

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 9:00 AM
(Approved on April 27, 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
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 9th of April 2009. 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

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to excuse Cmr. Frank Sciaraffa from being absent. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2009

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Garza 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, made note on invoices that exceed \$5,000 which relates to the SCAAP Award and he explained that it is really not the SCAAP Award but a fee that was charged so that the SCAAP funds could be obtained which were about \$112,000.00. Mr. Flores also made note of the deficit under the Enterprise Funds for the Water Utility Fund.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Judge Valdez sent his condolences to Webb County Public Defender Mr. Hugo Martinez on the passing of his father, Francisco Ochoa on the passing of his mother, and Mr. Larry Sanchez on the passing of his mother in law.

Cmr. Tijerina sent her condolences to Mr. Hugo Martinez, Mrs. Gracie Solis, and the Martinez family. She also sent her condolences to Valeria and Sylvia Mantia, Mr. Larry Sanchez, and Pancho Ochoa. Cmr. Tijerina congratulated Mr. Elmo Lopez on his honoree as well as Bruni High School on their achievements. She congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of public service.

Cmr. Garza informed everyone that everything on the legislative agenda and/or packet is going well and all bills are continuing the process. He informed that there is good news on the DPS building where Judge Oscar Martinez is located and that at the last City Council meeting they voted to support the Commissioner's Court mobility authority and advised that Mr. Eloy Ramirez could continue with the process. Cmr. Garza explained that there has been some misconception regarding the freeze that Commissioner's Court approved. He explained that the Court would be required to grant exemptions to the freeze when issues are related to law enforcement and/or safety issues and that the Court would assist any revenue generating departments. Cmr. Garza congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of public service.

Cmr. Martinez sent his condolences to Margarita Martinez, Hugo Martinez as well as his family. He also sent his condolences to Larry Sanchez on the passing of his mother in law. Cmr. Martinez stated that he was concerned due to a confrontation by a gentleman regarding the hiring freeze. He stated that there would be some exemptions granted; however, all department heads and/or elected officials are being asked that as a courtesy all items regarding hiring would need to come to the Court.

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 – Raul Reyes

Mr. Raul Reyes, Mayor of City of El Cenizo, congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of service. He spoke on item 31 and commended the Court and the County Auditor for taking the time to meet with the Department Heads to resolve the issue. He stated that his main concern was the major need for public safety and asked the Court to grant a waiver to the Sheriff's Department for all hiring being requested.

2nd witness card – Amador Alberto Juarez

Mr. Amador Alberto Juarez, President of Laredo Crimestopper's Inc., stated that the safety of the citizens for Webb County could not be compromised and asked that the Sheriff's budget not be cut.

3rd witness card - Cynthia Garcia

Ms. Cynthia Garcia stated that she was speaking regarding item 22 and asked the Court to grant an exemption for all the slots referenced in this item.

4th witness card – Peter Alvarez

Mr. Peter Alvarez congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of service. He stated that there might be some confusion but that more surveillance was needed. He asked that if there was a misconception that he would ask the Court to not reduce funds to maintain the safety of the community.

5th witness card – Marta Alvarez

Mrs. Marta Alvarez congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of service. She stated that she was confused because she has heard that there would be budget cuts for law enforcement. She explained that she would like to see more productivity in law enforcement.

6th witness card – Jose Bernardo Salinas

Mr. Jose Bernardo Salinas congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years and stated that he has done an exceptional job. Mr. Salinas spoke on item 22 and asked that the Sheriff be allowed to fill the positions as stipulated under this item.

7th witness card – Cynthia Herrera

Ms. Cynthia Herrera stated that she was a resident of Penitas and asked the Court not to do any budget cuts on the Sheriff Department and to please consider the safety of the community.

8th witness card – Constable Annette Munoz

Constable Annette Munoz thanked the Court for keeping an open mind when implementing the hiring freeze.

9th witness card – Maria Elena Montemayor

Mrs. Maria Elena Montemayor spoke on item 34 and 35. Mrs. Montemayor congratulated Judge Valdez on his thirty years of public service and asked for the support to allow the reorganization for the weatherization program and appreciated the Court having an open mind when in regards to hiring.

10th witness card - Juan Gamboa

Mr. Gamboa stated that he wants the Court to understand and hear all the issues being brought to them by the different communities.

11th witness card – Dr. Henry Carranza

Dr. Carranza stated that as time passes, times are hard and asked that any monies available be kept here in Laredo.

Cmr. Garza asked if the CAA Board looked at the recommendations on item 34; to which, Dr. Carranza acknowledged.

12th witness card – Mr. Greg Araiza

Mr. Araiza stated that he was the transportation driver for the Larga Vista Community Center and thanked the Court for keeping an open mind.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Presentation by Rogelio Trevino, Director of South Texas Workforce Solutions, regarding funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the creation of summer employment opportunities for the youths of Webb County; with discussion and possible action.

Presentation by Mr. Rogelio Trevino on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to bring up item 31. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to make the budget policy changes regarding a 10% cut in operational budgets, a hiring freeze, a line item transfer freeze, and no title changes or pay increases effective for all departments and not only for General Fund departments.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to bring up items 18, 19, and 22. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Economic Development Department staff to assist the District Attorney's Office with the development and submission of a Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States Competitive Grant Program grant proposal under the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance for program eligible law enforcement activities. The amount of funding request shall not exceed \$1,500,000.00; 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 this Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States Grant Program.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Hale, 406th District Court Judge

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to establish a drug court program in Webb County and to designate the 406th Judicial District Court and the 49th Judicial District Court as courts authorized to implement a drug court program consistent with §469.002 of the Health & Safety Code.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County Wide hiring freeze to allow the Sheriff's Office to fill the following law enforcement and civilian slots in order to meet State Jail Commission Standards (see attached letter from Texas Commission on Jail Standards):

Dept#	Dept Description	Proposed Dept Change	Slot No.	Title	Proposed Title Change	Hr. Rate	Estimated Cost For remaining pay-periods
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	435	Corporal	no change proposed	\$20.15	\$27,673.76
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	507	Officer II	no change proposed	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	534	Captain	no change proposed	\$24.56	\$33,724.54
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	540	Officer V	no change proposed	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	1521	Crime Victims Coordinator	no change proposed	\$14.68	\$20,163.51
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	1982	Officer I-Livestock Investigator	Officer I	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	2098	Officer I	no change proposed	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	2174	Officer I -	Security Officer I	\$18.58	\$25,508.34

2060	BU-Jail Division	no change	2305	Correctional Officer	no change proposed	\$16.03	\$22,014.90
2001	BU-Patrol Division	BU-Jail Division	1977	Officer I - Community Affairs	Officer I	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2001	BU-Patrol Division	BU-Jail Division	369	Officer III	no change proposed	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2001	BU-Patrol Division	BU-Jail Division	390	Officer I	no change proposed	\$18.58	\$25,508.34
2061	NBU-Jail Division	no change	558	Nurse	no change proposed	\$20.66	\$28,364.00
2600	Justice Center	BU-Jail Division	1736	Corporal	no change proposed	\$20.15	\$27,673.76
2003	Security NBU	NBU-Jail Division	419	Bonds Clerk	no change proposed	\$10.43	\$14,329.11

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to bring up item 28 and 29 as submitted. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to approve refunds of:

1. \$13,812.85 to Wal-Mart Stores, for Accts. #801-24000-051 and #801-23023-109, as proper depreciation was not applied per amended rendition for 2006.
2. \$4,385.44 to Sam's East, Inc., for Accts. #801-19022-111 and #801-20000-209, as proper depreciation was not applied per amended rendition for 2006.

[Account #001-0700-3063]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to approve the following changes (within the budgeted amount) effective 04-14-09:

- a. Fill Slot #131, Asst. Supervisor, Special Taxes, from within department and to fill positions posted prior to March 24, 2009 as follows; Slot #140, Deputy Tax Collector and Slot #1705, Investigator.
- b. Allow changes for the following slots:

Slot #	Title	From: Hourly Rate	To: Hourly Rate
133	Deputy Tax Collector	\$13.00	\$14.23
135	Deputy Tax Collector	\$15.86	\$16.45
136	Mail Clerk	\$12.48	\$13.10
141	Deputy Tax Collector	\$13.52	\$14.23
142	Deputy Tax Collector	\$11.50	\$14.23
144	Deputy Tax Collector	\$13.52	\$14.23
146	Deputy Tax Collector	\$13.00	\$14.23
148	Receptionist/Property Tax Clerk	\$12.00	\$13.92
1447	Records & Reports Clerk	\$13.00	\$14.86

1516	Supply Req. & Storage Control Clerk	\$10.00	\$11.14
1750	Deputy Tax Collector	\$13.00	\$14.23
1863	Deputy Tax Collector, VIT	\$11.44	\$13.70
2272	Deputy Tax Collector	\$11.00	\$12.50
2322	Collections Specialist	\$15.00	\$16.45
2462	General Clerk	\$ 9.00	\$10.00

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Comr. Martinez motioned to approve item 29 (a).

Motion died for lack of second.

After discussion, Comr. Martinez motioned to approve item 29 (a). Comr. Garza seconded the motion based on Ms. Cynthia Mares clarifying that the positions were posted before March.

Motion carried 3-1 with Comr. Tijerina voting against.

No action was taken on item 29 (b).

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to approve the following refunds :

1. \$4,334.88 to First American, for various accounts due to over payment of Ad Valorem taxes.
2. \$6,888.49 to First American for various accounts due to over payment of Ad Valorem taxes.
3. \$2,857.05 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage for various accounts due to over payment of Ad Valorem taxes.

[Account #001-2139]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Martinez motioned to bring up item 20. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to approve the following slot and to transfer two positions within department effective April 14, 2009.

Fill Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2072	Clerk	\$11.26
Transfer Slots #	Title	Hourly Rate
From: 2072	Clerk	\$11.26
To: 1874	Clerk	\$12.04

From:	1874	Clerk	\$12.04
To:	2219	Clerk	\$12.65

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to allow the filling of slot 2072 but not in agreement with the transfer of slots.

After discussion, Comr. Tijerina amended her motion to approve item 20 as submitted. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to authorize the development and submission of a grant proposal to the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) for Technical Assistance funds in the preparation of an Environmental Information Document (EID) for Colonia La Presa in the amount not to exceed \$60,000; 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 this Border Environment Cooperation Commission application.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action pertaining to the sale of fireworks to the public by firework retailers for the "Cinco de Mayo" firework season beginning May 1st and ending midnight May 5th; and any matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to restrict, by order, the sale or use of certain types of fireworks (referred to as "restricted fireworks" as defined to be "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins") in the unincorporated areas of Webb County until such time as the Texas Forestry service determines that drought conditions no longer exist.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to approve recommendations from the legal research committee for contract proposals for legal research software for county departments; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Raul Vasquez, 111th District Court Judge and members of Legal Research Committee]

Com. Martinez motioned to approve the recommendations from the legal research committee. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the recommendations were to keep both vendors which were Lexis Nexis and Westlaw and split the budgeted expenditure of \$2635.00 a month in half to be able to keep both vendors and stay within the budgeted amount.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to pass a Resolution in support of legislative amendments to authorize Counties with a population of 193,000 or more to undertake Urban Renewal programs under Chapter 374, Local Government Code as proposed by the Counties Legislative Agenda. [Requested by Jerry Garza, Commissioner Pct. 3, Legislative Committee Chair]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

(MEDIA BREAK 11:40 am -12:03 p.m.)

Judge Valdez motioned to bring up item 42. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 with Com. Garza not present.

Juvenile Detention Center

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to waive the hiring freeze and authorize the Juvenile Department to fill the following Slots and a part-time Detention Officer from Account # 001-1301-5005 (Part-Time Personnel) for the Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr. Webb County Youth Village.

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
340	Detention Officer	\$15.06
2454	Control Room Technician	\$ 9.00
2455	Cook	\$ 9.00
2456	Custodians	\$ 9.00
2457	Custodians	\$ 9.00
	Detention Officer	\$13.00
	Acct. #001-1303-5005 (Part-Time Personnel)	
353	LVN	\$17.62

(up to depending on qualifications and experience)

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Com. Tijerina motioned to approve the item except the positions for Cook and Custodians.

After discussion, Com. Tijerina amended her motion to approve slot 340, 2454, and the Part time Detention Officer. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

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

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

- Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year agreement between Webb County and Toshiba Business Solutions Premium Plus Maintenance Agreement No. 211543-ES233 for One (1) Toshiba E-Studio 233 Copier located at the Veterans Service Office at a cost of SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00) per quarter with a total amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$240.00) and an overage charge of \$0.007900 per copy and to authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Antonio Silva, Veteran's Service Director]
- Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract between Webb County and Green Mountain Energy Company, Inc. to begin on January 1, 2009 and not to exceed Two (2) years to maintain an energy supply to heat and cool the residences of eligible low-income clients. [Requested by Mike Kazen, County Community Action Agency Director]
- Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment to Non-Financial Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Webb County for the Webb County Head Start Program and United Independent School District dated the 27th day of October, 2008, to allow the Admission Review and Dismissal Committee to determine that transportation of the Head Start Students to a United Independent School District school campus is deemed a "relative service" by the Admission Review and Dismissal Committee and to incorporate the language of Section 34.0021 of the Texas Education Code which is mandate to provide for Emergency Evacuation Training and to authorize the County Judge to sign any relevant and related documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Director]
- Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract with VOTEC Corporation for Election Management and Compliance System for voter registration and elections software and to authorize County Judge to sign any relevant and related documents. [Requested by Oscar Villarreal, Elections Director]
- Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to submit the El Aguila Rural Transportation Program's 5311 Grant to Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) for comment and review in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTYSEVEN DOLLARS (\$188,457.00) (Federal Funds) from the Texas Department of Transportation and to authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Mike Kazen, Community Action Agency Director]

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

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

Honorable Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1

- Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer from forfeiture funds:

From:	166-2500-6011	Training & Education	1,000
	166-2500-6708	Expense for Other Law Enforcement	1,500
	166-2500-6709	Support Assistance	500
To:	166-2500-6707	Drug Free Campaign	3,000

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Com. Garza not present.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

- Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a COPS grant application to the Department of Justice for the hiring of eight (8) certified peace officers 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. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of an Other Victims Assistance Grant (OVAG) application to the Office of the Attorney General for the continued funding of a crime victim advocate 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. 25. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of Edward Byrne Competitive Grant applications to the Department of Justice for law enforcement equipment and law enforcement/support personnel and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. These grants have no cash match.
- Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of grant applications to the Department of Justice for a State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program in Category I-Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity and Category II Enhancing Southern Border Jails and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. These grants have no cash match.
- Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of an Edward Byrne Local Grant Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula in conjunction with the City of Laredo to the Department of Justice for law enforcement mobile security equipment in the amount of \$27,982 and designating the County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to these grant-related issues. This grant has no cash match.

Com. Martinez motioned to approve items 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 as submitted. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Auditor

- Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to approve line item transfers totaling \$1,234,700 from the 10% operational budget cuts of each department to 001-0109-6203 General

Operating Expenses – Operational Reserves (see back-up information for detail).

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to extend Webb County's Agreement with Robert W. Lazarus & Associates, Inc. and RWL Benefits, Inc. d/b/a RWL Group for insurance consulting services for a One (1) year period (March 16, 2009 to March 15, 2010) in the amount of \$4,000.00 per month. Services to be provided include preparation of a request for proposals for group health and dental insurance coverage as well as services related to property and casualty insurance coverage and employee benefits such as employee enrollment/eligibility system, disease management, prescription drug network, claim administration service, stop loss insurance matters, and retiree Medicare supplement insurance. Commissioners Court is requested to grant an exemption to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 262.024, Texas Local Government Code and to authorize the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve a six month extension. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed Weatherization Program reorganization and issue general orders accordingly and any matters incident thereto.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to fill and create the following slots effective April 15, 2009. These positions are for this program year only.

Title	Hourly Rate
Field Inspector-Assessor	\$9.00/hr. (Full time w/benefits)
Field Inspector –Assessor	\$9.00/hr.(Full time w/benefits)

[Account #920-4200-5001]

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to accept the \$522,302.00 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) revised budget for FY-2009 from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.[Account #920]

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 34, 35, and 36 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer

- Item No. 37.** Discussion and possible action to approve Zertuche Construction's final payment and retainage for the Justice Center 5th Floor Remodeling Contract in the amount of \$24,499.44.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 38.** Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #1, to SER Construction, an increase of \$6,650.00 and 25 days to the Vela Waterline Contract. This will increase the contract to \$204,870.00 and 160 days. [Account #675-8001-8701]

Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, stated that approval of item would be contingent upon receiving ORCA (Office of Rural Community Affairs) approval.

Com. Garza motioned to approve the item. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 39.** Discussion and possible action to approve an exception to the Commissioners Court March 23, 2009 freeze on Line Item Transfers for the Engineering Department.

From:	010-0115-5602	Local Mileage	400
To:	010-0115-6205	Materials & Supplies	400

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 14th, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Com. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted.

Motion died for lack of second.

- Item No. 40.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit proposals from engineering firms for engineering design, plan preparation, and specifications for projects proposed by the Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act pending agreements. The projects are the following: Mangana-Hein Road; Espejo-Molina Road; Pico Road; and Del Mar Blvd (East).

- Item No. 41.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the conveyance of the Judith Gutierrez Parkway street lights and related equipment and materials to Medina Electric; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Com. Tijerina motioned to approve items 40 and 41 as submitted. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning

- Item No. 43.** 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:

San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I

1) Block 5, Lot 1 (1 dwelling only)

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing One (1) dwelling on One (1) lot.

Purchasing

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to accept the following donated furniture items from Honorable Solomon Casseb, Jr., to Webb County for the Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr. Youth Facility.

No. of Items	Description	Value
1	Executive Desk	\$750.00
1	Executive Desk	\$750.00
1	Credenza	\$300.00
1	Leather Executive Chair	\$300.00
1	Sofa	\$900.00
2	Side Chairs @ \$150.00 ea	\$300.00
		Total Value \$3,300.00

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of Twenty-Four (24) #09M Hot and Cold Valves Air TRA Valves in the amount of \$6,600.00 from Albert Sterling & Associates for the Webb County Jail. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff; Account #001-2060-6401 (Repairs & Maintenance Buildings)]

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Mejia & Ruiz Land Surveyors in the amount of \$1,300.00 to survey the previously designated area in La Presa Subdivision to locate 480 ft. Radio Tower and provide a 2-C certification for FAA application and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Mario Cavazos, Radio Communications Director; Account #682-0103-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of Cisco Video Conferencing Hardware in the amount of \$1,957.18 from CDW-G (TCPN contract #R4713) for Judge Oscar O. Martinez' Court. [Requested by Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace, Pct . 4; Account #016-1044-6224 (Technology Fund)]

Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of the following Laptop Computers and (1) Desk Top for the various departments from the 08 Bond Series:

Qty.	Description	Amount	Account No.	Department	Approved Budget
1	CDW-G Laptop	\$1,535.00	733-1011-6224	Co. Court at Law 2	\$10,000.00
2	CDW-G Laptops	3,070.00	733-2502-6224	Constable Pct 4	6,500.00
6	CDW-G Laptops	9,210.00	733-4200-6224	Program Administration	12,000.00
1	Dell Laptop	1,331.33	733-0550-6224	Public Defender	2,000.00
1	Dell Desk Top	2,392.42	733-0104-6224	Economic Development	9,000.00

Total: \$17,538.75

\$39,500.00

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director; (Tools & Apparatus)]

Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of 19 printers for various departments in the amount of \$9,454.73 from CDW-G, DIR Contract (DIR-SDD-223) from the following accounts:

Qty.	Account No.	Department	Amount	Budget Approved
2	733-0114-6224	Administrative Services	\$ 940.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	733-0115-6224	Engineering	952.73	5,500.00
2	733-0300-6224	Treasurer	914.00	12,000.00
1	733-0600-6224	Purchasing	1,021.00	9,000.00
1	733-1011-6224	County Court at Law 2	470.00	10,000.00
6	733-1102-6224	Public Defender	2,820.00	12,000.00
1	733-2500-6224	Constable Pct. 1	470.00	9,500.00
4	733-5050-6224	Veteran's Services	1,867.00	5,000.00
19			\$9,454.73	\$68,000.00

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director; (Tools & Apparatus)]

Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of the following equipment in the amount of \$45,136.45 from IBM. DIR Contract (DIR-SDD-190) for the M.I.S. Department.

Qty	Description	Amount
2	IBM Server (Planning)	\$10,262.85
1	IBM Storage Expansion	23,834.20
1	IBM LTO-4 Tape Drive	11,039.40
	Total:	\$45,136.45

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director; Account #733-0500-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of the following software licenses in the amount of \$25,502.60 from SHI, DIR Contract (DIR-SDD-198) for the M.I.S. Department.

Qty	Account No.	Department	Amount	Budget Approved
5	733-0104-6224	Economic Development	\$1,775.00	\$ 9,000.00
2	733-0114-6224	Administrative Services	710.00	5,000.00
3	733-0115-6224	Engineering	1,065.00	5,500.00
7	733-0300-6224	Treasurer	2,485.00	12,000.00
1	733-0550-6224	Public Information Office	652.00	2,000.00
6	733-0600-6224	Purchasing	2,130.00	9,000.00
2	733-1003-6224	341st Judicial District Court	710.00	3,000.00
6	733-1011-6224	County Court At Law 2	2,130.00	10,000.00
1	733-1045-6224	Justice of the Peace Pct.2 Pl.2	355.00	7,500.00
6	733-1102-6224	Public Defender	2,130.00	12,000.00
5	733-1110-6224	District Clerk	1,775.00	17,500.00
2	733-1120-6224	County Clerk	710.00	3,000.00
6	733-2500-6224	Constable Precinct 1	2,130.00	9,500.00
4	733-2502-6224	Constable Precinct 4	1,420.00	6,500.00
1	733-2503-6224	Constable Precinct 2	355.00	1,500.00

6	733-4200-6224	CAA/Program Administration	2,130.00	12,000.00
2	733-5050-6224	Veteran's Service Office	710.00	5,000.00
3	733-6103-6224	Larga Vista Community Center	1,065.00	4,500.00
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71			\$25,502.00	\$139,000.00

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, M.I.S. Director; (Tools & Apparatus)]

Com. Martinez motioned to approve items 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 as submitted. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, clarified that on item 48 under the Dell Laptop it should be for Public Information Officer not Public Defender's Office and that on item 45 the amount should be \$5,184.72 and the vendor should be TMS South; however, he stated that the Sheriff Department did not have any monies available under this fund and he would not proceed until monies are available.

Com. Martinez amended his motion to approve 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and to include the approval of item 45 contingent upon monies being available. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rafael Vidaurri, Planning Department, stated that on item 43 there was a typographical error and the subdivision should read San Carlos Subdivision Phase II.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to contract the services of Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$16,946.00 for the annual Life Safety equipment inspection of the Webb County Buildings. [Requested by Raul Elizondo, Facilities Director; Account #001-0106-6401 (Repairs & Building Maintenance)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Self Help Center

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to award a purchase order contract to Master Construction in the total amount of \$24,950.00 for the Webb County Nutrition Center as follows: electrical work in the amount of \$17,800.00 and A/C System installation work in the amount of \$7,150.00, approved by the Court on October 14, 2008. This action will have no impact to County's general fund.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Tax Attorney

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to destroy all paid and solved cause numbers from the years 2003 and previous. We will keep 2004, 2005, 2006 paid and solved files in storage, and 2007, 2008, 2009 as active until time comes for them to be destroyed.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to correct account number on a previous item agenda dated August 25th, 2008. The correction needed is on the account number that was previously given as 900-90811-002 property description ABST 3081639S&M314 acres. Please allow this item to be corrected with the account #900-30811-002 property description ABST 3081639S&M314 acres.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item 54 and 55 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to go into executive session. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney stated that the Court did not have to meet in executive session.

Cmr. Garza and Judge Valdez withdrew their motion.

Closed Session/Executive Session

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action concerning the approval from the Court for the Release of Judgment in Trial Cause No. 2006-CVO-001710-D3 and Appeal No. 04-08-00105-CV, Fourth Court of Appeals District; Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. V. Webb County, Texas. [Requested by Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney] [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos, County Attorney, stated that this case was ruled in favor of Webb County and a judgment for attorney's fees was rendered against the plaintiff Killam Ranch Properties, LTD. in the amount of \$53,522.97 of which payment has been rendered in terms of a deposit. Mrs. Cavazos Ramirez explained that since Webb County has been paid in full a release can be executed which was the reason for placing the item on the agenda.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve Ms. Cavazos Ramirez recommendation. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 57. Adjourn

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

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