

Com. Sciaraffa had no items under communications.

Com. Tijerina wished Judge Valdez luck on his trip to Washington D.C. She congratulated Mr. Juan Vargas and his department as well as James Flores for a job well done on putting together a package to bring monies to Webb County. Com. Tijerina wished our President Barack Obama well in bringing our country forward. She congratulated Viviana Frank for a successful Jamboozie event as well as Dr. Ray Keck on his honor given by Boys Scouts. Com. Tijerina also thanked Ms. Janie Puente for organizing a successful event at Santa Teresita Community Center for the distribution of vouchers for school uniforms. She went on to send her condolences to the family of Rey Palacios, Leopoldo Reyes, Leyender family, Zuniga family, and Ms. Sara Buentello's family for the loss of their loved ones.

Com. Martinez thanked the Court for allowing the use of La Ladrillera Community Center. He stated that there were approximately 50 participants and expect the number of participants to increase to 75. Com. Martinez sent his condolences to Mr. Fernando Pena's family.

Com. Garza extended his condolences to the families of Leopoldo Reyes, Fernando Pena, Edward Leyendecker and Rey Palacios on the loss of their loved ones. He also wished luck to Judge Valdez on his visit to Washington, D.C. as well as our President Barack Obama.

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 – Eva Delgado

Ms. Delgado stated that she came before the Court to express her appreciation for allowing the use of La Ladrillera Community Center. Ms. Delgado stated that she was amazed to see the amount of residents that were currently participating at the center. She sent her blessing to the Court and reminded them to think of everyone surrounding them when making any decisions.

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to bring up item 56 and 57. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of the following vehicles and computers from the Webb County District Attorney's Office to Constable Rodolfo "Rudy" Rodriguez' Office:

2000 Chevy Pick-up White VIN #2GCE19T741354307 LIC. #782YH2 Unit #0926 Mileage 129804
2000 Chevy Pick-up Grey VIN #2GCE19T841381869 LIC. #252YH2 Unit #0931 Mileage 132260
2002 Ford Explorer Gold VIN #1RM2U63W327A55437 LIC. #04FND Unit #0920 Mileage 83166

Dell Computer W/Monitor, Keyboard and Speakers County Tag #19118
Dell Computer W/Monitor, Keyboard and Speakers County Tag #19119
Green Sentinel Safe

[Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, Webb County District Attorney]

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of Three (3) vehicles from the District Attorney's Office to the following departments:

2000 Chevy Impala 4 Door-Green-VIN #2G1WFS2E7Y928839 LIC. #587 Unit 0928 Mileage 83745

(Public Defender' Office)

2000 Chevy Monte Carlo, 2 Door-Gold- VIN #2G1WW12E9Y9233490 LIC. #032BB2 Unit 0940 Mileage 79762 (CSCD Office)

2000 Dodge X-Cab Pick-up Blue -VIN #1B7HC13Y11J254281 LIC #032BB2 Unit 0934 Mileage 110382 (CSCD Office)

[Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, Webb County District Attorney]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 26th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve items 56 and 57 as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Garza motioned to bring up item 48. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to authorize the facilities Department to proceed with alterations/improvements at the District Attorney's Office at an estimated cost of approximately \$7,000.00. [Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, District Attorney; Account #001-0106-6401 (Repairs & Maint. Bldgs)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Garza motioned to bring up item 11. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to appoint a committee consisting of representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department and Precinct One Constable to analyze security systems currently in use in and around the premises of the Webb County Justice Center, Courthouse, Administrative Building, Sheriff's Administrative offices and Jail.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to appoint 49th District Court Judge Joe Lopez, Comr. Sciaraffa, Comr. Tijerina, District Attorney Isidro Alaniz, Sheriff Martin Cuellar, and Constable Pct. 1 Rodolfo Rodriguez to be part of the committee. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

After discussion, Comr. Tijerina motioned to amend her motion and include County Attorney Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez and Purchasing Agent Eloy Ramirez to be part of the committee. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution affirming Webb County's support of and partnership with the 2010 Census.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to award Request for Qualifications Q-2009-01 "Design Build – Mirando Community Center Improvements". [Account #732-6100-8103 Series 2008A – (Building Improvements)]

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that the committee recommended KIVA Construction in the amount of \$99,163.00.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to award to KIVA Construction. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to allow the Webb County Road & Bridge Department to partner with the Rio Bravo RC&D (Research Conservation and Development) to conduct a county wide Abandoned Tire Clean Up Campaign.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to donate \$5,000.00 to the L.I.F.E. organization. [Account #605-0202-8801]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve the item subject to receiving a written request by L.I.F.E. explaining the use for the funds. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to authorize the 112th Washington Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) to utilize the sidewalk areas in front of the County Courthouse, Administrative Building and County Jail for the IBC Youth Parade and Washington's Birthday Parade and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve the item subject to WBCA including Webb County as part of their insurance. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Presentation by Ms. Nancy Rocha, Vice President of Public Finance for Wells Fargo Bank, regarding the "Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds".

Ms. Nancy Rocha, Vice President of Public Finance for Wells Fargo Bank, gave presentation.

County Attorney

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to accept the following rights of way, out of; D-5 Acres, Ranchitos Hwy 359 and Laredo Ranchettes.

Property

Grantors

D-5 Acres
Lot 10
Lot 15
Simon Sanchez and Georgina Sanchez
Homero Sanchez

Ranchitos HWY 359
Tract 47
El Vagon Ranch, LTD.

Laredo Ranchettes
Tract 11
Jose Antonio Davalos

and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to accept the following rights of way, out of; San Carlos Phase 1, Old Milwaukee, and Ranchos Penitas West.

| Property | Grantors |
|---|--|
| San Carlos Phase 1 Lot 6, Block 7 | Juan Lopez and Emma Rosa Lopez |
| Old Milwaukee D-2 | Zeferino Cortez |
| Ranchos Penitas West Tract 74 Unit V | John Jeffery Witt and Cynthia Yvonne Witt |

and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Nine (39) month (January 26, 2009 through April 25, 2012) lease agreement (Agreement No. 7237499-023) with Office Communications Systems, Inc. concerning the lease of a Toshiba copier (ES453) to be located in the office of the Webb County Justice of the Peace Oscar Liendo Pct 1 PI 2 at a quarterly cost of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND NINETYTHREE CENTS (\$573.93) for a TOTAL COST of SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINE CENTS (\$7,461.09) over the term of the agreement and with a one time document fee of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2; Account #001-1041-6014 (Equipment Rental)]

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES 2500C Copier located in the Engineering Department at a cost of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETYTHREE CENTS (\$1,939.93) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at .0010000 cents per black copy and .0850 cents per color copy authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant

documents. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer; Account #010-0115-6402]

- Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (January 26, 2009 through January 25, 2010) premium plus maintenance agreement (Contract Number 211529-ES453) with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-453 Copier located in the office of the Webb County Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2 at a cost of ONE THOUSAND THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$1,036.08) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being monthly billed at .007120 cents per copy and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct 1 PI 2; Account #001-1041-6014 (Equipment Rental)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to evaluate alternate sites near the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Bravo or in La Presa Subdivision for the possible construction of a 480-foot guyed radio tower subject to the outcome of geographical coverage maps, approval of the Federal Aviation Administration, or any other required studies or approvals. [Requested by Fitzgerald G. Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 26th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to appoint a committee which would include Mr. Mario Cavazos, Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Cmr. Tijerina, Cmr. Sciaraffa, and Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between Webb County and URS Group, Inc., obtain limited title search reports prepared by a Title Company licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance in conjunction with La Presa Colonia Facility Plan project (for the design of certain water and wastewater improvements), U. S. Army Corp. of Engineers contract number DACW64-02-D-0001, Task Order 0018. [Requested by Fitzgerald G. Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]

- Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department and the Webb County Attorney to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Webb and Texas A & M University to construct/complete a Nutrition and Health Learning Center adjacent to the Webb County Colonia Self-Help Center. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director]

- Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Facilities Department to proceed with alterations and improvements to the Webb County Attorney's Office in an amount up to \$1,500.00. [Requested by Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve items 20, 21, and 22 as submitted. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Hale, 406th District Court

Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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|-------|---------------|------------------------|-------|
| From: | 001-1004-6022 | Professional Services | 5,000 |
| To: | 001-1004-6205 | Materials and Supplies | 5,000 |

Honorable Alvino "Ben" Morales, County Court at Law 1

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

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|-------|---------------|----------------------|-------|
| From: | 001-1010-6011 | Training & Education | 1,000 |
| To: | 001-1010-6007 | Dues & Membership | 1,000 |

Sheriff Martin Cuellar

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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|-------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| From: | 168-2001-6014 | Equipment Rental | 10,000 |
| To: | 168-2001-6709 | Support Assistance | 10,000 |

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 23, 24, and 25 as submitted. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to approve financial support to Laredo Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$10,000.00 for rewards for the information program (TIPS Hotline), educational programs and administrative expenses. Funding is available in the State Forfeiture Fund.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Community Outdoor Outreach Program grant application, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Department of Texas Parks & Wildlife in support of the Sheriff's Outdoor Youth Posse through the Police Activities League (P.A.L.) for educational outdoor recreational activities for the underprivileged children of Webb County and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. The Webb County Sheriff's Office will be providing in-kind match only.

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve acceptance of a Citizens Corps Program (CCP) grant from the Office of the Governor - Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$15,485.08 for Neighborhood Watch Program activities and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant has no cash match.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Law Enforcement,

Prosecution, Court, and Training (LEPCT) Grant, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Criminal Justice Division Office of the Governor for coordination of law enforcement services and coordination of other services targeting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant will have a thirty-five (35%) percent cash match, which will be provided through the Sheriff's State Forfeiture funds.

- Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of 2009 Operation Stonegarden Grant Application, (with notification to the Economic Development Department), to the Department of Homeland Security for border security operations, and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant has no cash match.
- Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Auditor to approve the expenditure of funds from the South Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Laredo initiative for FY 2009, for the month of January 1st, 2009 through February 27th, 2009, pending the receipt of grant continuation award by the funding agency, Office of the National Drug Control.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Assessor Collector

- Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to authorize payment of \$126.25 for Wireless Card usage from 09/08 to 12/08, and future monthly payments of \$49.19 per month. [Requested by Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector, Account #001-0700-6205]
- Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to authorize reduction in Passport Photo fees from \$15.00 to \$5.00 in order to provide better customer service and one-stop shopping for passport customers. [Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector; Account #001-0700-3104]
- Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to approve refund of \$4,881.26 to Encarnacion A. Guerra, for Acct. # 97430001020, due to Supp. 1, Cert. 2008, Reappraised Value per Court Judgement Cause #2006CVQ001466-D1, 49th District Court for 2006 and 2007. [Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector; Account #001-0700-3063]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services

- Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to accept proceeds from Insurance Carrier (Travelers) for the May 5th Storm Claim for a total of \$ 30,231.84 (Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One Dollars & Eighty-Four Cents) and to reserve those funds

for expenses of same. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #001-2984]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 27, 2009:

| Slot # | Title | Hourly Salary |
|--------|--|---------------|
| 1811 | Administrative Technician | \$9.00 |
| 1157 | Case Worker | \$9.00 |
| 2422 | Case Worker | \$9.00 |
| 2011 | Manager/Community Social Services Programs | \$31,500.00 |

[Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #920-4200-5001]

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to accept a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 from TXU Energy. The Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds to assist qualified TXU energy clients. [Requested by Mr. Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #902-4200-7004]

Item No. 38. 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, January 29, 2009 for Area IV- Azteca- Guadalupe in the Azteca Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to ratify the submission of an application to the FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program Phase #27, in the amount of \$25,050.00 to provide rent and utility assistance for qualified applicants and, authorizing the Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director; Account #902]

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, February 03, 2009 for Area III-El Cuatro in the Senior Citizen Home from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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|-------|---------------|------------------------------|--------|
| From: | 001-0109-6022 | Professional Services | 36,538 |
| To: | 801-3001-6204 | Fuel & Lubricants | 6,596 |
| | 801-3001-6402 | Repairs & Maintenance Equip. | 9,343 |
| | 801-3001-6014 | Equipment Rental | 20,599 |

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to reappoint Mr. Fitzgerald G. Sanchez P.E., County Engineer, as the Webb County representative to the Board of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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|-------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| From: | 801-3001-6502 | Janitorial Supplies | 2,000 |
| | 801-3001-6001 | Office Supplies | 1,500 |
| | 801-3001-6011 | Training and Education | 575 |
| | 801-3001-5601 | Administrative Travel | 200 |
| | 801-3001-5602 | Local Mileage | 300 |
| To: | 801-3001-6205 | Materials and Supplies | 4,575 |
| From: | 801-3002-6214 | Chemicals | 1,960 |
| To: | 801-3002-6402 | Repairs and Maintenance Equipment | 1,280 |
| | 801-3002-6205 | Materials and Supplies | 680 |
| From: | 801-3004-6214 | Chemicals | 200 |
| | 801-3004-6401 | Repairs and Maintenance Buildings | 150 |
| | 801-3004-6407 | Repairs and Maintenance Waterlines | 1,000 |
| | 801-3004-6502 | Janitorial Supplies | 300 |
| To: | 801-3004-6205 | Materials and Supplies | 1,650 |

Facilities

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 27, 2009.

| Slot # | Title | Hourly |
|--------|-----------|--------|
| 0034 | Custodian | \$9.00 |
| 1334 | Custodian | \$9.00 |

Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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|-------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| From: | 001-6104-6401 | Repair & Maintenance Building | 1,000 |
| | 001-6104-5601 | Administrative Travel | 1,400 |
| To: | 001-6104-6205 | Materials & Supplies | 1,400 |

[Requested by Joe Gutierrez, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center Director;
Account #6104]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to approve/deny the Final Plat of Bonanza Hills Subdivision, Phase 3.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve the Final Plat of Bonanza Hills Subdivision, Phase 3. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. 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 30 (1 dwelling only)

Tanquecitos South Acres, Phase I Subdivision

2) Tract 47 (1 non-residential service connection only)

3) Tract 96 (1 non-residential service connection only)

San Carlos Subdivision Phase II

4) Block 3, Lot 10 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing Two (2) dwellings on Two (2) lots and Two (2) non-residential service connections on Two (2) lots.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the renewal of Annual Plato Support Services from Plato Learning in the amount of \$6,545.34 for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). [Requested by Melissa Mojica, Juvenile Detention Director; Account #149-1301-6022 (Prof. Services/Develop.)]

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of an Extended Warranty for Cisco Hardware from AT&T (State Contract DIR-SDD-233) in the amount of \$17,215.86. [Requested by Jaime F. Alvarado , MIS Director; Account #001-0500-6402 (Repairs & Maint. Equipment)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 49 and 50 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2009-02 "Two Medium Duty Cut-away w/2 Wheelchairs Type III Buses" to National Bus Sales for the total amount of \$177,646.00 for the Rural Transportation Department. [Requested by Roberto Martinez, Jr., CAA Rural Transportation Department; Account #980-8001-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to authorize the payment of 23,000 liner feet of four inch blue strip pipe, labor, related materials in the amount of \$119,000.00 to Pawlik's Supply Co. for an emergency purchase to provide water services to the Community of Mirando and by order of the Commissioners' Court to grant an exemption to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.0024, Discretionary Exemptions, (1), (2) Texas Local Government Code; and any matters incident thereto. Grant Fund: Office of Rural Community Affairs Grant TCDP #728449. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director; Account #709-8001-8701 (Water Facilities)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 51 and 52 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a "Wintox 6 Lab Management System Hardware Renewal Syva Instrument Placement" from IMS (sole source) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the CSCD Department. [Requested by Rebecca Ramirez Palomo, Community Supervision & Corrections Director; Account #079-1200-6205 (Materials & Supplies)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to ratify the emergency repair and replacement of a 375 Watt Repeater Station at Tower #1 North Tower Hwy. 83 by Tri-County Communications in the amount of \$4,797.00 for the Radio Communication Department. [Requested by Mario Cavazos, Radio Communications; Account #682-0103-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Community Centers, Fred & Anita Community Center, Penitas West and Santa Teresita Community Center to obtain satellite television services in the amount of \$502.88 per year per facility from Prime One/Direct, Inc. (Direct TV). [Requested by Joe Gutierrez, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center Director/Juanita Puente, Santa Teresita Community Center Director; Account #001-6104-6401, 001-6114-6401 (Bldg. Maint.)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 54 and 55 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to authorize television internet service upgrade in the amount of \$90.00/mo. (Pro Package) from Novastar (Wild Blue Satellite Internet Service) for La Presa Community Center. [Requested by Sara Jo Davila, La Presa Community Center Director; Account #001-6115-6401 (Internet Service)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Road and Bridge

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slots effective January 26, 2009.

| Slot # | Title | Hourly |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| 2354 | Maintenance Aide | \$9.52 |
| 2355 | Maintenance Aide | \$9.52 |

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Attorney

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to settle and compromise for base tax on the county's proportionate on the acreage that straddled the unsettled (now settled) La Salle-Webb County line.

Property # 1, Account #327-00193-020-001 - Property Description: W32 of Lot 2 Blk 193 ED, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas

Amount Due: \$2,906.23
Amount Paid: \$1,969.00

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Treasurer

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action to authorize a cell phone for county business use for Webb County Treasurer, Delia Perales. [Account #001-0109-6004-2 (Cell Phone)].

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to go into executive session. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 10:08 a.m. – 10:18 a.m.)

Cmr. Garza stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action to settle bodily injury claim of Sandra Romero arising from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on October 10, 2008, involving Webb County employee, Rogelio Fernandez. [Requested by County Attorney Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez] [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Cmr. Martinez motioned to accept the recommendation of the County Attorney and not go with the settlement offer as proposed by the policy administrator but rather go and settle the case with the offer that the County Attorney has proposed to Commissioner's Court. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to authorize the initiation of negotiations related to the possible drilling, construction and operation of one or more water wells on Lot Thirty-One (31), Block Nine (9), Colorado Acres Subdivision, including but not limited to test wells, other means of evaluation, possible purchase or, alternatively, initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire said property. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director] [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] and Section 551. 072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 26th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, asked for authorization to proceed and request permission from the property owner to conduct a test well on the property. She stated that in the event that the test well results are positive, then the County will proceed to either acquire the property or eminent domain as may be necessary.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to allow the County Attorney to proceed with the test well with the Gonzalez property to make sure that the well would be fit in that area. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to bring up item 33. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to authorize reduction in Passport Photo fees from \$15.00 to \$5.00 in order to provide better customer service and one-stop shopping for passport customers. [Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector; Account #001-0700-3104]

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted and to be effective today, January 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 64. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.