

Official Minutes for Webb County  
Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.  
(approved January 25, 2010)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 12:00 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 28<sup>th</sup> of December 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**

Judge Valdez wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone this coming year.

Comr. Sciaraffa wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked all applicants present for being there.

Comr. Tijerina welcomed everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She stated that she was looking forward to working with everyone.

Comr. Garza wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone this coming year.

Comr. Martinez wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he too was looking forward to working with everyone.

**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

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## (EXECUTIVE SESSION 12:07 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.)

**Item No. 5** Discussion and possible action to interview and select the Webb County CAA Director from among applicants, set salary thereof, and any other matters incident thereto.

[The Commissioner's Court may meet in executive session to interview the applicants and to deliberate the appointment thereof pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act - § 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the January 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Judge Valdez advised that one of the options that the applicants had was whether they opt to have their interview in open or closed session. He asked each individual applicant how they would like their interview to be done and each responded to having a closed session interview.

Cmr. Martinez motioned not to use the rating form but rather review the submitted applications and responses to the questions asked.

After discussion, Cmr. Martinez withdrew his motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## (EXECUTIVE SESSION 12:30 p.m. – 3:54 p.m.)

Judge Valdez stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to retain Mr. Javier Martinez as Executive Director at a rate of \$81,000 per year effective January 6, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza stated for the record that he would prefer to narrow down to the top three applicants. He stated that if the motion did not pass, his top three would be Mr. Martinez, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Sanchez.

Motion failed 2-3 with Judge Valdez, Cmr. Garza, and Cmr. Sciaraffa voting against.

Cmr. Garza motioned to narrow down the field to three individuals, have a follow up interview, for the individuals to be Mr. Martinez, Mr. Martinez, and Ms. Sanchez, and for the interviews to be held as thoroughly as the next regular scheduled commissioner's court meeting. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Martinez stated for the record that there might be a violation of equal opportunity.

After discussion, Cmr. Garza and Judge Valdez withdrew their motions.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to have each commissioner submit their top three, have a tally made, and the top three to appear before commissioner's court for further interview. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

After all Commissioners stated their top three, Cmr. Garza motioned to have the three finalists which were Mr. Javier Martinez, Ramiro Martinez, and Ms. Mary Nell Sanchez be scheduled for a follow up interview. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.