

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2009 at 9:00 AM
(approved May 10, 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 23rd of April 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

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2010

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

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

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

9:02 a.m. Cmr. Garza walked in.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Cmr. Martinez congratulated all winners of the recent runoff election and encouraged all the people that didn't make it this time to stay active.

Com. Garza had no items under communications.

Com. Tijerina congratulated the St. Augustine Golf Team which will be heading to the State Tournament. She congratulated the Bruni Tennis Team who competed in the regional tournament and will be going to State. Com. Tijerina also congratulated Pancho Averill and Betty Bunn Moreno for being selected George and Martha Washington for 2011 along with Rose Mary Santos for being named Princess Pocahontas. She invited all Webb county employees to attend the employee luncheon that will be held on Thursday at the Courthouse and the Webb county annual picnic held on Saturday. Com. Tijerina sent her condolences to the Gutierrez family on their loss of their mother, the family of baby Eduardo Castillo, Uribe and Ramirez family.

Com. Sciaraffa had no items under communications.

Judge Valdez congratulated the City of Rio Bravo for getting their library going. He invited everyone to attend Thursday's luncheon which is being done in appreciation of all county employees.

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 – Richard Geissler

Mr. Geissler congratulated Com. Tijerina and Judge Valdez on their reelection and stated that he was looking forward to seeing the agreement to be approved.

2nd witness card – Hector Farias

Mr. Farias stated that he was present on behalf of the Veteran's Coalition. He thanked the Court, Com. Garza, Com. Tijerina, and Judge Valdez for meeting with the veterans on numerous times. Mr. Farias stated that he had a concern with the County Attorney's Office because on many discussions the interlocal agreement has been at their office and he has not been able to have any phone calls nor faxes answered. He mentioned that the reason he was present was because Memorial Day was approaching and the historical plaque was already ordered and on its way. He reminded the Court that many veterans that were involved in the project were no longer here to see this project move forward.

Com. Garza motioned to bring up item 19. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 19. Presentation by Justice of the Peace Oscar Martinez on the condition of his department's building with discussion and possible action to appropriate funds from Certificate of Obligation 2010 for expansion of the building and rehabilitation of the roof; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Com. Martinez motioned to include the renovation of JP Martinez's building as a project to be sponsored from the Certificate of Obligation 2010. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

After discussion, Com. Martinez amended his motion to include the renovation of JP Martinez's building as a project to be sponsored from the Certificate of Obligation 2010 contingent upon the Court approving to go out on Certificate of Obligation 2010. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

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

Cmr. Tijerina stated for the record that she was not opposing the renovation; however, would like to hear from the financial advisor and will take the advice from the County Attorney to wait.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Presentation by Martin Villarreal, Chief Appraiser of the Webb County Appraisal District, regarding FY 2010-2011 preliminary values summary and analysis with discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to take remedial measures; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Judge Valdez assigned Dr. Cecilia Moreno, Purchasing Agent, Mr. Leo Flores, Mr. Leroy Medford, and Mr. Rafael Perez to start making workshops to meet with the department heads regarding the next fiscal year's budget. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to move up items 43, 10, and 18. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of May as "Community Action Agency Month" in Webb County, Texas.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to move up items 20 and 41. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20. Presentation by the Webb County Medical Examiner and the Child Advocacy Center of Laredo and Webb County on Water Safety Awareness; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Item No. 10. Status report from the county attorney's office regarding the veteran museum located at the old Farias home with discussion and possible action to enter into a proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Laredo for the remodeling, restoration and operation of said building; 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)]

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to approve and possibly amend the Inter Local agreement for the Veterans Museum between the City of Laredo and Webb County; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Cmr. Garza motioned to have Cmr. Tijerina set up a meeting with the City County Government Committee as soon as possible to review the Veteran's Museum interlocal agreement. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Auditor

Item No. 41. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Independent Audit conducted and completed by the CPA Firm of Garza, Martinez and Company with action to accept Webb County's Audited Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

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

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

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2010 as National County Government Month in Webb County, Texas, and encourage all Webb County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

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

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

Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to amend the contractual lease agreement between Webb County and the State of Texas for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Law Enforcement Building; 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 April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Judge Valdez advised Mr. Leroy Medford to place this item back on the next agenda.

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to add Mrs. Nelda Cortinas, Clerk at the Bruni Community Center, as an authorized signatory for all budgetary and purchasing matters related to the Ernest J. Salinas Memorial and the Bruni Community Centers, and to authorize her to make any and all decisions

regarding the operation and supervision of personnel of both centers in the Director's absence, and any matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to consider the hiring of a building inspector to conduct an inspection of Webb County Title & Abstract building; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

After discussion, Com. Garza motioned to bring up item 74 to be taken together with his item 12. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 74. Discussion and possible action to secure a physical inspection of the real property and improvements located at 1620 Santa Ursula Avenue, Laredo, Texas, (former location of Webb County Title & Abstract Company, Inc.) in advance of the planned purchase of same by Webb County. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with attorney) and Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding real property)].

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Com. Garza motioned to have Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, to prepare a scope to be able to proceed with securing proposals from inspectors. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to amend the contract of October 22, 2007 with FQR Architects on the Buenos Aires Community Center by increasing the project scope from a 3700sq. ft., building to 7800 sq .ft., building and to increase architectural fees to reflect the revised project size; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Com. Garza motioned to table the item as submitted. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to give preliminary approval to the lowest bidder for the Buenos Aires community Center and to authorize entry into

preliminary negotiations towards a construction contract for the Buenos Aires Community Center; and any other matters incident thereto.

Dr. Cecilia Moreno, Purchasing Agent, recommended Rhino Builders Ltd since they were the lowest bidders.

Comr. Garza motioned to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Status report by the Purchasing Agent on the Webb County Bond Counsel RFQ's, and to set a date for interviews with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

Dr. Cecilia Moreno, Purchasing Agent, stated that there was a meeting planned for tomorrow regarding this item.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement between Webb County and the City of Laredo for the Loop 20 Stimulus and any other matters incident thereto.

Comr. Garza motioned to authorize Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, to prepare a letter to TXDOT on behalf of Commissioner's Court requesting the Advanced Funding Agreement and ask them to come to the next meeting to explain the timeline that the process will take. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 17. Status report by Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent on the assessment of garbage collection fees in Webb County with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto.

Comr. Garza motioned to have a meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m. to be able to finalize the discussion and include Ms. Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez stated that item 21 will be discussed after lunch.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 22. Status report from the county attorney on the Demand for Payment sent to Balt Ramos on July 29, 2009 in connection with the balance due to Webb County on a Promissory Note that matured on September 30, 2008 with discussion and possible action to instruct the county attorney to proceed to collect the amount due without further delay; and any other matters incident thereto.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that they have already filed a suit against Mr. Balt Ramos.

Item No. 23. Status report from Southern Golf Properties Inc. regarding the Casa Blanca Golf Course, with discussion and possible action to approve their recommended course of action; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Judge Valdez motioned to recess for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(COURT IN RECESS 12:11 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.)

Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendations of the Webb County Loop 20 Stimulus Initiative Scoring Committee and to set a date for project interviews; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the April 26th Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez, County Engineer, stated that the recommendations were Ponznecki-Camarillo, Matec, Civil Engineering Consultant, KBR (Kellogg Brown & Root Services Inc), Dannebaum Engineering Corporation, and S&B Infrastructure Ltd.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the recommendations of the Scoring Committee, authorize Mr. Sanchez to inform the finalist to prepare for the final interviews and schedule a date as earliest and convenience to the Commissioners for a special meeting. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve the form for the 2010/2011 Third Party Funding Application, set submission dates and deadlines for application for Third Party Funding; and any matters incident thereto.

Mrs. Teresa Hunter, County Attorney's Office, stated that the deadline would be on May 26th.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the deadline of May 26th. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into contract Amendment number Two (2) to the Rural Transportation Federal Fund Grant Agreement No. RPT 0906 (22) R1 with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, wherein Webb County accepts an Amendment to expend the remaining apportionment, approximately TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$28,819.00) for IT surveillance system for buses and facilities and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Javier Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26. 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 SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$168,166.00) (Federal Funds) from the Texas Department of Transportation and to authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Javier Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Seventeen (17) month (March 15, 2010 through August 31, 2011) rural transportation federal fund agreement No. 51022F7225 with the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, wherein Webb County accepts a grant amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$168,166.00) for El Aguila Rural Transportation Program and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Javier Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]

Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) months (April 26, 2010 through April 25, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-233 copier Contract # 211543-ES233 located in the Veterans Service 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. [Requested by Antonio Silva, Webb County Veterans Service Director]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 27 and 28 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (April 26, 2010 through April 25, 2013) Maintenance Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-720 copier Contract #211185-ES720 located in the District Clerks 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. [Requested by Manuel Gutierrez, Webb County District Clerk]

- Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (March 15, 2010 through March 14, 2011) maintenance agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for the maintenance of Two (2) elevators located at the Webb County Administration Building at a cost of SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$6,729.44), and ordering an exemption to the competitive bidding statute (Local Gov't Code Section 262.024 (a) 7 (Sole Source), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Raul R. Elizondo, Webb County Facilities Director; Account #001-0106-6401 (Repairs and Maintenance)]
- Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Five (5) year (May 1, 2010 through April 31, 2015) Extended Warranty maintenance agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for the maintenance of One (1) elevator located at the Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr. Webb County Youth Village at a cost of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS PER MONTH (\$180.00) and a total cost of TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$10,800.00); and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Dr. Cecilia Moreno, Purchasing Agent]
- Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Laredo granting approval to Webb County to use the City of Laredo's 800 MHz Trunked Voice Radio System as an "Interoperability User" for the sole purpose of Interoperability Radio Communication during joint operations for public safety critical incident responses or for other approved limited purposes between The City of Laredo and the Webb County Sheriff's Department, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Fitzgerald Sanchez, Webb County Engineer]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 29, 30, 31, and 32 as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:		
001-2001- 6005	Postage & Courier Service	5,000
001-2001- 6401	Repairs & Maint Bldg	8,000
001-2001- 6730	Narcotics Disposal	4,000
001-2001- 6740	Forensic Examination	2,500
001-2060- 5601	Administrative Travel	5,000
001-2060- 5605	Special Travel	5,000
001-2060- 6014	Equipment Rental	4,500
001-2060- 6204	Fuel & Lube	3,000

001-2060- 6402	Repairs & Maint Equip	6,500
001-2062- 6202	Uniforms	3,500
001-2062- 6208	Groceries	28,650
001-2062- 6209	Medicines	28,650
001-2062- 6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	2,500
001-2062- 6502	Janitorial Supplies	30,000
		Total: 136,800

To:		
001-2001- 5601	Administrative Travel	4,500
001-2001- 6014	Equipment Rental	8,500
001-2001- 6202	Uniforms	2,500
001-2001- 6205	Materials & Supplies	7,500
001-2001- 6224	Minor Tools & Apparatus	6,500
001-2001- 6706	Canine Expenditures	1,000
001-2060- 6202	Uniforms	1,500
001-2060- 6205	Materials & Supplies	6,800
001-2060- 6401	Repairs & Maint Buildings	15,000
001-2062- 6714	Medical Services	83,000
		Total: 136,800

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to authorize the improvements to the Webb County Sheriff’s administrative office located at 902 Victoria Street. The proposed improvement consists of adding approximately 350 square feet of office space located in the lobby area of the second floor directly above the south entrance to the building. The improvements will be funded through federal forfeiture funds.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the temporary filling of the following slot at the budgeted rate with no fringe benefits effective April 26, 2010. [Account #001-1120-5001]

Slot #	Title	Yearly Rate
0305	Court Coordinator	\$40,213.00

Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk, advised the Court that she would like to hire two temporary part time employees at \$9.00 an hour to assist in the department.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Pl. 2

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-1041-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,500
To:	001-1041- 6014	Equipment Rental	1,500

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

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

Judge Valdez motioned to defer the item. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Administrative Services

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to schedule performance evaluations for the Webb County Department Heads.

Cmr. Tijerina stated that the evaluations be scheduled for June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the dates for the evaluations. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfers:

From:	001-0140-6007	Dues & Memberships	500
	001-0140-6010	Books & Subscriptions	500
To:	001-0140-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,000

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	863-0105-9201	Claims Paid Major Medical	30,000
To:	863-0105-6035-1	Premium	30,000

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

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

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 38, 39, and 40 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to accept an award in the amount of \$13,692.00 from FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program Phase #28 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. Webb County Community Action Agency will utilize these funds for utility assistance and rent assistance. [Account #902-4200-7004-01]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following slot with regular-full-time with benefits, for the Social Services Program effective April 26, 2010.

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2422	Caseworker	\$9.00/hr

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to approve Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant-Texas Administrative Code-Rule 5.25. Election will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2010, for Representative and Alternate for Area VI- Three Points, Lamar Chacon in the South Laredo Center 2201 Piedra China from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to approve Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant-Texas Administrative Code-Rule 5.25. Election will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010, for Representative and Alternate for Area IX-Rio Bravo in the Rio Bravo Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 44, 45, and 46 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to approve Laredo Housing Authority as a Representative Organization for Category "C" for the Webb County

Community Action Agency Advisory Board; and any other matters incident thereto.

Com. Martinez motioned to table this item and send notices to other agencies to give them an opportunity to apply. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Economic Development

- Item No. 48.** Discussion and possible action to ratify contract amendment submitted to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for the TCDP #R729700 A/B, (Water Well project and Fire Department expansion project), and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #Fund 640]

- Item No. 49.** Discussion and possible action to approve the extension of the annual plumbing contract scheduled to terminate May 15, 2010, for the house-to-line connection projects to July 15, 2010 (60 days) for the TCDP #728075 and include TCDP Projects #728023, #724195, & #729145. This will not impact the County General Fund. [Account # Fund 710, 507, 675, & 636]

Com. Tijerina motioned to approve items 48 and 49 as submitted. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 50.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a Contract Amendment to request a Six month extension until December 21, 2010 to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs TCDP #728075 (house to line connection project); and authorize the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documentation. This action will have no impact on the County General Fund.

- Item No. 51.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a Contract Amendment for a Six (6) month extension until December 21, 2010 from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for the TCDP# 728449 (reverse osmosis water treatment plant); and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documentation. This action will have no impact on the County General Fund.

- Item No. 52.** Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County Economic Development Department staff to submit a grant application in the amount of \$125,000 under the Texas State Comptroller's State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) - State Energy Program (SEP 2.1). The requested funding will be used to purchase and install a solar grid-tied photovoltaic system in the Guadalupe and Liliana Martinez Nutrition and Health Learning Center. The application will further contain an educational component that shall include a minimum of four presentations to the public advocating the use of renewable energy technologies.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 50, 51, and 52 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Engineer

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to approve the release of the retainage to Kiva Construction for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Building Contract in the amount of \$19,875.89. [Account #605-2311]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to apply a total of \$45,620.73 in funding to current balances due through March 10, 2010 for Advanced Funding Agreement (AFAs) commitments with The State of Texas through TxDOT for the projects that follow: CSJ 0922-33-115, Right-Of-Way-Cuarto Vientos; CSJ 0922-33-123, ARRA-Espejo-Molina; CSJ 0922-33-124, ARRA-Mangana-Hein; CSJ 0922-33-126, ARRA-E. Del Mar; CSJ 0922-33-085 Carrizitos Creek Bridge on Callaghan Road from refunded proceeds of cancelled funding agreement fund of \$93,361.72 leaving a balance of \$47,740.99 to be designated to use for future payments on these AFAs, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to approve payment of \$1,066.00 to A Clean Portoco for a portable toilet needed for the Colorado Acres Water Treatment Plant. [Account #801-3001-6014]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer for the Water Utilities Department:

From: 801-3001-6014	Equipment Rental	1,620
To: 801-3001-6205	Materials and Supplies	540
801-3001-6017	Printing and Supplies	1,080

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Head Start

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to approve the Refunding Application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in the amount of \$23,886 to make the 2009 temporary 1.84% COLA PERMANENT. [Requested by Aliza F. Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-5001 and 903-4207-8801]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Public Information Office

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the countywide salary freeze and adjust the following slot as per current budget.

From:	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
	2129	Production Administrator	\$14.50
To:	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
	2129	Production Administrator	\$16.43

[Requested by Larry Sanchez, Public Information Officer]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the following Annual Contracts, requested by the Community Action Agency.

ITB- 2010 –Central Air Condition Unit & Labor
ITB- 2010-Energy Efficient Appliances, Evaporative cooler, Refrigerator,
Water Heater, Window A/C Units, Wall Furnace
ITB- 2010-Installation of Energy Efficient Appliances

[Requested by Javier Martinez, Webb County Community Action Agency Director; Account #911-4227-7018 (Heating Cooling Systems)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to solicit RFQ's for the services of an architect for the design of the El Cenizo Library. [Requested by Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa; Account #605-0201-8801]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2010-29 "Client Management Tracking Software" to the lowest and best bidder. [Requested by Javier Martinez, Community Action Agency Director; Account #911-4200-8402 & 920-4200-8402]

Dr. Cecilia Moreno, Purchasing Agent, recommended awarding the lowest and best bidder following an analysis from MIS, Mr. Javier Martinez, and the County Attorney. She stated that the top two bidders were Client Track and Shaw Software.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve recommendations made by Purchasing Agent. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action to award Bid # 2010-24 "Modernization of the Webb County Jail Elevator System" to ThyssenKrupp elevator, not to exceed \$530,285.00, and approval of a reimbursement resolution declaring intention to reimburse expenditures for the reonovation and repair of the county jail elevator system to be prepared by Bond Counsel; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account # Reimbursement Resolution]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to award Bid No. 2010-20, 2010-21, 2010-22 and 2010-23 to the following contractors:

Contractors	Name	Amount
JCI Enterprises	Julia Benitez	\$26,684.27
JCI Enterprises	Mario Tejeda	\$29,154.32
Laredo Artistic Builders	Jorge Gutierrez	\$29,588.00
Laredo Artistic Builders	Fransico Degollado	\$28,930.00
	Total	\$114,356.59

[Requested by Alice Garcia, Self Help Center Director; Account #507-6500-7037-3 (Grant Funds)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 64.** Discussion and possible action to purchase Two (2) Evidence Collection Module from SIRCHIE at a total price of \$16,640.00 for the Sheriff's Department. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #327-2001-8801 (Grant Funds)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 65.** Discussion and possible action to purchase Eleven (11) Scanners for District Attorney's Office, pursuant to Section 271.101, and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code from CDW-G , TCPN Contract #R4713, for a total amount of \$9,515.00. [Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, District Attorney; Account #169-1100-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

- Item No. 66.** Discussion and possible action to purchase Two (2) IBM Bladecenters HS22 for District Attorney's Office, pursuant to Section 271.101, and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code from IBM DIR Contract #DIR-SDD-953, for a total amount of \$16,376.00. [Requested by Isidro R. Alaniz, District Attorney; Account #169-1100-8801 (Capital Outlay)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 65 and 66 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 67.** Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Two (2) vehicles, (Ford F150 Super Cab for the Sheriff's Department, pursuant to Section 271.101, and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code, from H-GAC (Houston Galveston Area Council), at a total price of \$90,192.00. Grant funds \$82,174.00 in combination with Federal Forfeiture funds. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #327-2001-8801 & 170-2001-8801 (Grant Funds)]

- Item No. 68.** Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Two (2) vehicles, (Ford Expedition EL) for the Sheriff's Department, pursuant to Section 271.101, and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code, from Buy Board #281-07 at a total price of \$72,284.00. Project will be funded 100% from grant funds. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #327-2001-8801 (Grant Funds)]

Item No. 69. Discussion and possible action to purchase firearms and ammunition from SIG Sauer Inc. in the amount of \$13,102.00 for the Sheriff's Department. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #170-2001-6228 (Fire Arms & Ammunition)]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 67, 68, and 69 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 70. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a Mobile Command Center from Mobile Specialty Vehicles (GSA Contract No. GS-30F-0036U) in the amount of \$321,140.00 requested by the Sheriff's Office, and authorize the exception to competitive bids pursuant to Subchapter G, Purchases from Federal Schedule Sources of Supply Section 271.103,(a), Texas Local Government Code. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff, Account #319-2001-8410 2008 Stone Garden Grant (\$260,000.00) & Account #170-2001-8801 Capital Outlay (\$61,140.00)]

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 71. Discussion and possible action to purchase Three (3) laptops and Four (4) computer desktops and Five (5) printers for the Head Start Department, pursuant to Section 271.101, and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code form Southern Computer Warehouse DIR contract , DIR-SDD-835, for a total amount of \$6,278.69. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #908-4208-6224 (Minor Tools & Apparatus)]

Road and Bridge

Item No. 72. Discussion and possible action to waive Webb County hiring freeze and authorize Dept. 7002 Road & Bridge to transfer and fill the following positions:

Transfer:	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
From:	2357	Truck Driver	\$11.41
To:	1994	Refuse Truck Driver	\$12.46
From:	2354	Maintenance Aide	\$ 9.52
To:	1897	Maintenance Aide	\$10.49
Vacant:	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
	2357	Truck Driver	\$11.41
	2354	Maintenance Aide	\$ 9.52

Self Help Center

Item No. 73. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Webb County Scoring Committee and authorize the purchasing agent to solicit bids for the following approved applicants for the self help center's housing rehabilitation project:

1. Alicia Navarro	269 Welch	San Carlos II	Approved
2. Mario Torres	258 Arcoiris	Los Altos	Approved
3. Filiberta Solis	7407 Gutierrez	San Carlos I	Approved
4. Juan Cedillo	225 Arcoiris	Tanquecitos I	Approved
5. Remigio Cisneros	176 Pinzon	Ranchitos	Approved
6. Rogelio Molina	235 Welch	San Carlos II	Denied

[Requested by Alice Garcia, Self Help Center Director; Account #507-6500-7037-3]

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 71, 72, and 73 as submitted. Com. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Pl. 2

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From: 001-1041-6205	Materials & Supplies	1,500
To: 001-1041- 6014	Equipment Rental	1,500

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 2:35 p.m. – 3:02 P.M.)

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

Item No. 75. Discussion and possible action to retain counsel to represent Webb County in Cause No. 2010-CVQ-000296-D3; Good Government League, Cut Fat, Xavier Cantu, M.D., and Marissa Martinez, vs. Webb County; In 341st Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; and to take any other action pertaining to this lawsuit and related matters. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney.)] [Requested by Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that her office might have a conflict of interest and that they recommended tabling the item until they spoke to Mr. Jim Allison to obtain fees.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 77. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County attorney's office to represent Jaime Canales in Civil Action Lawsuit No. 2010-CVT-000604-D3; Amparo Melos Independently, and as Next of Friend of Aida Yvette Merlos -v- Jaime Canales. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the county's insurance carrier will handle this case.

Item No. 76. Discussion and possible action to implement the order of the Webb County Civil Service Commission reinstating former employee Alicia Galindo to employment with Justice of the Peace Precinct Four by identifying an available slot, transferring that slot to the Precinct Four Justice of the Peace, and ordering adequate funding for the reinstatement; and any other matters incident thereto. Commissioners Court may take any other action to facilitate implementation of the order. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, joined them in executive session for financial matters.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 78. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.