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Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM
(Approved DATE)

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
Linda R. Ramirez,	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 5th day of September 2014. 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.

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE DANNY VALDEZ, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

1. **Roll Call by Mrs. Lucina D. Perez, Chief Deputy on behalf of the Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Communications**

Cmr. Ramirez - No comments.
Cmr. Tijerina - No comments.
Cmr. Galo - No comments.
Cmr. Canales - No comments.
Judge Valdez - No comments.

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.**

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

Honorable Danny Valdez, Webb County Judge

5. Discussion and possible action to review and evaluate the County Auditor's proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 budget with discussion and possible action to recommend any changes, if necessary, before the final adoption of the budget on September 22, 2014; and any other matters incident thereto.

Discussion on file at the Webb County Clerk's Office September 10, 2014 Commissioners Court Meeting DVD.

The Commissioners Court heard public comments made by the following individuals and made motions to be included in the proposed budget.

USA Savate, Mr. Jimmy Sandoval and Paul Buitron

Mr. Sandoval and Mr. Buitron asked the Commissioners Court to allow them to submit their 3rd party application late for \$5,200.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, seconded by County Judge Danny Valdez to include USA Savate organization for \$5,000 on the 3rd party funding

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include Border Olympics for \$20,000 or the amount that has usually been set aside for them in the past

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Laredo Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Miguel Conchas

Mr. Conchas asked the Commissioners Court for an additional \$50,000 on their 3rd party funding.

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales to include an additional \$25,000 in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Sheriff Martin Cuellar along with Mr. Jose Salinas and Mr. Joe Lopez were present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include (3) Jailers, (1) Accountant, (2) Officers, and (1) Sergeant in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Constable Adrian Cortez, Pct. 3 was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include (2) deputy constable positions in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Treasurer, Ms. Delia Perales was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to change the title to Chief Deputy County Treasurer

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to increase part-time monies with the condition that this will not be a full-timer in the future

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

District Attorney, Mr. Isidro Alaniz was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include the (1) Senior Assistant District Attorney to begin October 1, (1) Data Entry Clerk to begin October 1, (1) Criminal Investigator to begin October 1, and (1) Criminal Investigator to begin January 1 in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Attorney, Mr. Marco Montemayor was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales to include (1) Investigator in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include \$1,100 for the County Attorney's salary in the proposed budget

Vote: 3 - 2 Motion Carried

NAY: Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo
Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales

Judge Jesus Garza, County Court at Law #2 was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include the Probate Court Investigator in the proposed budget

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)
Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (ABSTAIN)

Tax Assessor Collector, Ms. Patricia Barrera was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to include (1) Deputy Tax Collector in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Constable Ramiro Veliz, Pct. 1 Pl. 1 was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales to include the Traffic Clerk VII position in the proposed budget

Motion dies for lack of second

Constable Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr., Pct. 1 was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales, to include the Community Outreach Coordinator in the proposed budget

Motion dies for lack of second.

(Break 12:04 - 12:24 p.m.)

District Clerk, Ms. Esther Degollado was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include both the Billing and Filing Clerk positions in the proposed budget

Vote: 4 - 1 Motion Carried

NAY: County Judge Danny Valdez

Dr. Corinne Stern, Medical Examiner was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include an additional \$30,000 on the \$90,000 salary on the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by County Judge Danny Valdez to include the adjustment of the Medical Examiner's salary to \$200,000

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Engineer, Mr. Luis Perez Garcia was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to include (8) positions in the proposed budget

Vote: 3 - 2 Motion Carried

NAY: Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo
Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales

Administrative Services Director, Ms. Cynthia Mares was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez, seconded by County Judge Danny Valdez to include (1) Administrative Clerk position in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Ms. Dolores Martinez on behalf on Ms. Virginia Aranda, Public Defender was present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to include (1) Criminal Investigator position in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Building Maintenance Director, Mr. Gilberto Garza was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include (2) Building Maintenance positions, (1) HVAC position, (1) Grounds Keeper position, and Part-Time funds up to \$50,000 in the proposed budget

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Ms. Melissa Mojica was present to thank the Commissioners Court on the tentative approvals placed on the proposed budget.

Lieutenant Ramiro Veliz on behalf of Constable Miguel Villarreal, Pct. 2, was present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

No action taken.

Road and Bridge Superintendent, Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez was present to advise the Commissioners Court that he submitted a request for a tractor under capital outlay.

Mr. Victor Barbarena on behalf of Constable Harold DeVally, Pct. 4, was present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include the (2) Part-Time Clerk positions in the proposed budget

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

Fire Chief Ricardo Rangel was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to have all the salaries that are being adopted be in accordance with Condrey and Associates' grades and steps

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

County Court at Law #1 Judge Elect Hugo Martinez was present to address the Commissioners Court on his request for a Probate Court Investigator.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to take the Probate Court Investigator position under advisement, if it is required by statute, grant the position effective January 1

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

Probation Department Director, Ms. Melinda Vidaurri was present to address the Commissioners Court on her request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include a match for (3) slots for (1) year as long as the grade and pay scale is accurate

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

Ms. Nora Prado on behalf of Indigent Healthcare Services Director, Ms. Nancy Cadena, was present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to include the Nurse position in the proposed budget effective October 1

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

Ms. Amelia Martinez on behalf of Judge Oscar Martinez, Pct. 4, was present to address the Commissioners Court on their request.

No action taken.

6. Adjourn

Motion by County Judge Danny Valdez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Linda R. Ramirez to adjourn

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)
Commissioner, Pct. 4 Jaime Alberto Canales (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)