

**Official Minutes for Webb County
Commissioners Court Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 10:00 AM
(Approved September 26, 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 26th day of August 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

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to excuse Cmr. Sciaraffa. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No.3. Communications

Cmr. Tijerina – No comments.

Cmr. Garza – No comments.

Cmr. Canales – No comments.

Judge Valdez – 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.

Sergio "Keko" Martinez

Mr. Martinez spoke in reference to item #5.

Ms. Maria Elena Morales

Ms. Morales spoke in reference to item #5.

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Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to approve a date and time for the interview and selection of a law firm for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes “or” take action to select based on review of material already submitted by each law firm for Webb County RFQ-2011-02; and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed 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 August 31, 2011 Commissioner’s Court Special Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to conduct the interviews for the selection of a law firm for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes in the morning of Wednesday, September 7, 2011 with a maximum of thirty minutes each and in the afternoon conduct the interviews for the selection of an Insurance Provider for the Property and Casualty Insurance with a maximum of thirty minutes each. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.6. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to open up Public Hearing. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

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

Cmr. Garza motioned to excuse Cmr. Sciaraffa. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.2. Open Public Hearing on Tax Increase (pursuant to Chapter 26, Tax Code) by Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Judge Valdez motioned to open up Public Hearing. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Item No.3. Public Hearing on Tax Increase. Last year, the Webb County property tax rate was 0.420055. That rate raised \$55,474,004 in revenues, a portion of which was used to fund maintenance and operations such as for road and bridge, law enforcement, judicial functions, county government, health and welfare, recreation and culture, community service, and other sources and uses. This year, Webb County is proposing a property tax rate of 0.420055. That rate will raise \$57,839,245 which is \$2,365,241 more in revenues than that raised by taxes imposed last year.

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Judge Valdez asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed plans.

No one commented.

Item No.4. Announcement of the date, time and place of the Commissioners Court meeting at which a vote will be taken on the proposed tax rate.

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Tax Assessor Collector, Patricia Barrera stated that the Commissioners Court meeting at which a vote will be taken on the proposed tax rate would be held at the Commissioners Court on September 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Maria Jimenez, Las Presas resident

Ms. Jimenez stated thanked the Commissioner's Court for the improvements on the roads and on the trash collections. She mentioned that there was still no electricity or water and suggested that a water dispenser be placed closer to Las Presas.

Item No.5. Close Public Hearing

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Judge Valdez motioned to close Public Hearing. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.6. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

