

Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM

(approved on January 11, 2010)

(amended and approved on January 25, 2010)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 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 11th of December 2009. Present also were Mrs. Imelda Diaz, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

Item No. 1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No. 3. Approval of Minutes for November 16, 2009 and November 23, 2009

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor, explained his monthly report.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5. Communications

Cmr. Sciaraffa welcomed everyone present. He sent his condolences to the family of Jesus Ibarra Sr. as well as congratulated Ms. Aliza Oliveros and the Headstart program on a wonderful Christmas event, Constable Rudy Rodriguez and Mr. Israel Gomez on the Navidad en el Barrio and HEB on their Feast of Sharing. Cmr. Sciaraffa wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Cmr. Tijerina welcomed everyone present. She congratulated Habitat for Humanity on awarding two homes for the holidays. She thanked Texas A & M Colonias program and the Self Help Center on their event as well as the Promotoras. Cmr. Tijerina advised that they would be having a shoe giveaway at the Larga Vista Community Center along with a toy giveaway at the Santa Teresita Community Center on Saturday. She thanked the Webb County Employee Recognition Committee for a wonderful Christmas party as well as all the participants to the Holiday Bowling Tournament. Cmr. Tijerina thanked Constable Rudy Rodriguez and Israel Gomez on the Navidad en el Barrio event. She congratulated Cmr. Sciaraffa on being named Most Valuable Player. She also sent condolences to various families and wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

Cmr. Garza invited everyone to a candlelight vigil which will be taking place this evening at the National Guard at 6:00 p.m. He sent special thanks to the Webb County Employee Recognition Committee for a well organized Christmas Party. Cmr. Garza wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Cmr. Martinez sent his condolences to John Fitzgibbon and welcomed everyone present. He asked everyone to remember the soldiers in their prayers at Christmas.

Judge Valdez welcomed everyone present. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. Judge Valdez sent his condolences to the family of Carlos DeLLano and Colonel Ivan Quiroz. He congratulated Ms. Pilar Sciaraffa on her birthday along with Ms. Joselyn Rivera who is the recipient of the scholarship given to the winner of 100th Courthouse celebration painting which will be displayed on the third floor. He also congratulated Cmr. Sciaraffa on being named the Most Valuable Player as well as the Webb County Employee Recognition Committee on a great Christmas party.

Mr. Adolfo "Popo" Gonzalez presented Ms. Maria Elena Morales with a plaque in appreciation for her diligent effort in ensuring that all deployed soldiers stay in compliance with their taxes.

Judge Valdez and the Court also presented a plaque to Mr. Israel Gomez and Constable Rudy Rodriguez for their support to Navidad en el Barrio.

Cmr. Tijerina encouraged all employees to attend the luncheon scheduled for December 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

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 – Sonny Storm

Ms. Storm was present representing Casita Rosa. She explained that this business was started by her father of which only makes business 20 days of the year. She asked the Court to support the idea of the implementation of a Fun Zone inside the LIFE Downs area.

2nd witness card – Allison Haynes

Ms. Haynes was present representing Khaledhi properties. After explaining several case rulings, she advised the Court that her client was ready to close the contract on the Webb County Old Detention Center; however, has not received any response from the County Attorney's Office even after several attempts of sending correspondence to them.

4th witness card – John Hill

Mr. Hill, President of the Sheriff's Collective Bargaining Association, was present representing all deputies. He explained numerous accomplishments as well as issues that all deputies face on a daily basis. Mr. Hill asked the Court for their support.

5th witness card – Jose Salinas

Mr. Salinas spoke on item 70. He asked the Court for their support and asked that they consider all the critical issues that all deputies face on a daily basis.

6th witness card – Ron Dalord

Mr. Dalord asked the Court to take the position that the union was proposing. He asked the Court to make a commitment to close the gap.

7th witness card – Leo Flores, County Auditor

Mr. Flores stated that as the County Auditor his obligation is to let the Court know when something is going to have a huge impact on the budget. He stated that the proposed increases would amount to about 2.7 million dollars and stated that it is not affordable to the county at this time.

8th witness card – Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector

Ms. Barrera spoke on item 38 and explained that she recently got a revised general order from the Auditor's Office wherein she stated was done in violation of the Open Meetings Act. She further explained that the action taken was not done in open court.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to bring up item 70. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

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

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

Before going into executive session, Judge Valdez motioned to include all items under executive session which included items 13,15,16,19, 70, 71, and 72. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Closed Session/Executive Session 10:25 a.m. – 12:29 p.m.)

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

Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action regarding the the status of the Webb County fines/fees collection contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson; and any other matters incident thereto. [Co-Sponsored by Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner, Pct. 2] [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 Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to instruct the County Attorney's Office to initiate negotiation with the firm for the terms of the contract, include Mr. Eloy Ramirez's concerns, form a committee, invite all Justice of the Peace to submit their input and bring back to the Court with a recommendation. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez appointed Cmr. Garza, Mr. Leo Flores, Mr. Eloy Ramirez, representative from the County Attorney's Office, Cmr. Tijerina, and a representative from the MIS Department to be part of the committee.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 15. Discussion and possible action to consider possible dates to interview and/or evaluate applicants for the position of Webb County CAA Director; to appoint a CAA Director; and to take any other action incident thereto. [Executive Session may

be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D., Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Cmr. Martinez motioned to have all applicants appear before Commissioner's Court in executive session and follow the following parameters: applicants would be interviewed by alphabetical order, 3 minutes opening statement, 3 minutes closing statement for a total of 15 minutes, and schedule all applicants at 12 noon on January 5th. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 04-08 00105-CV; Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd vs. County of Webb in the Fourth Court of Appeals District of Texas from the 341st Judicial District Court of Webb County Texas, Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D and Cause No. 2007-CVQ-00168004 Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd vs. County of Webb in the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; with discussion and possible action to proceed with the final closing and sale of county property to highest bidder; and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

No action taken under this item.

Item No. 19. Discussion and possible action to consider an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laredo for the provision of 3-1-1 service to Webb County and City of Laredo residents including the use of space in the Tex-Mex building (utilities included as County match); and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Larry Sanchez; Webb County Public Information Officer] [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D., Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the 311 committee meet with the City of Laredo and renegotiate an agreement.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to authorize the 311 committee to meet with the City of Laredo and renegotiate the agreement. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 70. Discussion and possible action to provide direction to the committee appointed by the Commissioners Court to collectively bargain with the Webb County Deputy Sheriffs Association, to make a decision regarding the Association's salary demands, to respond to the request of the Association and CLEAT (Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas) that Webb County deputy constables be included in the bargaining unit, and any matter related to the foregoing. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to authorize the County Attorney's office to obtain an Attorney General opinion on whether or not the Constables could be made part of the unit and have Judge Valdez appoint members to establish a wage and comparability study. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Judge Valdez appointed the Mr. Leo Flores, Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, Ms. Cynthia Mares, and a representative from the Sheriff's Office.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 71. Discussion and possible action concerning Civil Action No. 5:08-cv-00128; Cynthia Alcalá, et al. vs. Webb County, Texas, et al.; In the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division; including the payment of case expenses and attorney fees to counsel for Patricia Barrera in her individual capacity; and any matters incident thereto. [Executive Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D., Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

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Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended approving settlement in the amount of \$950,000 as recommended by the insurance carrier and in regards to the attorney's fees is was up to the Court what action was to be taken.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the County Attorney's recommendation and consolidate both attorney's bills and have the committee review them. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

No action taken by a 2-2 vote with Cmr. Garza, Cmr. Sciaraffa opposing and Cmr. Martinez abstaining from voting.

Item No. 72. Discussion and possible action to retain outside counsel to provide additional legal services associated with the negotiation of a lease agreement between Webb County and Laredo Race Park, LLC for use of the real property and improvements known as the Casa Blanca Golf Course. [Executive Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071(Consultation With Attorney and 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property))] [Requested by Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]

Mrs. Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended hiring counsel that will bring in expertise in the lease and real property situation and hire Mr. Steve Whitworth at a rate of \$250.00 an hr.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the County Attorney's recommendation. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No. 7. Status report by the Sheriff's Department regarding the recent re-inspection of the Jail facility conducted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Status report on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

- Item No. 8. Discussion and possible action to transfer \$4,000 from 001-0201-5005 Commissioner Precinct #1 Part-Time to 001-6305-5001 Rio Bravo Activity Center Payroll and to increase the budgeted salary of slot #2396-Recreational Specialist I in Department 6305-Rio Bravo Activity Center from \$10.40 to \$12.00 per hour.
- Item No. 9. Discussion and possible action to transfer current employee from slot #2320-Clerk in Department 0201-Commissioner Precinct #1 to slot #2396 Recreational Specialist I in Department 6305-Rio Bravo Activity Center.
- Item No. 10. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #2320 in Department 0201-Commissioner Precinct #1 and change the title from "Clerk" to "Community Events Coordinator".

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 8, 9, and 10 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Tijerina and Judge Valdez abstaining from voting.

Cmr. Martinez motioned to bring back item 16. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 16. Discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 04-08 00105-CV; Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd vs. County of Webb in the Fourth Court of Appeals District of Texas from the 341st Judicial District Court of Webb County Texas, Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D and Cause No. 2007-CVQ-00168004 Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd vs. County of Webb in the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas; with discussion and possible action to proceed with the final closing and sale of county property to highest bidder; and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Ms. Allison Haynes stated that she submitted in writing on behalf of her client a waiver of title and advised that they are ready to close.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- Item No. 11. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of the 2009 Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing grant award in the amount of \$331,699.00. This grant will assist low-income, homeless Webb County residents. This action will have no impact on the county's general fund.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 12. Discussion and possible action to hire Caseworker for the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Grant at a salary of \$29,120.00 plus fringe benefits. This will have no impact on the County's budget.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Addendum Item No. 1. Discussion and possible action to increase the budgeted salary for Slot #2288 from \$13.50 to \$16.83 per hour. [Account #001-0203-5005]

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Tijerina and Judge Valdez abstaining from voting.

Honorable Sergio "Keko" Martinez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

Item No. 14. Discussion and possible action to donate \$5,000.00 to the Bethany House for the public purpose of providing food, clothing and shelter to the homeless, the elderly and disadvantaged residents of Webb County. [Account #605-0204-8801(Capital Outlay)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No. 17. Discussion and possible action to impose a county-wide Burn Ban for outdoor burning of any combustible material outside of an enclosure serving to contain all flames and/or sparks or orders such burning to others, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Valdez not present.

Item No. 18. Discussion and possible action to enter an Order prohibiting the sale and use of certain fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Webb County during the year-end holidays fireworks season and establishing a criminal penalty for violation of the Order, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

No action taken in item 18.

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

Item No. 20. Discussion and possible action to authorize the issuance of a credit card account to the Webb County Attorney's Office for use for a Webb County Attorney's Office PACER account for access to Federal Court's Docket information and filing pleadings, etc., in Federal Court cases, and to authorize the appropriate parties to execute necessary documents.

- Item No. 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Nine (39) month contract between Webb County and Toshiba Business Solutions FMV Lease Agreement beginning on December 14, 2009 and ending on March 13, 2013 for a Toshiba Digital Color E-Studio 855 Copier located at the Webb County Head Start at a monthly payment of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$274.44) for a total amount of TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND SIXTEEN CENTS (\$10,703.16) and a one time document charge of SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) and to authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director, Account #903-4200-6014]
- Item No. 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) month (December 14, 2009 through December 13, 2012) maintenance agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions of Texas concerning a Toshiba ES-855 copier located in the Webb County Head Start program for a cost of \$ 0.008 per copy and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director]
- Item No. 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Resolution authorizing county grant in support of Border Area Nutrition Third Party Funding in the amount of THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$33,000.00), subject to the approval of their accounting system and fiscal agent being approved by the county auditor; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Diana Rodriguez, Border Area Nutrition Director]
- Item No. 24. Discussion and possible action to approve and execute an interdepartmental agreement between Webb County Economic Development Department and Webb County Community Action Agency for the purposes of the Webb County Economic Development Department to oversee, administer and operate the Webb County Self Help Center, on behalf of the Webb County Community Action Agency, and to authorize the County Judge, Interim Director of Webb County Community Action Agency and Director of Economic Development Department to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Webb County Economic Development Director]
- Item No. 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twenty-Two (22) month (December 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011) Dental Health Service Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program at reduced fees as set forth in the agreement and authorizing an exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-6218 (Medical/Dental Exam)]
- Item No. 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twenty-Two (22) month lease (December 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011) with First Christian Church at monthly fee of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for a total cost of ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) over term of contract which is approximately 35,760 square feet of unimproved real property situated at 2409 Guerrero Street, in Laredo, Webb

- County, Texas for use as a Head Start Program Center and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-6012]
- Item No. 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twelve (12) month Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Webb County and Dimmit County for the housing of Webb County inmates at the Dimmit County jail at a rate of THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00) per day for men and a rate of FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$45.00) per day for women and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #001-2060-6023-03 (Contract Services Dimmit County)]
- Item No. 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Webb County Constable Pct. 1 and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purpose of reimbursement of costs incurred by the Webb County Constable's Office Pct. 1 in providing resources to joint operation/task forces for one officer and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Rudy Rodriguez, Webb County Constable Pct. 1]
- Item No. 29. Discussion and possible action to approve and enter into a contract between Webb County and Quality Tower Services, LTD., for construction of the North Communication 400' Guyed Tower Replacement on HWY 83 North, in Webb County, Texas, and authorize the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters relevant thereto. [Requested by Fitzgerald G. Sanchez, P.E., Engineering Director]
- Item No. 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into the following third party funding contracts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents:

Contractor Organization	Contract Amount
General Fund	
Literacy Volunteers of America-Laredo	\$1,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.	\$1,200.00
B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone Special Together)	\$1,500.00
South Texas Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America	\$3,000.00
Serving Children and Adolescents in Need, Inc.	\$3,000.00
AVANCE - Laredo Chapter	\$5,000.00
Webb Soil and Conservation District #337	\$4,000.00
American Red Cross, San Antonio Chapter, Laredo Branch Office	\$4,000.00
Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc.	\$6,000.00
Sacred Heart Children's Home, Inc.	\$9,000.00
Bethany House of Laredo, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$12,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc.	\$12,000.00
Area Health Education Center of The Mid Rio Grande Border Area of Texas Inc.	\$12,000.00
Boys and Girls Clubs of Laredo, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Laredo/Webb County Food Bank	\$15,000.00
South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	\$20,000.00
Laredo Webb County Food Bank Kid's Café	\$28,000.00
Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc.	\$33,000.00
Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County	\$50,000.00
Greater Laredo Development Foundation	\$58,000.00
South Texas migrant Council Laredo-Webb County (Safe Haven Program)	\$64,000.00
Webb Soil & Conservation District	\$4,000.00

Health and Welfare

Animal Protective Society	\$50,000.00
<i>Hotel Motel Tax</i>	
Laredo International Fair & Exposition	\$2,210.00
Princess Pocahontas Council, Inc.	\$2,730.00
Society of Martha Washington, Inc.	\$2,730.00
Webb County Historical Commission	\$2,730.00
Laredo Philharmonic Chorale	\$3,250.00
LULAC Council No. 12	\$3,250.00
LULAC Council No. 7	\$3,250.00
Border Olympics, Inc.	\$5,460.00
Laredo Center For the Arts, Inc.	\$5,460.00
Laredo Heat Youth Soccer Association, Inc.	\$5,460.00
The Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$5,460.00
Texas Special Olympics, Laredo Area	\$5,460.00
Washington Birthday Celebration Association, Inc.	\$5,460.00
Streets of Laredo Mall, Inc.	\$6,500.00
Laredo Children's Museum dba Imaginarium	\$16,250.00
Webb County Heritage Foundation	\$32,500.00
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$125,800.00

Item No. 31. Discussion and possible action to approve and enter into a Training Contract between Webb County Economic Development Department on behalf of the Webb County Community Action Agency and Laredo Community College for Laredo Community college to provide "Basic Computer Training" Certificate classes, for student applicant recipients of training assistance through Webb County Community Action Agency ARRA Project Grant being administered by the Webb County Economic Development Department., and to authorize the County Judge, Interim Director of Webb County Community Action Agency and Director of Economic Development Department to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Juan Vargas, Webb County Economic Development Director (ARRA Grant Proceeds)]

Item No. 32. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twelve (12) month Standard Membership Agreement for The Work Number Social Services and Webb County Indigent Health Services to access certain employment and/or income data for clients and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Frank Salinas, Webb County Indigent Director]

Honorable Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney

Item No. 33. Discussion and possible action to increase the salary of Slot #1883 in Department #1100-District Attorney from \$2,192.30/bi-weekly to \$2,368.48/bi-weekly, effective November 6, 2009.

Honorable Hector Liendo, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Pl. 1

Item No. 34. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slot #9126, effective December 18, 2009.

Slot	Title	Hourly Rate
9126	Clerk (Part-Time)	\$11.54

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 as submitted. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Leroy Medford, Executive Administrator to the County Judge, clarified some corrections under item 30 to reflect as follows:

*Bethany House of Laredo, Inc should be \$12,500 instead of \$10,000

*Children's International Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County should be \$65,000 instead of \$50,000

*Omit the Webb Soil & Conservation District as it was already included in the prior page

*Animal Protective Society should be \$48,000 instead of \$50,000

Also, on item 26 the lease should be with Hispanic Administration instead of First Christian Church.

After clarification, Cmr. Martinez amended his motion to include all the above mentioned clarifications and table item 27. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

Item No. 35. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following vacant Law Enforcement Slot #2106 to support overall operations, effective December 17, 2009. This slot is part of the current general order positions for FY2009-2010.

Dept#	Dept Description	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2060	BU-Jail Division	2106	Officer IV	\$18.58

Item No. 36. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement to facilitate cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity and enforcement of the laws of this state, and to assist in providing additional law enforcement officers and resources to protect the health, life and property of the residents, personnel, and visitors of the parties. The Law enforcement Agreement is between the Texas A&M International University Police Department and the Webb County Sheriff's Office. Effective date of Agreement is January 1, 2010 and shall terminate on December 31, 2010 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Item No. 37. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a grant application to the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition in the amount of \$285,198 for law enforcement equipment. This action will have no impact on the county's general fund. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

Item No. 38. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following Slot #137, effective December 17, 2009.

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
137	Deputy Tax Collector	\$14.23

[Requested by Patricia A. Barrera, RTA, Tax Assessor Collector; Account #001-0700]

Administrative Services

Item No. 39. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to obtain a cellular phone for the Human Resources Department with Verizon Wireless as provider and to include the plan for \$36.99 a month. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #001-0109-6004]

Item No. 40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Facilities Department to proceed with alterations and improvements to the Administrative Services Department; (Dividing a large office into two individual offices). To comply with HIPPA Confidentiality requirements. Estimated repairs not to exceed \$800.00. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #001-0114-6205 (Materials and Supplies)]

Item No. 41. Discussion and possible action to approve the following line item transfer:

From:	001-0140-5601	Administrative Travel	2,000
To:	001-0140-6010	Books & Subscriptions	2,000

Community Action Agency

Item No. 42. Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the General Bank Account for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Grant (CEAP) and to be reimbursed by Fund #911, effective January 1, 2010 for a 30 day period, pending the receipt of all required documents for the new program year. [Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Interim Director; Account #911]

Item No. 43. Discussion and possible action to grant the County Auditor authority to expend funds from the General Bank Account for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and to be reimbursed by Fund #920, effective January 1, 2010 for a 30 day period, pending the receipt of all required documents for the new program year. [Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Interim Director; Account #920]

Item No. 44. Discussion and possible action to fill the following Slot #2485, effective December 17, 2009:

Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
2485	Field Inspector-Assessor	\$9.00

[Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Interim Director; Account #920-4200-5001 and #911-4200-5001]

Item No. 45. Discussion and possible action to create and fill the following slots effective December 17, 2009 for the ARRA Weatherization Program:

Title	Hourly
Field Inspector-Assessor	\$9.00
Field Inspector-Assessor	\$9.00
Field Inspector Assessor	\$9.00

[Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Interim Director]

Elections

- Item No. 46. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Joint Primary Election Services Contract by and among the County Democratic Party Chair, the County Republican Party Chair, and the Webb County Elections Administrator for the conduct and supervision of the Webb County Joint Primary Elections on March 2, 2010 and the Joint Primary Runoff Elections, if necessary, on April 13, 2010.
- Item No. 47. Discussion and possible action to authorize and establish the Main, Temporary Branch, and Temporary Mobile Branch Early Voting Polling Sites for the March 2, 2010 Joint Primary Elections within Webb County, Texas pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Engineer

- Item No. 48. Discussion and possible action to allow the County Purchasing Agent to advertise the letting for construction of several ARRA funded county roads pending TxDot approval of plans and specifications, and to advertise a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) to perform Engineering Inspection & Construction Management for said ARRA funded Manga-Hein, Espejo-Molina, and E. Del Mar Blvd. county road projects.
- Item No. 49. Discussion and possible action to allow the County Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for the construction work identified in project plans and specifications that increase and improve water treatment at the Webb County - Colorado Acres Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant; and any other matters incident thereto. All proposed improvements and related Engineering costs will be paid for by grant funds not to exceed \$195,000 for TCDP Contract #728449.

Head Start

- Item No. 50. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following Slots for the 2009 – 2010 Program Year:

Slot #	Title	Annual Salary	Pay Periods
1929	Area Service Manager Assistant	\$23,257.92	21
1905	AA Teacher	\$22,371.09	21
2038	AA Teacher Assistant	\$17,186.19	21

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

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to approve items 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and table item 36. Comr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Com. Martinez stated for the record that on item 38, Ms. Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector, agreed to hire slot #137 at \$11.96

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Indigent Defense Services

Item No. 51. Discussion and possible action to allocate \$41,004.00 from the additional funds received from the Equalization Grant in early September 2009 from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense to Account #022-1205-8405 (Computerization Acct.). [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Indigent Defense Director]

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Com. Garza and Com. Sciaraffa not present.

Item No. 52. Discussion and possible action to consider a salary increase for Slot #2473, Intake Clerk from \$12.02 per hour to \$13.00 per hour utilizing the Equalization Grant Funds. No financial impact to the general fund. [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Indigent Defense Director]

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

Motion carried 3-0 with Com. Garza and Com. Sciaraffa not present.

Item No. 53. Discussion and possible action to recoup the payroll salary reserve funds that were originally included in the 2009-2010 for Slot #2092 and #2096, Department #1205 totaling \$6,572.80, and to adjust the salary for Slot #2092 from \$14.42 per hour to its original cap of \$16.00 per hour. [Requested by Cornell Mickley, Indigent Defense Director]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

No action taken.

Juvenile Probation

Item No. 54. Discussion and possible action to increase salary of Slot #2455 in Department #1301- Juvenile Probation from \$9.00/hr to \$9.75/hr, effective October 23, 2009.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerks Office under the December 17th Commissioner's Court Special Meeting dvd.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Public Defender

Item No. 55. Discussion and possible action to budget for new monies from the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense to be allocated as follows: Space Rental \$5,000, Books

and Subscription \$3,000 , Training and Education \$4,000, Administrative Travel \$4,000, Professional Services \$5,135.000, Payroll Adjustments \$19,869.00.

Item No. 56. Discussion and possible action to make the following salary adjustments to compensate employees for extra work incurred because of the new drug court:

Slot #	Hourly Rate	Pay Periods	Annual	Fringe	Total
0253	2.3810	21	4,000	770	4,770
1725	3.9649	21	6,661	1,282	7,943
2299	1.7858	21	3,000	578	3,578
0258	1.7858	21	3,000	578	3,578
		Total	16,661	3,207	19,869

Cmr. Martinez motioned to approve items 55 and 56 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing

Item No. 57. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of classroom school supplies in the amount of \$13,421.05, to Discount School supply for the Webb County Head Start Department. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4208-6069 (Classroom Supplies)]

Item No. 58. Discussion and possible action to ratify the material used on the Old Milwaukee paving project in the amount of \$24,852.96 to Contech Construction for the Road & Bridge Department. [Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent; Account #010-7002-6205 (Materials & Supplies)]

Item No. 59. Discussion and possible action to obtain a cellular phone for the communications officer with the County Judge’s Office. [Requested by Webb County Judge’s Office]

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items 57, 58, and 59 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 60. Discussion and possible action to approve Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr. Webb County Youth Village facility plaque. FQR Architects has submitted a rendering of a plaque for the Youth Village Project.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 61. Discussion and possible action for the purchase and installation of mini-blinds in the amount of \$1,557.29 to Ventura Interior Design for the Texas Parks and Wildlife County Facility. [Requested by Captain David Murray, Texas Parks and Wildlife Building; Account #605-8108-8801-17]

Item No. 62. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of a 3,000 lb forklift in the amount of \$9,700.00 from Toyota Lift of South Texas for the Webb County Sheriff’s Department. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #168-2001-8801 (State Forfeiture)]

Item No. 63. Discussion and possible action to award maintenance & equipment for MIS Department pursuant to Subchapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program, sections 271.101,271.102, Texas Local Government Code, as follows:

Description	Vendor	Amount	Texas State Contract
Smart Net Renewal	AT&T	\$18,031.04	DIR-SDD-233
Equipment	Coleman Technologies	\$ 6,035.40	DIR-SDD-234
	Total	\$24,066.44	

[Requested by Jaime Alvarado, Management Information Systems Director;
Account #001-0500-6402]

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve items 61, 62, and 63 as submitted. Cmr. Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 64. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of Twenty (20) computers, licenses and software in the amount \$32,199.00, pursuant to Section 217.01, and 271.102 Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, Texas Local Government Code.

Qty	Description	Vendor	Amount
(20)	Dell	Desktop Computers Dell (DIR-SDD-890TX)	\$25,228.20
(20)	Licenses & Software	Dell (DIR-SS-1014)	\$ 6,970.00
		Total	\$32,198.20

[Requested by Javier H. Martinez, Community Action Agency Interim Director;
Account #911-4200-6224 (CEAP Funds) & #920-4200-6224 (CSBG Funds)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 65. Discussion and possible action to approve final payment for Kiva Building & Design for May 5, 2008 storm damages in the amount of \$12,191.92. [Requested by Cynthia Mares, Administrative Services Director; Account #001-0114-9201 (Claims Paid Property)]

Item No. 66. Discussion and possible action to reject the following Bids SHC-2010-05, 06, 07 and to authorize competitive bids for the Webb County Self Help Center on the following.

Bid Number	Name
Bid SHC-2010-05	Dora Luz Gonzalez-407 Pinzon Rd.
Bid SHC-2010-06	Dionicio Jimenez- 385 Pinzon Rd.
Bid SHC-2010-07	Martha Lopez Garibaldi- 314 Dasaw Ln.

[Requested by Alice Garcia, Self Help Center Interim Director; Account # Grant Funds]

Item No. 67. Discussion and possible action to award on annual contact for Flexible Base (caliche) to Luis A Rodriguez for the following:

- a. Price per cubic yard picked up by Webb County with county front loader: \$4.00
- b. Price per cubic yard loaded for the county by vendor or supplier: \$4.50

[Requested by Jose Luis Ramos, Road & Bridge Superintendent; Account #010-2317 (Funds Held in Trust)]

Item No. 68. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2010-08 to TOT-TURF (play ground surface tile) in the amount of \$97,739.57 from the Head Start Department on the following:

Center	Square Feet	Amount
Jesus Garcia	2,810	\$27,284.78
Villa Alegre	4,364	\$42,391.01
El Cenizo	1,656	\$16,096.76
Little Folks	1,232	\$11,967.02
	Total	\$97,739.57

[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #904-4208-6225 & 903-4208-6226 (Playground Surfacing)]

Tax Attorney

Item No. 69. Presentation and submission of the following reports to the Webb County Commissioners Court by the delinquent tax attorney; with discussion and possible action:

- total year-to-date collections on a monthly basis;
- collection data on accounts in bankruptcy;
- list of properties sold at tax sales or private sales, year-to-date on monthly basis, and whether by original suit, intervention or otherwise;
- original lawsuits and interventions filed by the Attorney, including year to-date list, and date of suit or intervention;
- tax warrants issued and collection results of warrants;
- installment payments/contracts made and status of each;
- notices given to the Tax Assessor-Collector and/or the Webb County Appraisal District, of any errors, double assessment or other discrepancies coming under observation during the progress of work.
- total year-to-date list and description of properties acquired as Trustee on a monthly basis, including location and value

Com. Martinez motioned to approve items 65, 66, 67, 68, and 69 as submitted. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 73. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.