

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Emergency Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
(APPROVED SEPTEMBER 28, 2009)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that an emergency meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 4:30 p.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 22nd of September 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. Sciaraffa motioned to excuse Cmr. Garza from being present. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Cmr. Garza walked in at 4:31 p.m.

Item No. 3. Communications

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.

1st witness card – Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor

Ms. Barrera advised the Court that the Tax Office should not be in the downtown area or the Justice Center. She explained that by removing this office it will serve as two purposes such as alleviating traffic and parking congestions and the security will be more controllable. She further explained that an ideal location for the Tax Office would be near the Old Airforce Base; however, she asked that while this move takes place, that the doors on Flores St. not be closed.

2nd witness card – Jorge Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the Court for being active on the matter that occurred on Monday; however, he asked the Court

to react but not overreact and conduct a comparison with other cities.

Item No. 5. Discussion and possible action to address the security and public safety issues at the Webb County Justice Center, Billy Hall Administration Building and the Webb County Courthouse, including all parking facilities attached; and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the September 22, 2009 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Cmr. Garza motioned to authorize the Sheriff's Department to take all security issues at the Justice Center, authorize \$226,000 from the Bond Series 2008A for the purchase of the cameras, authorize the Purchasing Agent to begin the bidding process and have the Security Committee meet so that further recommendation can be made on Monday. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.