

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Public Hearing

Tuesday, August 21, 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 1:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Frank Sciaraffa	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Jerry Garza	Commissioner, Pct. 3
Sergio "Keko" Martinez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Absent:

Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
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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 15th day of August 2008. Present also were Mrs. Kristina Ramirez Guerra, 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 Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2. Open Public Hearing on Tax Increase (pursuant to Chapter 26, Tax Code) by Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Judge Valdez motioned to open public hearing. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 3. Public Hearing on Tax Increase. Last year, the Webb County property tax rate was .420055. That rate raised \$53,746,937.00 in revenues, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as law enforcement, judicial functions, county government, health and welfare, recreation and culture, community service, and other sources and uses. This year, Webb County is proposing a property tax rate of .420055. That tax rate will raise \$55,583,730.00, which is \$1,836,793.00 more in revenues than that raised by taxes imposed last year.

Judge Valdez asked if anyone was present that wished to speak for or against the item.

Mr. Anthony Peterson stated that he felt that the tax rate should not be raised and that all County employees should get a 3 % salary increase.

Item No. 4. Announcement of the date, time, and place of the Commissioners Court meeting at which a vote will be taken on the proposed tax rate.

Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, recommended that the tax rate be adopted at the next Commissioner's Court meeting which would be September 8th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., 1000 Houston St. 2nd floor, Laredo, Texas 78040.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to accept Ms. Barrera's recommendation. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Ms. Barrera stated that the next public hearing will be on August 25th, 2008.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Judge Valdez motioned to close public hearing. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.