

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

Tuesday March 25, 2008 at 9:00 AM
(APPROVED ON APRIL 14, 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 20th of March 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 March 10, 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 Report

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, explained her monthly report.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina 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 the Family of Jesus Garza and Dr. Crispin Sanchez. She thanked everyone who assisted in Hwy 359 Park for the Easter Holiday. Cmr. Tijerina sent her gratitude to Jose Luis Ramos and Road & Bridge staff, Mr. Raul Elizondo and Facilities Department staff, Mr. Juan Vargas, Economic Development, Ms. Cassie

Allred, Self Help Center, and Mr. Tony Alderete, Engineering Department for assisting in opening the park for the residents to utilize.

Comr. Garza had no items under communications.

Comr. Martinez sent his condolences to the Family of Jesus Garza and Dr. Crispin Sanchez. He thanked the people who came to see him last week regarding the future use of the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Judge Valdez wished everyone a Happy Easter and sent his condolences to the Families of Ruth B. Cowl and Dr. Crispin Sanchez. He congratulated Comr. Tijerina for being inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame.

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 – Javier Mendoza

Mr. Mendoza spoke on items 27 and 30. He stated that what is currently being done at the Courthouse is not in the protocol. He explained that the mold has to be found first before beginning the cleaning process and that the process of hiring the company was done prematurely and was a waste of tax payer's monies. Mr. Mendoza further stated that RM was not the lowest bidder. In reference to item #30, he explained that the area already had a lot of vandalism and a halfway house being built there would not help the problem.

2nd witness card – Guadalupe Perez

Mr. Perez spoke against the project being proposed at the Juvenile Center since there were two schools near there and what would happen if a shootout were to occur. He advised the Court that the decision lied in their hands.

3rd witness card – Rodolfo Lerma

Mr. Lerma stated that he had no problem with the County wanting to sell the property; however, he believed that young children could not be rehabilitated how could adults be. He stated that there were two schools near and that there was already a lot of crime occurring in this area.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of April as "Head Start Month in Webb County, Texas".

Ms. Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Director, thanked the Head Start Staff and Commissioner's Court for everything they have done for the Head Start Program. She introduced the following children representing the program:

Springfield Acres – Gaille and Joel Valdez sons of Mrs. Alicia Valdez

Ninos Alegres – Sebastian Lopez, son of Ana E. Lopez

Sierra Vista – Ana Munoz, daughter of Ana Munoz

Prada – Luis Ramirez, son of Juan D. and Cynthia Ramirez

Jesus Garcia – Brianna Santos, daughter of Jessica Santos

Judge Valdez thanked his staff and the Commissioner's staff for putting together the gifts for the children.

Court read the Proclamation on file.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to designate a Webb County representative to the Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center (MRGB-AHEC).

Judge Valdez appointed Mr. Frank Salinas as representative to the Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action regarding a county policy on the sale and or consumption of alcoholic beverages on county property and any matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to table the item for further consultation with Counsel. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Cmr. Martinez asked if the centers could be included in the policy as well; to which, Cmr. Tijerina agreed.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Webb County Attorney

Item No. 10. 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
<i>General Fund</i>	
Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc.	\$43,750.00
Literacy Volunteers of America- Texas	\$1,200.00
<i>Hotel/Motel Fund</i>	
Society of Martha Washington	\$4,200.00
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo, Inc	\$8,400.00

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 approve the form of the 2008/2009 Third Party Application, set submission dates and deadlines for application for Third Party Funding, and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez]

Judge Valdez motioned to approve a submission date of April 1st and a deadline date of May 16th. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Cmr. Martinez asked Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, if they could provide the Court with a copy of all submissions as they are coming in; to which Mr. Ramirez acknowledged.

Mr. Homero Ramirez recommended having a press release to communicate the dates to the public.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (March 25, 2008 to March 24, 2009) electronic monitoring service agreement with Secure Alert, Inc. for Indigent Defense Services Department clients at a daily rental rate of \$8.00 per day. [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Director, Indigent Services Department, Account No. 001-2100-27 (GPS Indigent Defense)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008) software license and maintenance agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. (ESRI) for the County's GIS (Geographic Information System) located in the Planning Department and utilized for digital mapping activities, geographic spatial analysis, and terrain and flooding modeling in the colonias and throughout the county in order to regulate development in compliance with State and Federal mandates and local regulations at a cost of SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,700.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Rhonda Tiffin, Director, Planning Department, Account No. 010-0102-6222 GIS Mapping]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 10, 2007 through October 10, 2008) equipment maintenance agreement with Professional Document Packaging ("PDP") to provide maintenance support for a Powis Parker Fastback Binder and Powis Parker Fastback Spine Printer utilized by the Planning Department at a cost of NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$970.00), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Rhonda Tiffin, Director, Planning Department, Account Number 010-0102-6402 (Equipment Repairs & Maintenance)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a library book security service agreement for the library located at the Larga Vista Community Center

beginning March 15, 2008 and ending September 30, 2008 with 3M Center at a cost of SIX HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$649.88), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Alice Garcia, Director, Larga Vista Community Center, Account Number 001-6103-6402 (Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment)]

Cmr. Garza 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 One (1) year (May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009) Lease Renewal agreement with the City of Laredo International Airport for approximately 1000 square feet of office space constituting Building S-3 located at 1703 Sandman Street at a monthly rental fee of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND FORTY-FIVE CENTS (\$530.45) for a total cost of SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$6,365.40) over the lease term, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Director, Head Start, Account No. 903-4208-6012 (Space Rental)]

Cmr. Martinez 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 Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and TXU Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby TXU Energy 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, 2009 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. 902-4200-7004]

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

Cmr. Garza asked Mr. Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director, what was the amount being funded; to which Mr. Kazen explained that it was approximately \$13,500 a quarter.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment to a Letter Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and First Choice Power where First Choice Power will provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 to assist qualifying AEP Central First Choice Power Customers with electric utility expenses for a term beginning January 29, 2008 and ending on January 29, 2009 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. 902-4200-7004-02]

Cmr. Garza 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 Letter Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC CARE Program for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency to be utilized to help the needy pay home energy expenses for a term beginning March 25, 2008 and ending on March 24, 2009 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. 902-4202-7004]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 20.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment number one (1) to the Rural Transportation State Fund Grant Agreement No. UWR 0702 (51) U13 with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation wherein Webb County accepts an amendment to change the contract's termination date from March 31, 2008 to August 31, 2008 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. 980-4200-3502]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 21.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a "Weatherization Contractors Application" with American Safety Insurance Services, Inc. ("ASIG), effective April 1, 2008, to provide program insurance for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Weatherization Program as required and mandated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Mike Kazen, CAA Director]

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

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

- Item No. 22.** 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 "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy, and

Direct Energy 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 Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. (Grant Revenue)]

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

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

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and Center Point Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Center Point Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency for bill payment assistance to eligible low-income households 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 Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. (Grant Revenue)]

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

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

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and TXU Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby TXU Energy 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, 2009 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency, Account No. 902-4200-7004]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, asked that on item #17 the motion could reflect approval for one year agreement rather than ending December 31, 2009.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve for one year. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to adopt changes to the Bylaws of the Webb County Community Action Agency Advisory Board of Directors to comply with federal, state laws as well as administrative rules promulgated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

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

After discussion, Comr. Tijerina and Comr. Martinez withdrew their motions.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a House Bill 1196 (80th Legislature) Agreement with the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, concerning the Weatherization Program (WAP) wherein Webb County agrees to repay the State of Texas any monies, with interest, given to Webb County if it knowingly violates 8 U.S.C. §1324(f) (employing undocumented workers) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency]

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a House Bill 1196 (80th Legislature) Agreement with the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, concerning the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) wherein Webb County agrees to repay the State of Texas any monies, with interest, given to Webb County if it knowingly violates 8 U.S.C. §1324(f) (employing undocumented workers) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended to table item to further analyze House Bill 1196.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to table items #25 and 26. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with RM Techcon Construction, L.L.C. in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420,920.00.00) for masonry re-tuckpointing, masonry waterproofing, exterior painting, roof renovation and dehumidifier installation at the Webb County Commissioners Courthouse Building and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account No. 605-8108-8801-60 Capital Outlay, Mold Removal]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that this item be tabled.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Rhino Builders, Ltd. In the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$298,850.00) for modifications and improvements to the Webb County Tax Assessor Collectors Office and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account No. 605-0700-8801-2]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to, by private sale and pursuant to Tax Code Section 35.05 (h), sell to the State of Texas, the property known as part of lot seven (58 x 69.3 feet), in Block 31, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas for THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$30,781.00) and to authorize the distribution of the proceeds of the sale to those taxing entities having been awarded judgment as a result of a tax lien foreclosure judgment on said property [Requested by the State of Texas, Texas Department of Transportation]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Nathan Bratton, County Attorney's Office, asked the Court for a motion to authorize Judge Valdez to sign the Deed conveying the property once the check is received from TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation).

Cmr. Martinez motioned to authorize the County Judge to sign all documents. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action regarding the earnest money contract with Cornell Correction of California, Inc. for the sale of the Webb County Juvenile Justice Center (Juvenile Detention Center) located at 4101 Juarez, Laredo, Webb County, Texas and any matters incident thereto. [Executive session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney and §551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that there was a counteroffer being offered which he would like to discuss in Executive Session.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (10:00 a.m. – 10:17 p.m.)

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

Mr. Homero Ramirez recommended to reject the counteroffer discussed in Executive Session.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to reject counteroffer that was made to Webb County on behalf of Cornell Correction of California, Inc for the sale of the Juvenile Detention Center and rescind all actions taken with regards to the earnest money contract. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez asked that for clarification if rescinding all actions meant to rescind specifically the prior action at the last Commissioner's Court meeting authorizing and approving the proposed earnest money contract; to which Cmr. Martinez acknowledged.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No. 1 Discussion and possible action to hire a student from Texas A & M International University to do their internship with the county for a total of 120 hours at the rate of \$8.00 per hour to be paid from Commissioner Pct. 3 discretionary fund Account #605-0203-8801.

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

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, recommended that a line transfer be done from Building Maintenance and Construction FY 07-08 to Part time under the Planning Department for the amount of \$1,300.00.

Cmr. Garza amended his motion to reflect Mr. Flores's recommendation and for it to be effective March 26, 2008. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2 Discussion and possible action to allocate \$3,000 to the American Legion Post 59 Honor Guard to continue their work honoring deceased veterans. Funds to be taken from Account #605-0203-8801.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Webb County Sheriff's Department

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a grant application to the State Administrative Agency, Office of the Governor for a FY 2008 DHS Operation Stonegarden Grant Program. This grant has no match, and, thus, is at no cost to the County.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

From:

001-2001-6201	Utilities	20,000.00
001-2001-6202	Uniforms	10,000.00
001-2001-6402	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	3,000.00
001-2060-6022	Professional Services	5,000.00
001-2060-6201	Utilities	10,000.00

To:

001-2001-5011	Sick Leave Buy Back	2,636.00
001-2001-6001	Office Supplies	5,000.00
001-2001-6205	Materials & Supplies	7,500.00
001-2001-6401	Repairs & Maint Buildings	3,864.00
001-2060-6401	Repairs & Maint Buildings	15,000.00
001-2060-6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	14,000.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Assessor Collector

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to approve the following refund of \$12,188.89 to Alexander Residential Development LP, Acct. # 900-90261-254; account was already paid.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Raul Vasquez, 111th District Court Judge

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From: Visiting Judges	001-1002-6026	2,816.00
To: Longevity Pay	001-1002-5004	2,816.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services Department

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Secure Card ID Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00, to address the mandate of HB 3613 which became effective January 01, 2008. [Funding: request for Auditors to assist in identifying a funding source]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to allow Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, to transfer the necessary funds from Department 0109. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Building Maintenance

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slots effective March 25, 2008:

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
0621	Grounds Keeper	up to \$10.95
2280	General Repair Person	up to \$ 9.48
2196	HVAC Technician	up to \$14.90

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to ratify the submission of an application for FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program Phase #25, in the amount of \$25,050.00 and authorizing the Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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 authorize the expenditure of county funds for the Weatherization Program effective April 1, 2008, pending the receipt of grant funds and required documents for the new program year.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Economic Development

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2008 as Fair Housing Month and April 14th -18th 2008 as Fair Housing Week and designating the Webb County Community Action Agency responsible for monitoring Fair Housing in Webb County.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Texas A & M University College of Architecture, Center for Housing and Urban Development, Colonias Program, for the completion of the Nutrition/Health Learning Center located behind the Self-Help Center off HWY 359. This action will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve items #39 and 40 as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the completion of the Nutrition/Health Learning Center located adjacent to the Self-Help Center located off Hwy 359. Funds (\$75,000) will be acquired from Texas A&M College of Architecture, Center for Housing and Urban Development, Colonias Program. This action will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Elections

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to authorize and establish the Main and Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Sites for the April 8, 2008 Democratic Primary Runoff Election within Webb County, Texas pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Oscar Villarreal, Elections Administrator, explained that Mall Del Norte would no longer be utilized as a polling site and that they would utilize Hillside Recreation Center for this election.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to amend the times to reflect that all sites be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the exception of the schools which are Finley Elementary, Cigarroa High School, Alexander High School, Nixon High School, LBJ High School and Nye Elementary should remain from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer Department

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

Water			
From:	801-3001-6005	Postage	2,000.00
To:	801-3001-6401	Repairs and Maint. Building	2,000.00

Larga Vista Community Center

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From: 001-6103-5601	Administrative Travel	500.00
To: 001-6103-6402	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	500.00

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve items #43 and 44 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Management Information Systems

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slots effective April 1, 2008:

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2386	Programmer Analyst	up to \$19.23
2387	Programmer Analyst	up to \$19.23

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning Department

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to adopt the revised National Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and D-FIRM (Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map) for Webb County, Texas with an effective date of April 2, 2008; the adoption of a revised Webb County Flood Damage Prevention Order in compliance with the current model order under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); the consideration of adopting modifications as recommended by the Planning Advisory Board on March 12, 2008, to include the adoption of a Twelve (12) inch "freeboard" requirement above the base flood elevation and the appointment of the Planning Advisory Board to serve as the Appeal Body to hear appeals and requests for variances in the enforcement of said Order; and any matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing Department

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to award the following CEAP contracts as follows :

Bid Number	Description	Vendor
2008-06	Central Heating/Cooling Units	AA Builders (Primary) Gateway Air Conditioning (Second)
2008-07	Evaporative Cooler	Lowe's Home Center (Primary) W.W. Grainger, Inc. (Second)
2008-08	Refrigerators	Lowe's
2008-09	Space Heaters	Lowe's
2008-10	Water Heater Shed	AA Builders
2008-11	Water Heaters	Lowe's Home Center (Primary) W.W. Grainger, Inc. (Second)
2008-12	Window A/C Units	AA Builder (Primary) Grainger Industrial Supply (Second)
2008-13	Water Heater Installations	AA Builders
2008-14	Window Units, Space Heater, Refrigerators	AA Builders

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to contract the services of Simplex-Grinnell for the annual Fire Alarm Inspection, Fire Sprinkler Inspection, and Fire Sprinkler Backflow/Check Valve Inspection for several County Buildings for a total cost of \$5,000. [Requested by Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director, Account Number 001-0106-6401 Repairs & Maintenance Building]

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, explained that the total cost was wrong and should be \$15,245.00.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to dispose of salvage and surplus property pursuant to Subchapter D, Disposition of Salvage or Surplus Property, Section 263.151 thru 263.157, Texas Local Government Code.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2008-04 "Annual Contract for Emulsion (Local)" to Leyendecker Materials. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase office supplies from Executive Office in the amount of \$6,148.35 for the Head Start Program. [Requested by Estela Salazar, Account Number 903-4200-6001, Office Supplies]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to authorize the solicitation of bids for the Youth Village Project:

1. Food Service Equipment
2. Road Construction & Utilities for Youth Village Project Camino Nuevo Rd, Lot 1, Block 1, Las Blancas Subdivision, Unit II
3. Utilities Construction (Fiber Cable)
4. Voice and Data Cabling

[Requested by Melissa Mojica, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to award bids for the Self Help Center/Rural Development Rehabilitation Program as follows:

Bid Number	Description	Vendor
2008-16	Marcelino Rivera	Master Construction
2008-17	Jose I. Rivera	Master Construction
2008-18	Luis Perez	Mortimer Investments
2008-19	Ramiro Macias	Delta Construction

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Scoring Committee to award proposal P-2008-02 "Request for Architectural Services for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department" to the firm of Ashley Humphries & Sanchez, Architects. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to appoint the following Webb County members to serve in the Scoring/Selection Committee pursuant to Professional Procurement Act, Texas Government Code Ch. 2254:

**Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent
Homero Ramirez, County Attorney
Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer
Leo Flores, County Auditor
Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director
Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to County Judge**

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he would like for all appointees to designate someone in case they were not available to meet with the Scoring/Selection Committee.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted and to have all appointees designate someone in case they are not available when the Scoring/Selection Committee meets. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Self Help Center

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Scoring Committee on the following eligible applicants to receive assistance under the Rural Development Housing Preservation Program: Mr. Abel Hernandez, and Mr. Jesus Contreras, from Colonia Los Altos; and to authorize the purchasing agent to solicit bids for the rehabilitation of these two projects. This action will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the March 25th Commissioner's Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57. Adjourn

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

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