

Official Minutes for Webb County  
Commissioners Court Meeting  
(APPROVED MAY 27, 2008)

Monday, May 12, 2008 at 9:00 AM

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
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Absent:

Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
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Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 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**

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

**Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Comr. Tijerina motioned to excuse Comr. Sciaraffa from being absent. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2008**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained his monthly report. Comr. Garza asked what the stop loss amount was; to which Ms. Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director, explained that it was \$250,000.00 per incident.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, explained that the independent auditors had found that all employees should have accurate balances in the system for time keeping purposes and that it should be centralized. She invited the

Court to attend a meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> pertaining to timekeeping of employees. She explained that this is a requirement and that the County needs to account for all the liabilities which include absences, vacations, and any comp time that is owed by the County.

**Item No. 5. Communications**

Cmr. Tijerina wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and thanked all county employees for their assistance with Martin Rico's plate sale.

Cmr. Garza wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and congratulated all individuals who won office for City Council and LCC. He stated that he was looking forward to working with the new City Council members.

Cmr. Martinez wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and congratulated all graduates from TAMIU and all who won for office in the city elections.

Judge Valdez wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and congratulated all winners on both the city and LCC elections. He advised the public that there will be a meeting for the Webb County Elections Commission being that it was important to maintain the integrity of the elections office.

**Item No. 6. Public Comment - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.**

No one signed up for public comments.

**Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge**

**Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to Proclaim the month of May as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month" in Webb County, Texas.**

Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to the County Judge, advised that Ms. Diana Castaneda, representative from Gateway Community Health Center, was not present.

Judge Valdez read the Proclamation.

**Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to Proclaim the month of May as "Soil & Water Stewardship Week" in Webb County, Texas.**

**Item No. 9. Presentation by Mr. Memo Benavides, Chairman of the Webb Soil & Water Conservation District on Federal funding and districts educational programs.**

Mr. Leroy Medford asked if both item #8 and #9 be taken together.

Judge Valdez read the Proclamation.

Mr. Guillermo Benavides, Chairman of the Webb Soil & Water Conservation District, thanked the Court for their support. Present also were Ms. Mira Pulido, Jeremy Hasty, And Mr. Carroll Summers.

**Item No. 10. Presentation by George Gonzalez, Webb County Extension Agent, with discussion and possible action for Webb County to consider hosting this year's County Judges & Commissioners CEU Conference.**

Mr. George Gonzalez, Webb County Extension Agent, advised the Court that the date that he was considering for Webb County to consider hosting the conference was December 11<sup>th</sup> or the Thursday before that. He explained that it takes time to put the agenda together and that was why the timeline was early.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution supporting the bi-national effort of Webb County, City of Laredo, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and to initiate a month-long "Los Dos Laredos" festival to celebrate the founding days of both cities; and any other matters incident thereto.**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez advised that there was going to be a press conference today at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to Proclaim the month of May as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month" in Webb County, Texas.**

Ms. Diana Castaneda, representative from Gateway Community Health Center, thanked the Court for their support.

**Item No. 12. Status report by staff on the condition of the Webb County Justice Center, Billy Hall Administration Building and other county buildings that were affected by the heavy rains experienced on May 5th, 2008, with discussion and possible action to ratify emergency action taken by administration in hiring contractors and purchasing equipment to protect county property from flood waters; and order procurement exemptions in conjunction therewith; any other matters incident thereto. [§262.024 (1) and (3), Local Government Code]**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks office in the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Present were Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, Ms. Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director, and Mr. Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve item as submitted and include any overtime that was accrued. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to direct the Webb County Engineer to prepare Request for Qualifications to hire an engineering firm to perform a hydraulics and**

**hydrology study to determine specific improvements that would reduce the impact of the storm events recently experienced; and any other matters incident thereto.**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3**

**Item No. 14. Presentation by Frank Architects on the Buenos Aires Community Center with discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the construction of said facility; and any other matters incident thereto.**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Addendum No. 1. Discussion and possible action to approve an increase to Yvonne Lopez slot #2198. From \$12.17 to \$14.90 due to inter-office position change from traffic clerk to traffic supervisor.**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**(MEDIA BREAK 10:05 a.m. – 10:28 a.m.)**

**Webb County Attorney**

**Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line-item transfer:**

<b>From:</b>	<b>001-1101-5602</b>	<b>Local Mileage</b>	<b>100</b>
	<b>001-1101-6010</b>	<b>Books /Sub</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>001-1101-6028</b>	<b>Witness Exp.</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>001-1101-6403</b>	<b>Repairs/Maintenance of Vehicles</b>	<b>1,100</b>

**[Requested by Honorable Homero Ramirez, Webb County Attorney; Account Number 001-1101-6403]**

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Martinez not present.

**Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to accept the following right of way, out of; Porcion 47, City of Laredo original Grantee Abstract 238, Property Grantors 0.8478 acre tract in Porcion 47 D.D. Hachar Chartiable Trust City of Laredo Original Grantee, Abstract 238, Webb County, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Engineering Department]**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent .

- Item No. 17.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment with Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center increasing the original contract amount by FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), to help defray the cost of constructing/remodeling a recreational rehabilitation area, for a total contract sum of ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$105,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2 and Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3; Account No. 605-0201-8801 & 605-0203-8801]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter into an Architectural Services agreement with Hickey Pena Architects, LLC for the design of the North Side International Park and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 19.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Seventeen (17) month (April 15, 2008 through August 31, 2009) rural transportation federal fund grant agreement (No. 51822F7182) with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, wherein Webb County accepts a grant amount not to exceed SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$63,152.00) for the "El Aguila" Rural Transportation program and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. This Grant will be used for preventive maintenance expenses. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency; ("El Aguila" Rural transportation, Mr. Robert Martinez Manager; Account No. (Grant Revenue)]

- Item No. 20.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Two (2) year (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009) Vendor Agreement with First Choice Power Special Purpose, L.P. for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby First Choice Power will provide funding to the Webb County Community Action Agency for bill payment assistance to eligible low income households, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency; Account No. (Grant Revenue)]

- Item No. 21.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Two (2) year (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009) Vendor Agreement with Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Medina Electric will provide funding to the Webb County Community Action Agency for bill payment assistance to eligible low income households, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency; Account No. (Grant Revenue)]

- Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Two (2) year (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009) Vendor Agreement with Reliant Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Reliant Energy will provide funding to the Webb County Community Action Agency for bill payment assistance to eligible low income households, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Director, Community Action Agency; Account No. (Grant Revenue)]
- Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (May 12, 2008 through May 11, 2009) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an ES603 Copier located in the Administrative Services Department at an annual cost of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages billed at .007700 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.[Requested by Cynthia Mares, Director, Webb County Administrative Services Department; Account Number 001-0114-6402]
- Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (May 12, 2008 through May 11, 2009) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning an E550 Copier located in the Webb County Law Library at an annual cost of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages billed at .0082500 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Rosie Cuellar-Castillo, Webb County Law Library; Account Number 001-1130-6402]
- Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Jim Hogg County for autopsy services at ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) per autopsy for a one year period beginning May 12, 2008 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Dr. Stern, Webb County Medical Examiner]
- Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into Additional Support Software Services Agreement ("Fair Defense Act Task") with New World to provide for automation of criminal court appointment of attorneys in the amount of EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$89,040.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Webb County Indigent Services Director; Account Number 022112058405 Computerization Costs]

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve items #19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, and exclude item #24 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr Garza motioned to table item 24 as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Constable Ruben Reyes Pct. 2

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following line item transfer:

From: 001-2503-6011 Training & Education 1000

	001-2503-6205	Materials & Supplies	1000
	001-2503-6403	Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	3000
To:	001-2503-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	5000

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

#### Constable Tino Juarez Pct. 4

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following line item transfer:

From:	001-2502-6202	Uniforms	1,170
To:	001-2502-5004	Longevity Pay	1,170

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action authorize the following line item transfer:

From:	001-2502-6224	Minor Tools and Apparatus	700
To:	001-2502-6402	Repairs and Maintenance Equipment.	700

#### Buenos Aires Community Center

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

From:	001-6113-6402	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	1,500
To:	001-6113-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,500

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

Cmr. Tijerina asked who the longevity pay on item #28 was for; to which Sgt. De Leon, Constable Pct. #4 office, stated that it was for three officers.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

#### Community Action Agency

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to accept additional monies for the Community Services Block Grant Contract Amendment (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2008, in the amount of \$383,046.00 for a total award of \$510,728.00.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to approve \$89,883.00 in Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs to be used in the Weatherization Program from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

- Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to approve \$69,610.00 in Department of Energy (DOE) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs to be used in the Weatherization Program from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
- Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$17,500.00 from Reliant Energy Retail Services, LCC. The Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to assist qualified Reliant Energy Retail Services, LCC clients.
- Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 from First Choice Power, L.P. The Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to assist qualified First Choice Power, LP clients.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items #32, 33, 34, and 35 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Economic Development**

- Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a Contract Amendment #4, Budget Modification line item change for Construction and Performance Statement by reducing the number of beneficiaries based on current house to house survey to the Office of Rural Community Affairs Contract TCDP #724195 (Felix Vela Tract). This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Facilities**

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

From:	001-0106-6401	Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	12,000
To:	001-0106-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	10,000
To:	001-6002-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	2,000

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Head Start**

- Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to extend the length of employment for Slot Numbers 2038 and 2039 (AA Teacher Assistant) from 21 Pay Periods to 24 Pay Periods for FY 2007-2008. [Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros; Account Number 903-4208-5001]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### Larga Vista Community Center

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-6103-5601	Administrative Travel	150
	001-6103-6403	Repair & Maint Vehicles	500
	001-6103-6502	Janitorial Supplies	150
To:	001-6103-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	800

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### Planning Department

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certification Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize an electrical connection pursuant to Section 232.029(b), Local Government Code to Block 7, Lot 5, Los Altos Subdivision, Phase I (electricity – two dwellings only).

Item No. 41. 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 24 (2 dwellings only)  
2) Block 7, Lot 18 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing 3 dwellings on 2 Lots.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items #40 and 41 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### Purchasing Department

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to ratify the repair of a Flygt 47 HP Pump at the Water Utilities Department by Delta House Electrical & Motor Rewind, Inc. in an amount of \$8,576.98. [Requested by Johnny Amaya, Utilities Director; Account Number 801-3004-6402 Repairs & Maintenance]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase the following for County Court at Law No.1:

Qty	Description	Vendor	Amount
2	Laptop Computer	Dell (DIR-SDD-192)	\$2,199.28
2	License	SHI (DIR-SDD-198)	706.00
			TOTAL: \$2,905.28

[Requested by Judge Alvino "Ben" Morales, Account Number 605-8108-8801  
Capital Outlay]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to upgrade the Sound System for the District Courts, County Court at Law I and the Central Jury Room by Southwest Sound and Electronics, Inc. as follows:

\$53,860.00	Equipment and Installation
6,363.00	Additional Microphones
1,560.00	Labor
1,000.00	Security needed for approximately 5 days
\$62,783.00	TOTAL

[Requested by District Judges Account Number; Fund 683 Interest Series 2002]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of Foster Engineering to award Bid 2008-22 "Webb County Vela Tract Water Improvements to SER Construction.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to rescind the court's action of April 14, 2008, to award the purchase of parts and repair needed for Unit 10-80 at the Road and Bridge Department from Fleet Pride in the amount of \$7,697.86 and to authorize the Purchasing Agent to award to Andy's Auto Air. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge; Account Number 010-7002-6403 Repairs and Maintenance]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to authorize payment to AT&T in the amount of

\$12,927.94 (\$8,927.42 late fees) and (\$4,000.52 adjustments) for August, 1998 through December 2002 and to accept credit due Webb County in the amount of \$13,213.38 (\$11,061.84 duplicate billing) and (\$2,151.54 adjusted late payment charges). [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr. Account Number; 001-0109-6004-Late]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 48.** Discussion and possible action to cancel the contract between Webb County and Golf Professional Services for the "Casa Blanca Golf Course Pump Station Replacement" Bid 2007-103 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids.

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

**Item No. 49.** Discussion and possible action to award bid #SHC 2007-74 (Santos Sierra/SAADRIA Inc., Construction). This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund. [Requested by Juan Vargas; Account Number 466-4301-7037-3]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### Road and Bridge

**Item No. 50.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	010-7002-6205	Materials & Supplies	80,000
To:	010-7002-6204	Fuel & Lubricants	80,000
From:	010-7001-5601	Administrative Travel	1,300
To:	010-7001-6004	Telephone	1,300

**Item No. 51.** Discussion and possible action to fill the following slot effective May 12, 2008:  
Slot 682 Concrete form Setter @ \$11.24/hr effective

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve items #50 and 51 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### Tax Attorneys

**Item No. 52.** Discussion and possible action to accept the county's proportionate share of the proceeds in the sale of one property that was being held in trust by the City of Laredo.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks office in the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Present were Maria Elena Morales and Ms. Patricia Barrera.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer**

**Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to ratify new account set up Nova Pro Risk account #2210062764 at Commerce Bank. Purpose of the account is to process current worker's compensation claims.**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to do the following line item transfer:**

From:	001-0300-6011	Training & Education	1,000
To:	001-0300-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,000

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Santa Teresita Community Center**

**Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:**

From:	Administrative Travel	001-6114-5601	600
	Vehicle Maintenance	001-6114-6403	500
	Utilities	001-6114-6401	1,000
To:	Fuel & Lube	001-6114-6204	1,500
	Materials & Supplies	001-6114-6205	200
	Goods for Public Events	001-6114-6219-2	400

[Requested by Juanita Puente; Center Director, Account Number 001-6114-5601 & 6403 & 6401]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to accept a recommendation from the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) and authorize the construction, maintenance and continued operation of an axial flow wind turbine at the Santa Teresita Community Center for the purpose of providing offgrid alternative energy for a security light by the water pump yard; and authorizing the Road and Bridge department to provide the materials and to construct the tower pad and guy wire pads as well as a small concrete cage to hold the electronics and batteries necessary to operate the**

**system; and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.  
[Requested by Juanita Puente; Center Director, Account Number 605-0202-8801]**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks office in the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Present were Ms. Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director, and Mr. Dean Schneider, Engineer for Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Ms. Puente clarified that the item should read that Road and Bridge would provide the labor only not the materials.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised the Court that he would start dialogue with the Diocese's attorney.

Cmr. Garza motioned to go into Executive Session.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**(Closed Session/Executive Session 11:15 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)**

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

**Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to consider status of fees and fines contract with the law firm of Linebarger, Groogan, Blair & Sampson, LLP with possible action to terminate or renegotiate said contract. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Mr. Homero Ramirez advised the Court that they had two options either to terminate the agreement or to renegotiate the said contract. He recommended renegotiating the contract and appointing a committee to make recommendations.

Judge Valdez appointed Judge Oscar Martinez, Mr. Homero Ramirez, Cmr. Martinez, Mr. Leo Flores, and Mr. Leroy Medford to the committee.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve authorization to renegotiating the contract with the firm of Linebarger, Groogan, Blair & Sampson, LLp and the order MIS Department not to perform any work for the firm unless the ticket is 180 days or older and until the Court approves any renegotiations. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No. 58. Adjourn**

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.