

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
and continued to Thursday, June 3rd, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
(approved June 28, 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 1:30 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 28th of May 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. Communications

Cmr. Martinez thanked the Veteran's Alliance for hosting the veteran's ceremony at the cemetery. He thanked the Girl's Scouts as well for their involvement.

Judge Valdez explained that this meeting was posted for today from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., continuing to Thursday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Friday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cmr. Garza thanked all the veteran groups who held Memorial Day events. He welcomed and thanked the veterans who were present. Cmr. Garza thanked everyone who participated in the grand opening ceremony of the Buenos Aires Community Center as well as the school districts and county employees for their involvement. He also congratulated Falcon National Bank for their wall breaking ceremony on McPherson.

Judge Valdez congratulated and thanked all veteran coalitions as well as those present for all the ceremonies that were held. He thanked Cmr. Martinez and Cmr. Sciaraffa for donating the flags for the families and congratulated Cmr. Garza on the ground breaking ceremony of the Buenos Aires Community Center.

Cmr. Tijerina congratulated and thanked all veterans for their support and for serving our country. She congratulated Cmr. Garza on a job well done with the ground breaking of the Buenos Aires Community Center.

Cmr. Sciaraffa thanked the veterans for all they do as well as Cmr. Martinez for cosponsoring the purchase of flags for various families. He sent his condolences to Mr. Blas Garza on the passing of his father and congratulated Cmr. Garza on his Buenos Aires Community Center project.

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 comment.

Comr. Garza motioned to bring up item 6. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No. 6. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the filling of Slot #2199 and to pay the budgeted salary amount of \$12.65 per hour effective May 3, 2010. [Requested by Judge Oscar Martinez, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.)

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to amend §4.02 of the Webb County Personnel Policies manual to address the issue of filling vacancies caused by the discharge of civil service employees. The following sentence or a different provision may be added to §4.02: "An elected official or department head may not fill a vacancy caused by the discharge of a civil service employee until that person's appeal, if any, to the Webb County Civil Service Commission is decided in favor of the department and becomes final." [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)].

Judge Valdez motioned to adopt the language stipulated in this item and approve the item. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Inter-local Agreement between Webb County and the City of Laredo on the Webb County/City of Laredo Veteran's Museum; 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 in the June 3rd – 4th, 2010 Commissioner's Court meeting dvd.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, explained several concerns that her office had with the Inter-local Agreement.

Judge Valdez motioned to defer this item until tomorrow Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and allow the County Attorney's Office to represent the Commissioner's Court to continue discussions with the City of Laredo. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:00 p.m. – 3:12 p.m.)

Commissioners Court

Item No. 7. Discussion and possible action to evaluate the performance of Webb County department heads who are subject to the authority of the Webb County Commissioners Court, to wit:

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| 1. Administrative Services | 15. Larga Vista Community Center |
| 2. Bruni, Mirando & Quad City Community Centers | 16. Law Library |
| 3. Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds | 17. Medical Examiner |
| 4. Community Action Agency | 18. Management Information Systems |
| 5. Economic Development | 19. Planning & Physical Development |
| 6. El Cenizo Community Center | 20. Public Information Officer |
| 7. El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities | 21. Rio Bravo Community Center |
| 8. Facilities | 22. Road & Bridge |
| 9. Engineering | 23. Santa Teresita Community Center |
| 10. Fred M. Anita Bruni Community Center (Penitas) | 24. Veterans Service Officer |
| 11. Head Start Program | |
| 12. Indigent Defense Services | |
| 13. Indigent Health Care Services | |
| 14. La Presa Community Center | |

Action to be taken by Commissioners Court may include continuation of employment, reassignment, modification of duties, disciplinary action, dismissal, or other actions. The Commissioners Court may take such other action as may be necessary to implement its decisions including, but not limited to, appointment of interim department heads. [(Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D,

Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

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1st - Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Ms. Cynthia Mares as the Administrative Services Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

2nd - Mario Garcia, Bruni, Mirando & Quad City Community Centers Director

Comr. Tijerina motioned to keep Mr. Mario Garcia as the Bruni, Mirando & Quad City Community Centers Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

3rd – Raul Elizondo, Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds Director

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Raul Elizondo as the Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

4th - Javier Martinez, Community Action Agency Director

Comr. Garza motioned to keep Mr. Javier Martinez as the Community Action Agency Director. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

5th – Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Juan Vargas as the Economic Development Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

6th – Ricardo Molina, El Cenizo Community Center Director

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Ricardo Molina as the El Cenizo Community Center Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

7th – Manuel Villarreal, El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Manuel Villarreal as the El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to recess until Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(RECESS 4:19 p.m. – Wednesday, June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.)

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8th – Fitzgerald Sanchez, Engineering Director

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Fitzgerald Sanchez as the Engineering Department Director. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

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

9th – Joe Guitierrez, Fred M. & Anita Bruni Community Center

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Joe Guitierrez as the Fred M. & Anita Bruni Community Center Director. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

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

10th – Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Program Director

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Ms. Aliza Oliveros as the Head Start Program Director. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

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

11th – Cornell Mickley, Indigent Defense Services Director

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Mr. Cornell Mickley as the Indigent Defense Service Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

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

12th- Frank Salinas, Indigent Health Care Services Director

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Mr. Frank Salinas as the Indigent Health Care Services Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

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

13th – Sara A. Davila, La Presa Community Center Director

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Sara A. Davila as La Presa Community Center Director. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

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

14th- Alicia H. Garcia, Larga Vista Community Center Director

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Alicia H. Garcia as the Larga Vista Community Center Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

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

15th – Rosie Cuellar-Castillo, Law Library Director

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Rosie Cuellar-Castillo as the Law Library Director. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

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

16th – Dr. Corrine Stern, Medical Examiner

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Dr. Corrine Stern as the Medical Examiner. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Martinez not present

17th – Antonio Silva, Veterans Officer

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Antonio Silva as the Veterans Officer. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

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

18th – Jaime Alvarado

Mr. Alvarado requested closed session.

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

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

(EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:35 a.m. – 11:06 a.m.)

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

Cmr. Martinez walked in to Executive Session at 10:48 a.m.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to bring back Mr. Jaime Alvarado, MIS Director, in 6 months and have Administrative Services monitor the growth plan discussed in executive session. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

19th – Rhonda M. Tiffin, Planning Director

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Ms. Rhonda M. Tiffin as the Planning Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

20th – Larry Sanchez, Public Information Officer

Cmr. Garza motioned to keep Mr. Larry Sanchez as Public Information Officer and to keep within his goals to seek out more stories. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(RECESS 11:33 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

21st – Gilberto Gonzalez, Rio Bravo Community Center Director

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to keep Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez as the Rio Bravo Community Center Director. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

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

22nd – Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Mr. Jose Luis Ramos as the Road & Bridge Superintendent. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza walked in at 1:14 p.m.

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

23rd – Gregorio Araiza

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to keep Mr. Gregorio Araiza as the Santa Teresita Community Center Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to recess until 3:00 p.m. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(RECESS 1:22 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

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Com. Garza walked in at 3:16 p.m.

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, explained the modifications to the contract according to the concerns that Webb County had.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the Inter-local Agreement between Webb County and the City of Laredo on the Webb County/City of Laredo Veteran's Museum subject to review, support and approval of City Council. Com. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 9. Adjourn

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Com. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.