

# Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Special Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2010 at 10:00 AM  
(Approved on September 13, 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 10:00 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 13th day of August 2010. Present also were Mrs. Marcela A. Garza, 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. Sciaraffa from the meeting.

Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motioned carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

## **Item No.2. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Item No.3. Communications**

Judge Valdez welcomed everyone present and congratulated Cmr. Tijerina for a successful Bowling for School Supplies. He acknowledged Mayor Ramon Garza Barrios from Nuevo Laredo for his commitment to help in any fire emergency especially on the World Trade Bridge side.

Cmr. Tijerina thanked everyone who participated on her Back to School Bowling. She also thanked Mayor Ramon Garza Barrios for his support in providing fire trucks if the need arises.

Cmr. Garza had no items under communications.

Cmr. Martinez congratulated Sheriff Martin Cuellar on the opening of their Sheriff's Sub-Station at Penita.

**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.**

1<sup>st</sup> witness card – Jaime Alvarado- MIS Director

Mr. Alvarado spoke on item 6. He presented his request for a Time Attendance System with an approximate value of \$400,000 which would be used by all the County employees for better security and auditing.

2<sup>nd</sup> witness card – Jose Luis Ramos-Road and Bridge

Mr. Ramos spoke on item 6. He asked the court to consider his request for much needed equipment including pick up trucks.

3<sup>rd</sup> witness card – Nancy Cadena-Indigent Health Services

Ms. Cadena spoke on item 6. She asked the court to consider her request for five computers and a Ford Van.

4<sup>th</sup> witness card – Ruben Reyes-Constable Pct. 2

Mr. Reyes spoke on item 6. He asked the court to consider his request for new computers.

5<sup>th</sup> witness card – Margie Ramirez Ibarra-Webb County Clerk

Mrs. Ibarra spoke on item 6. She asked the court to consider her request for twelve computers but would be satisfied with seven much needed computers for the Public Area.

6<sup>th</sup> witness card – Pat Campos-JJAEP Director and Jaime Canales, Commissioner Pct.4-Elect

Ms. Campos spoke on item 6. She presented her request of 1.2 million for much needed vans to transport the juveniles to the courts and also presented her support for JJAEP.

Mr. Canales, spoke on item 6. He presented his request for a match of \$750,000 needed for the Phase II Construction Fund to complete the JJAEP Building next to the Salomon Cassab Juvenile Detention Center.

7<sup>th</sup> witness card – Delia Perales-Webb County Treasurer

Ms. Perales spoke on item 6. She presented her support on the MIS request for a Time Attendance System.

8<sup>th</sup> witness card – Melissa Morales-On behalf of Constable Tino Juarez

Ms. Morales spoke on item 6. She presented her request for two digital cameras, two radios, and other additional items.

9<sup>th</sup> witness card – Pete Arredondo, Sheriff's Department-Assistant Chief and Joe Lopez, Sheriff's Department-Comptroller

Mr. Lopez spoke on item 6. He presented their request on several items needed but priority was stressed on the cooling system and roof reparation for the Webb County Jail.

10<sup>th</sup> witness card – Jose Salinas, Sheriff's Department-Commander for the Jail Division

Mr. Salinas spoke on the priorities for the Webb County Jail which were the cooling system and roofing.

11<sup>th</sup> witness card – Judge Joe Lopez, 49<sup>th</sup> District Court

Not present.

12<sup>th</sup> witness card – Patricia Barrera-Webb County Tax Assessor Collector

Ms. Barrera spoke on item 6. She presented her request for a new AS 400 System.

13<sup>th</sup> witness card – Cynthia Mares-Human Resources and Administrative Services

Ms. Mares spoke on item 6. She presented her request her for a Human Resources Software as well as a scanner of an approximate value of \$22,000.

14<sup>th</sup> witness card – Dr. Cecilia Moreno-Purchasing Agent

Ms. Moreno spoke on item 6. She presented her request for computers, copiers, and laptops with electronic agendas.

15<sup>th</sup> witness card – Ana Laura Cavazos Ramirez-Webb County Attorney

Ms. Cavazos Ramirez spoke on item 6. She presented her request for the replacement of seven radios for the investigators plus three new vehicles.

16<sup>th</sup> witness card – Fitzgerald G. Sanchez-Engineering

Mr. Sanchez spoke on item 6. He presented his request estimating at 3 million dollars for the improvements for the Lake Casa Blanca Dam which would be done in Phases with an approximate total of 8 to 9 million.

17<sup>th</sup> witness card – Gerardo Alarcon-Representing Constable Rudy Rodriguez

Mr. Alarcon spoke on item 6. He presented their request for several items including bullet proof vests and additional vehicles.

18<sup>th</sup> witness card – Maricela Jacaman-1<sup>st</sup> Assistant District Attorney

Ms. Jacaman spoke on item 6. She presented their request for much needed hardware to support the software purchased for the District Attorney's Office including forty four computer desktops and binding equipment.

19<sup>th</sup> witness card – Isidro Alaniz-Webb County District Attorney

Mr. Alaniz asked for the support of the court to help match the amount of forfeiture funds used to buy the software at \$414,000 and their much needed hardware at approximately \$101,000.

20<sup>th</sup> witness card – Judge Joe Lopez-49<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

Mr. Lopez spoke on his support for a new Integrated Case Management System of an estimated cost of 2 million and a new Jury System of an approximate total of \$100,000 for the District Clerk's Office.

21<sup>st</sup> witness card – Javier Martinez-Community Action Agency Director

Mr. Martinez spoke on item 6. He presented his request for 2 new vehicles.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to move up items 8 and 9.

Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### **Economic Development**

**Item No.8. Discussion and possible action to ratify the purchase of equipment items for the completion of the HWY 59 Reverse Osmosis System currently being upgraded at the HWY 59 Water Plant.**

<b>Odessa Pumps &amp; Controls</b>	<b>10,436</b>
<b>DEH Construction Co. LLC</b>	<b><u>15,000</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,436</b>

**[Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director; Account #709-8001-8701]**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve item as submitted.

Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No.9.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Attorney's Office to approve the construction contract for Zertuche Construction for the Design Build Project of the Fire Station Expansion, J. P. Renovation, Bruni Park and authorize County Judge to sign all relevant documentation.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve item as submitted.

Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Cmr.Sciaraffa walked in at 10:58 a.m.**

Judge Valdez motioned to go into Executive Session for items 5 and 7.

Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**(EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:00 a.m. – 11:38 a.m.)**

Judge Valdez stated no action was taken while in Executive Session.

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

**Item No.7.** Discussion and possible action for approval of the Webb County Fines/Fees collection contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, and to allow the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matter incident thereto. [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office in the August 18, 2010 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted.

Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Ana Laura Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney stated that the contract would be in effect on October 1, 2010.

**Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge**

**Item No.5.** Discussion and possible action to interview and select the Webb County Fire and EMS

Coordinator from the list of qualified applicants; set salary, approve job description and operational budget; 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 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]

Ana Laura Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney stated no action was taken in Executive Session and that it was only for consultation. Mrs. Cavazos advised the court that there were four applicants to be interviewed for the positions of Webb County Fire and EMS Coordinator. They are to be interviewed and allowed a brief opening and closing statement, salary would be negotiated once the court made the selection and interviews would be held in open court.

Judge Valdez announced the order of the interviews of the four applicants:

1. Juan Gerardo Arizola
2. Arnoldo Davalos
3. Luis Rolando Garcia
4. Jesus Molina

Interviews on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office in the August 18, 2010 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to hire Juan G. Arizola as the Webb County Fire and EMS Coordinator.

Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motioned carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez advised Mr. Arizola to meet with him, Mr. Medford, Leo Flores, Cynthia Mares, and County Attorney Ana Laura Cavazos Ramirez for help in getting ready for October 1.

Cmr. Sciaraffa walked out at 12:40 p.m.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to recess the meeting at 12:45 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

### **(RECESS 12:45 p.m. – 1:18 p.m.)**

Esther Degollado representing the Webb County District Clerk Manuel Gutierrez, spoke on item 6. She presented their request for \$100,000 for a new software for the Central Jury Room as well as \$26,000 for the purchase of desks, chairs, and also requested that the office be painted.

**Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to conduct a workshop to review, prioritize and approve the Capital Outlay Project requests submitted by all county departments to be funded from the proposed 2010 Certificate of Obligation Bond Series; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Economic Development Director; Account #640-8001-8701 (ARRA Grant) and Account #641-8001-8701 (ARRA Grant) and Fund 732 (Series 2008)]**

Leo Flores, Webb County Auditor stated that he had a three page list of requests submitted but specified that the court needed to prioritize because only 7 million dollars were available.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve:

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| 1. Fire and EMS Equipment                     | \$950,000   |
| 2. Repairs to the Lake Casa Blanca Dam        | \$1,000,000 |
| 3. Repairs to the Webb County Jail A/C System | \$500,000   |
| 4. Repairs to the Webb County Jail roof       | \$500,000   |

Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 on items 1, 3, and 4. On item 2 motioned carried 3-1 with Cmr. Garza opposing the motion.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve:

Repairs to the Lake Casa Blanca Golf Course	\$500,000
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Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Cmr. Garza and Cmr. Martinez opposed the motion.

No action was taken.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve:

Purchase of Road and Bridge Equipment	\$1,000,000
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Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1.

Cmr. Garza opposed the motion.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve:

Construction of JJAEP	\$750,000
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Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1.

Cmr. Martinez opposed the motion.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve:

Commissioner Sciaraffa	\$400,000
Commissioner Martinez	\$400,000
Commissioner Garza	\$350,000

Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez and Cmr. Tijerina opposed the motion.

No action was taken.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve:

Buenos Aires Center	\$300,000
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No second. Motion died.

Judge Valdez motioned for a fifteen minute break at 3:18 p.m.

Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**(BREAK 3:18 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.)**

Comr. Garza motioned to bring back Repairs to the Lake Casa Blanca Golf Course.

Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve:

Repairs to the Lake Casa Blanca Golf Course	\$400,000
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Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1.

Comr. Martinez opposed the motion.

Comr. Garza motioned to reduce purchase of Road and Bridge Equipment from \$1,000,000 to \$700,000.

Comr. Tijerina seconded the motioned.

Motion carried 3-1.

Comr. Martinez opposed the motion.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve:

The Completion of the Buenos Aires Community Center	\$300,000
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Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Comr. Martinez abstained from voting.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve:

Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Cmr. Martinez abstained from voting.

Judge Valdez motioned to keep the \$1,000,000 remaining balance of Capital Outlay and to prioritize among all departments.

Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Cmr. Martinez abstained from voting.

**Item No.10. Adjourn**

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to adjourn.

Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.