

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.
(approved September 14, 2009)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special 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 26th of August 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

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Communications

There were no items under communications.

Item No. 4. Public Comment - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of Three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

No one signed up for public comments.

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Item No. 5. Discussion and possible action to interview and select a law firm for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes for Webb County P-2009-05; and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be 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 September 3, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that letters had been sent to all submitting firms with their respective scheduled time. He also stated that there was a laptop available if any firm was to need one and that it would be up to

the Court to decide whether all firms were to be present during the interviews or if they would be asked to step outside. Mr. Ramirez mentioned that law firms involved for the record:

Linebarger, Coggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP
DeAnda Law Firm. PC
Maria Elena Morales, Attorney at Law
Salinas, Garcia, Martinez, Sanchez & Notzon
Ray, Wood & Bonilla
The Law Office of Montemayor & Alarcon
Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez and Webb County Attorney's Office

Judge Valdez confirmed that the firms were to be allotted fifteen minutes and that the firms were to wait outside.

The firms were interviewed as follows:

All interviews and presentations are on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the September 3, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Interviewer #1 Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez and the Webb County Attorney's Office

RECESS 10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Interview #2 Linebarger, Coggan, Blair & Sampson, LLC

RECESS 11:08 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Interview #3 DeAnda Law Firm, PC

Interview #4 Maria Elena Morales Attorney at Law

Interview #5 Salinas, Garcia, Martinez, Sanchez & Notzon

Interview #6 Ray, Wood & Bonilla

Interview #7 The Law Office of Montemayor & Alarcon

RECESS 1:22 p.m. – 1:37 p.m.

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Com. Garza motioned to approve Mr. Jesus Dominguez with Linebarger, Coggan, Blair & Sampson, LLC. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion failed with Judge Valdez, Com. Sciaraffa, and Com. Martinez voting against.

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to approve Maria Elena Morales Attorney at Law for one year and have the Court come back in a year to evaluate.

Motion died for lack of second.

Com. Martinez motioned to award the contract to Maria Elena Morales Attorney at Law for two years, perform an annual evaluation with an 80% delinquency collection based on the past three years delinquency amount as a benchmark. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Garza and Cmr. Tijerina voting against.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to adjourn. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.