

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2008 at 9:00 AM
(Approved on February 11, 2008)

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 25th of January 2008. 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 January 9, 2008 and January 14, 2008

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, explained the Treasurer's Department monthly 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 stated that he had no items under communications.

Cmr. Tijerina congratulated The WBCA (Washington's Birthday Celebration Association) committee for a great job with all the events and advised them that Commissioner's Court was available for any support.

Cmr. Garza stated that he had no items under communications.

Cmr. Martinez congratulated the Road & Bridge Department for the tremendous work that they have done with the paving at Los Botines. He also congratulated Mr. Jose Luis Ramos and Mr. Quiroz.

Judge Valdez sent his deepest condolences to the family of Officer Meza. He welcomed the students from Ms. Quintanilla's LCC Government class. Judge Valdez congratulated Honorable Judge Casseb and J.C. Martin Jr. on the 96th anniversary of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust, Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, the new County Engineer, and UETA on a successful turnout of the Jamboozie.

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 – Remy Salinas

Judge Valdez advised the Court that Mr. Remy Salinas would wait to present his comments until the item is brought up.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the day of January 31, 2008 as “Earned Income Tax Credit Day” in Webb County, Texas.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer from within the 2003 Bond Series - Road & Bridge Improvements- as follows:

From: Account 661-7501-8621-02 - Del Mar Blvd. - \$140,000.00

To: Account 661-7501-8621-04 - Jennings Road - \$140,000.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Sergio “Keko” Martinez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

Item No. 9. Appointment of the Civil Service Commissioners for Webb County Civil Service Commission. [Co-Sponsored by Comm. Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, Pct. 2]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Tijerina thanked Mr. Leo Flores, Mr. Leroy Medford, Ms. Cynthia Mares, Mr. Mike Buckiewicz, and Comr. Martinez for all their work.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 10. Consideration and adoption of an ORDER AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Item No. 11. Consideration and adoption of a RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.

Item No. 12. Consideration and adoption of a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITY PLEDGE FOR THE ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS PROGRAM LOAN.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to defer items 10, 11, and 12. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to go back to Public Comment Item #6. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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1st witness card – Remy Salinas

Mr. Salinas stated that he was going to speak on item #20. He advised that Court that they should only make payments on what the Court authorized a few years ago and not allow the County to pay the bills of the Rural Rail District. He asked the Court to honor the state statutes and not make anymore payments. He stated that the Rural Rail District should not use the County as a funding source.

2nd witness card – Manuel Salinas

Mr. Salinas advised the Court that he was there to ask them to reject the proposal from the Engineer. He explained that the County Attorney was supposed to call him to explain to him the proposal on the new irrigation system. He stated that the proposal for the new irrigation system merits more study.

3rd witness card – Javier Mendoza

Mr. Mendoza spoke on item #39. He advised the Court to ask the Purchasing Agent for briefing since more information was needed on the mold issue. He advised the Court that the problem would not be fixed by sealing the building.

4th witness card – Tim Guterrez

Judge Valdez advised that Mr. Gutierrez was not going to speak on a specific item and that he would prefer to adhere to the policy that is in play which states that an item should be on the agenda in order to speak under public comment.

Judge Valdez advised Mr. Gutierrez to have an item placed on the agenda on the next Commissioner's Court meeting so that he could be given an opportunity to speak; to which Mr. Gutierrez acknowledged.

Webb County Attorney

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twelve (12) month (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) Third Party Funding Agreement with Gateway Community Health Center located at 2309 Saunders at a fee of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$62,500.00) paid upon acceptance and TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) per month for the remainder of the term for a total of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.[Account #001-4300-7455]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy, and Direct Energy for the Neighbor Program whereby vendors will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2008 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency; Account #902-4200-7804 (Emergency Food and Shelter Program)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (January 28, 2008 through January 27, 2009) maintenance agreement with Nevill Business Machines, Inc. concerning a Kyocera Copier (KM-2550) located in the office of the Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 at a cost of THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$13.30) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at .008 cents per copy and scan copies being billed at .002 per print and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Judge Alfredo Garcia; Account Number #001-1043-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year (January 28, 2008 through January 27, 2011) lease agreement with General Electric Capital Corporation concerning a Kyocera Copier (KM-2550) to be located in

the office of the Justice of the Peace Precinct Three at a cost of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$138.24) a month for a TOTAL COST OF FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY FOUR CENTS (\$4,976.64) and with a one time document fee cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Judge Alfredo Garcia; Account #001-1043-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Two (2) year (January 28, 2008 to January 27, 2010) Monitoring Agreement with PSS Security, Inc., at a monthly cost of TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$22.00) for a total cost of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$528.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Ms. Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director, Account #001-6114-6401 Repairs and Maintenance Building]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a two (2) year Maintenance Agreement with PSS Security, Inc., for a cost of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) for two inspections, SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) for repair if needed, THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$36.75) for each service call, and TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) for fuel charge if travel required, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Ms. Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director, Account #001-6114-6402 Repairs and Maintenance Equipment]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Professional Golf Services L.P., for improvements to the golf course pump facilities in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$160,740.80) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to amend INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEBB COUNTY RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND WEBB COUNTY, which was approved September 8, 2003, for the County to provide the following: 1) all necessary financial and administrative support through the County Auditor and County Treasurer to assist and enable the District to perform all necessary services; and, 2) to pay and/or reimburse the District for all necessary expenses and contractual obligations for professional services related to permitting an international railroad bridge on behalf of and/or in conjunction with Webb County (including but not limited to financial advisory, legal, architectural, and engineering). The amendment will provide that the District will work cooperatively with Webb County regarding all phases of the project.

Cmr. Garza motioned to defer the item. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to accept the following rights of way, out of:

Property	Grantors
D-5 Acres	
Tract 30	Jose Tomas Ramirez and wife Maria del Carmen Ramirez
Los Altos	
Lot 4, Block 1 Lot 15, Block 7	Graciela Rocha Rolando Alejandro Cavazos
Old Milwaukee	
Tract B-1A	Jose Ines Armendariz and wife Tomas Armendariz
Tract B-1A	Miguel Angel Medina and Felipa Medina
Tract B-1A	Pedro Alejandro Medina and Wife Maria De Jesus Medina
Tract B-1A	Erasmus Gonzalez
Tract B-1B	Armando Aguilar
Tract B-2	Elsa S. Garza
Tract B-2	Maximino Sanchez, Jr.
Tract B-2	Elida S. Cortinas
Tract B-2	Enedelia S. Martinez
Tract B-2	Eduardo Sanchez

Tract B-2
Tract C-4

Tract D-1
Tract D-1
Tract E-1

Tract E-2

Lilia Duran
Maria Guillermina Sanchez de
Aguilar
Horacio Mata
Martin Murillo
Eduardo Aguilar and wife
Maria Isabel Aguilar
Juan Manuel Molina and wife
Leonor Molina

**and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by
Law Offices of Francisco J. Saldana]**

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Webb County Clerk

Item No. 22. Status report on the County Clerks office revenues.

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, explained to the Court that a memo had been sent to the Auditor's Office regarding a correction to the County Clerk's revenues. She explained that the collections revenues which were about \$300,000.00 under the general fund and \$10,000.00 under Road & Bridge needed to be transferred to correctly reflect the budgeted revenues for the County Clerks office which are \$1,261,000.00. She advised the Court that the office revenues have been down; however, by the 2nd week of February the website should be implemented to which additional revenue will be collected and hopefully this would enable the office to balance the budget so that the expectations could be met.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

**From: Acct #009-1120-6022 Professional Services \$7,000.00
To: Acct #009-1120-5005 Temporary Part Time \$7,000.00**

[Requested by Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk; Account #009-1120-6022 & 009-1120-5005]

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra explained that the funds are available and that this part time help will assist in going forth with a project set out for the Court Section instead of contracting with someone.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained that he is looking into Mrs. Ibarra's concern; however, Mr. Flores stated that the revenues will be accounted for by the County Clerks office but received by Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector.

Hector Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Pl.1

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer in order to increase payroll slot #1716 from \$20.70/hr. to \$26.00/hr effective 02-01-2007.

From:	001-1040-6010 Books and Subscriptions	120
	001-1040-6014 Equipment Rental	2500
	001-1040-6205 Materials and Supplies	1500
	001-1040-6402 Repair and Maintenance	3000
To:	001-1040-5001 Payroll	7120

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Webb County Sheriff's Office

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to accept a Border Security Justice Assistance Grant (Application No. 1979001) in the amount of \$183,645 from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD), and designating the county judge to act as the grantee's authorized official. [This grant does not require any match, and, thus, is at no cost to the county.]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to bring back items #10, 11, and 12. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 10. Consideration and adoption of an ORDER AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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Presentation and discussion on file at the County Clerks Office under the January 28th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to form a committee consisting of Cmr. Martinez, Cmr. Sciaraffa, as Chair, Mr. Flores, El Cenizo Mayor, Rio Bravo Mayor, County Engineer, and Mr. Tony Alderete to look into the water issue and come back with a recommendation. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve items #10, 11, and 12. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez asked Mr. Tim Gutierrez if he was to be speaking on item #34; to which, Mr. Gutierrez stated that it was not specifically on that item. Judge Valdez explained that he would prefer for Mr. Gutierrez to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting. Cmr. Garza stated that he would sponsor Mr. Tim Gutierrez so that an item could be placed on the agenda on the next meeting.

Tax Assessor Collector

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to approve the following refunds:

1. **Killam Ranch Properties in the amount of \$2,742.60 reason: was granted agriculture use**
2. **\$3,061.78 Acct #947-13001-215, (1,340.17 to Webb County Tax Office, to credit Acct #947-1300-216 and \$1,721.61 to Texas Rehab Invest Corp, combined with Accts. #947-13001-214 & #947-13001-216 per declaration for years 2004-2006).**

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Facilities Department

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of an Infrared Thermal Imager at a cost of \$14,500.00. [Requested by Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director; Account #001-0106-6402 Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Head Start

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to fill Slot #1842, AA Teacher (40 hrs/week for 10 months) with an annual salary of \$20,527.85, effective January 28, 2008. [Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-5001]

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1107 and Slot #1112, Substitute Teacher (Part-time 30 hrs/week) with an annual salary of \$9,370.12, effective January 28, 2008. [Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-5001]

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to fill Slot #2171, Kitchen Aide (Part-time 20 hrs/week) with an annual salary of \$6,930, effective January 28, 2008. [Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #906-4209-5001]

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items #28 , 29, and 30 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

From:	Account #903-4208-5001	(Payroll)	\$105,000
		(Fringe Benefits)	\$ 45,000
To:	Account #903-4208-8801	(Capital Outlay)	\$150,000

[Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-5001 and 903-4208-8801]

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office under the January 28th Commissioner's Court meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present.

Judge Valdez motioned to bring back item #7. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the day of January 31, 2008 as "Earned Income Tax Credit Day" in Webb County, Texas.

Ms. Paty Guajardo, Laredo Family Economic Success Coalition and Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, thanked the Court for their support.

Judge Valdez read the proclamation.

(MEDIA BREAK 10:13 a.m. – 10:32 a.m.)

Judge Valdez motioned to bring back item #20. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Martinez not present.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to amend INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEBB COUNTY RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND WEBB COUNTY, which was approved September 8, 2003, for the County to provide the following: 1) all necessary financial and administrative support through the County Auditor and County Treasurer to assist and enable the District to perform all necessary services; and, 2) to pay and/or reimburse the District for all necessary expenses and contractual obligations for professional services related to permitting an international railroad bridge on behalf of and/or in conjunction with Webb County (including but not limited to financial advisory, legal, architectural, and engineering). The amendment will provide that the District will work cooperatively with Webb County regarding all phases of the project.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office under the January 28th Commissioner's Court meeting DVD.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to table the item and place an item on the agenda for the next City County Committee meeting. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion failed 2-3 with Judge Valdez, Comr. Tijerina, and Comr. Garza voting against.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted and include that the County will meet with the City of Laredo to make negotiations. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1 with Comr. Martinez voting against and Comr. Sciaraffa abstaining from voting.

Juvenile Department

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program, and further authorizing the County Judge, the County Auditor, and the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to execute all forms relevant to said grant. [Requested by Melissa Mojica, Webb County Juvenile Department; Fund 159]

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the continuation of the Juvenile Prosecution Project under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program and, further, authorizing the County Judge to execute all forms relevant to said grant. [Requested by Melissa Mojica, Webb County Juvenile Department; Fund 153]

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #32 and 33 as submitted. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Medical Examiner

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to approve the relocation of gates at the Casa Blanca State Park to allow the Medical Examiner to egress and ingress to the New Medical Examiner's Facility, and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the County Clerks Office under the January 28th Commissioner's Court meeting DVD.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted and include written permission from the State for authorization to relocate the gates. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing Department

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following items from Bob Barker for the Sheriff's Department

Qty	ITEM	AMOUNT
45	#500LCD Container	\$ 4,725.00
30	#Z46002 Faucet Assembly for Thermos	\$ 330.00
10	#SB5480 Blankets	\$ 862.50
10	#505 Line-Life Smocks	\$ 949.60
	TOTAL	\$ 6,867.10

[Requested by Major J.J. Gonzalez, Webb County Sheriff's Office; Account #001-2062-6205 Materials & Supplies]

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to approve P-2007-12 to Zertuche Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$541,433.00 for the Fifth Floor Improvements from Accounts:

Insurance Proceeds	\$175,000.00
District Attorney Federal Forfeiture Fund 169	\$370,079.00
Funds Available	\$545,079.00

[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account (Insurance Proceeds & Fund 169)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the Community Action Agency service/commodities contracts for the CEAP Program.

Service Bid Contracts

Central Heating/Cooling Units
Water Heater Shed
Water Heaters Installation
Window A/C Units, Space Heaters
and Installation of Refrigerators

Commodity Bids

Evaporative Cooler
Refrigerators
Heaters

Water Heaters
Window A/C Units

[Requested by Mike Kazen, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to award Bid Number 2008-01 "Housing Assistance – Alfredo Guajardo" to AA Builders in the amount of \$19,150.00. [Requested by Juan E. Rodriguez, Account #506-6500-7037-3 Contractual Housing Rehab]

Cmr. Sciaraffa 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 the following service contracts for the removal of mildew and seal the weather surfaces of the Webb County Courthouse, 1000 Houston:

1. Alamo I Mildew Removal	\$ 43,944.00
2. R.M. Techon Sealing of Weather Surface	\$283,490.00
3. R.M. De Humidification Dehumidification	\$137,434.00
3. Astex Environmental Consultant	\$ 18,000.00

\$ 482,868.00

[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr. Account; #605-8108-8801-60 Capital Outlay, Mold Removal]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase uniforms from Cintas Corporation in the amount of \$12,110.34 for

the Road & Bridge Department Personnel. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Director; Account #010-7002-6202 Uniforms]

Cmr. Martinez 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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Proposals to retain the services of an Architectural Firm to develop plans and specifications to an office building for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase Computers and Software for Judge Alfredo Garcia's Office from the following:

QTY	Description	Vendor	Amount
3	Computer	Dell (DIR-SDD-192)	\$3,699.00
3	Software	SHI (DIR-SDD-198)	\$1,059.00
			\$4,758.00

[Requested by Judge Alfredo Garcia, Account #016-1043-8801 Technology Fund Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Road and Bridge

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action authorizing Dept. 7002 Road & Bridge to fill the following slot:

Slot #1995 Refuse Truck Driver \$11.98/hr.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Self Help Center

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations from the Webb

County Housing Rehabilitation Scoring Committee on the following eligible applicants to receive assistance under US Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant: Mr. Ramiro Macias, and under Self-Help Center Housing Rehabilitation Program: Mr. Jose Isabel Rivera and Mr. Marcelino Rivera all from Colonia Los Altos, and to authorize the purchasing agent to solicit bids for the rehabilitation of these three houses. [This action will not have an impact on the County's general fund.]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 11:55 a.m. – 12:

- Item No. 45. 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)]

- Item No. 46. 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)]

- Item No. 47. 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)]

- Item No. 48. 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)]

- Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2004-CVE-001299-D1, Barbara Jeanne Goodman v. Webb County, Texas 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, stated that no action was needed on items # 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Allison, Bass & Associates to represent Webb County in Cause No. 2007-CVE-001055-D2; Armando Mata and Melissa Ramos v. County of Webb; In the 111th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; to enter into and ratify a contract for professional services; and to authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, advised everyone that this item has already been discussed and was not an executive session item and require no action.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action concerning Civil Action No. L-170; Jesus Eligio "Chuy" Cantu vs. Webb County, Texas, and Webb County Commissioners Court; 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, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Mr. Homero Ramirez recommended settling within the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the recommendation of Mr. Homero Ramirez. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to settle bodily injury claim resulting from a collision between a Webb County vehicle and a vehicle being driven by Rocio Garcia on or about October 26, 2006. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez recommended settling within the parameters discussed in Executive Session.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve the recommendation of Mr. Homero Ramirez. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.