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Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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:

Tano E. Tijerina,	County Judge
Jesse Gonzalez,	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina,	Commissioner, Pct. 2

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 30th day of August 2018. Present also were Ms. Kassandra L. Cavazos, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to excuse Cmr. Galo and Cmr. Canales

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

2. Open Public Hearing on Tax Increase (pursuant to Chapter 26, Tax Code) by Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to open up the Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

3. Public Hearing on Tax Revenue Increase. Last year, the Webb County property tax rate was 0.414700. That rate raised \$78,259,758 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 Commissioners Court is proposing a property tax rate of 0.412000. This rate will raise \$84,902,719 which is \$6,642,961 more in revenues than that raised by taxes imposed last year.

Judge Tijerina asked if anyone was for or against.

No one responded.

- 4. The Commissioners Court of Webb County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax revenue increase at a public meeting to be held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Webb County Courthouse, Second Floor, 1000 Houston St., Laredo, Texas 78040.**

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

- 5. Close Public Hearing**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to close Public Hearing and open up Webb County Commissioners Court Special Meeting

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE TANO E. TIJERINA, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

- 1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk**

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to excuse Cmr. Galo and Cmr. Canales

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 3. 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.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to bring up items #7 and #8

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

Head Start

7. Discussion and possible action to ratify and approve the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2357-5230-531-458000	Administrative Travel	\$33,000	\$7,000	\$8,510.02	\$1,510.02
	2357-5230-531-456201	College Tuition	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$7,7772.93	\$772.93
	2357-5200-531-444100	Space Rental	\$94,897	\$4,003.47	\$4,003.47	\$0.000
	2357-5200-531-456105	Licenses & Permits	\$6,000	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$0.00
	2357-5200-531-456120	St. Reg. Fees	\$6,000	\$3,700.00	\$3,715.69	\$15.69
	2357-5200-531-452001-030	Children Insurance	\$7,649	\$1,559.00	\$1,559.00	\$0.00
	2357-5200-531-432083	Med/Dent Exams	\$2,000	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
	2357-5200-531-410000	Payroll	\$4,700,507	\$11,001.00	\$605,080.99	\$594,079.99
				\$36,483.47		
To:	2357-5230-531-456224	Meeting & Conf.	\$9,929	\$7,000	\$166.05	\$7,166.05
	2357-5230-531-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$70.05	\$7,070.05
	2357-5200-531-460024	Med./Dent Supplies	\$8,000	\$22,483.47	\$31.26	\$22,514.73
				\$36,483.47		
From:	2357-5200-531-410000	Payroll	\$4,700,507	\$40,000	\$605,080.99	\$565,080.99
	2357-5200-531-410000	Payroll	\$4,700,507	\$27,000	\$605,080.99	\$578,080.99
				\$67,000		
To:	2357-5200-531-443000-020	Blg. Maintenance	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$3,420.83	\$43,420.83
	2357-5200-531-460105	Minor Tool & Apparatus	\$12,000	\$27,000	\$1,823.01	\$28,823.01
				\$67,000		
From:	2357-5200-531-410000	Payroll	\$4,700,507	\$15,000	\$605,080.99	\$590,080.99
			Total:	\$15,000		
To:	2357-5200-531-460004	Classroom Supplies	\$90,660	\$15,000	\$868.27	\$15,868.27

Issue: There are funds available in the Head Start grant due to payroll savings, leave without pay, vacant slots, and the like.

Solution: Approve Line Item Transfer request to expend funds.

Result: The program will make necessary repairs and purchases due to payroll savings.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

8. Discussion and possible action to ratify and approve the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
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From:	2367-5200-531-461000	Material & Supplies	\$30,000	\$1,000	\$1,030.29	\$30.29
	2367-5200-531-443000-020	Repairs & Maint Bldg	\$22,399	\$994	\$994.40	\$0.40
	2367-5200-531-441001	Telephone	\$7,000	\$2,539	\$2,884.39	\$345.39
	2367-5200-531-459013	Parent Activities	\$1,000	\$500	\$509.68	\$9.68
	2367-5200-531-460024	Med Dent Supplies	\$500	\$168	\$168.14	\$0.14
	2367-5200-531-460025	Kitchen Supplies	\$2,000	\$227	\$227.00	\$0.00
	2367-5200-531-462605	Fuel and Lube	\$951	\$951	\$951.00	\$0.00
	2367-5200-531-458060	In-town Mileage	\$4,000	\$2,565	\$2,565.08	\$0.08
	2367-5200-531-463040	Non USDA Food	\$3,000	\$556	\$556.98	\$0.98
				\$9,500		
To:	2367-5200-531-463810	CCS Co-Pays	\$26,000	\$9,500	\$0.00	\$9,500
				\$9,500		
From:	2367-5150-531-410000	Payroll	\$54,794	\$22,000	\$40,595.09	\$18,595.09
	2367-5150-531-410000	Payroll	\$54,794	\$9,000	\$18,595.09	\$9,595.09
				\$31,000		
To:	2367-5200-531-457008-030	Contractor Aura	\$198,000	\$22,000	\$0.00	\$22,000
	2367-5200-531-457008-005	Contractor Regina's	\$60,000	\$9,000	\$0.00	\$9,000
				\$31,000		

Issue: Funds are available in the line items listed above.

Solution: Approve line item transfer.

Result: The program will have funds for needed expenses.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

Commissioners Court Administrator

- Status report from county staff regarding current negotiations on the potential purchase of the former HEB downtown property, with discussion and possible action to make a final decision on purchase; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding purchase of Real Property) [Requested by Commissioners Court Administrator]**

Civil Legal Division, Mr. Ray Rodriguez recommended approval and purchase of the HEB property and to authorize the Judge to execute an earnest money contract for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and the purchase at Four million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,125,000.00) subject to the timing of the financing.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

Auditor

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within 2010 Bond Series (Buenos Aires Community Center Capital outlay fund); and any other matters incident thereto.

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3040-6290-001-474501	Construction in Progress	\$98,515	\$67,131	\$95,567.68	\$28,436.68
To:	3050-7380-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$35,000	\$67,131	\$41,118.45	\$71,249.45

Issue: Funding needed to cover Jail 6" underground fire line and JC fire alarm panel. Increase capital outlay series 2010 budget.

Solution: Transfer out from fund 3040 to transfer in fund 3050 to appropriate expenditures to be used for the purpose of capital outlay expenditures.

Result: There will be sufficient funds in all budget line items to pay for requested items.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve a budget amendment by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$38,572.57 for new revenues received for the Buenos Aires Community Center in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 111.07075 (Special Budge for Revenue Received after start of Fiscal Year). [Fund #3040 (Buenos Aires Community Center 2010)]

Other Income	3040-6290-357420	\$38,572.57
Construction in Progress	3040-6290-001-474501	\$38,572.57

Issue: Increase budget for revenue receipts received and budgeted expenditures.

Solution: Appropriate new revenue and expenditures to be recorded and used for the purpose of construction in progress expenditures.

County Auditor, Mr. Rafael Perez stated that he has a correction and that he's quoting the Buenos Aires Community Center and it should be the Fernando Salinas Community Center.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve items #5 and #6

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

9. **Adjourn**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to adjourn

Vote: 3 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously