

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

**Monday, September 19, 2011 at 12:00 PM  
(Approved October 24, 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 12:00 p.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 September 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**

Judge Valdez motioned to excuse Cmr. Canales. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No.2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item No.3. Communications**

Judge Valdez wished Cmr. Tijerina a Happy Birthday.

Cmr. Garza wished Cmr. Tijerina a Happy Birthday.

Cmr. Sciaraffa wished Cmr. Tijerina a Happy Birthday.

**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.**

Melissa Morales, Constable Pct. 4

Ms. Morales asked the court to please reconsider the items of the Pct. 4 Constable's Office under the proposed budget.

### **Commissioners Court**

**Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Webb County budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 111; and any other matters incident thereto. The Court may make any modifications to the proposed budget by majority vote that it considers warranted by law and required by the interest of the taxpayers.**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office September 19, 2011 Commissioner's Court Special Meeting DVD.

12:09 a.m. – Cmr. Canales present.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve a \$4,342 increase on Slot 0263 - Basic Supervision for the 406<sup>th</sup> District Court and to give an additional 2% increase to the 111<sup>th</sup> District Court employees as previously requested. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Sciaraffa

Title change under the Rio Bravo Activity Center Slot 2290 to Director of Pct. 1 - Center Directors

Title change under the Rio Bravo Activity Center Slot Recreational Specialist II to Rio Bravo Activity Center Director.

Cmr. Tijerina

Title change under Dept. 0202 Community Outreach Coordinator to Director Pct. 2 – Center Directors at \$44,442/yr effective January 1, 2012 move Slot 1892 Receptionist from Dept. 6103 Larga Vista Community Center to Dept. 6100 Ernesto J. Salinas Community Center, title change Driver/Maintenance no salary change.

Move Slot 2339 Driver/Maintenance from Dept. 6100 Ernesto J. Salinas Community Center to Dept. 6103 Larga Vista Community Center no salary changes.

Change title to Slot 2341 Driver/Maintenance from Dept. 6103 Larga Vista Community Center to Clerk no salary changes.

Cmr. Garza

Indigent Healthcare Assistance Slot Outreach Investigator move to Water Utilities as Slot Project Coordinator.

Added back \$1,200 Car Allowance for the Director of Community Center, Fernando Salinas Community Center.

**(Recess 12:22 – 12:42 PM)**

Cmr. Sciaraffa

Title change under the Rio Bravo Activity Center Slot 2290 Director of Pct. 1 - Center Directors

Title change under the Rio Bravo Activity Center Slot Recreational Specialist II to Rio Bravo Activity Center Director.

Judge Valdez motioned to approve the changes. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza

Indigent Healthcare Assistance Slot Outreach Investigator move to Water Utilities as Slot Project Coordinator.

Added back \$1,200 Car Allowance for the Director of the Fernando Salinas Community Center.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to approve the changes. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Sciaraffa out of the courtroom.

Cmr. Canales motioned to rescind the original motion made on the County Court at Law #2 Salary increase on Slot 0184 by \$3,216 and Salary increase on Slot 2468 by \$2,777. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Canales motioned to approve under the County Court at Law #2 Salary increase on Slot 0184 by \$3,216 and Salary increase on Slot 2468 by \$2,777. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Canales motioned to approve a new position Law Clerk for County Court at Law #1 and #2 at \$65,000/yr. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Cmr. Canales withdrew his motion.

Cmr. Tijerina withdrew her second.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve the creation of a new position Law Clerk for County Court at Law #1 and #2 funded at \$100 pending the Judges' plan, position to be created under County Court at Law #1. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**The Sheriff's Department**

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Cmr. Tijerina motioned to award the Sheriff's Department a total of \$684,000 for Variance, composed of \$233,599 for Additional Funding required to comply with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and \$450,000 for Additional Funding needed to avoid shortfalls and meet operational requirements. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Garza motioned to have Mr. Leo Flores include a General Order as was read before that there would be no amendments to the budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. Cmr. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

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Cmr. Garza motioned to approve Mr. Leo Flores' recommendation of leaving the Hotel/Motel Third Party Funding as is this year for next year, with the exception of Border Olympics to \$25,000. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez acknowledged Representative Ryan Guillen.

Cmr. Canales motioned to adopt the budget with the changes as approved by Commissioner's Court. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to continue or to terminate the current freeze on hiring, pay increases, and line item transfers imposed by Commissioners Court.**

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Cmr. Garza motioned to continue the current freeze on hiring, pay increases, and line item transfers imposed by Commissioners Court. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No.7. Discussion and possible action regarding the setting of salaries, expenses, and other allowances of Webb County elected officials for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as follows:**

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Juvenile Board</u>	<u>Total</u>
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<b>District Attorney</b>	<b>\$ 44,204</b>		<b>\$ 44,204</b>
<b>49<sup>th</sup> District Judge</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$ 12,600</b>
<b>111<sup>th</sup> District Judge</b>	<b>\$ 10,200</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>341<sup>st</sup> District Judge</b>	<b>\$ 10,200</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>406<sup>th</sup> District Judge</b>	<b>\$ 10,200</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>Court at Law 1 Judge</b>	<b>\$ 134,200</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$139,000</b>
<b>Court at Law 2 Judge</b>	<b>\$ 134,200</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$139,000</b>

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

**Item No.8. Adjourn**

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.