

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2008
(approved September 8, 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 15th of August 2008. Present also were Ms. Virginia Martinez, 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

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Item No. 3. COMMUNICATIONS

Comr. Sciaraffa had no items under communications.

Comr. Garza walked in at 9:05 a.m.

Comr. Tijerina welcomed everyone welcomed all the applicants present.

Comr. Garza welcomed everyone present and stated that he was looking forward to looking at all presentations from the different entities.

Comr. Martinez sent his condolences to the Even Quiroz family on their loss and to the Santa Cruz family.

Judge Valdez welcomed everyone.

Item No. 4. 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.

Item No. 5. Discussion and possible action to commence the interviews with respective proposers regarding the selection of the Request for Qualifications to retain the services of a golf course management firm and any matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the August 19th, 2008 Commissioner's Court dvd.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, informed that there were eight firms which responded to the Requests for Qualifications. Mr. Ramirez called role to see if all applicants were present.

The following applicants were present:

- *Pedro R. Palacios Golf Professional
- *Balt Ramos, Inc.
- *Pablo Jacobo "Jack" Suneson Bautista
- *Kemper Sports
- *Southern Golf Properties

The following applicants were not present:

- *Martinez – Ramos Golf Management Group, LLC
- *Touchstone Golf, LLC
- *Billy Casper Golf

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, recommended to the Court to follow the specifications on the Request for Qualifications Golf Course Management and Operations Service for Casa Blanca Golf Course (RFQ-2008-02) **on file at the Webb County Clerks Office.**

Judge Valdez recommended that the interview consist of 2-3 minutes for opening statements, 15 minutes question and answer, and 5 minutes closing.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez informed the Court that Former County Judge Andres Ramos would like to speak under Public Comments; to which Judge Valdez allotted him three minutes to speak.

1st witness card – Andres Ramos

Mr. Ramos explained that when he was a County Judge 20 yrs ago the same issue with the management of the golf course was also discussed. He stated that the Court had the opportunity to bring in as a department of the County the golf course and hire a professional to run the department and make all revenues part of the Webb County budget. He advised the Court that in the future when they go out for bond issues the Court can state that they also have revenue coming in from golf course.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to follow the Requests for Qualifications set out by Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez voting against.

Judge Valdez motioned to shortlist the applicants to 4. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Martinez was administered an Oath by Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, to which he swear to tell the truth and that he has not been contacted by any elected official or any other person with an interest in this matter.

The following is the order that all applicants were interviewed:

Interviews on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the August 19th, 2008 Commissioner's Court dvd.

1st applicant – Zaturino Ramos Jr.
Representing Martinez, Ramos Golf Management Group

2nd applicant – Pedro Reynaldo Palacios
Representing Pedro R. Palacios Golf Professional

3rd applicant – Balt Ramos
Representing Balt Ramos Inc.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to accept the book presented by Mr. Balt Ramos. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez voting against.

4th applicant – Jack Suneson
Representing Pablo Jacobo "Jack" Suneson Bautista

Mr. Eloy Ramirez stated that Mr. Billy Kasper was not present yet; therefore, only three were pending to be interviewed.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to recess for lunch until 2:15 p.m. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(RECESS 12:50 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)

Mr. Eloy Ramirez advised the Court that Mr. Billy Kasper was still not present.

5th applicant – Kit Thompson
Representing Kemper Sports

6th applicant – John Junker, CEO & Co – founder of Southern Golf Properties
Representing Southern Golf Properties

Cmr. Martinez stated that he was having problems with accepting all additional submissions from the bidders.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to follow the outline that has been submitted by the company during the presentation. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

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

7th applicant – Lynn Shackelford & Chris Robertson
Representing Touchstone Golf, LLC

Cmr. Garza motioned to narrow down the applicants to four and allow the top four to present more accurate numbers based on 35,000 – 45,000 rounds. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Martinez opposed.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to have each Court member select their top four applicants. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez read the top four applicants which were:

Balt Ramos, Inc.
Kemper Sports
Southern Golf Properties
Touchstone Golf, LLC

Judge Valdez recommended the top four qualified which were Balt Ramos, Inc, Kemper Sports, Southern Golf Properties, and Touchstone Golf, LLC. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.