

# Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM  
(Approved August 8, 2011)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special 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
Jaime Alberto Canales	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 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**

Judge Valdez – No comments.

Cmr. Sciaraffa – No comments.

Cmr. Tijerina – No comments.

Cmr. Garza – No comments.

Cmr. Canales – No comments.

**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.

**Honorable Frank Sciaraffa, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1**

**Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to approve a grant match contribution in the amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$15,500) DOLLARS to the City of El Cenizo, Texas as authorized by the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Webb**

County and the City of El Cenizo, in consideration for fire protection and rescue services for the unincorporated areas of Southern Webb County; and to authorize the County Auditor to fund this expense from general fund payroll savings; and any other matters incident thereto. The funds will specifically be used as a grant match to the Texas Forest Service for the acquisition of a fire brush truck for the El Cenizo Fire Department. [Requested by Fire/EMS Department; Account (General Fund) 001-5001 Payroll]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

### Commissioners Court

Item No.6. 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 Department                | 13. La Presa Community Center        |
| 2. Bruni, Mirando, & Oilton-Quad City Community      | 14. Large Vista Community Center     |
| 3. Buenos Aires Community Center                     | 15. Law Library                      |
| 4. Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds              | 16. Medical Examiner                 |
| 5. Economic Development/CAA/Self Help                | 17. Management Information Systems   |
| 6. El Cenizo Community Center                        | 18. Planning & Physical Development  |
| 7. El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities | 19. Public Defender                  |
| 8. Engineering                                       | 20. Public Information Officer       |
| 9. Fred M. & Anita Bruni Community Center (Penitas)  | 21. Rio Bravo Community Center       |
| 10. Head Start Program                               | 22. Santa Teresita Community Center  |
| 11. Indigent Defense Services                        | 23. Veterans Service Officer         |
| 12. Indigent Health Care Services                    | 24. Webb County Fire/EMS Coordinator |

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 and/or permanent appointment of department heads; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **(Executive Session 10:15 – 10:35 a.m.)**

No action taken.

### **1. Administrative Services Department**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to retain Cynthia Mares as Administrative Services Director and to include the goals. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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Jesus Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez thanked Mr. Juan Vargas, Mr. Antonio Silva, and Mr. Armando Soto for everything they do for the community.

### **2. Bruni, Mirando, & Oilton-Quad City Community**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to retain Mario Garcia as Bruni, Mirando, & Oilton-Quad City Community Director and to come back in 6 months to evaluate his performance level. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

### **3. Buenos Aires Community Center**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Comr. Garza motioned to retain Eddie Zavala as Buenos Aires Community Center Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **4. Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Comr. Canales motioned to terminate Raul Elizondo and to appoint Fernando Gonzalez as interim Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds Director. Comr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Judge Valdez and Comr. Sciaraffa voting against.

Comr. Canales motioned to appoint Fernando Gonzalez as interim Building Maintenance/Parks & Grounds Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **5. Economic Development/CAA/Self Help**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Juan Vargas as Economic Development/CAA/Self Help Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to have the El Cenizo Community Center Director, El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities, La Presa Community Center, and the Rio Bravo Community Center Director evaluated at the same time.

#### **6. El Cenizo Community Center**

#### **7. El Cenizo Community Center Director of Facilities**

#### **13. La Presa Community Center**

#### **21. Rio Bravo Community Center**

Open Session.

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DVD.

Comr. Sciaraffa motioned to retain Ricardo Molina as El Cenizo Community Center Director, Manuel Villarreal as El Cenizo Director of Facilities, Sara Joe Davila as La Presa Community Center Director, and Gilberto Gonzalez as Rio Bravo Community Center Director. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **8. Engineering**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Fitzgerald Sanchez as County Engineer, re-evaluate him in 6 months, and check the status of the projects. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion fails 2-3 with Comr. Sciaraffa, Comr. Garza, and Comr. Canales voting against.

Comr. Garza motioned to terminate Fitzgerald Sanchez. Comr. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Judge Valdez and Comr. Tijerina voting against.

**(Recess 12:54 – 1:12 p.m.)**

## **9. Fred M. & Anita Bruni Community Center (Penitas)**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Comr. Canales motioned to retain Javier Cavazos as the Fred M. & Anita Bruni Community Center (Penitas) Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **10. Head Start Program**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Aliza Oliveros as Head Start Program Director. Comr. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **11. Indigent Defense Services**

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Comr. Tijerina motioned to retain Cornel Mickley as Indigent Defense Services Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to temporarily appoint Mike Cabello as the interim Webb County Engineer. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **12. Indigent Health Care Services**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Frank Salinas as Indigent Health Care Service Director. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Tijerina motioned to have the Larga Vista and Santa Teresita Community Center Directors evaluated at the same time. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **14. Large Vista Community Center**

## **22. Santa Teresita Community Center**

Open Session.

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Comr. Tijerina motioned to retain both Alicia H. Garcia as the Larga Vista Community Center Director and Gregorio Araiza as the Santa Teresita Community Center Director. Comr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

## **15. Law Library**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Yolanda Carrillo as the permanent Law Library Director and remove the interim title. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez withdrew his motion.

Cmr. Garza withdrew his second.

Judge Valdez deferred the motion to the end.

#### **17. Management Information Systems**

Closed Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **17. Management Information Systems**

Closed Session.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

### **(Executive Session 2:20 – 2:51 p.m.)**

No action taken.

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Cmr. Garza motioned to place Jaime Alvarado in a 90 day notice and re-evaluate him in attempts to remedy the issues covered in Executive Session and to have him report to Administrative Services every morning. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Sciaraffa voting against.

#### **18. Planning & Physical Development**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Rhonda Tiffin as the Planning & Physical Development Director. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **19. Public Defender**

Open Session.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to retain Hugo Martinez as Public Defender Director. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **20. Public Information Officer**

Closed Session.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

### **(Executive Session 3:07 – 3:25 p.m.)**

No action taken.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to retain Larry Sanchez as the Public Information Officer. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **23. Veterans Service Officer**

Open Session.

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Com. Sciaraffa motioned to retain Antonio Silva as the Veterans Service Officer and to re-evaluate him in 6 months. Com. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion fails 2-3 with Judge Valdez, Com. Tijerina, and Com. Garza voting against.

Com. Garza motioned to retain Antonio Silva as the Veterans Service Officer. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **24. Webb County Fire/EMS Coordinator**

Closed Session.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **(Executive Session 3:50 – 4:34 p.m.)**

No action taken.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office July 18, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

Com. Tijerina motioned to defer Jerry Arizola's evaluation until the first week of October and until he has been given the opportunity to re-take the test. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **15. Law Library**

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Com. Sciaraffa motioned to retain Yolanda Carrillo as the Law Library Director for the next Fiscal Year. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Com. Canales motioned to evaluate Dr. Corinne Stern at the next Commissioner's Court Meeting. Com. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

#### **Item No.7. Adjourn**

Com. Sciaraffa motioned to adjourn. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.