Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting (Approved April 26, 2011)

Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 9:30 AM

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

Frank Sciaraffa

Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Jerry Garza

Jaime Alberto Canales

County Judge

Commissioner, Pct. 1

Commissioner, Pct. 2

Commissioner, Pct. 3

Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 1st day of April 2011. Present also were Ms. Virginia Martinez, 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. Canales – No comments. Cmr. Garza – No comments. Cmr. Tijerina – No comments.

Cmr. Sciaraffa thanked all law enforcement agencies, Rio Bravo, El Cenizo, Webb County, and City of Laredo Fire Departments for their help in the fire that occurred in El Cenizo. He mentioned that a Town Hall Meeting would take place at the El Cenizo City Hall at 6:00 p.m. April 7, 2011. Cmr. Sciaraffa closed by stating that he would provide the court with more information in the next meeting.

Judge Valdez acknowledged the support from all the first responders, law enforcement agencies, Sheriff's Department, Border Patrol, DPS, Fire Department from the City of Laredo and Webb County for all their help on the day the fire occurred in El Cenizo. He recognized Fire/EMS Coordinator, Jerry Arizola for a job well done in response to the fire. Judge Valdez congratulated Cmr. Sciaraffa for opening the El Cenizo Community Center for people who were displaced due to the fire. He informed the public that he had signed the Disaster Declaration and that he hopes that the individuals get the assistance they need soon.

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.

Judge Valdez motioned to go into Executive Session. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Executive Session 9:42 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.)

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Cmr. Garza asked the Fire/EMS Coordinator, Jerry Arizola if he had reviewed the proposals.

Fire/EMS Coordinator, Jerry Arizola stated that he had reviewed all the proposals based on Financial Stability, Aggressiveness of Protocols, Patient Care, and Job Creations.

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Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to receive and evaluate presentation/interview of EMS providers; proposers will be evaluated and ranked for contract negotiations. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Requested by Cecilia May Moreno, Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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The following EMS providers gave a presentation and were interviewed in open court by the County Commissioners and Judge Valdez.

- Angel Care Ambulance Service LLC, Angel Garcia, Adolfo Martinez, and Ricardo Jaime
- Laredo Medics, Juan Medellin
- 3. Pro Medic EMS, Jaime Solis, John Pena, Romeo Arjon, Ignacio Hernandez, and Raul Alviso

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to take the information under advisement and potentially rank the three EMS providers in the next Commissioner's Court Meeting and also schedule a special meeting to award the RFP to the top ranking company. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion by adding that negotiations are to be made with the EMS provider regarding reimbursements to the County.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Lunch Break 11:57 a.m. - 1:34 p.m.)

Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to receive and rate presentation/interview of Four (4) Architect Firms being considered for the renovations of the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Building; announcement of rankings will authorize the County to negotiate a contract with the highest ranking and proceed to the second highest ranking if a contract cannot be agreed upon with the top raking architect/firm [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Requested by Cecilia May Moreno, Webb County Purchasing Agent; Account #638-1044-8801 (Certificate of Obligation 2010)]

The following Architect Firms gave a presentation and were interviewed in open court by the County Commissioners and Judge Valdez.

- 1. Architect Plus. Mario Jasso and Mario Pena
- 2. Design Group International, Delfino Garza and Norma Ladillas
- 3. LMD Architects, PLLC Lorraine M. Dailey and David Gonzales
- 4. Redline Architecture, Telissa Molano and Juan Molano, Jr.

(Recess 2:46 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

County Purchasing Agent, Dr. C. Moreno read the Architect Firms rankings as follows:

- 1. Architect Plus
- Design Group International
 Redline Architecture
- 4. LMD Architects, PLLC

Cmr. Garza motioned to authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into negotiations with the top ranked Architect Firm. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to bring back item #5. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Discussion and possible action to receive and evaluate presentation/interview of Item No.5. EMS providers; proposers will be evaluated and ranked for contract negotiations. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Requested by Cecilia May Moreno, Webb County Purchasing Agent]

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Cmr. Garza motioned to go into Executive Session. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Executive Session 3:05 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.)

No action taken.

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County Attorney, Ana Laura Cavazos Ramirez stated that there were still no final figures for any of the three proposals from the EMS providers.

Item No.7. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.