

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2007 at 9:00 am
(approved October 22, 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 4th of October 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

Cmr. Martinez absent when Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, presented roll call.

Item No. 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item No. 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 AND OCTOBER 1, 2007

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

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez absent.

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

Cmr. Martinez walked in at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, presented the September 2007 Auditor's Report.

Cmr. Tijerina 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 sent her condolences to Sandra Pena's Family.

Cmr. Garza congratulated Mary Help of Christian School on their groundbreaking for their new school off of Loop 20.

Cmr. Martinez had no items under communications.

Judge Valdez recognized Ms. Quintanilla's LCC Government class. He also recognized six individuals who have served our country and Webb County with bravery and commitment and commended their wives and families. Judge Valdez and the Court welcomed and presented plaques to the following individuals:

Staff Sgt. Esteban Garcia
Sgt. Victor Altamirano
Sgt. Juan Gonzalez
Sgt. David Loreda
Sgt. Guadalupe Medina Jr.
Private Eduardo Rubio

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.

No Public Comments.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Presentation by Mr. Chris Laurel, Executive Director of the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (STCADA).

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office October 9th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Presentation by Mr. Chris Laurel, Executive Director of the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (STCADA).

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to have Webb County enter in to an agreement with AEP for the installation of 12 street lights on Espejo Molina Road from Rosales St. to Hernandez St. in El Cenizo for \$4,432.94, and authorizing the County Judge sign all relevant documents. [Account Number 661-7501-8621-01]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action authorizing Road and Bridge Department to construct an Asphalt road 30 ft. wide X 1,500 ft. long including a waiting area along the west property line of the La Presa Community Center. [Co-sponsored by Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge, Account Number; 661-7501-8621-01]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to award Bid #2007-96 House-to-Line Connections to sole bidder C.G. Construction, Inc. based on unit price provided in the bid for water and wastewater residential line connections and septic tank mitigation not to exceed grant construction amount (TCDP #721175) of \$196,196. This action will not have an impact on the County general fund.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to pay the City of Laredo the sum of \$8,464 (\$1,058 X 8 houses) for the first eight houses to be connected in Tanquecitos I phase I, from grant TCDP #721175. This action will not have an impact on the County general fund.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No. 12. Presentation by the Texas A&M International University Alumni Association on the upcoming Autmus Fest; with discussion and possible action in sponsoring the festival as an event that attracts tourism, in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the County's promotional account.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to the County Judge, advised the Court that representatives from Estrada Hinojosa were not present; therefore, if items 13, 14, and 15 be deferred.

County Attorney

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Preventive Maintenance & Labor Program Agreement with Southwest Solution Group to provide maintenance to the Lektriever (SN 30775) located at the Webb County Attorney's office at an annual cost of NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$975.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney, Account Number; 001-1101-6402 (Repairs & Maintenance Equipment)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008) Interlocal agreement with United Independent School District (UISD) for Three (3) Justices of the Peace Juvenile Court Coordinators in the amounts of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS \$13,738.50 for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 2,

Place 1, FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS(\$15,849.50) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 2, and SEVENTEEN THOUSAND THIRTY DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$17,030.05) for the coordinator assigned to J.P. Court Precinct 4, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by J.P. Pct. 2, Pl. 1; Pct. 2, Pl. 2; and Pct. 4, Webb County Attorney, Account Number; 001-1045-6022, 001-1044-6022, and 001-1042-6022]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office October 9th Commissioner's Court DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Allison & Bass & Associates to represent Webb County in, Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. Webb County, Texas in Cause No. 2007-CVQ-001680-D4; In the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas, and enter into and ratify a retainer agreement with said law firm and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended to the Court to engage the services of Jim Allison.

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

Motion failed 2-3 with Cmr. Sciaraffa, Cmr. Tijerina, and Cmr. Martinez voting against.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign the retainer agreement with Person, Whitworth, Borchers, & Morales to represent Honorable Jesus Garza, Webb County Court at Law II in pending complaints before the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. [Requested by Judge Jesus Garza, County Court at Law # 2]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Consideration and adoption of an ORDER APPROVING "WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2007A"; authorizing a purchase contract, an escrow agreement, and a paying agent/registrar agreement in connection therewith; and all other matters related thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Consideration and adoption of an ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2007," and making provisions for the security thereof; authorizing a purchase contract, an

escrow agreement, and a paying agent/registrar agreement; and approving other matters relating thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to consider the appointment of Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc., as Financial Advisor and authorize the County Judge to sign a Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. and any matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to by Resolution and Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court, authorize the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program to supplement the County's Community Action Agency "Meals on Wheels Program" and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Nine (9) month (September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008) Interlocal Agreement with UISD for the Head Start Program wherein UISD will provide a certified early childhood teacher at no cost to Webb County; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Ms. Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year (October 9, 2007 through October 10, 2010) Cooperative Agreement of Affiliation between the Laredo Community College on behalf of the Child Development Program and Webb County for the Head Start Program; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director, Account Number; 227-1021-6402]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Preventive Maintenance & Labor Program Agreement with Southwest Solution Group to provide maintenance to the Lektriever (SN 30415) located at the Webb County Administrative Services Office at an annual cost of NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$975.00); and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Webb County

Administrative Services Director, Account Number; 001-0114-6402(Repairs & Maintenance Equipment)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twenty-Four (24) month (January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009) Hospital Services Agreement with Laredo Texas Hospital Company, L.P. d/b/a Laredo Medical Examiner as needed at Medicare Reimbursement rates plus Five Percent (5%) per CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) as set out in the Agreement; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Dr. Corrine Stern, Webb County Medical Examiner Account Number; 001-2070-6022-ology- (Professional Services)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that instead of Laredo Medical Examiners it should read Laredo Medical Center.

Cmr. Garza 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 for Webb County to exercise its option to terminate current lease agreement with Montego Properties, Ltd. concerning the lease of a building located in Webb County, Texas for the South Texas Anti-Violence Project by giving Montego Properties, Ltd. their requisite SIXTY (60) day written termination notice as specified in the lease agreement. [Requested by Raul Hinojosa, South Texas Anti-Violence Project]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Consulting Services Agreement with CJUS Program Consultants International, Inc., by and through Clifford M. Black, Ph.D., President, for training and education of sheriff deputies, creation and revision of policy and procedure manuals, research and other services, for an annual amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00); and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Rick Flores, Webb County Sheriff, Account Number; 168-2001-6022 (Professional Services)]

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

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that the funding would be coming out of the Forfeiture Account.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to apply for and accept grant monies from the Texas Task Force On Indigent Defense Program and also authorizing the designation of Mr. Leroy Medford as the Program Director and Mr. Leo Flores as the Financial Officer for said grant program and authorizing the Webb County Judge to

execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that instead of appointing Mr. Leroy Medford it should read to appoint Mr. Hugo Martinez, Webb County Public Defender.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Preventive Maintenance & Labor Program Agreement with Southwest Solution Group to provide maintenance to the Lektriever (SN 30416) located at the Webb County Purchasing Office at an annual cost of NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$975.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent, Account Number; 001-0600-6402 (Repairs & Maintenance Equipment)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to accept Five (5) rights- of- way, out of Tanquecitos South Acres, One (1) drainage easement, out of Bonanza Hills Phase I, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into an architectural services agreement with Humphries & Sanchez Architects, P.L.L.C. for design and remodeling of the Tax Assessor Collectors Office at Six Percent (6%) of construction cost and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office October 9th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item with funding to be out of the Vehicle Inventory Tax (V.I.T.) account. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to enter into the following third party funding contracts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents:
Contractor Organization Contract amount**

General Fund

TAMIU Guitar Ensemble	1,000
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.	1,500
Literacy Volunteers of America-Laredo	1,200
B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone Special Together)	2,000

Boy Scouts of America	3,750
Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc.	3,750
AVANCE - Laredo Chapter	5,000
Webb Soil and Conservation District #337	5,000
Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc.	7,500
Casa de Misericordia	10,000
Sacred Heart Children's Home, Inc.	11,250
Bethany House of Laredo, Inc.	12,500
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc.	15,000
American Red Cross, San Antonio Chapter, Laredo Branch Office	5,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Laredo, Inc.	18,750
Laredo/Webb County Food Bank	18,750
South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	26,300
Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc.	43,750
Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County	65,000
Greater Laredo Development Foundation	88,125
Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County (Safe Haven Program)	80,000
Border Regional MHMR Community Center	100,000
Texas A&M Dance Program	1,000
Health and Welfare Animal Protective Society	50,000
Ruthe B. Cowl	90,000
Gateway Community Health	150,000
Mercy Ministries	157,500

Hotel Motel Tax

Laredo International Fair & Exposition	3,400
Princess Pocahontas Council, Inc.	4,200
Society of Martha Washington, Inc.	4,200
Laredo Philharmonic Chorale	5,000
LULAC Council No. 12	5,000
LULAC Council No. 7	5,000
Border Olympics, Inc.	8,400
Laredo Center for the Arts, Inc.	8,400
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer Association, Inc.	8,400
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo, Inc.	8,400
The Laredo Philharmonic	8,400
Texas Special Olympics, Laredo Area	8,400
Washington Birthday Celebration Association, Inc.	8,400
Salon de la Fama Latinoamericano Del Deporte	9,200
Streets of Laredo Mall, Inc.	10,000
Webb County Heritage Foundation	50,000
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	125,800

Cmr. Garza motioned to table until the next meeting. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

(Media break 10:15 a.m. -10:30 a.m.)

- Item No. 32.** Discussion and possible action to accept additional monies for the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2007, in the amount of \$123,937.00 for a total award of \$495,750.00. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director, Account Number; 920-4200-5001]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer

- Item No. 33.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the approval of Change Order No.1 to CG Construction for the new Medical Examiners (Morgue) Building. This change order reflects the additional services for the removal of trees, vegetation, and unacceptable soils from the construction site and the deletion of the line item from CG's contract to install 1,000 feet of utility mains and septic system. This deletion of their line item offsets the cost of the additional services. No increase to the contract price. [Requested by Mike Cabello, Webb County Interim Engineer]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 34.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the Engineering Department to accept a proposal from Bill Reiffert & Associates, Inc. for the structural repairs of the Sheriff's upper level parking area in the amount of \$6,000.00. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff Rick Flores, Account #001-0109-6022]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 35.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the Engineering Department to temporarily stop the appraisal review of the Cuatro Vientos parcel surveys and have the County Judge sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Texas Dept. of Transportation & Interim County Engineer]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing Department

- Item No. 36.** Discussion and possible action to review proposals received and award contracts for the removal of mildew and to seal the weather surfaces of the Webb County Courthouse, 1000 Houston Street. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Twenty (20) XTL 500 Mobile Units and Eighty Nine (89) XTS 2500 Portable Units from Motorola in amount of \$372,700.49 for the Sheriff's Department purchased through the HGAC Contract. Funded: Homeland Security Grant Number 8260 (07) [Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez, Account Number; 327-2001-6224 Minor Tools & Apparatus]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to award the following bids:

Bid Number	Award to	Project Name	Amount
2007-98	Amistad Housing	Juan J. Olguin	\$40,896.00
2007-99	Amistad Housing	Maria De Jesus Martinez	\$40,896.00

[Requested by Juan Vargas, Account Number; None]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to award Bid #2007-37 "Three Year Contract for Cellular Digital Telephone Service" to Verizon Wireless. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain the services of Laredo Stripping, Inc. to stripe roadway with two coat paint and reflect media for the estimated amount of \$23,232.00 for the San Ignacio Road. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent, Account Number; 661-7501-8621-02]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of Mr. Mike Kazen to award the following bids:

Bid Number	Description	Award to
2007-89	Central Heating/Cooling Units	AA Builders
2007-90	Window Units and space Heaters	AA Builders

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to award Proposal #P-2007-09 "Sale of Juvenile Detention Center" to Swisher and Martin Realty. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendations of Mr. Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director and Mr. Eloy Ramirez Jr., Purchasing Agent to award proposal for Internet Service for Webb County to AT&T. [Requested by Jaime Alvarado, MIS Director/Eloy Ramirez Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain a cellular phone for Officer Juan Hernandez, Tax Office Vehicle Division from Verizon Wireless with long distance capability at a monthly rate of \$37.69 for 450 minutes. [Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor, Account Number; 001-0109-6004-2 Cell Phones]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to award the following "Two Year Contract" for the Jail:

Bid Number	Description	Vendor
2008-58	Food	Ben E. Keith
2008-59	Milk, Eggs and Orange Juice	Hygeia Dairy
2008-60	Spices and Related Items	La India Packing Co.
2008-62	Sliced Bread Flowers	Baking Co.
2008-63	Coffee	Farmer Brothers Coffee

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Four (4) HP LaserJet Printers from Southern Computer Warehouse in the amount of \$1,458.12 for Judge Oscar Martinez's office from the Capital Outlay Account. [Requested by Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, Account Number; 016-1044-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to award bid Number 2007-101 "One Light Duty Transit Wide Body 14 Passenger Bus w/Wheelchair Type II" to Southwest Ford, Inc.

[Requested by Robert Martinez, El Aguila Director, Account Number; Funds from TxDot]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to lease One (1) copier from Ikon Office Solutions in the amount of \$1,146.00 quarterly for the Agriculture Extension Office. [Requested by George Gonzalez, Webb County Agriculture Extension Director, Account Number; 001-5001-6402 Maintenance & Repairs and 001-5001-6014 Equipment Rentals]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a television and accessories items from Circuit City in the amount of \$1,449.97 [Requested by Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, Technology Fund Account Number; 016-1044-8801]

1. (1) 37" LCD Television	\$999.99
2. (1) DVD/ VCR Combo	\$99.99
3. (1) Wall Mount T.V	\$169.99
4. (1) Wall Mount DVD	\$180.00
Total	\$1,449.97

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to go into Executive Session. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 11:03 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Judge Valdez stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action regarding correspondence from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in connection with the Self-Help Center Contract and possible action to require that a certification guaranteeing a connection to water services be in place before a request to rehabilitate a property is brought to Commissioners Court for approval. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Requested by Leo Flores, County Auditor]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that no action was required regarding the correspondence from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; however, his recommendation for approval was to require that the certification guaranteeing a connection to water services be in place before a request to rehabilitate a property is brought to Commissioner's Court for approval.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the requirement being recommended by Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney.

Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-000810-D1, 359 P4 L.L.C. v. City of Laredo; in the 49th 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. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that no action was necessary on this item.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. 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. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that no action was necessary on this item.

Mr. Ramirez recommended to the Court to go back to item #18 before taking any action on item #53.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Allison & Bass & Associates to represent Webb County in, Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. Webb County, Texas in Cause No. 2007-CVQ-001680-D4; In the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas, and enter into and ratify a retainer agreement with said law firm and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Cmr. Garza motioned to retain the services of Alliscon, Bass, & Associates. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2007-CVQ-00168004 Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. County of Webb; in the 406th 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. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, asked if the motion could state to authorize Counsel from Allision, Bass, & Associates and the County Attorney to engage in all activities necessary to properly represent the County in this case.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the authorization of Counsel from Allision, Bass & Associates and the County Attorney to engage in all activities necessary to properly represent the County in this case. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause 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, advised the Court that no action was necessary on this item.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action concerning the recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee to uphold the termination of the employment of former Public Defender's Office Investigator Joseph Henry Martinez. The Committee also recommended that Mr. Martinez be considered for any available position in another department for which he is qualified. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Adjourn

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.