

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

**Monday, September 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM
(Approved September 23, 2013)**

Call to order by Judge Danny Valdez

Let it be remembered that a special meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Danny Valdez	County Judge
Mike Montemayor	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Commissioner, Pct. 2
John C. Galo	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 13th day of September 2013. 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

Roll call by Mrs. Lucina D. Perez, Chief Deputy for the Webb County Clerk's Office.

Item No.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item No.3. Communications

Judge Valdez asked everyone for a moment of silence in memory of the recent passing of first woman Commissioner Lily Perez, Pct. 3 for Webb County.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

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

Item No.2. Open Public Hearing on Tax Increase (pursuant to Chapter 26, Tax Code) by

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge.

Comr. Galo motioned to open up Public Hearing on Tax Increase. Comr. Canales seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No.3. Public Hearing on Tax Increase. Last year, the Webb County property tax rate was 0.420055. That rate raised \$62,285,578 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 \$67,697,982 which is \$5,412,404 more in revenues than that raised by taxes imposed last year.

Item No.4. Announcement of the meeting to vote on adopting the proposed tax rate will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Webb County Courthouse, Second Floor, Commissioner's Court, 1000 Houston St., Laredo, TX 78040.

Judge Valdez asked if anyone was for or against.

No one responded.

Item No.5. Close Public Hearing

Comr. Galo motioned to close Public Hearing. Judge Valdez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

Item No.5. Discussion and possible action to evaluate and approve a plan of action with associated costs, based on recommendations from county staff, for the implementation and delivery of health care and environmental services to the residents of Webb County that will no longer be provided by the City of Laredo, effective October 1, 2013. This proposed plan of action should include services related to: Food Establishments Licensing and Inspection, Animal Control, Vector Control, Regulation of On-Site Sewage Facilities and Public Health Services and Infectious Diseases; and any other matters incident thereto. [Co-sponsored by Jamie Canales, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4]

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office September 16, 2013 Commissioners Court Special Meeting DVD.

In attendance were:

Rogelio Reyes, Interim CFO for Doctor's Hospital
Nancy Cadena, Indigent Healthcare Services Director
Rhonda Tiffin, Planning Department Director

Pete Arredondo, Sheriff's Office
Miguel Trevino, CEO for Gateway Community Center
Chief Rangel, Fire/EMS Director

Comr. Canales motioned to approve the plan at \$262,000 with possibility of increase. Comr. Tijerina seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Comr. Montemayor out of the courtroom.

(Break 10:50 – 11:05 AM)

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to review and evaluate the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 Webb County budget; and any others matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office September 16, 2013 Commissioners Court Special Meeting DVD.

The following Webb County Personnel addressed the Commissioners Court on their 2013-2014 Budget requests.

Patricia Barrera, Tax Assessor Collector

Isidro Alaniz, District Alaniz

Joe Lopez, Finance Director for the Sheriff's Department

Chief Pete Arredondo, Sheriff's Department

Albert Torres, on behalf of Constable Rodolfo Rodriguez, Pct. 1

Larry Sanchez, PIO

Lucina Perez, on behalf of Margie Ramirez Ibarra, County Clerk

Luis Perez-Garcia, County Engineer

County Attorney's Office, Mr. Ramon Villafranca stated that the court may not take action on the budget until Monday, September 23, 2013 when it is adopted.

(Break 12:40 – 1:35 PM)

Honorable John Galo, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

Item No.6. Discussion and possible action to review and evaluate the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 Webb County budget; and any others matters incident thereto.

County Attorney's Office, Mr. Ramon Villafranca stated that the court may only have discussions, no action may be taken.

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Cmr. Galo motioned to hear the Directors/people that are here. Cmr. Montemayor seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

The following Webb County Personnel addressed the Commissioners Court on their 2013-2014 Budget requests.

Elections Administrator, Mr. Oscar Villarreal

Tax Assessor Collection, Ms. Barrera

Building Maintenance, Mr. Garza

County Attorney, Mr. Montemayor

County Clerk, Ms. Margie Ramirez Ibarra

Purchasing Agent, Dr. Moreno

Indigent Healthcare Services

County Engineer, Mr. Perez-Garcia

Sheriff's Office, Pete Arrendondo and Joe Lopez

Fire/EMS, Chief Rangel

Constable Pct.4, Hector Barrera representing Const. Harold DeVally

Constable Pct.3, Adrian Cortez

Item No.7. Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Galo out of the courtroom.