

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2010 at 9:00 AM
(approved March 8, 2010)

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
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 19th of February 2010. 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. Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2010

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 4. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, explained her end of the month report.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa had no items under communications.

Cmr. Tijerina congratulated Mr. Jose Angel Moreno and Mrs. Becky Palomo on their recent appointments. She congratulated WBCA (Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, the Society of Martha Washington, and the Pocahontas on a fantastic job done. Cmr. Tijerina advised that the rededication of the Quad City Community Center in honor of the late Judge Ernesto Salinas had taken place and that the ground breaking for the Bruni Park had also taken place already. Cmr. Tijerina thanked Webb Consolidated School District for their support including Dr. Jones, Mr.

Henry Cortinas, Board President as well as all the board members. She sent her condolences to the family of Adriana Alvarez, Bird Rodriguez, Imelda Cuellar, and to Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez's family.

Cmr. Garza sent his condolences to Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez and congratulated WBCA (Washington's Birthday Celebration Association) for all the successful events.

Cmr. Martinez sent his condolences to Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos and Tranquillino Alvarez. He advised everyone that the Wastewater Treatment Plant built in Penitas has been turned over by the contractor to the City of Laredo. Cmr. Martinez stated that with this transition people in Penitas could have a better quality of life. He congratulated Cmr. Tijerina on the rededication ceremony of the Quad City Community Center and the ground breaking of the Bruni Park.

Judge Valdez sent his condolences to Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, Bird Rodriguez, Imelda and Henry Cuellar. He congratulated all the residents of the Quad City along with Cmr. Tijerina and Dr. Jones for working together for the Bruni Park. Judge Valdez also congratulated Cmr. Tijerina on the rededication of the Quad City Community Center, WBCA (Washington Birthday Celebration Association), Sr. y Sra. Internacional, and Mr. South Texas.

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 – Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector

Ms. Barrera stated that she wanted to publicly correct a lie that was printed on the Laredo Morning Times wherein they stated that the Bruni Court had given her a \$30,000 pay raise. She stated that what were given to her were two slots.

Honorable Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

Item No. 7. Status report from the Webb County Attorney’s office regarding the distribution of garbage cans, report on any proposed policies and fee schedule and any matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by Dr. David Jones, Superintendent of the Webb County Consolidated Independent School District, regarding the use of the Oilton Park baseball field by the Bruni High School Girls Softball Team. Any improvements deemed necessary to bring the field up to standards would be perform or paid for by WCISD, and any matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property located on 1302 Washington St. (Old CP&L Building) and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071] (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 555.072 (Deliberation on Real Estate matters)]

Judge Valdez motioned to defer item until executive session. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to approve payment of \$50,885.36 to the law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP for outstanding invoices. The funds for payment are available from the reimbursement of attorney fees received by the County from Killiam Ranch Properties.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 22, 2010 through February 21, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-3510C Copier Contract #211173-ES3510C located in the Webb County Judges Office at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at \$0.008000 per black copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 12, 2010 through February 7, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-455 copier located in the Webb County Community Action Agency (Weatherization Dept.) at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 22, 2010 through February 21, 2013,) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-720T copier Contract #664332-ES720T located in the Community Action Agency at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE

HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of agreement and with copy overages being billed at \$0.008000 per black copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

- Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 22, 2010 through February 21, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-28 copier Contract #211670-ES28 located in the Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 at a total cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at \$0.008000 per black copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 22, 2010 through February 21, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-453 copier Contract #617162-ES453 located in the Webb County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, PI 2 at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at \$0.008000 per black copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (February 22, 2010 through February 21, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-853 Copier Contract #21177-ES853 located in the Webb County Public Defender's Office at a cost of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) PER QUARTER for a total cost of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) over the term of the agreement and with copy overages being billed at \$0.008000 per black copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County (for the Community Action Agency) and Reliant Energy, for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Reliant Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency for bill payment assistance to eligible low-income households for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2012 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Javier H. Martinez Community Action Agency Director]
- Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into the following third party funding contracts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents:

Health and Welfare General Operations

Ruth B. Cowl	001-4300-7407	\$ 86,000.00
Gateway Community Health	001-4300-7455	\$ 144,000.00
Mercy Ministries	001-4300-7495	\$ 150,000.00

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County District Attorney's Office to partner with the Webb County Office of Economic Development in the creation and submission of a grant proposal to the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas: Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects - Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking Solicitation. The amount of funding request shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00). This formal request shall also authorize 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 Program.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

Item No. 20. 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 vacant law enforcement slot to support overall operations. This slot is part of the current general order positions for FY2009-2010.

Dept #	Dept. Description	Slot #	Title	Proposed Title Change	Hrly Rate
2060	BU-Jail Division	444	Officer III	No change proposed	\$19.51

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to ratify payment of outstanding bills with Zapata County for the purpose of providing housing of Webb County inmates for the months of July 2009 through September 2009 in the amount of \$66,439.77.

Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve an Inter-Local Cooperative Agreement between Webb County and Dimmit County for the purpose of

providing housing of Webb County inmates at the rate of \$39.00 per inmate per day. The term of this agreement shall begin on December 10, 2009 and shall terminate on September 30, 2010, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

- Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to approve a Inter-Local Cooperation Contract between Webb County and El Cenizo Police Department that includes the transfer of Two (2) Sheriff's Office patrol units to El Cenizo Police Department and other terms of cooperation between Webb County Sheriff's Department and El Cenizo Police Department; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

2005 Ford Super-crew 4X4
VIN No. 1FTPW14525KD79412

2005 Ford Crown Victoria
VIN No. 2FAFP71W65X129716

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 21, 22, and 23 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

- Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to adjust the salary for the following slot as per original budget, to determine a funding source for said adjustment and to approve the filling of Slot, effective February 22, 2010; and any other matters incident thereto:

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2462	General Clerk	From: \$10.57 to \$12.05

Cmr. Martinez motioned to table the item.

After discussion, Cmr. Martinez amended his motion to allow Mrs. Patricia Barrera to advertise and bring back to the Court for the salary of the position. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Sciaraffa not present.

After Court noticed a discrepancy on the numbering of the agenda items, discussion followed. Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra advised the Court that the numbering of the agenda filed at the Webb County Clerks Office was different from the numbering that the Court was going by.

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After discussion, Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 21 and the two items listed as 22 under the Sheriff's items. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to allow the Tax Assessor-Collector to adjust salaries of the following slots as per original budget; and to determine a funding source for said adjustments:

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
137	Deputy Tax Collector	From: \$11.96 to \$14.23
149	MVD Verification Clerk	From: \$13.00 to \$13.92
1516	Supply Req. & Storage Control Clerk	From: \$10.57 to \$11.14

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the February 22, 2010 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

(RECESS 9:50 a.m. - 10:11 a.m.)

Judge Valdez motioned to keep the numbering sequence of the agenda as posted and categorize the duplicate item 22 as item 22A. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Garza not present.

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Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the February 22, 2010 Commissioner's Court dvd.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to table the item. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Sciaraffa voting against.

Administrative Services

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

From: 001-2100-30	Flexible Spending Plan	5,000
To: 001-0114-6701-01	Health Fair Month	5,000

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment number One (1) in the amount of \$169,588.00 in the Department of Energy (DOE) funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) to be used in the Weatherization Program from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 and authorize the Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Director; Account #912]

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA), for FY-2010, in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,502,330.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 26 and 27 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer

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Item No. 28. Presentation and status report regarding the 37 right-of-way parcels pending to be acquired out of a total of 1,086 parcels needed for ROW and Utility Easements used for water, sewer and paving improvements in fourteen colonias located in the Mines Road and SH 359 areas.

Presentation and status report on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the February 22, 2010 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers for the Webb County Water Utilities Department as follows:

From:	801-3001-6014	Equipment Rental	9500
	801-3004-6010	Books And Subscription	500
To:	801-3001-6022-8	Lab Work And Testing	5000
	801-3001-6224	Minor Tools And Apparatus	2500
	801-3001-6205	Materials And Supplies	1000
	801-3002-6205	Materials And Supplies	700
	801-3004-6224	Minor Tools And Apparatus	800

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to approve the termination by mutual agreement of Five (5) previously executed Advanced Funding Agreements between TxDOT and Webb County that would allow the reimbursement to Webb County for unexpended funds for Off-State System Bridge Projects including CSJ:0922-33-089, CSJ:0922-33-088, CSJ:0922-33-090, CSJ:0922-33-091 & CSJ:0922-33-044; to reallocate these funds for recommended bridge project(s) in accordance with TxDOT's new Off-System Bridge Plan, Webb County; and to designate the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Head Start

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to fill the following slots for the 2009-2010 Program Year:

Slot	Title	Hourly Salary	Pay Periods
1598	AA Teacher Assistant	\$10.23	21
2554, 2555, 2556	Primary Caregiver	\$ 8.86	26
2557, 2558, 2559	Home Visitor	\$ 8.86	26

2560 – 2566 (7 slots)	EHS Teacher	\$ 8.86	26
2567 – 2570 (4 slots)	EHS Teacher Floater	\$ 8.86	26

[Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-5001 and 908-4208-5001]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to “conditionally” authorize water and sewer connections under recently enacted legislation through S.B. 2253 (by Senator Zaffirini) pursuant to the provisions of state law as stated below and contingent upon the following:

- applicant’s connection to adequate sewer services prescribed by Section 232.028 (b)(3), TLGC;
- the execution of all required forms and service contracts;
- the payment of all associated connection fees;
- the removal of any non-compliant structure(s); and
- compliance with any requirement of state or federal law or imposed by the Model Subdivision Rules.

Action to include authorization for the County Judge and County Attorney to execute written certifications upon the Planning Department’s certification of the applicant’s compliance with the prescribed conditions set-forth by the Court; and, any matter incident thereto to the following described properties.

Connections qualifying under 232.029 (n) and (o), TLGC (EDAP eligible dwellings)

Old Milwaukee (Unplatted /Unrecorded)

- 1) 317 Old Milwaukee Rd. Unit A, located on an unplatted 2.0 acre tract out of Porcion 32, Abstract 296, known as Tract# F-3, as further described in Vol. 1542, Pgs. 120-122, W.C.D.R.
- 2) 278 Old Milwaukee Rd., located on an unplatted 1.0 acre tract out of Porcion 32, Abstract 296, known as Tract #B-1B, as further described in Vol. 683, Pgs. 324-329, W.C.D.R.

Ranchitos 359 East Subdivision (Recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 67, W.C.P.R.)

- 3) 156 Pinzon Rd. Unit A, located on Lot 6
 - 4) 156 Pinzon Rd. Unit B, located on Lot 6
- San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I (Recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 34, W.C.P.R.)
- 5) 251 Escandon Rd., Unit A located on Block 4, Lot 9

- 6) 251 Escandon Rd., Unit B located on Block 4, Lot 9
San Carlos Subdivision, Phase II (Recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 34, W.C.P.R.)
- 7) 232 Barrera Rd., located on Block 3, Lot 18
- 8) 234 Barrera Rd., Unit A located on Block 3, Lot 18
- 9) 234 Barrera Rd., Unit B located on Block 3, Lot 18

Staff recommends approval of the above-referenced properties as submitted containing Nine (9) dwellings on Five (5) lots.

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certification Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize a water connection pursuant to Section 232.029(c)(2), Local Government Code to an unplatted tract of land containing 4.9933 acres, being known as Tract 40, Ranchitos Los Minerales, as further described in Vol. 2568, Pgs. 102-107, of the Webb County Deed Records (water-one dwelling only).

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements Regarding the Connection of Utilities" to authorize an electrical service connection pursuant to Section 232.028 (b), Local Government Code to the following properties:

- 1. Block 3, Lot 11, San Carlos Subdivision, Phase II for one dwelling only (limited to a total of two dwellings unless replatted)

Staff recommends the Court's approval of this item since all dwellings on these properties are connected to water and sewer service.

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements" pursuant to the provisions of Sections 232.028(b)(2) and 232.028(b)(3), Local Government Code (LGC) as amended by recently enacted legislation by S.B. 2253 (by Senator Zaffirini) to those subdivisions that have installed adequate water and sewer facilities and that are fully operable; and establish the criteria for which individual lots may be considered for connection to said services for the following subdivisions:

Subdivisions under Sections 232.028(b)(2) and 232.028(b)(3), LGC (water and sewer):

- 1. D-5 Acres Subdivision as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 89, WCPR
- 2. Laredo Ranchettes (both platted and unplatted portions) as recorded in Vol. 2, Pg. 230, WCPR
- 3. Los Altos, Phase I Subdivision as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 52, WCPR
- 4. Old Milwaukee (unplatted)
- 5. Ranchitos 359 East Subdivision as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 67, WCPR
- 6. Ranchos Peñitas West Subdivision as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 32, WCPR

- 7. San Carlos Subdivision, Phase I (a.k.a., San Enrique) as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 34, WCPR
- 8. San Carlos Subdivision, Phase II as recorded in Vol. 4, Pg. 34, WCPR
- 9. Tanquecitos II (unplatted)
- 10. Tanquecitos South Acres (a.k.a. as Phase I) as recorded in Vol. 5, Pg. 67, WCPR

Subdivisions under Section 232.028(b)(3), LGC (water only/connections require licensed on-site septic systems):

- 11. Antonio Santos Subdivision as recorded in Vol. 5, Pg. 41, WCPR
- 12. Los Corralitos Subdivision (both platted and unplatted portions)
- 13. Los Minerales (unplatted)
- 14. Los Minerales Annex (unplatted)

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 32, 33, 34, and 35 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Ms. Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Department, advised the Court that on item 35 if the residents meet the criteria they will no longer be required to be brought to the Court. However, she mentioned that they would submit periodic reports to the Court.

Purchasing

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of an employee as follows within the Purchasing Department effective February 22, 2010.

	Slot	Title	Annual Salary
From:	2130	Contract Auditor	\$35,154.00
To:	2069	Central Store Manager	\$41,000.00

[Requested by; Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #001-0600-5001 (Payroll)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of an employee as follows within the Purchasing Department effective February 22, 2010.

	Slot	Title	Annual Salary	Hourly Rate
From:	0112	Data Entry/Receptionist	\$23,464.00	\$11.28
To:	2130	Contract Auditor	\$31,006.80	\$14.85

[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #001-0600-5001 (Payroll)]

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that there was a correction on slot #0112 and should be #0114.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following Slot, effective February 22, 2010.

Slot #	Tiitle	Hourly Rate
0114	Entry/Receptionist	\$11.28

[Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #001-0600-5001 (Payroll)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to authorize the fire alarm system to Profire Protection Inc. in the amount of \$264.00 per year, for the Webb County Ladrillera Food Center. [Requested by Eloy Ramirez, Jr., Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #001-0106-6401 (Repairs & Maintenance Buildings)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Ausland Architects in the amount of \$25,000.00 for exterior improvements at the Webb County Law Enforcement Center (Jail) and authorizing the exemptions to competitive proposals pursuant to Section 262.024, Discretionary exemptions, Subsection (4), Texas Local Government Code.

The jail improvements consist of the following:

1. Repaving of entire parking lot
2. Security Fencing and electronic gates
3. Security surveillance systems
4. Access control/intercom system

[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff; Account #170-2001-6022 (Federal Forfeiture Fund-Professional Services)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Road and Bridge

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exemption to the Webb County hiring freeze and authorize Dept. 7002 Road & Bridge & Dept. 0108 Vehicle Maintenance to transfer employee and fill the following positions effective February 22, 2010:

Transfer:	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
From:	2354	Maintenance Aide	\$ 9.52
To:	677	Maintenance Aide	\$10.48
Fill Positions:	Slots #	Title	Hourly Rate
	1896	Maintenance Aide	\$10.48
	2354	Maintenance Aide	\$ 9.52
	2317	Mechanic	\$11.56

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

Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Department, stated that there was a correction on the hourly rate on slot 677 which instead of \$10.48 it should be \$10.49.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.)

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

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Attorney to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property located on 1302 Washington St. (Old CP&L Building) and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071] (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 555.072 (Deliberation on Real Estate matters)]

Cmr. Garza motioned to authorize the County Attorney to begin negotiation using the figures discussed in executive session. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action on negotiations for the possible purchase of the former Webb County Title and Abstract Building located at 1620 Santa Ursula Avenue, including authorization to proceed to finalize purchase if such is approved by the Receivership Court. [Executive Session is requested for Consultations with Attorney and Deliberations About Real Estate pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the Receivership Court would be meeting this morning and asked the Court for authorization to proceed with preparing all the documentation if the purchase by Webb County is approved.

Com. Martinez motioned to authorize the County Attorney to proceed with preparing all the necessary documentation. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to consider authorizing the Webb County Attorney to intervene in Cause No. 2010-CVQ-000060-D4; Laredo Firefighters Association Local 1390 vs. the City of Laredo; in the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; and any other matters related the the issues raised in that suit. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended and asked for authorization to request a meeting with the City of Laredo.

Judge Valdez motioned to authorize the County Attorney to request a meeting with the City of Laredo. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Com. Tijerina motioned to recess for lunch. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(LUNCH RECESS 11:11 a.m. – 12:48 p.m.)

Purchasing Department

Addendum Item No. 1. Discussion and possible action to award construction contracts for the Economic Development/Self Help Center Housing Program to the following contractors:

1. Residents-Dora Gonzalez
Laredo Artistic Builders -\$48,127.50
2. Residents-Marta Lopez Garibaldi
AA Builders-\$34,036.46

3. Residents-Oscar Martinez
AA Builders-\$29,527.44

4. Residents-Jesus Sanchez
AA Builders-\$43,466.56

[Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director;
Account #470-4228-7029]

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

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

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that all contractors were the lowest bidders.

Item No. 44. Adjourn

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

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