

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009 at 9:00 AM
(approved January 26, 2009)

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 9th of January 2009. Present also were Mrs. Kristina Ramirez Guerra, Chief 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 in place of Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for December 8, 2008, December 23, 2008, January 1, 2009

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained the monthly report.

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, turned in her November monthly report.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Judge Valdez wished everyone a Happy New Year and sent his condolences to Ms. Pat Campos and her family, on the passing of her father Cirilio Campos and also former fire department chief Mike Perez. He welcomed all new elected officials.

Cmr. Sciaraffa welcomed everyone back and sent his condolences to Ms. Pat Campos and her family and Mr. Lino Alvarez.

Cmr. Tijerina welcomed everyone back on this New Year congratulated all newly elected officials and returning officials. She thanked everyone who donated toys for the community centers for precinct 2 and the quad city. Cmr. Tijerina also congratulated Dr. Francisco Cigarroa on his well deserved appointment. She welcomed doctors from UT Health Science Dental Clinic and Ms. Sara Pompa who is present of behalf of A.R. Tony Sanchez. Cmr. Tijerina welcomed Dr. Steven Carpenter, Mr. Bryan Boulanger, and Mr. Pete Lara. She sent her condolences to the family of Lino Alvarez, Pat Campos, and former chief Mike Perez.

Cmr. Garza welcomed everyone present. He sent his condolences to the family of Ms. Pat Campos and Mike Perez. Cmr. Garza announced to the public that he along with Judge Valdez and Mr. Leroy Medford had a successful meeting last week with the Legislators and Lobbyists in Austin, Texas.

Cmr. Martinez sent his condolences to the Salazar Family, Ms. Pat Campos Family, Mr. Tranquillino "Lino" Alvarez Family, and Mr. Mike Perez Family. He congratulated all newly elected officials.

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 – Bertha Solis

Ms. Solis thanked Cmr. Martinez for allowing them to use the La Ladrillera Community Center. Ms. Juanita Morales spoke on behalf of all the residents that will utilize the center and thanked the Court for allowing them the opportunity to use the center.

2nd witness card – Eva Delgado

Ms. Delgado stated she is president of the South Texas Development Council and was requesting permission to use the La Ladrillera Community Center. She mentioned that this would be at no cost to the County.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Presentation by Dr. Elaine Neenan, Associate Dean for External Affairs and Dr. Juanita Pineda, Assistant Professor of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School regarding a summary report on the recent activities and positive outcomes of the Colonia Mobile Dental Van Program and the completion of the pilot Dental Care Program sponsored by the Sanchez Foundation in Webb County, Texas.

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Item No. 8. Presentation by board members of the Laredo Mainstreet Organization regarding upcoming Jamboozie Festival on January 24th 2009.

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Item No. 9. Presentation by Guillermo "Memo" Trevino, President of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) regarding the upcoming WBCA events, with presentation of the 2009 WBCA poster to the Commissioners Court.

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

- Item No. 10.** Discussion and possible action to retain the professional architectural services of Mr. Roy Bechtol, Planned Environments, Inc. for a fee in the amount of \$25,000 to provide a Master Plan for improvements to the Casa Blanca Golf Course, and by order of the commissioners court to grant an exemption to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.024, Discretionary Exemptions, (a),(4), Texas Local Government Code; and any other matters incident thereto. [Capital Account #665-6001-8601]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve to retain the professional architectural services of Mr. Roy Bechtol and of exemption to competitive bidding based on his experience as a professional land development architect also based on the fact of his prior experience with the golf course and work with Webb County. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 11.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Road and Bridge and Facilities Departments to provide assistance and support, when possible, to the Casa Blanca Golf Course for maintenance activities as requested by Southern Golf Properties and approved by the Commissioners Court; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

- Item No. 12.** Presentation of the Water Filter Project for Hwy 359 by Dr. B. Stephen Carpenter, II, Associate Professor of Art Education & Visual Culture, Department of Teaching, Learning & Culture, College of Education & Human Development, Texas A&M University College Station.

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

- Item No. 13.** Discussion and possible action to secure the Webb County Self-Help Center Site, Highway 359, Laredo, Texas on which to construct a working prototype for a Water Filter Training and Education Facility for the TAMU Water Project, an initiative primarily concerned with producing and distributing low-cost, appropriate technology ceramic water filters for residents in the Colonias.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- Item No. 14.** Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County to submit the required

documentation to the State of Texas through the Texas Transportation Commission for the creation of a Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) to finance, acquire, design, construct, operate, maintain, expand or extend city-county transportation projects; and authorize the purchasing agent to solicit Request For Qualifications (RFQ's) for a consulting firm to assist with the petition and approval process; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of Rodolfo Rodriguez to the Webb County Community Action Agency Advisory Board.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Sergio "Keko" Martinez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with S.T.D.C. Border Nutrition Program to provide meals and other activities to residents of El Cuatro, La Ladrillera and Mother Cabrini neighborhoods at the present site at La Ladrillera neighborhood.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17. Presentation and Status Report by Melissa Mojica, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, on the Webb County Youth Village construction project with discussion and possible action on all matters incident thereto.

Presentation on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Garza motioned to move up item #64. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 64. Discussion and possible action to authorize a partial payment, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total amount of the furniture purchased and delivered through Workplace Resource for the Youth Village Project from the following vendors:

a.	Workplace Resource:	\$60,155.80
b.	Global Industries:	5,698.54
c.	Exemplis Corporation:	864.36
d.	Versteel:	4,887.93
e.	Kimball International:	95,199.65

Grand Total \$166,806.28

[Requested by Honorable Commissioner Jerry Garza; Account #684-1301-8401

(Youth Village Capital Outlay Furniture)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to enter into negotiations with Ernesto Ayala for the real estate purchase of a downtown property situated on Washington and Flores Street and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 555.072 (Deliberation on Real Estate matters)]

Cmr. Martinez requested that this item be brought up in executive session; to which, Judge Valdez also requested to bring up item 23 and also be heard in executive session.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action on possible litigation between Balt Ramos, Inc. and Webb County, Texas pursuant to a renewed promissory note dated February 11, 2008. [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Judge Valdez motioned to consider items 18 and 23 to be considered in executive session at the end of all items. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of Four (4) county golf carts from the Casa Blanca Golf Course to be used by the Laredo Crime Stoppers Association for security patrols at the 14th Annual Menudo Bowl which will be held on January 31, 2009 at the LIFE grounds; and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted subject to Webb County being added under the insurance in case of any loss or damage. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Judge Alvino "Ben" Morales, County Court at Law 1, as a member of the Webb County Bail Bond Board, as required by Section 1704.053(4), Texas Occupations Code, for a Two (2) year term effective January 1, 2009.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to recess for lunch and come back at 1:30 p.m. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous.

(RECESS 11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

County Attorney

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to correct amendments to budget of County Attorney's Office made on 12/08/2008 to reflect position 001-1101-2080 at \$76,000 and position 001-1101-2084 at \$74,000.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to amend General Order for personnel positions within the County Attorney's office to change title of slot # 1254 to "Assistant County Attorney".

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-0114-6014	Equipment Rental	2,000
	001-0114-6701-01	Health Fair Month	2,000
To:	001-0114-6033	Bonds & Insurance	4,000

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to approve renewal of 2009 of the Retiree Silver Choice Benefit Program (over 65 enrollees), with coverage offered through Monumental Insurance (medical) and SilverScript Insurance (prescriptions), effective January 1, 2009 and for the County Judge to sign all relevant documents, these insurance programs are administrated through the Texas Association of Counties. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #863-0105-6035-1]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Auditor

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-0400-5001	County Auditor Payroll	240
	001-1003-6402	Rep. & Maint. Equip.	2,000
To:	001-1011-5011- (CCL #1)	Sick Leave Buy Back	225
	001-1003-5011- (341st)	Sick Leave Buy Back	15
	001-1003-6205- (341st)	Materials & Supplies	2,000

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to engage the services of Justice Benefits, Inc. to do a Jail Cost Study for the Fiscal Year ended 09-30-08 to determine the cost of housing inmates at the Webb County Jail. [Requested by Leo Flores, Webb County Auditor; Account # 001-0109-6022 (Professional Services)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted without conditions. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve a transfer of \$45,000 from the Sheriff's State Forfeiture Fund (dated 12-18-08) into a new Fund titled County Attorney Forfeiture Fund and to approve a budget that will limit the funds for payroll expenditures for law enforcement purposes.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to accept \$516,860.00 of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds for FY-2009, issue general orders accordingly, publish a notice of public hearing and authorize the Executive Director to proceed with any necessary negotiation with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs and authorizing the Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into contract amendment number One (1) to the rural transportation state fund grant agreement No. RPT 0902 (22) with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, wherein Webb County accepts an increase of SIX HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$640.15) to the original grant amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$292,685.00) for the "El Aguila" rural transportation program and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 31. 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.

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to accept the initial allocation for the Community Services Block Grant Contract (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2009, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTYONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$131,937.00) for a total award of FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY

DOLLARS (\$516,860.00). [Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #920-4200-3501]

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2009, in the amount of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$1,585,881.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #911-4200-3501]

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slot effective January 13, 2009.

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
1129	Full Time Driver	\$9.36

[Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director, Account #980-4205-5001]

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to recognize and seat one elected Category "B" member, Ms. Amparo A. Mata/Representative from Area IV- Azteca-Guadalupe.

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to recognize and seat Two elected Category "B" members: Mr. Enrique Garcia/Representative from Area II-Ladrillera, and Ms. Maria Elena Garcia/Alternate from Area II- Ladrillera.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Supervision & Corrections

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution for a new DWI/Drug Court for Webb County; ratify the submission of a grant application to Criminal Justice Division of Texas for funding for said DWI/Drug Court program; and to designate Webb County Judge as the authorized official. The application was re-submitted on December 5th, 2008 in the amount of \$202,145.00.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to designate proposed area for the C.S.C.D. Day Reporting Center at 3802 S. Zapata Hwy and to approve requested remodeling for the operations of the program. [Requested by Rebecca Ramirez Palomo, Community Supervision & Corrections Director; Account #001-1200-6205]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Economic Development

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidders for the following housing rehabilitation projects under USDA Rural Development Program. This action will not have an impact on the County's General Fund.

SHC 2009-04 Mirella Hernandez
SHC 2009-05 Rosa Estevis

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to award Bid# 2009-001 SHC to the lowest responsible bidder, Master Construction (\$49,890.00) for the construction completion of the Webb County Nutrition/Health Learning Center, located at 8116 Hwy 359. This action will have no impact to County's General Fund.

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to release 10% retainage in the amount of \$1,525.00 to Master Construction for rehabilitation project of Elida Macias, from Colonia Los Altos, under USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Program. This action will have no impact to County's General Fund, (Account #506-2311)

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to release 10% retainage in the amount of \$1,690.00 Master Construction for rehabilitation project of Edmundo Saldivar, from Colonia San Enrique, under USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Program. This action will have no impact to County's General Fund, (Account #506-2311)

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a Flood Protection Planning application to the Texas Water Development Board under the Flood Protection Planning Program in the amount of \$300,000.00; and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Flood Protection Planning Program.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent clarified that on item 39 he recommended Master Construction for Mirella Hernandez # SHC 2009-04 in the amount of \$20,250.00 and on Rosa Estevis # SHC 2009-05 they recommended AA Builders Construction in the amount of \$22,622.56. He advised that these were the lowest bidders.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineering

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to correct the declaration of County Roads in Agenda Item # 44 from the Commissioners Court meeting dated August 22, 2005.

Which reads : *"Laredo Ranchettes-Pinzon Road"*
Corrected to: Laredo Ranchettes- Center Road

and

Which reads: *"Colonia Ranchitos Hwy 359-Pinzon"*
Corrected to: Colonia Ranchitos 359 East Subdivision-Pinzon Road.

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to approve Ramos Industries Change Order No. 4, in the amount of \$19,160.27 with an additional 92 days to the Rio Grande Intake, Pump Station and Reservoir Improvements contract. This will increase the contract to \$1,472,589.24. Final approval is to be contingent on TWDB. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer; Account # 648-8008-8801-11]

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action authorizing the transfer of funds to pay for a merit increase for employee in Slot #1301 for this fiscal year, Wastewater Superintendent, Water Utilities Department effective January 12, 2009. The increase requested will compensate the employee for recently gained Class "B" Licenses in both Water and Wastewater Treatment and greater responsibilities and job duties. The new annual salary will be \$43,345.50. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer; Account #801-3001-6048 (Water Utility Account, Licenses & Permits)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 44, 45, and 46 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Medical Examiner

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slot effective January 12, 2009.

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2394	Medical Death Investigator	\$13.50

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of No Plat Required" to a 28.8 acre tract of land, located in Porcion 47, Webb County, Texas, as requested by Hereford Realty, LTD; pursuant to the exemption provisions of Section XVI.1B (2) of the Webb County Subdivision Regulations and Section 232.0015(f) of the Texas Local Government Code, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements Regarding the Connection of Utilities" to authorize an electrical service connection pursuant to Section 232.028 (b), Local Government Code to the following properties:

1.) Block 9, Lot 3, San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I for one dwelling only (limited to a total of Two dwellings unless replatted)

Staff recommends the Court's approval of this item since all dwellings on these properties are connected to water and sewer service.

Item No. 50. 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:

D-5 Acres Subdivision

1.) Tract 26 (2 dwellings only)

Los Altos Subdivision, Phase I

1.) Block 2, Lot 7 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing Three (3) dwellings on Two (2) lots.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 48, 50, and on item 49 it would be contingent upon receipt of report from the City of Laredo as final recommendation that the septic tank has been abandoned on that property. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to approve a Deduct Change Order in the amount of \$5,090.16 from Zertuche Construction and to allow an expenditure in the amount of \$4,375.00 from the Contingency Betterment Allowance for the 5th Floor Improvement Project. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #700-8001-8601 (Construction in Progress)]

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

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

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of material to repair playground surfacing tile in Head Start Centers from Playwell Group (BuyBoard contract #269-07) in the amount of \$10,220.06. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Program Director; Account # 903-4207-6401 (Repairs & Maintenance Buildings)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of computer equipment from Calence (DIR-SDD-23609) in the amount of \$1,438.00 for the Casa Blanca Golf Course Pro Shop. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Program Director; Account #800-6014-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of One (1) stainless steel pass window in the amount of \$4,237.00 from Mission Restaurant Supply for the

new Youth Village, Juvenile Detention Facility. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #684-1301-8410]

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 53 and 54 as submitted. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, clarified that item 53 was submitted by Mr. Jaime Alvarado, MIS Director.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to request solicitation of bids for the Texas Community Development Program Contract #728075 and the new Self-Help Center Contract (TBA) for the water and sanitary sewer house-to-line connection project.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of the following items for Constable Tino Juarez.

Qty.	Description	Vendor	Amount
1	HDTV	Dell (DIR-SDD-192	\$ 967.12
1	DVD Player	Sam's	147.00
1	TV Mount	Sam's	99.37

Total: \$1,213.49

[Requested by Agustin "Tino" Juarez, Constable, Pct. 4; Account #605-0204-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Com. Garza motioned to approve items 55 and 56 as submitted. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to award or reject RFP 2009-02 Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the Construction of Three Water Wells, located in Bruni, Oilton and Hwy. 59 to Brown and Caldwell Engineering Firm; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #709-8001-6022 (Professional Services)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to award bid 2009-03 "Heavy Equipment for the Road and Bridge Department" to Carl Turner Equipment in the amount of \$44,582.00. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road and Bridge Director; Account #605-0108-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action for the court to authorize the payment of the following purchases/invoices from Constable Annette Munoz:

Vendor	Description	Account Number	Amount
Gall's., Inc.	First Aid Equipment	001-2501-6205	\$159.93

National Imprint	Instructional Material	001-2501-6011	101.08
			\$261.01

[Requested by Annette Munoz, Constable, Pct. 3; Account #001-2501-6205, #001-2501-6011]

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of additional audio/video system equipment from The Visual Systems Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,266.00 for the 406th District Court. [Requested by Judge Oscar Hale, 406th Judicial District Court; Account # 700-8001-8601 (Construction in Progress)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 58, 59, and 60 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action to purchase direct internet fiber service in the amount of \$1,495.00 per month from Time Warner to provide video conferencing for the District Courts. [Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director; Account # 001-0109-6004]

Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the purchase of Two (2) Video Conferencing Systems for the District Courts handling Indigent Offenders. [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Indigent Defense Services Director; Account # 022-1205-8405 (Equalization Disbursement Grant)]

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit "Request for Proposals" to retain the services of an architect to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best use of the Tex-Mex Building and Property. [Requested by Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 61, 62, and 63 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Santa Teresita Community Center

Item No. 65. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-6114-5601	Adm. Travel	1000
To:	001-6114-6205	Materials & Supplies	1000
From:	001-6114-6201	Utilities	1000
To:	001-6114-6219-2	Goods for Public Events	1000

[Requested by Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director; Account #001-6114-5601 & 6201]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:55 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.)

Judge Valdez stated that no action was taken.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to enter into negotiations with Ernesto Ayala for the real estate purchase of a downtown property situated on Washington and Flores Street and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 555.072 (Deliberation on Real Estate matters)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Comr. Martinez motioned to allow submissions for this property and any other properties downtown that comply and are interested in the needs of office space and have the Building Committee and Chair review the submissions and bring back a report to the Court. He also included in his motion that the meeting be posted as usual to allow the public to attend. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action on possible litigation between Balt Ramos, Inc. and Webb County, Texas pursuant to a renewed promissory note dated February 11, 2008. [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 12th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Comr. Martinez motioned to approve partial payment of \$18,000.00; however, approval would not entail agreeing to a partial payment plan as requested by Mr. Balt Ramos. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 66. Adjourn

Judge Valdez motioned to adjourn. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.