



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
March 26, 2012
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 for March 12, 2012, March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012
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. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award in the amount of \$78,950.00 from the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust for the purchase of furniture, surveillance cameras and computer equipment for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP); and any other matters incident thereto.
8. Status report by the County Attorney's office regarding proposed offer to purchase property in the downtown area, specifically; Block 213 WD, Laredo, Texas, owned by Kansas City Southern Railway Company; with discussion and possible action to approve a counter offer, if necessary; 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)]**

Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to recognize the month of April as World Autism Month and to commemorate World Autism Awareness Day in Webb County, Texas by lighting up the Webb County Courthouse in Blue for the month of April, 2012; and any other matters incident thereto.
10. Presentation by Dr. Hector Gonzalez of the City of Laredo Health Department regarding the donation of AED's or defibrillators donated to Three (3) Webb County Community Centers by Laredo Medical Center; and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Jaime A. Canales, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

11. Discussion and possible action to authorize the county attorney's office to take any necessary enforcement action regarding public nuisance violations on private property in rural areas; and any other matters incident thereto.

Commissioners Court

12. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to "Stop the Cuts" to public education. **[Requested by Ernest Davila, Organizational Development Specialist for Laredo United TSTA]**

13. Introduction and recognition of the Webb County Employee of the Month for February 2012, with presentation of commemorative plaque from Commissioner's Court. **[Requested by the Webb County Executive Council Committee]**

MEDIA BREAK

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

- 14.** Discussion and possible action to amend the General Order of Positions to reflect a reclassification of certain positions in the Webb County Sheriff's Department and/or the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office from exempt to non-exempt in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
- 15.** Discussion and possible action to approve the form of the 2012-2013 Third Party Application, set submission dates, and deadlines for application for Third Party Funding; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 16.** Discussion and possible action to approve an Addendum to the Professional Services Agreement between Head Start and Marcus Hinojosa O. D. adding Galo Eye Care as payee and to authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4207-6218 and Early Head Start Account #908-4208-6218]**
- 17.** Discussion and possible action to request the County Attorney to generate a Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County and City of Laredo regarding the coordination of both County MIS and City IT communications department networks to be presented for court approval after completion. **[Requested by Rafael Pena, Webb County Interim MIS Director]**
- 18.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Texas Development Council (STDC) regarding the continued payment by STDC of the recurring service cost of the T1 line used for the Regional Interoperable Communication Plan and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]**

19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Middle Rio Grande Development Council for VHF MHZ trunked regional radio system interoperability only user access that will require the Sheriff's Department to dedicate a talk group for the County Sheriff Departments of La Salle, Dimmit, and Maverick and in return a talk group will be designated by those Counties for use by the Webb Sheriff's Department, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff and Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez, Webb County Attorney]**
20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty-Six (36) months (March 12, 2012 through March 11, 2015) Authorized Provider Agreement between Webb County Head Start and the American Red Cross for training courses for employees and clients at a fee set forth in "Appendix A" of said agreement and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #903-4211-6011]**

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

21. Discussion and possible action to pass a Resolution which authorizes the Webb County District Attorney's Office to accept grant funding for the District Attorney's Border Prosecution Unit. The application for this grant was approved by the Webb County Commissioner's Court and grant funding has been approved by the Office of the Governor of Texas.

Honorable Oscar Hale, 406th District Court Judge

22. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the 406th District Court Drug Court Program application for the FY 2012 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program Grant for FY 2012 (October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2015).
23. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the 406th District Court Drug Court Program Recovery Healthcare Corporation services (April 2012 - September 2012).

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

24. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award from the Southwest Border Alliance Task Force in the amount of \$3,018,533 and designating the County Judge as the authorized official in all matters relating to this grant.

25. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the submission of a FY 2012 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount estimated at \$602,321 for salaries and fringe benefits for the hiring of Five (5) U.S. armed forces veterans as entry-level full-time peace officers and designating the County Judge as the authorized official in all matters relating to this grant. This grant requires a Twenty-Five (25%) percent cash match, and each position awarded must be retained with local funds for a minimum of 12 months at the conclusion of 36 months of grant funding. **[Grant matching funds need to be identified]**
26. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Auditor's Office to continue paying grant-funded personnel under CJD Grant No. 2311002 for Ninety (90) days, Webb County Sheriff's Office Border Juvenile Gang Prevention/Intervention Program until notification about grant continuation award from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.
27. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Auditor to approve payment to Southwest Sound and Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.00 for emergency work on Intercom System at County Jail. The item requires court approval due to lack of a purchase order. **[Account #001-2060-6402]**
28. Discussion and possible action to approve the cost of making security improvements to the Webb County Indigent Health Services Building in the amount of \$8,990.00 from the Permanent Improvement Fund. **[Account #604-0101-8103]**

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

29. Discussion and possible action to approve a refund in the amount of \$3,803.34, to Webb County Tax Office, on Account #900-90221-215 (\$3,711.98) and Account #900-90221-215 (\$91.36), as per Supp. 6, Cert 2011, property did not exist at location described in Appraisal Roll for years 2009-2010. Apply refund to owner's property Accounts #900-90221-215, #923-00016-291, #215-00718-010, #215-00717-010, #110-00480-080 and #927-00005-076. **[Accounts #001-0700-3063 and #010-0700-3063]**

Administrative Services

30. Presentation by Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative regarding a new covered benefit, titled "CATAPULT", which is a worksite health care initiative that focuses on a 30 minute "preventative health check-up" for all county employees. **[Co-sponsored by Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge and Commissioners]**

Auditor

- 31.** Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt a Debt Management Policy for Webb County.

Community Action Agency

- 32.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to submit a contract amendment to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs - Office of Colonia initiatives (TDHCA-OCI) Self-Help Center - TCDP Contract #728023 and to approve a Resolution supporting the program changes; and authorize the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 33.** Discussion and possible action to approve Laredo Regional Food Bank, as a Representative Organization for Category "C" for the Webb County Community Action Agency Advisory Board; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 34.** Discussion and possible action authorizing the Purchasing Agent to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Self-Help Center "Service Provider" as required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2013. The Webb County Community Action Agency is currently the "Service Provider" for the Webb County Self-Help Center Program through December 18, 2012.
- 35.** Discussion and possible action to approve conducting Category "B" Elections to fill a current vacancy as per the Governing Regulations of the Advisory Board of the Webb County Community Action Agency. (The Advisory Board shall be composed of membership that complies with the Community Services Block Grant - Texas Administrative Code- Chapter 5 Rule 5.215-Board Size). Election will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, for a Representative and Alternate for Area V- Fernando A. Salinas in the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center, 2600 Cedar from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Economic Development

- 36.** Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2012 as the 44th Anniversary of Fair Housing Month and April 9th – 13th, 2012 as Fair Housing Week and designating the Webb County Community Action Agency responsible for monitoring Fair Housing in Webb County.

- 37.** Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a contract time extension to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the Webb County Housing Preservation Grant, an extension of Three (3) months or up to December 31, 2012 and a modification to the Housing Rehabilitation Statement of Activities to expand the target area to include Colonias Los Minerales, Los Minerales Annex, Antonio Santos and Los Corralitos and to consider Manufactured Homes (Mobile Homes) as eligible units for rehabilitation in the target areas; and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documentation.

Engineer

- 38.** Discussion and possible action to accept Carrillo & Associates Inc. testing fee for the Colonias Rancho Penitas West Paving Project in the amount of \$19,505.00. This project is funded through TXDOT's 2nd & 3rd Call Colonias paving program. **[Account # 706-8001-6022-8]**

Fire Suppression & EMS Services

- 39.** Status report by the Webb County Fire/EMS Coordinator regarding the Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services rendered for the unincorporated areas of Webb County.
- 40.** Discussion and possible action to approve funding not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the following improvements to Webb County Fire Station headquarters located at 7210 E. Saunders, Laredo, Texas:
- Construction of 60X40 metal covered 3-bay building for Fire Department Emergency Vehicle equipment housing
 - Construction of 10X10 concrete slab with covered shed for Bunker Gear Washer Extractor
 - Construction of stairs and decking for mobile home assigned as dormitory for Firefighters
 - Asphalt resurfacing and improvement for Fire Station parking areas

[Account #604-0101-8103 (Permanent Improvement Fund)]

Head Start

41. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April as Head Start Month in Webb County, Texas.
42. Recognition of the Head Start “Father/Father Figure Involvement Committee” for receiving first place for Best Float Design in the Washington’s Birthday Youth Parade.

Planning

43. Discussion and possible action to consider a request for the re-naming or re-spelling of Spohn Ranch Road to Spohn Ranch Road as requested by John W. Beasley of Beasley-Welhausen Ranch Properties, LTD; and any other matters incident thereto (ID 220).

Purchasing

44. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Sprint/Nextel for the purchase of cell phone, radio, tablet services, and all related equipment pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. HGAC CW05-02, Texas Local Government Code. The HGAC contract with Sprint for Nextel service will be for departments that use radios; with reduced pricing from current prices and additional service options. **[Account #001-0106-6004-2 (Cell Phone Cost)]**
45. Discussion and possible action to process payment owed to the City of Laredo for Webb County vehicle violations. Amounts will be charged to department.
46. Discussion and possible action to purchase digital scanning and DVD imaging services for approximately 260,000 pages from Precision Micrographics & Imaging, Inc., for the Tax Assessor’s office, pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing program Contract CCG-DIS-2010-003 for an approximate amount (based on total number of pages) of \$110,000.00. **[Requested by Patricia Barrera, Webb County Tax-Assessor Collector; Account #001-0109-6022, Professional Services]**
47. Discussion and possible action to accept the Three qualifiers, DEH Construction Co., ROKA Builders and Vision Construction Company for the La Presa Park Project and have the three advance to the second step of the Design Build Process.

- 48. Discussion and possible action to approve the Letter of Agreement for construction services for Radio Communications Department pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.103 Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract DIR-SDD-1368 from AT&T in the amount of \$5,292.71. **[Requested by Jerry Cavazos, Radio Communication Director; Account #001-0109-6004-03 (General Fund)]**
- 49. Discussion and possible action to purchase Data Drops for the Webb County Youth Village, and cable drops for JJAEP building from Intercom Communications in the amount of \$15,620.00. **[Request by Melissa Mojica, Webb County Juvenile Probation Director; Account #604-0101-8103 (Permanent Improvement Fund)]**
- 50. Discussion and possible action to purchase telephone equipment for the Webb County Youth Village pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102, Subchapter F., Cooperative Purchasing Program, DIR-SDD- 1471 from Genesis Network Integration Services in the amount of \$13,120.00. **[Request Melissa Mojica, Webb County Juvenile Probation Director; Account #604-0101-8103 (Permanent Improvement Fund)]**
- 51. Discussion and possible action to ratify the purchase and installation of the overhead doors at the Jail from Hernandez Overhead Doors in the amount of \$5,200.00. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #001-2060-6401 (General Fund)]**

Road and Bridge

- 52. Discussion and possible action to approve the filling 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>
1995	Refuse Truck Driver	\$12.96

Closed Session/Executive Session

- 53. Status report by outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding case entitled Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd. v. Webb County, Texas; Appeals Number 04-10-00324-CV; Trial Court Cause No. 2006-CVQ-001710-D3; Fourth Court of Appeals District. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

54. Status report by outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding case entitled Khaledi Properties, Ltd. v. Killam Ranch Properties, Ltd., Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, and the County of Webb, Cause No. 2010-CVT-001589-D2. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
55. Status report by outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding case entitled Good Government League v. Webb County; Cause No. 2010-CVQ-000296-D3 in the 341st Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**
56. Status report on unemployment claim proceeding filed by former county employee Juanita Puente vs. Javier Cavazos, Director, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center, with discussion and possible action. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters)]**
57. 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 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2012

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 22nd day of March, 2012 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2012

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____
Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk