



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
October 11, 2011
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE DANNY VALDEZ, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report
5. Communications
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.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

7. Presentation by Noemi Ochoa, Executive Director of the Children in the Fields Campaign, with discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution recognizing 2011 as the “Year of the Farmworker Child in Webb County, Texas”; and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

8. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and to approve the filling of the following vacant Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 11, 2011:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary/Hourly Rate</u>
2290	Director of Facilities Pct. 1 (Effective 31, 2011)	\$1,709.32(Bi-weekly)
2711	Director of Rio Bravo Rec. Center	\$12.28
1915	Administrative Assistant	\$21.81
2709	Driver/Maintenance	\$ 9.25
2396	Recreational Specialist	\$12.48

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of El Cenizo, Texas to assist them with the temporary collection of household garbage while their equipment is repaired; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

10. Recognition of Mrs. Martha Narvaez for her involvement and participation in the Pink To Do Cancer Awareness events benefitting cancer patients and cancer survivors in Laredo and Webb County, Texas.
11. Discussion and possible action to have Webb County Commissioners Court become sponsors for the Laredo Environmental Summit in an amount not to exceed \$957.00, using funds from each office’s Goods for Public Events account; and any other matters incident thereto.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the consideration of raising the rental fees in the Ernesto J. Salinas Community Center and Bruni Community Center; and any other matters incident thereto.

MEDIA BREAK

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.401, the Webb County Commissioners Court shall conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on the proposed designation of a wind energy reinvestment zone within Webb County, Texas. The proposed reinvestment zones are located in Eastern Webb County, Texas in the general area of Oilton, Texas. If Commissioners Court designates a reinvestment zone[s], the Commissioners Court may enter a tax abatement agreement with owners of eligible taxable property located within the reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code. This Public Hearing offers citizens and interested persons the opportunity to speak and present evidence for or against the proposed reinvestment zones. Webb County Commissioners may not designate an area as a reinvestment zone until it holds a public hearing and finds that the designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or will attract major investment in the zone and will contribute to the economic development of Webb County.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

14. Discussion and possible action pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.402, as amended, to enter an Order approving a Tax Abatement Agreement between Webb County, Texas and Whitetail Wind Energy, LLC, the prospective owner of taxable property to be located in Webb County Wind Energy Reinvestment Zone 2 for a maximum term of Ten (10) years and any other matters incident thereto, and authorizing the Webb County Judge and Webb County Clerk to execute and deliver the Tax Abatement on behalf of Webb County, Texas and all relevant documents. **[Closed Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations)]**
15. Discussion and possible action pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §381.004, as amended, to approve an Agreement between Webb County, Texas and EXEL, INC., a Massachusetts Corporation, for a period of Five (5) years whereby the County will offer an economic development grant based on Excel reaching certain employment and investment benchmarks and any other matters incident thereto, and authorizing the Webb County Judge and Webb County Clerk to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of Webb County, Texas and all relevant documents. **[Closed Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development Negotiations)]**

16. Discussion and possible action to enter into a renewal agreement with Sames Motor Company to act as an agent of the Tax Assessor-Collector in the issuance of Motor Vehicle License Validation Stickers and License Plates and for application of new vehicle titles to further public convenience and wherein agrees to lease One (1) "Remote Sticker printing system (RSPS) Dealer Title Application (DTA) Equipment" from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor- Collector, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector]**
17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a renewal agreement with Paul Young Company/Family Nissan of Laredo to act as an agent of the Tax Assessor-Collector in the issuance of Motor Vehicle License, Validation Stickers and License Plates and for application of new vehicle titles to further public convenience and wherein agrees to lease Two (2) "Remote Sticker Printing Systems (RSPS) Dealer Title Application (DTA) Equipment" from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector]**
18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a renewal agreement for a Motor Vehicle Validation Sticker Substation Agreement with H.E.B. Grocery Company, L.P. and wherein agrees to lease Five (5) "Remote Sticker Printing Systems (RSPS) Equipment" from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector]**
19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract Amendment Title XIX with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and the Webb County Community Action Agency for the Home Delivered Meals Services (Meals on Wheels) which will provide meals for 88,130 units at a unit rate of \$5.14 per each meal for the approved budget of EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$82,908.20) for services from September 30, 2011 through September 30, 2012 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Juan Vargas, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]**

- 20.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract Amendment Title XX with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and The Webb County Community Action Agency for the CCAD Home Delivered Meals Service (Meals on Wheels) which will provide 88,130 units of which 72,000 are Title XX Community Care for the Aged and Disabled Home delivered meals for a unit rate of \$4.69 per each meal for the approved budget of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$337,680.00) for services from September 30, 2011 through September 30, 2012 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Juan Vargas, Webb County Community Action Agency Director]**
- 21.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Service Agreement renewal for One (1) year (October 20, 2011 through October 19, 2012) with Info Seal, LLC for a PS 100 Folder/Sealer System unit at an annual cost of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,195.00) over the term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Delia Perales, Webb County Treasurer]**

Honorable Margie Ibarra, County Clerk

- 22.** Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of employees within the following Slots with salary changes, effective October 11, 2011:

	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
From:	642	Deputy Clerk	\$14.42
To:	359	Records Managing Specialist	\$17.90
From:	643	Deputy Clerk	\$14.42
To:	308	Deputy Clerk	\$17.15
From:	312	Deputy Clerk	\$14.25
To:	642	Deputy Clerk	\$14.42

- 23.** Discussion and possible action to approve an exception to the County wide wage and hiring freeze and approve the filling of the following Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 11, 2011:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
643	Deputy Clerk	\$14.42
312	Deputy Clerk	\$14.25
2242	Records Imaging Specialist	\$11.62

Honorable Esther Degollado, District Clerk

- 24.** Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following new Slot, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 11, 2011:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2694	Records Management Specialist	\$14.35

Honorable Ramiro Veliz, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Pl. 1

- 25.** Discussion and possible action to approve exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and authorize the filling of the following Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 11, 2011:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2687	Traffic Clerk VI	\$10.31
2688	Traffic Clerk V	\$10.31
2689	Criminal Clerk	\$11.00
2240	Warrant Peace Officer	\$21.40

Honorable Ricardo Rangel, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Pl. 2

- 26.** Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current county wide hiring freeze and to approve the filling of the following vacant Slot, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 11, 2011:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2690	Community Event Coordinator	\$17.79
2691	Clerk	\$10.31

Honorable Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1

- 27.** Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of employees within the following Slots:

	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
From:	580	Sergeant	\$20.87
To:	586	Deputy Constable Lt.	\$23.42
From:	2373	Deputy Constable	\$19.90
To:	580	Sergeant	\$20.87
From:	2374	Deputy Constable	\$19.90
To:	2373	Deputy Constable	\$19.90

- 28.** Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2374	Deputy Constable	\$19.90
2698	Deputy Constable	\$19.51
2699	Deputy Constable	\$19.51

- 29.** Discussion and possible action to purchase Ten (10) Rifles for Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1 from GT Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$10,530.00. **[Accounts #722-8108-8801, #733-8108-8801 (Capital Outlay) and #165-2500-6228 (Forfeiture Funds)]**

Honorable Ricardo Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 2

- 30.** Discussion and possible action to approve exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and authorize the filing of the following Slots, subject to any applicable Civil Service timelines:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2701	Warrant Peace Officer	\$21.40
2703	Deputy Constable	\$19.51
2704	Deputy Constable	\$19.51
2702	Office Manager	\$13.46
2234	Secretary	\$12.28

Honorable Annette Munoz, Constable Pct. 3

- 31.** Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and to approve the filing of the following vacant Slot, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2700	Deputy Constable	\$17.80

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

32. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and approve the filling of the following vacant Slots to support overall operations. These slots are part of the general order for FY2011-2012.

<u>Dept. #</u>	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2060	457	Corporal II	\$22.84
2001	1731	Communication	\$13.15
2060	2719	Communication	\$13.15
2060	2716	Officer I	\$18.35
2060	2717	Officer I	\$18.35
2061	2718	Nurse	\$26.01

33. Discussion and possible action to rename the Rio Bravo Substation to the Jaime Zapata Multi Law Enforcement Substation.
34. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County and Laredo Community College to provide Adult Basic Education to the undereducated adults incarcerated at the Webb County Jail contingent upon the availability of federal and State funds and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector

35. Discussion and possible action to approve exception to the current County wide hiring freeze and authorize the filing of the following Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2679	Occupational Tax Code Officer	\$17.00
1343	Certified Peace Officer	\$21.42

Honorable Delia Perales, Treasurer

36. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize to add the 2% increase to the following Slots that was not added to the 2011-2012 General Order:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
0078	Accountant I	\$40,000	\$40,800
2231	Payroll Supervisor	\$44,130	\$45,011

Administrative Services

37. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and to approve to filling of the following Full-time new Slots and current position, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines, effective October 12, 2011. These Slots are part of the current general order of positions for FY 2011-2012.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2674	Human Resources / Civil Service Clerk	\$ 9.50
1526	Human Resource Assistant II	\$11.22

38. Discussion and possible action to set the salary of the recently appointed Interim Director for the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department; and any other matters incident thereto.

Child Welfare Department

39. Discussion and possible action to appoint Carlos Evaristo Flores to a vacancy on the Webb County Child Welfare Board. **[Requested by Michael Bukiewicz, Chair for Webb County Child Welfare]**

Community Action Agency

40. Discussion and possible action to approve payment by the Webb County Community Action Agency totaling \$3,915.85 to the Sprint/Nextel Telephone Company and Executive Office Supply in the amount of \$905.08. The Sprint/Nextel invoices are dated as of September 2010 through March 2011. The Executive Office Supply invoice is dated October 2010. The ARRA/Weatherization Program has been de-obligated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) since December 2010. **[Account #001-0112-7200-03]**
41. Discussion and possible action to grant an exception from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(6), and to approve an offer of intent to purchase from the City of Laredo, at fair market value, a 1.1729- acre (51,094 sq. ft.) tract of land, out of Block 10, Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport, located at 4801 Daugherty Ave., which currently houses the Webb County El Aguila Rural Transportation Program; 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 551.072 (Real Estate Deliberation)]**
42. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of Slot #1154, Case Worker full-time with benefits, at a salary rate of \$10.00 per hour, for the Community Social Services Program. **[Account #920-4200-5001]**

Engineer

43. Discussion and possible action to approve the assignment of a cell phone with 200 minutes to the Engineering Department Project Coordinator. **[Account #010-0115-6004-2]**

Head Start

44. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling of the following Slots:

<u>Slots #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Salary</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
2553	EHS Area Service Manager	\$ 19.23	26
1005, 2524	AA Teacher	\$ 13.53	21
2567	EHS Teacher Floater	\$ 8.86	26
2569	Part Time EHS Teacher Floater	\$ 8.86	26
(1697, 1698, 1702, 1703, 1799, 1944)	Teacher Substitute	\$ 8.00	21

[Accounts #903-4208-5001 and #908-4208-5001]

Public Defender

45. Discussion and possible action to approve an exemption to the current County wide hiring freeze and approve the filling of the following vacant Slots, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service timelines:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate/Salary</u>
2693	Receptionist	\$12.00
1725	Assistant Public Defender	\$66,461

Purchasing

46. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Bid 2012-87 “Annual Contract for Land Clearing by Shredding”.

47. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Bid 2012-10 “Annual Contract for Milk”.

48. Discussion and possible action to award bid 2012-80 “Three (3) month contract for Paper, Toner, and Ink Cartridges to Executive Office Supplies”.

49. Discussion and possible action to award Bid 2011-16 “El Aguila Rural Transportation Buses and Vehicle” to the following vendors:

Rush Bus Centers	Amount
(2) Two 12 Passenger Buses	\$123,200.00

National Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc.	\$ 71,377.00
(1) One 18 Passenger Bus	

One Utility Vehicle - incomplete bids

[Requested by Robert Martinez, El Aguila Transportation Director; Account #980-8001-8801 (El Aguila Transportation Capital Outlay Funds)]

50. Discussion and possible action to purchase One (1) Ford Explorer for El Aguila Transportation Department, pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.10, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program Buy Board Contract #358.10 from Philpott Motors in the amount of \$37,930.75. **[Requested by Robert Martinez, El Aguila Transportation Director; Account #980-8001-8801 (Grant Funds)]**
51. Discussion and possible action to purchase services for the shredding of brush and land clearing by the Lake Casa Blanca area from Allscape Land Clearing & Maintenance, Inc. in the amount for 11,900.00. **[Account #717-0115-8601 (Casa Blanca Dam Series Funds)]**
52. Discussion and possible action to purchase Support Plan for the MIS Department, pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract DIR-SDD 1537 from Mitel phone system in the amount of \$46,994.60. **[Requested by the Webb County MIS Department; Account #001-0500-6402 (General Fund)]**
53. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreement between Walgreens and Webb County for a Community Off-Site clinic for dispensing and administering an Influenza vaccine, for a period of One (1) year at a price of Twelve Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$12.99) for insured participants and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Cynthia Mares, Webb County Administrative Services Director]**

Closed Session/Executive Session

54. Discussion and possible action to approve the full and final settlement in the amount of \$47,500 (Webb County to pay \$9,303.35 and One Beacon Insurance to pay \$38,196.65) in the case entitled Leonardo Cantu v. Webb County, Cause No. 2010CVQ001271D1, pending in the 49th Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.
[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

55. Adjourn

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into closed session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

 **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT** 

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011

By: _____
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 7th day of October, 2011 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk