

### WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

# COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING

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# PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 2:30 p.m.

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

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

#### COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

#### Honorable John C. Galo, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

- Discussion and possible action to enter an Order of the Commissioners 4. Court declaring a public use, namely; the construction of roadway improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and provide safe ingress and egress to the Las Lomas Subdivision, and the necessity to acquire an easement for Public Roadway Right-Of-Way Purposes, and for the construction, laving, installation, operating, repairing and maintaining of drainage improvements and other public utilities (including, but not limited to, drainage structures of all types, and water, sewer, telephone, gas, electric and cable lines, and all related, necessary or desirable appurtenances) in perpetuity, in, under and across the following described property in Webb County, Texas: A 0.2287 Acre Tract being out of and part of Tract 24, Ranchito Las Lomas Subdivision Recorded in Volume 3. Page 13a, Plat Records Of Webb County, Texas and further authorizing staff to negotiate with the owners for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at its market value established by an independent state certified real estate appraiser; and authorizing the Civil Legal Division to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is unable to acquire due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner; and any matters incident thereto.
- 5. Discussion and possible action to enter an Order of the Commissioners Court declaring a public use, namely: the construction of surface drainage improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and provide safe ingress and egress to the Las Lomas subdivision, and the necessity to acquire a DRAINAGE EASEMENT across the following parcel necessary to advance the project: being a 1.2856 acre tract across and out of Tract 40, Ranchito Las Lomas Subdivision recorded in Volume 3, Page 13a, Plat Records Of Webb County, Texas and further authorizing staff to negotiate with the owners for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at its market value established by an independent state certified real estate appraiser; and authorizing the civil legal division to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is unable to acquire due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner.

- Court declaring a public use, namely: the construction of surface drainage improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and provide safe ingress and egress to the Las Lomas Subdivision, and the necessity to acquire a Drainage Easement across the following parcel necessary to advance the project: a 1.2856 acre tract being out of and part of Tract 41, Ranchito Las Lomas Subdivision recorded In VOLUME 3, PAGE 13A, PLAT RECORDS OF WEBB COUNTY, and further authorizing staff to negotiate with the owners for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at its market value established by an independent state certified real estate appraiser; and authorizing the civil legal division to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is unable to acquire due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner.
- 7. Discussion and possible action to enter an Order of the Commissioners Court declaring a public use, namely: the construction of surface drainage improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and provide safe ingress and egress to the Las Lomas Subdivision and surrounding area. and the necessity to acquire the surface only of the following parcel necessary to advance the project: the surface only of Tract Thirty-Nine (39) (10 AC), in Ranchito Las Lomas I., Webb County, Texas as Recorded in Volume 3, Page 13a, of the Webb County Plat Records, and further authorizing staff to negotiate with the owners for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at its fair market value as determined by an independent state certified real estate appraiser; and authorizing the civil legal division to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is unable to acquire due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner. [Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010, Subject to reimbursement from CO 2019.]
- 8. Discussion and possible action to enter an Order of the Commissioners Court declaring a public use, namely: the construction of surface drainage improvements in order to alleviate flooding concerns and provide safe ingress and egress to the Las Lomas Subdivision, and the necessity to acquire the surface only of the following parcel necessary to advance the project: the surface estate only in and to Tract Eighty-Six (86), Ranchito Las Lomas, Webb County, Texas, according to plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 13a, Plat Records Of Webb County, Texas, and further authorizing staff to negotiate with the owners for the acquisition of said parcel by purchase at its market value as determined by an independent state certified real estate appraiser; and authorizing the civil legal division to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire said parcel if staff is

unable to acquire due to inability to agree to a purchase price, conflict of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner. [Account 1001-1130-001-431007-010, Operational Reserve Subject to reimbursement from 2019 CO]

#### **Civil Legal Division**

- 9. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a revised List of Transportation Infrastructure Projects (Prioritized List) to the Texas Department of Transportation for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) Grant Program to include Eagle Pass Road and the realignment of Wormser Road east of Loop 20 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #3720-7230-337200 (County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Revenue)]
- 10. Discussion regarding the current moratorium on tax abatements in Webb County with possible action to form a committee to review, update and modify current tax abatement guidelines, and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]

**Issue:** Commissioners Court imposed a moratorium on all tax abatements within the county until tax abatement guidelines could be updated.

**Solution:** By forming a committee and holding possible workshops, tax abatement guidelines can be reviewed, updated and modified to be better aligned with economic development opportunities in Webb County.

**Result:** Tax abatement guidelines will be updated and current moratorium can be lifted to allow for further economic development in Webb County.

#### **Purchasing**

11. Presentations by the two (2) Banks that submitted a proposal for the Depository Bank contract with Discussion and possible action to award Request for Application (RFA) 2019-001 "Bank Depository for Webb County" in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 113 (Management of County Money), Chapter 116 (Depositories for County Public Funds) and Chapter 117 (Depositories for Certain Trust Funds and Court Registry funds) and further authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** The current Depository Bank contract expires at the end of May of 2019. Commissioners Court authorized the solicitation of proposals for a Bank Depository contract. All Banks within the boundaries of Webb

County with home offices or branch facilities were invited to participate; only two (2) banks submitted a formal RFA.

**Solution:** Interview the two (2) banks in order to determine which financial institution would serve Webb County the best as their designated bank depository.

**Result:** Award a new contract for a term of four (4) years with a two (2)-renewal term or any other term as approved by Commissioners Court in accordance with State law.

**12.** Adjourn

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into closed session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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#### DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DATED THIS A DAY OF APRIL, 2019

Bv:

Melinda Mata

Court Administrator

#### **CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING**

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the day of April, 2019 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS APRIL, 2019

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

Graciela Galvan, Deputy Clerk

BY

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk