivision, Unit I; or 2) provide a reasonable time extension to the financial guarantee.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing Department

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase (1) Toshiba EStudio 720T w/Stapling finisher, 2/3 Hole Punch Unit, Network Print/Network Scan in the amount of \$9,508.28 from Office Communications System for the Indigent Services Department. [Requested by Frank Salinas; Indigent Director; Account Number 001-4101-6205 Materials and Supplies]

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

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Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for a Type II Vehicle for the Aguilar Transportation Department. [Requested by Roberto Martinez, Jr.; Account Number 980-4205-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase (1) Single Drum Vibratory Roller "Bomag" Brand Model BW 55 E in the amount of \$5,689.00 from United Rentals for the Road and Bridge Department. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road and Bridge Superintendent; Account Number 661-7501-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to accept the Purchasing Agent's recommendation to reject Bid 2007-92 "Weatherization Contractor for Labor and Materials" based on the information received from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and to solicit new bids. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr.; Purchasing Agent]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to reject Bid 2007-92 and solicit new bids. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order Contract in the amount of \$10,100.00 to D.C. Construction, David Cantu, Jr. for alterations to the lavatory facilities adjacent to the Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). [Requested by Ms. Rebecca Palomo, Adult Probation Director; Account Number 001-0106-6401 Repairs & Maintenance Building]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase surfacing tile in the amount of \$35,452.31 from The Playwell Group through the Texas Buy Board Contract Number 204-04 for the Webb County Head Start Program. [Requested by Estela Salazar, Education Director; Account Number 903-4207-6225 Playground Supplies]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to ratify the emergency purchase and installation of a 8000,000 BTU Gas Boiler for the Webb County Jail in the amount of \$42,972.46 from Chavarria's Plumbing, Inc. [Requested by J.J. Gonzalez; Account Number 001-2060-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to ratify the services provided by Cantu Electric for electrical repairs to the Casa Blanca Golf Course Pump House and Water Well #2 in the amount of \$2,911.30. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr./Balt Ramos, Golf Course Operator; Account Number 001-6001-6401]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve the item and instruct the County Attorney's office to get the operator to reimburse the County with \$1973.80. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of two (2) dump trucks for the Road & Bridge Department, though the Texas Buy Board, pursuant to, Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter F., Sections § 271.101, 271.102 from the following vendors:

1.Two (2) Peterbilt Tractors Model 385 RTC Laredo	Rush Truck Center	\$95,500.00 .ea	\$191,000.00
2.Two (2) Belly Dump Trail King TKBD22-402	Rush Truck Center Houston, Texas Contract # 208-04	\$42,300.00 ea.	\$84,600.00

Total \$275,600.00

[Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road and Bridge Director; Account Number 727-8108-8801]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to award Bid No. 2007-93 to Rhino Builder, LTD in the amount of \$57.83 per sq. ft. for approximately \$109,872.00 of improvements for the Sheriff's Patrol Sub-station. [Requested by Sheriff Rick Flores, Account Number 170-2001-6401, Federal Forfeiture Funds]

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Self Help Center

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Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) on the following eligible applicants to receive assistance under Webb County's Contract for Deed Program:

- a. Juan Jose & Marilyn Olguin of Rio Bravo, TX.,
- b. Mario & Maria De Jesus Hernandez of Rio Bravo, TX.,
- c. Joseph & Francisco Carreon of Rio Bravo, TX.,

and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit construction bids for the rehabilitation of these three homes. (Funding Source 466-4301-7037-3) This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to go into executive session. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 12:10 p.m. to 2: 25 p.m.)

Cmr. Garza stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. No 2006-CVQ-000810-D1, 359 P4 L.L.C. v. City of Laredo; in the 49" Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Jim Allison, Alison, Bass, & Associates, asked the Court to authorize the County Attorney to execute responses to request for admissions in that cause.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve authorization to the County Attorney to execute responses to request for admissions in the cause. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 60. 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 matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 61. 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 and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

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Item No. 62. 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; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible regarding Cause No. No 506-cv-00168 Mario A. Compean et al v. County of Webb, et al; in the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 64. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. vs. County of Webb; in the 341st Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Jim Allison, Allison, Bass, & Associates, explained that the plaintiff in this case requested that the County designate a representative for the purpose of a deposition in the matter. He stated that he had prepared an Order designating Mr. Eloy Ramirez, County Purchasing Agent, to be the County's representative.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to designate Mr. Eloy Ramirez, County Purchasing Agent, as the County Representative. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 65. Discussion and possible action regarding Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. vs. Webb County, and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 66. Discussion and possible action as well as consultation with Attorney M'Liss Christian concerning Civil Action No. L-05-CV-191; Maricela Arredondo, et al. vs. Rick Flores, Sheriff of Webb County, Texas, and Webb County, Texas; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 67. Discussion and possible action as well as consultation with Attorney M'Liss Christian concerning Civil Action No. L-05-CV-00129; Gregorio Castañeda, Jr. d/b/a Castañeda Bail Bonds vs. Webb County, Texas Sheriff Rick Flores, Individually and

in his Official Capacity as the Sheriff of Webb County, and Webb County; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 68. Discussion and possible action to compromise and settle property damage claim resulting from a collision between David A. Gutierrez on or about June 20, 2007. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Submitted by Cynthia Mares; Administrative Services Director]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that no action was needed under this item.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Third Party Funding Agreement with the Mexican Cultural Institute in the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,400.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number 007-01017487]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that he had not been able to obtain the information that had been requested. He recommended to the Court to either have no action taken or table item till the next meeting.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to Correct the official minutes concerning the Webb County Commissioners Court meeting of Monday, November 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. concerning Item No. 9 to correctly reflect the proper action taken by the Webb County Commissioners Court directing the Webb County Purchasing Agent to solicit requests for proposals for the possible sale of the Webb County Detention Center. [Requested by Jim Allison, Legal Counsel]

Discussion on file at the County Clerk's office at the August 13, 2007 DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the Order correcting the minutes for November 14, 2005. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Martinez asked if the Court needed to instruct Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, to have the minutes of the November 14, 2005 corrected to reflect the change; to which Mr. Jim Allison, explained that the Order would be reflected under minutes of this meeting and any original documents could not be changed.

Item No. 69. Adjournment

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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