

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

**Monday, March 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM
(Approved April 10, 2012)**

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a regular 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	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 22nd day of March 2012. 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. Canales motioned to excuse Cmr. Tijerina. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Motion carried 3-0 by unanimous consent.

9:03 a.m. – Cmr. Tijerina present.

Item No.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No.3. Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2012, March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.4. Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Report

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Delia Perales, County Treasurer presented her monthly report for February 2012.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.5. Communications

Comr. Sciaraffa – No comment.

Comr. Tijerina thanked Mr. Jose Luis Ramos, Road and Bridge Director and staff for a wonderful job they did on the Colonia Campaign Cleanup. She congratulated City Councilman Esteban Rangel on the grand opening of the James and Maria Luis Haynes Health and Wellness Center. Comr. Tijerina congratulated all the inductees 2012 Laredo Commission for Women. She congratulated the Martin High School Basketball Team and Coach Hector Noyola, Jr. for a very successful season. Comr. Tijerina welcomed all the Head Start parents present. She welcomed the Holt Company and congratulated Mr. Peter Holt, CEO for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Las Lomas Business Park on 359. Comr. Tijerina sent out her heartfelt condolences to the family of Maria Refugio Rodriguez. Lastly, Comr. Tijerina wished Dr. Nelson a very Happy Birthday.

Comr. Canales welcomed everyone present. He congratulated Armando Hinojosa for his beautiful Tejano monument. Comr. Canales congratulated all the people who came together for this cause, Representative Richard Raymond, congratulated Judge Danny Valdez for his First Annual Golf Tournament. He sent out his heartfelt condolences to the family of Fernando Geronimo Salinas, Antonio Negrete, Jr., and Arturo Solis.

The Commissioners Court recognized the Martin High School Varsity Basketball Team for being crowned District 29 5A Champions, Coach Hector Noyola, Jr., Dr. Nelson, L.I.S.D. Superintendent, and Guillermo Pro, Martin High School Principal.

The Commissioners Court presented a plaque to Ms. Elsa Saenz in recognition of her 32 years of service to Webb County.

Judge Valdez motioned to move up items #41 and #42. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Head Start

Item No.41. Discussion and possible action to proclaim April as Head Start Month in Webb County, Texas.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez read the proclamation declaring April as Head Start Month.

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk’s Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Judge Valdez motioned to move up item #13. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Commissioners Court

Item No.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]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk’s Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

The Commissioners Court recognized Haydee Carrillo, employee at the 406th District Court, as the Webb County Employee of the Month for February 2012.

Judge Valdez motioned to move up items #22 and #23. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Oscar Hale, 406th District Court Judge

Item No.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).

Item No.23. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the 406th District Court Drug Court Program Recovery Healthcare Corporation services (April 2012 - September 2012).

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk’s Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #22 and #23 as submitted. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to move up item #7. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to move up item #9. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Tijerina read the resolution recognizing the month of April as World Autism Month.

Item No.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.

Alison Haynes

Ms. Haynes spoke in reference to items #53 and #54.

Item No.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)]

Judge Valdez motioned to defer item #8. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

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

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez and Nora Martinez, staff the City of Laredo Health Department gave a presentation regarding the donation of AED's or defibrillators donated to three (3) Webb County Community Centers by Laredo Medical Center.

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

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

No action taken.

10:40 a.m. – Cmr. Garza present.

Commissioners Court

Item No.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]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

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

Judge Valdez motioned to bring up item #30. Cmr. Canales seconded the motion.

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

Administrative Services

Item No.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]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Donald Corona, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Rob Russman, TAC, and David Mitchell, CATAPULT gave a presentation regarding item #30.

Addendum

Honorable Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No.1. Discussion and possible action to select Escamilla, Poneck & Cruz as Webb County's bond counsel from Webb County's list of authorized bond counsels; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Comr. Garza motioned to select this bond counsels as permanent bond counsels. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.2. Discussion and possible action to transfer Slot #2713 from Department 3001 (Water Utilities) to Department #1011 (County Court at Law # 2).

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Comr. Garza motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.3. Discussion and possible action to authorize a reimbursement to the Texas - Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding Contract #1001124 (Veterans Rental Assistance) in the amount of \$3,271.00; and any other matters incident thereto. Payment to be taken from Account #605-0203-8801.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to go into Executive Session on items #8, #53, #54, #55, and #56. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Executive Session 11:28 a.m. – 12:33 p.m.)

No action taken.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Comr. Garza motioned to table item #8. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Closed Session/Executive Session

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Jim Allison, outside counsel presented a status report 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.

No action taken.

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Jim Allison, outside counsel presented a status report 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.

Comr. Canales motioned to have an appraisal value be made on the Detention Center property. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Garza motioned to have Mr. Jim Allison be added as co-counsel. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Jim Allison, outside counsel presented a status report 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.

No action taken.

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Jim Allison, outside counsel presented a status report regarding unemployment claim proceeding filed by former county employee Juanita Puente vs. Javier Cavazos, Director, Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center.

No action taken.

Honorable Anna L. Cavazos Ramirez, County Attorney

Item No.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)]**

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to have the said positions reclassified with the exception of Slot 0534 Captain and 0413 Administrative Assistant. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

Item No.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.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

Item No.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.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

Item No.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.

Item No.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]

Item No.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]

Cmr. Canales motioned to approve items #25, #26, #27, and #28 as submitted. Cmr. Sciaraffa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor- Collector

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Auditor

Item No.31. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt a Debt Management Policy for Webb County.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Community Action Agency

Item No.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.

Item No.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.

Item No.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.

Item No.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.

Cmr. Garza motioned to approve items #32, #33, #34, and #35 as submitted. Cmr. Canales seconded the motion.

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

Economic Development

Item No.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.

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

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

Item No.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.

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

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Garza and Cmr. Sciaraffa out of the courtroom.

Engineer

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Garza and Cmr. Sciaraffa out of the courtroom.

Fire Suppression & EMS Services

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Mr. Ricardo Rangel, Webb County Fire/EMS Coordinator presented a status report regarding the Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services rendered for the unincorporated areas of Webb County.

Item No.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)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Planning

Item No.43. Discussion and possible action to consider a request for the re-naming or re-spelling of Sphon 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).

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Purchasing

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to pay the two outstanding \$45.00 tickets and table the one owed by the Sheriff's Department. Cmr. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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)]

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.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)]

Item No.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)]

Item No.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)]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 26, 2012 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Sciaraffa motioned to approve items #49, #50, and #51 as submitted. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Road and Bridge

Item No.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

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.57. **Adjourn**

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

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.