

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2008 at 9:00 AM
(approved April 28, 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 11th of April 2008. Present also were Mrs. Nancy Vela, 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

Mrs. Kristina Ramirez Guerra, Chief Deputy, called role on behalf of Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for March 25, 2008

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 4. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report

Mr. Rafael Perez, Chief Deputy Auditor, presented the monthly report on behalf of Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa thanked the City of Laredo Council, Councilman Mike Garza, and Commissioners Court for their partnership on the El Eden Recreational Facility. He thanked Blas Castaneda and President Juan Maldonado from LCC for their partnership of the LCC Sports Complex. Cmr. Sciaraffa thanked Precinct 1 voters for allowing him another four years to serve the community.

Comr. Tijerina congratulated Comr. Sciaraffa on his runoff reelection. She encouraged everyone to support Habitat for Humanity. Comr. Tijerina thanked all the personnel that contributed in putting together the Webb County Luncheon. She congratulated the Webb County Employee Recognition on a great outcome with the employee picnic.

Comr. Garza congratulated Comr. Sciaraffa on his victory reelection. He stated that this past week Councilman Johnny Rendon, Blas Castaneda, Juan Maldonado, and he attended the Grand Opening of the Rapid Response Center at University of Texas Pan American.

Comr. Martinez congratulated Comr. Sciaraffa on his victory reelection. He thanked the Employee Recognition Committee for a job well done with the Annual Picnic. Comr. Martinez invited everyone to attend a meeting that will be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Manuel Martinez's house on Tendras Road where a lot of issues will be discussed.

Judge Valdez congratulated Comr. Sciaraffa on his reelection. He thanked the committee for putting together the luncheon for National Government Week. He thanked the employees for everything they do for the County. Judge Valdez thanked everyone for attending the annual picnic. He invited everyone to the 14th Annual Fishing Derby for physically challenged children on April 26, 2008.

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 – Tommy Boyd, TNT Fireworks

Mr. Boyd spoke on items 16 & 17 and ask the Court for their support to allow them to sell fireworks.

2nd witness card – Micheal Yoder

Comr. Garza stated that he would be called up when the item is brought up for approval.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Status report and recommendations by the Webb County Engineer regarding the water well project located on Webb County school lands.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, recommended to retrieve the pump and a utilities department generator that was previously used and onsite for testing and for monthly intermittent operation of said well. He stated that until such time that the Court decides on the status and use of the well, they would like to use those pertinences in other areas of the County. Mr. Sanchez also recommended the Court to consider possible action or discussion to consider proposals or statements of interests from other private or other public entities not to include Webb County for the development of the area as a water source. He stated that all proceeds would benefit school lands

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, explained that this item is for a status report only and no action can be taken on recommendations.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution in support of the location of the Tejano Monument at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Alfredo Gutierrez, representative of Villa de San Agustin de Laredo Society, stated that they would like for the monument to be placed in front of the State Capitol.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the Resolution in support that the Tejano Monument be placed in the front of the State Capitol. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

- Item No. 9. Status report and recommendations by the Webb County Engineer regarding a potential recreational park for the Quad City area. [Co-Sponsored by Webb County Judge Danny Valdez]**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to award Request for Qualifications Q-2008-01 "Architectural Design Services for North Side Park" to the firm of Turner, Hickey & Associates.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 11. Presentation by representatives from TAMIU's Urban Studies Program with discussion and possible action supporting a resolution endorsing the university's program.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Dr. Micheal Yoder, Associate Professor of Geology, in TAMIU made presentation.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve the Resolution. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 12. Discussion regarding the County's legislative agenda for 2009 and scheduling a planning meeting of the committee.**

Comr. Garza explained that the committee needed to meet to discuss issues for the upcoming legislative agenda for 2009 and invited all department heads and elected officials to submit any concerns or issues that they would like the committee to discuss to his office. He stated that the members of the committee were composed of himself, Mr. Leroy Medford, a representative from the County Attorney's Office, Mr. Leo Flores, Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Mr. Juan Vargas, and a representative from the Sheriff's Office.

- Item No. 13. Presentation by the Boys Scouts of America on their rifle & archery range with discussion and possible action to appropriate \$27,000.00 Dollars for the project. [Cosponsored by Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Commissioner Pct. 1]**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item as submitted and that the funding be divided by five (Court) from each of their discretionary funds. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 14. Presentation by Commissioner Jerry Garza, Building Committee Chair, on the status of the Building Committee with discussion and possible action to authorize a needs assessment to be conducted.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Comr. Garza motioned to authorize the Engineering Department and Purchasing Department and any other support staff that they may need to conduct the Needs Assessment for office space so that the Building Committee would be able to take up the issues and completion date to be with 30-45 days. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Sergio "Keko" Martinez, Commissioner Pct. 4

- Item No. 15. 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.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

- Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action pertaining to the sale of fireworks to the public by firework retailers for the "Cinco de Mayo" firework season beginning May 1st and ending midnight May 5th; and any matters incident thereto.**

- Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to restrict, by order, the sale or use of certain types of fireworks (referred to as "restricted fireworks" as defined to be "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins") in the unincorporated areas of Webb County until such time as the Texas Forestry service determines that drought conditions no longer exist.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to allow the sale of fireworks for the "Cinco de Mayo" on item #16.

Comr. Tijerina made a second motion for item #17 to exclude the fireworks explained by Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney.

Comr. Sciaraffa seconded both motions.

Motion carried 3-2 with Comr. Garza and Comr. Martinez voting against.

Webb County Attorney

- Item No. 18. 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]

- Item No. 19. 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. 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (February 26, 2008 through February 25, 2009) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an E720 Copier located in the office of the Webb County District Clerk at a cost of TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$240.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages billed at .007000 cents per print copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by the Honorable Manuel Gutierrez, District Clerk; Account Number 001-1110-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]
- Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (November 15, 2007 through November 16, 2008) equipment maintenance agreement with Xerox, Copy Connection, Inc. for a Xerox M15i fax machine located at the office of the Webb County Administrative Service Department at a cost of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$198.00) over the term of the agreement, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account Number 001-0105-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]
- Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (March 13, 2008 through March 12, 2009) maintenance agreement (Contract No. 211685-002) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an E281C Copier located in the office of the Webb County Administrative Service Department at a cost of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$324.00) with copy overages being billed on a monthly basis at \$.0092 cents per black copy print and \$.0935 cents per color print and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account Number 001-0105-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]
- Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year (April 14, 2008 through April 13, 2011) maintenance agreement (Contract Number 275976) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES 853 Copier located in the Planning Department with copy overages being billed on a quarterly basis at .007700 cents per black print copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Department; Account Number 10-0102-6402 Equipment Repairs & Maintenance]
- Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year (April 14, 2008 through

April 13, 2011) lease agreement with Office Communications Systems, Inc. ("OCS") concerning a Toshiba ES-853 Copier for the Planning Department at a monthly cost of THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-NINE CENTS (\$345.29) for a total cost of TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$12,430.44) over the lease term and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Webb County Planning Director; Account Number 10-0102-6402 Equipment Repairs & Maintenance]

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (February 11, 2008 through February 10, 2009) maintenance agreement (Contract No. 211177-002) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an E810 Copier located in the office of the Webb County Public Defender with copy overages being billed on a monthly basis at .0638 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Hugo Martinez, Public Defender; Account Number 001-1102-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (April 14, 2008 through April 13, 2009) maintenance agreement (Contract No. 33897-ES603) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an ES603 Copier located in the office of the 49th Judicial District Court at a cost of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at .007700 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by the Honorable Joe Lopez, 49th Judicial District Judge; Account Number 001-1001-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]

Mr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 as submitted. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(MEDIA BREAK 10:37 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.)

Judge Valdez motioned to move up item #35. Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to consider and approve a resolution authorizing the commencement of proceedings relating to the issuance of refunding bonds and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Don Gonzalez, Estrada Hinojosa Company, made presentation to the Court.

Mr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Mr. 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-

tuck-pointing, 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]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

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

Judge Valdez advised Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, that he would like Mr. Greenburg to provide a status report on the next commissioner's court meeting.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to take up the Executive Session items. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 11:28 a.m. -

Item No. 65. Discussion and possible action concerning the recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee to uphold the termination of the employment of Olga Garcia, formerly employed by the Webb County Indigent Health Care Services Department. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Item No. 66. Discussion and possible action concerning the recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee to uphold the written reprimand of Gloria Garcia, employee of the Webb County Indigent Health Care Services Department. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office in the April 14th Commissioner's Court DVD.

Comr. Martinez motioned to table items #65 and 66. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Comr. Garza asked Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, if all information requested would be sent to them so that both items can be taken up on the April 28th Commissioner's Court meeting.

Item No. 67. Discussion and possible action Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001252-D1; Mario A. Compean and Ruth Compean, Individually, and Jason Compean as Representative of the Estate of Eric Compean, vs. County of Webb; Webb County Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Rick Flores; and Former Sheriff Juan Garza, Individually; and John Does I – XL; In the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Item No. 70. 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. Jim Allison, Allison, Bass & Associates, recommended to authorize the Insurance Carrier to dispose of the case at their costs on any matter that they deemed necessary whether it be trial or settlement.

Mr. Martinez motioned pertaining to items #67 and 70 to authorize the attorneys for Webb County to work with the Insurance Carrier and make an offer of judgment at no cost to Webb County if it is deemed necessary by the Carrier.

Mr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 68. Discussion and possible action Cause No. 2008-CVQ-000184-D2; Quoc C. Trinh vs. Webb County, Texas, Jones & Gonzalez, P.C., and James K. Jones, Jr.; In the 111th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. [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 required on this item.

Item No. 69. Discussion and possible action regarding Application of Regional Land Management Services, Ltd. For Permit No. 2286, TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0729-MSW; SOAH Docket No. 582-04-0975 and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was required on this item.

Mr. Martinez motioned to recess until 2:00 p.m. Mr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(COURT IN RECESS 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Webb County Sheriff's Department

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a FY 2008 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice for the costs associated with incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens at the Webb County Law Enforcement Center (jail). This reimbursement grant program has no match, and, thus, is at no cost to the county.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a FY 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of

Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice for the acquisition of bulletproof vests for the safety of Webb County Sheriff's Department deputies. The cash match will be met through cash match funds set aside each year annually in the Webb County Budget (FY 2009).

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-2001-6730	Narcotics Disposal	15,000.00
To:	001-2001-6401	Repairs & Maint. Buildings	3,000.00
	001-2060-6401	Repairs & Maint. Buildings	12,000.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Assessor Collector

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to authorize Tax Assessor-Collector to provide proceeds from payroll for security guards needed to secure Tax Office during modifications and improvements to Tax Office after regular working hours.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, advised that the office will be closing from May 19th – May 23rd and explained that her staff will be training at the Administration Building.

Judge Alfredo Garcia Jr., JP Pct. 3

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

From:	001-1043-5601	Administrative travel	1,300.00
To:	001-1043-6014	Equipment rental	1,300.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Hector Liendo JP Pct. 1 Pl. 1

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to transfer funds from: 001-1040-6010 \$120.00, 001-1040-6014 \$2500.00, 001-10140-6205 \$1,500.00, 001-1040-6402 \$3000.00, total \$7,120.00 to: 001-1040-5001. Money to be used for salary increase on Slot #1716 from \$20.70/Hr. to \$26.00/Hr. to be effective 5/1/08.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Auditor

- Item No. 34.** Discussion regarding the issue of certificates of obligations series 2008 with possible action to appoint a committee to solicit capital project proposals from county departments, review said proposals, and to recommend funding; any other matters incident thereto.

Judge Valdez motioned to appoint a committee consisting of Cmr. Tijerina as Chair, Cmr. Garza, Leo Flores, Fitzgerald Sanchez, Eloy Ramirez, and Leroy Medford so that they can send a memo to the different departments asking them to identify their needs as well as meeting with each individual commissioner and then bring back a recommendation to the Court. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 36.** Discussion and possible action to ratify the approval of the following line item transfer:

From: 605-0203-8801-03 Bldg Maint. & Construction FY 2007-2008 1,300
To: 010-0102-5005 Planning Department - Part-Time Employees 1,300

From: 001-0109-6022 General Operating Expense – Professional Services 7,000
To: 001-011406224 Administrative Services – Minor Tools & Apparatus 7,000

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Buenos Aires Community Center

- Item No. 37.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From: 001-6113-6401 Repairs & Maintenance Building 1,500.00
To: 001-6113-6219-2 Goods for Public Events 1,500.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

- Item No. 38.** Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$871.64 from Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

- Item No. 39.** Discussion and possible action to approve conducting Category “B” Elections to fill a current vacancy due to an expired term as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant Issuance #2002-2.3). Election will be held on Thursday, April

24, 2008 for Area VI-Three Points, Lamar Chacon in the South Laredo Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to approve conducting Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy due to an expired term as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant Issuance #2002-2.3). Election will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 for Area III-El Cuatro in the Senior Citizen Home from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve items #38, 39, and 40 as submitted. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer Department

- Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action authorizing Road and Bridge to start clearing the Casa Blanca Dam and its spillway areas as Phase I of the County's proposed repairs to the Dam.

- Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following line item transfer:

Water

From: Acct. No. 801-3001-6201	Utilities	20,000
To: Acct. No. 801-3001-6205	Material and Supplies	4,000
Acct. No. 801-3001-6402	Repairs and Maintenance Equip.	5,000
Acct. No. 801-3001-6204	Fuels & Lubricants	5,000
Acct. No. 801-3001-6011	Training & Education	2,000
Acct. No. 801-3001-6004	Telephone	4,000

Wastewater

From: Acct. No. 801-3004-6201	Utilities	15,000
To: Acct. No. 801-3004-6202	Repairs and Maintenance Equip.	15,000

- Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Engineering ROW Department. to enter into formal negotiations with various land owner(s) in the Felix Vela Tract project to acquire needed land for road "Right of Way", and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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

Water

From: Acct. No. 010-0115-5602	Local Mileage	2,000.00
To: Acct. No. 010-0115-6205	Material and Supplies	2,000.00

- Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Engineering Department to prepare a General Request for Payment to the Texas Department of Transportation for the County's local match for construction of the following Off-State System Bridge project: Contract CSJ (0922-33-013)-Espada Creek on Mines Road in the amount of

\$49,514.40 (\$25,000.00 from Acct. #661-7501-8621-04 Bond Series 2003 and \$24,514.40 from Acct. #661-7501-8621-02 Bond Series 2003).

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item # 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Facilities

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-0106-6402 Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment	6,000.00
To:	001-0106-6224 Minor Tools & Apparatus	6,000.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Head Start

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slots, effective April 15, 2008:

Slot #1107 Substitute Teacher (Part-time 30 hrs/week for 10 months) 9,370.12
Slot #1945 Substitute Teacher (Part-time 30 hrs/week for 10 months) 9,370.12

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Medical Examiner

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	6401	Building Maintenance	300.00
To:	6403	Vehicle Maintenance	300.00

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to discuss and accept the first Annual Report of the Webb County Medical Examiner.

Dr. Corrine Stern, Medical Examiner, explained the Annual Report.

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to set a fee for cremation clearances as required by Section 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and any other matters incident thereto.

**Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slot effective April 14, 2008:
Slot #2232 Medical Examiner Secretary**

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve item # 49, on item # 50 to set the fee for cremation clearances of \$20.00, and approval item #51 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning Department

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slot effective April 21, 2008:
Slot #010-0102-2360 Permit Coordinator at \$9.67/hourly

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to approve the issuance of "Certificates of Compliance with Plat Requirements Regarding the Connection of Utilities" to authorize water and sewer service connections pursuant to the provisions of Section 232.028(b), Local Government Code and contingent upon the owner's execution of required affidavits regarding present and future dwellings/structures limitations, uses and sales for the following properties.

Los Altos Subdivision, Phase I

- 1) Block 1, Lot 32 (1 dwelling only)
- 2) Block 2, Lot 24 (1 dwellings only)
- 3) Block 7, Lot 11 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing 3 dwellings on 3 Lots.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item #52 and 53 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Public Defender

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to allow the Webb County Public Defender to file a formal Grant application with the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense for a Public Defender Juvenile Unit.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted along with the Resolution that needs to be attached to the grant application. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing Department

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals for Design Build Method of Project Delivery for the improvements at the Mirando Community Center. [Requested by Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina Commissioner Pct. 2]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase One (1) Toshiba E-Studio Copier from Toshiba Business Solutions (Texas Buyboard Contract #235-05) in the amount of \$9,489.83 for County Court at Law I. [Requested by Judge Alvino "Ben" Morales, County Court at Law I; Account Number 605-8108-8801 Capital Outlay]

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase parts needed to repair Unit 10-80 in the amount of \$7,697.86 from Fleet Pride for the Road and Bridge Department. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Director; Account Number 010-7002-6403 Repairs Maintenance Vehicles]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #56 and 57 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to rescind the action on Bid 2008-07 "Evaporative Coolers" and award as follows:

1. W.W. Grainger, Inc. (Primary)
2. Lowe's (Secondary)

[Requested by Mike Kazen, CAA Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following for Administrative Services Department:

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Copier	Toshiba Bus. Solutions (Buyboard Contract#235-05)	9,489.83
2	Laptop Computers	Dell (DIR-SDD-192)	2,554.80
2	License	SHI (DIR-SDD-198)	706.00
		TOTAL	12,750.63

[Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account Number 605-8108-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following for Constable Juarez:

QTY.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	Phone System	Summit Communications	\$5,000.00
3	Blinds	Lowe's	162.00
1	Area Rug	Lowe's	232.00
11	Office equipment/Furniture	Executive Office Supplies	2,055.95
3	Computers	Dell (DIR-SDD-192)	2,334.00

3	License	SHI (DIR-SDD-198)	1,059.00
			TOTAL: \$10,842.95

[Requested by Constable Tino Juarez, Account Number; 605-8101-8801 Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action to approve the format and wording of the plaque for the Girls Scout's new facility.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action to purchase Ballistic Protective Vests (Model #ABAExtreme HP Level III A) in the amount of \$33,200 from GT Distributors (Texas BuyBoard Contract #248-08) for the Sheriff's Department funded by: Bureau of Justice Assistance Bullet Proof Vests Partnership Grant. [Requested by Sheriff Rick Flores, Account Number 305-2001-7211-06 Bullet Proof Vests]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Quad-City Community Center

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-6108-6401 Building Maintenance	\$ 500.00
	001-6108-6502 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 700.00
To:	001-6108-6204 Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,200.00
From:	001-6100-6205 Materials & Supplies	\$1,500.00
To:	001-6100-6204 Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,500.00

Santa Teresita Community Center

Item No. 64. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-6114-6201 Utilities	\$1400.00
	001-6114-6402 Repair & Maint of Equip	\$ 500.00
To:	001-6114-6401 Repairs & Maint of Bldg.	\$1180.00
	001-6114-6205 Materials & Supplies	\$ 500.00
	001-6114-6219-2 Goods for Public Events	\$ 220.00

[Requested by Juanita Puente; Center Director, Account Number 001-6114-5601 & 6402]

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #62, 63, and 64 as submitted. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 71. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.