

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Special Court Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 9:30 AM
(Approved March 26, 2012)

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:30 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 9th 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. 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. Canales – No comments.

Cmr. Garza – No comments.

Cmr. Tijerina – 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.

No one signed up for Public Comment.

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- Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County's participation in the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program and to determine if Webb County will Join the proposed Area 5 Regional Healthcare Partnership or will consider forming a separate region and serve as the Anchor County for said region; and to authorize the County Attorney to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding; 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)]
- Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to seek outside consulting services to represent Webb County in any and all matters concerning the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program; and to identify any potential funding sources; 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)]
- Item No.7. Discussion and possible action to appoint a representative from Webb County to serve on the Regional Health Plan Board; and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to defer items #5, #6, and #7 until Executive Session. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No.8. Staff report on the operations at the Trautmann International Park with discussion and possible action to authorize the Facilities department to take any and all measures to ensure that park hours are maintained, including authorizing overtime for department staff; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office March 13, 2012 Commissioners Court Special Meeting DVD.

Cmr. Garza motioned to have Mr. Fernando Gonzalez make any adjustments necessary in his scheduling to be able to adjust for the early time to open and time to close, give the Commissioners Court time to be able to see if we can sit down with the City and possibly contract with them to be able to get them to rotate as part as their schedule. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Valdez motioned to go into Executive Session on items #5, #6, and #7. Cmr. Garza seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

(Executive Session 9:54 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.)

No action taken.

Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County's participation in the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program and to determine if Webb County will Join the proposed Area 5 Regional Healthcare Partnership or will consider forming a separate region and serve as the Anchor County for said region; and to authorize the County Attorney to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding; 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)]

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Mr. Tim Schmidt, Laredo Medical Center, Mr. Elmo Lopez, Doctor's Hospital, and Mr. Frank Salinas, Indigent Health Care Services Director were in attendance to give a presentation on the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program.

Cmr. Garza motioned to authorize participation in the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program with Webb County serving as Anchor County for our region and to include the counties of Zapata, Jim Hogg, La Salle, Frio, Dimmit, Zavala, and Maverick in our region and have Webb County serve as the Anchor for the 1115 Waiver Program. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to seek outside consulting services to represent Webb County in any and all matters concerning the Texas Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Program; and to identify any potential funding sources; 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)]

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Cmr. Garza motioned to if needed the court to authorize outside council or outside consultants to be able to assist in any consulting that we may need and to have Mr. Frank Salinas, Indigent Health Care Services Director work with Mr. Christopher Coker to make the determination as far as getting a consulting firm. Cmr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.7. Discussion and possible action to appoint a representative from Webb County to serve on the Regional Health Plan Board; and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Tijerina motioned to appoint Cmr. Jerry Garza to the Regional Health Plan Board. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.9. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0 by unanimous consent.