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# COMMISSIONERS COURT

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# PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 DECEMBER 14, 2020 9:00 a.m.

On March 16, at the Attorney General's request, Gov. Greg Abbott utilized Section 418.016 of the Government Code to suspend certain requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) in light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. Section 418.016 (Vernon 2017). The Governor suspended provisions of TOMA that require a quorum of the governing body and the general public to be together in a single location in order to allow videoconference or telephonic meetings.

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# 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/Invocation
- 3. Discussion and possible action for Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Reports (Auditor, Treasurer, Business Office, Human Resources, Judicial Collections, Risk Management, Tax Assessor-Collector); and any other matters incident thereto.

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, individually or in a group, 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:

CONSENT AGENDA: At most meetings, the Commissioners Court establishes a Consent Agenda. It consists of those Agenda Items which are routine or non-controversial, and which neither a member of the Commissioners court has asked to be pulled for discussion. Once the Commissioners Court has established the Consent Agenda, Agenda Items included on it will be voted upon in one vote, and will not be discussed separately unless requested by the County Judge or Commissioners.

The consent agenda has been created in order to give constituents the opportunity to view any and all pertinent backup information with reference to any item in the agenda. The objective of the consent agenda is for all Webb County constituents to be familiar with everyday county business and to demonstrate the transparency and fairness of this Commissioners Court.

The following Agenda Items are of a routine nature, and the Commissioners Court has received supporting materials for consideration. All of these Agenda Items will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately, unless a member of the Commissioners Court or the public requests that a particular Agenda Item be discussed. If so, that Agenda Item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular Agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

# **CONSENT ITEMS**

# 5. <u>Auditor</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant Funds; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Grant Fund #2713]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	Admin Travel	2713-4070-001-458000	\$302	\$302	\$302	-0-
	Office Supplies	2713-4070-001-460000	\$288	\$288	\$288	-0-
	Minor Tools Apps	2713-4070-001-460105	\$9,150	\$9,150	\$9,150	-0-

				\$9,740		
То:	Payroll	2713-4070-001-410000	\$21,700	\$4,300	\$21,675	\$25,975
	Insurance	2713-4070-001-421000	\$6,113	\$3,897	\$5,728	\$9,625
	FICA	2713-4070-001-422000	\$1,660	\$329	\$1,659.84	\$1,988.84
	Retirement	2713-4070-001-423000	\$2,622	\$566	\$2,618.92	\$3,184.92
	Unemployment	2713-4070-001-425000	\$150	\$338	\$149.83	\$487.83
	Worker's Comp.	2713-4070-001-426000	\$15	\$310	\$14.99	\$324,99
				\$9,740		

**Issue:** Funds must be moved within this grant budget's individual line items.

**Solution:** Request authorization from the court to move grant funds within the overall budget.

**Result**: The budget will be aligned with the budget required by the funding agency.

**b.** Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer). **[Fund 4100-Debt Service Fund]** 

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	4100-9020-001-482401-160	Interest Exp 2012 Limited Tax Ref. Bond	\$150,815	\$73,097	\$150,815	\$77,718
	4100-9020-001-482401-165	Interest Exp 2013 Certificates of Obligation	\$565,870	\$319,329	\$565,870	\$246,541
		Total		\$392,426		
То:	4100-9020-001-482401-260	Interest Exp 2020 Limited Tax Ref. Bond-B	\$0	\$177,982	\$0	\$177,982
	4100-9020-001-482401-255	Interest Exp 2020 Certificates of Obligation	\$0	\$214,444	\$1,100,000	\$1,314,444
				\$392,426		

**Issue:** Line item transfer is needed to cover first payment to 2020 Certificates of Obligations and 2020 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds within allocated interest line item accounts.

**Solution:** With court approval of line item transfer, expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year will be covered.

**Result:** There will be sufficient funds to cover current payment from appropriate accounts.

c. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, end of fiscal year 2020 budget amendments; necessary to process year-end invoices or services rendered on or before September 30, 2020; and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** Various departments and offices depleted funds within departmental budget line items; nonetheless, multiple invoices were received for goods or services after the fiscal year-end which required apply date of FY-2020.

**Solution:** In order to process year-end transactions and pay invoices, funding was identified as approved by Commissioners Court on September 28, 2020, to allow Auditors Office and Budget Officers to enter and post budget amendments.

**Result:** Funds were transferred to cover pending invoices and properly classify transactions in FY-2020.

d. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Forfeiture funds. [Requested by Mike Villarreal, Constable Pct. 2]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2183-259700	Fund Balance	\$17,144.42	\$1,000	\$17,144.42	\$16,144.42
То:	2183-3180-001-461006	Canine Expenditures	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000.00

**Issue:** The Department needs funds for Canine Expenses.

**Solution:** Solution will be to approve this request to increase the account fund by \$1,000.00.

**Result:** The Department will have funds available for Canine Expenses.

# 6. <u>Bruni Community Center</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to the Bruni Community Center Goods for Public Events Account #1001-6240-001-461003, and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** Bruni Lions Club have given a Donation to Bruni Community Center, and as required by the court, a request is being submitted to accept the funds donated.

Solution: Approving Donation to add funds available to community Center.

Result: Donations will help with costs and expenses incurred for goods for

public events.

#### 7. Casa Blanca Golf Course

a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the Golf Course funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	7100-6080-001-443000-035	Repairs & Maint. Equip.	\$15,000	\$780.23	\$7996.43	\$7216.20
То:	7100-6080-001-4433000-135	Repairs & Maint. Clubhouse	\$5,000	\$780.23	\$97.50	\$877.73

Issue: Currently there isn't enough monies to fulfill repairs needed.

**Solution:** Fund account as requested.

**Result:** There will be enough monies to cover cost of repairs.

## 8. <u>Civil Legal Division</u>

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve an advertising contract between Lamar Advertising of Laredo and Webb County for the District Attorney's Office for the service dates of January 16, 2021 through January 14, 2022 in the amount of Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$27,300.00) for various public service announcements; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by District Attorney Isidro Alaniz, Account #2160-2260-001-457006 (Law Enforcement Other)]
- **b.** Discussion and possible action to enter into the following Third Party Contracts and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

USA Savate - World Pugilist Hall of Fame	\$5,000

c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Three (3) year Hospital Services Agreement with Laredo Texas Hospital Company, L.P. d/b/a Laredo Medical Center. The term of the Hospital Services Agreement shall begin January 1, 2021, and will end December 31, 2023. The purpose of the agreement is to provide the medical examiner basic diagnostic histology and laboratory services. Services will be charged at One Hundred Five Percent (105%) of the Current Medicare Fee Schedule on the date of service, subject to annual budget appropriations; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Dr. Corinne Stern, Medical Examiner; Account

#### #1001-3100-001-432001 (Professional Services)]

## 9. <u>Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of the following vehicle from the District Attorney's Office to the 406th District Court and to make the necessary adjustments to the Webb County Inventory report and any other maters incident thereto. [Account #1001-2040-001-462605 (Fuel and Lubricants) #1001-2040-001-443000-075 (Repairs and Maint. Vehicles)]

Unit No.	Year	Make/Model	Vehicle Identification No.
9-88	2018	Chevrolet Silverado LT1500	3GCUKREC6JG483171

**Issue:** The 406th District Court is in need of a reliable vehicle to handle the transportation needs related to court activities from said Court. Their current vehicle inventory includes two vehicles that have high mileage and are not dependable.

**Solution:** Approve the transfer of the vehicle to the 406th District Court.

**Result:** The 406th District Court will have a dependable vehicle for their transportation needs.

# 10. Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law 2 Judge

a. Discussion and possible action to appoint Judge Victor Villarreal to the Webb County Bail Bond Board.

# 11. Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the payment of a membership for a non-profit state association as required by Local Government Code Section §89.002 for the County of Webb in the amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,750.00) Dollars to the Alliance for I-69 Texas regarding the annual membership dues. This annual membership fee will be added to the membership master list. [Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge; Account #1001-1020-001-464010 (Dues and Memberships)]

**Issue:** Local Government Code Section §89.002 requires that the Commissioners Court may spend, in the name of the county, money from the county's general fund for membership fees and dues of a nonprofit state association of counties if:

(1) a majority of the court votes to approve membership in the association;

- (2) the association exists for the betterment of county government and the benefit of all county officials;
- (3) the association is not affiliated with a labor organization;
- (4) neither the association nor an employee of the association directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except that this subdivision does not prevent a person from providing information for a member of the legislature or appearing before a legislative committee at the request of the committee or the member of the legislature; and
- (5) neither the association nor an employee of the association directly or indirectly contributes any money, services, or other valuable thing to a political campaign or endorses a candidate or group of candidates for public office.

**Solution:** Obtain court approval as required by State law.

**Result:** Pay pending invoices for Alliance for I-69 Texas Association.

b. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Webb County Historical Commission (WCHC) nominations committee and approve the following individuals for appointment/reappointment to the Webb County Historical Commission; and any other matters incident thereto: Renee LaPerriere, Jeanette Hatcher, Frank Gonzalez, Alfredo Gutierrez, Lily Perez, Jorge Santana and Mary Trevino.

# 12. <u>Economic Development</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the NRA Foundation estimated at \$3,000 and as developed, written, and submitted by and for the Webb County Sheriff's Office for firearms equipment for its certified peace officers; authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any match; and, thus shall have no impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]

**Issue:** The Webb County Sheriff's Office must continually equip its sworn officer force with an important array of duty gear, other critical safety equipment, and essential, but costly expendable supplies, such as ammunition, utilizing limited local funds. Moreover, the vast majority of federal and state grants do not allow for the purchase of firearms and/or ammunition as an eligible grant expense.

Solution: Grant application to the Friends of the National Rifle Association

(NRA) Foundation by the Webb County Sheriff's Office to provide firearms as a supplemental source of this needed equipment.

**Result:** The Webb County Sheriff's Office's sworn officer force will be provided with additional firearms.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of Year 3, FY 2021-2022 for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant (SAMHSA) non-competitive grant application, grant number H79Tl081929-03 in the amount of \$4000,000; which will allow for the continuation of the services currently being provided by the 341st Veterans Treatment Program and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. There are no matching funds required. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. [Requested by 341st District Court Veterans Program]
- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to submit Amendment No.2/Modification to contract #7219173 for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) Texas Department of Agriculture to include a contract extension request for three months or until April 15, 2021, and modification to program design.

**Issue**: Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) from Texas Department of Agriculture has authorized the extension of contract No. 7219173 and the modification for performance.

**Solution:** The Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TCDBG) from Texas Department of Agriculture contract No. 7219173 deadline has been extended from January 15, 2020 to April 15, 2020 and performance modification. This contract amendment and performance modification will allow the completion assistance for up to 166 Colonia residents.

**Result:** This extension is intended to fully succeed the completion fo assisting Colonia residents.

# 13. <u>Engineering</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County to execute an Order of Acceptance for the dedication of SIX (6) Roadway Right-of-Way and/or Public Utility Easements, (5) out of the La Presa Subdivision, and (1) from the Ranchitos Los Nopalitos Subdivision, for the purpose of acquiring these necessary easements by Webb County to perform road maintenance and/or for utility improvements in order to facilitate transportation needs and/or utility services for Webb County Colonia residents including emergency medical services, school bus pickups for students, and for the use, extension and/or provision of proper drainage, and/or utility services; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineer]

#### 14. Head Start

Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

- Discussion and possible action to approve the Head Start / Early Head Start / a. Child Care Partnership Addenda for Personnel Policies and Procedures. Program Governance and Management Procedures, and Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Body and Procedures describing how the Webb County Commissioners Court and the Policy Council will implement Shared Decision Making, Approval of the Addenda includes, but is not limited to: Procedures for Electing Policy Council Members, Reimbursement and Participation in Policy Council Activities; Standard of Conduct for Governing Body, Staff, Contractors, and Volunteers; Personnel Policies and decisions regarding employment of all program staff; Criteria for Employment and Dismissal of all Program Staff; Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment Priorities; Budget Planning Process / Cost Allocation Plan; Selection of Independent Financial Auditors; Procedures for Reviewing Applications for Funding and Amendments; Selection of Service Areas / Delegate Agency Selection; Self-Assessment Process, to include follow-up activities.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Policy Council By-laws. The purpose of the Policy Council is to serve as a governing body using shared decision-making process with the Webb County Commissioners Court in all matters relating to the planning and coordination of the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Child Care Partnership programs operated by the Webb County Head Start Program.
- **c.** Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot:

Slot #	<u>Title</u>	Hourly Rate	Pay Periods
1931	Education Assistant	\$18.30	26

### 15. Indigent Healthcare Services

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize Inter-Governmental Transfer (IGT) contributions payable to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as required under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program/1115 Waiver in amounts not to exceed a total of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. IGT contributions for FY 2020-2021 may be paid out, if necessary, thru December 31, 2021, contingent upon IGT transfer dates and deadlines established by the State of Texas. [Accounts #1001-5030-001-432063-015 (Hospital Inpatient) and #1001-5030-001-432063-020 (Hospital Outpatient) from Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget]

Issue: Since 2006, Webb County has participated as the Inter-Governmental Transfer (IGT) entity for Laredo Medical Center and Doctors Hospital of Laredo. The IGT submitted allows hospitals to receive federal matching funds that are used to offset the cost of uncompensated care that hospitals provide to Medicaid and uninsured patients.

**Solution:** Commissioners Court approval is needed in order to submit IGT contributions on behalf of both hospitals as requested by the State of Texas.

**Result:** The authorization of IGT will allow local hospitals to access matching federal funds for FY 2020-2021 to offset uncompensated care costs as well as receive incentive payments from the State of Texas for successful completion of 1115 Waiver project requirements.

# 16. Planning & Physical Development

a. Discussion and possible action to grant Final Plat Approval to Simeon Park Phase IV Re-Plat being a 114.77-acre tract comprised of Tract 41, Simeon Park Phase III and 111.77 acres out of 192.52 acres in Abst. 286, Surv. 369 as described in Vol. 366, Pgs. 155-166 of the Webb County Deed Records.

# 17. <u>Purchasing</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to process surplus and/or salvage property in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 263.152 (Disposition) and to publish notice to public as per Local Government Code Section 263.153 (Notice) for surplus and/or salvage property being auctioned.

Issue: Excess County property that either is salvage property because of

time, accident, or any other cause is so worn, damaged, or obsolete that it has no value for the purpose it was originally intended for and/or surplus property that that is no longer needed by the department and may have some usefulness for the purpose it was intended and would be transferred for use by another County department or auctioned online to the general public and/or donated as permitted by law.

**Solution:** Attempt to sell the County surplus or salvage property by competitive bids or auction, dispose or destroy property that cannot be sold through auction and/or competitive bids because it has deemed worthless or dispose through and/or competitive bids because it has deemed worthless or dispose through a recycling program under which property is collected, separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw materials of new products.

**Result:** Generate revenue from sale of property, reduce County expenditures by transferring surplus property to other departments and make room for future assets turned in by County departments.

#### 18. Honorable Raul Reyes, Treasurer

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Treasurer to request in writing an update of signature cards by County's Depository, Falcon International Bank, as per Primary Depository Contract § 2.3 Accounts; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Signature cards require update of the Authorized County Representative(s), effective January 1, 2021, for 10 out of the 12 demand deposit accounts maintained for the Tax Assessor Collector and listed on the contract as accounts "o" through "z". Accounts "o" and "x" will be closed effective December 31, 2020. Please see attached files. Tax Assessor Collector-elect Patricia A. Barrera will take office on January 1, 2021 and is not listed on the designated depository bank signature cards.

**Solution:** As per bank contract request in writing that new elected official and designees execute a new signature card and that the current signature card on file be void at end of business on December 31, 2020.

**Result:** Tax Assessor Collector elect will be able to conduct depository business starting on January 1, 2021.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### Casa Blanca Golf Course

19. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive proposals for 27 carts for 24 term and in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Subchapter C., Competitive Bidding in General 262.021 (County Purchasing Act) and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #9050-001-483003-280]

**Issue:** Currently the golf course is in need for additional carts to meet the demand of increased golf rounds and tournaments

Solution: Solicit proposals for additional carts

Result: The golf course will have enough carts until current lease expires.

#### **Human Resources**

**20.** Discussion and possible action to approve guidelines regarding returning to work after COVID-19 illness and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** Departments are in need of direction in an effort to better follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Solution:** Approval of these guidelines will give direction to the County Departments on criteria to follow and facilitate the operations of daily functions at high efficiency.

**Result:** County Departments will continue to function efficiency and effectively and better serve the citizens of Webb County.

# **Indigent Healthcare Services**

21. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the 25-hour limit for part-time medical employee hired under slot #888813 Part-Time Nurse at Indigent Health Care Services Department and any other matters incident thereto. Salary for this position is paid from federal funds received under the 1115 Waiver-RHP20 Anchor Fund and will have no impact on the General Fund. [Account #2002-5100-001-412000 [Part-Time]]

**Issue:** With the continued increase of health services offered to the public such as TB testing, Immunizations, and the COVID-19 vaccine once it becomes available; additional medical nursing staff assistance is needed to have adequate coverage for: appointments scheduled at the main office,

clinic events held at community centers or other locations in rural areas of our community, vaccine inventory, and completion of state required reporting.

**Solution:** Commissioners Court approval will allow our part-time nurse to work additional hours to ensure that services are available to the community without interruption.

**Result:** The public health services division will be able to increase their services that protect residents against vaccine preventable diseases.

#### **Building Maintenance**

22. Discussion and possible action to approve the release of withheld partial retainage payment in the amount of \$6,918.77 from invoice amount of \$138,376.00 payable to Schindler Elevator Corporation Invoice No. 7401501476 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #3868-7230-001-443000-255 Repairs & Maintenance Justice Center]

**Issue:** Elevator improvement was completed as detailed under contract specifications.

**Solution:** Commissioners Court authorizes the release of retainer fee for the modernization of the Justice Center elevators.

**Result:** Schindler Elevator Corporation will be paid for services rendered.

23. Discussion and possible action to approve the release of withheld partial retainage payment in the amount of \$8,013.95 from invoice amount of \$160,279.00 payable to Schindler Elevator Corporation Invoice No. 7401509964 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #3868-7230-001-443000-250 Courthouse]

**Issue:** Elevator improvement was completed as detailed under contract specifications.

**Solution:** Commissioners Court authorizes the release of retainer fee for the modernization of the Courthouse elevator.

Result: Schindler Elevator Corporation will be paid for services rendered.

Discussion and possible action to approve the execution of an Elevator Modernization contract for two elevators Unit 1 and Unit 2 located at the William Billy Hall Building between Webb County and Schindler Elevator Corporation (Sourcewell/ NJPA Contract #100516-SCH) for an amount not to exceed \$215,264.00 in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program; Section 271.101 and Section 271.102, to further authorize the transfer of funds within bond series funds and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [2019A Bond Series; Account #3868-7230-001-443000-260 Repairs and Maintenance Administration Building]

**Issue:** Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the selection of Schindler Elevator Corporation to modernize all County elevators.

**Solution:** Approve the execution of the contract to authorize Schindler Elevator to order parts and schedule the modernization of these elevators.

**Result:** Modernizing the elevator will improve the operation and reliability of the units. Reduce maintenance costs, downtime and improve customer satisfaction on ride quality.

#### Civil Legal Division

**25.** Discussion and possible action to rescind the moratorium on tax abatements.

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

**Solution:** Tax abatement guidelines and criteria have been updated and amended and the moratorium should be lifted.

**Result:** Eligible entities may apply for a tax abatement.

26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a tax abatement agreement with Corazon Solar, L.L.C. for a 200 Megawatt solar power project in Webb County, for a ten year period being a 100% tax abatement of ad valorem taxes (maintenance and operation only), with Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT payments) to be made annually to Webb County and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

- 27. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to submit a revised County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program List of Transportation Infrastructure Projects for the 2014 CTIF program (increasing the budget for Mines Road/Eagle Pass Road by \$1,000,000 and reducing Wormser Road by \$1,000,00) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Funding Reimbursement is through CTIF Program Funds TxDOT]
- 28. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to submit the 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program List of Transportation Infrastructure Projects (Prioritized List) as follows and any matters incident thereto.

Wormser Road	\$1,000,000	Completes funding for road project	
Galvan Road	\$1,000,000	Re-Grade 2 miles	
Pico	\$150,000	2" Overlay .5 miles	
Espejo Molina	\$1,125,000	2" Overlay	
Jennings	\$500,000	2" Overlay 3.75 miles	
Mangana Hein	\$410,000	2" Overlay 1.36 Miles U.S. 83 to Cuatro Vientos	
RM 6703 A	\$600,000	Regrade road from Mangana Hein east 1 mile	

## **Community Action Agency**

29. Discussion and possible action to award and enter into an agreement with "A Creative Experience" - a brand and marketing/design company in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents. [CSBG Account #2368-5170-521-457008 Contractual, CEAP Account #2362-5360-521-457900 Program Services Expenditures]

**Issue:** The Webb County Community Action Agency strategies and programmatic efforts have changed. The agency has various logos identifying each line of business. CAA staff have identified the need to unify all CAA lines of business under a single logo for community recognition and branding.

**Solution:** The agency is seeking to re-band the agency to market all lines of business with a unified logo.

**Result:** The brand identity vendor will assist the agency in developing a logo for the Community Action Agency for better market the programs and services.

#### **Purchasing**

30. Discussion with possible action to award Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2021-003 "Self Help Center - Housing Rehabilitation Program Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Contract No. 7216013" to sole bidder, Romo Contractors for the rehabilitation of one (1) home located at 7379 Adelita Rd., Colonia San Carlos, Webb County, Texas in an amount not to exceed Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$53,920.00) and to further authorize the County Judge to execute the construction contract for awarded sum between Webb County and Romo Contractors and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2530-6360-521-457008-035 Self Help Center FY17/20-Colonia Self Help /Center CAA - Contractual Housing Rehab]

**Issue:** The housing rehabilitation repairs will include repairs and/or replacement of roofs, doors, floors, insulation, windows, plumbing, electrical, paint, HVAC, drywall and general health and safety and/or energy efficient improvements as needed to comply with Texas Minimum Construction Standards and 2015 International Residential Code as applicable. This home qualified for rehabilitation under the TDHCA program grant awarded to Webb County.

**Solution:** Award bid solicitation to lowest responsible and sole bidder, Romo Contractors.

**Result:** Authorize legal to execute construction contract for awarded amount sum and in compliance with TDHCA rules and regulations.

# **Commissioners Court Administrator**

- 31. Discussion and possible action to select a layout and amend the budget for the J.P. Precinct 4 Building Constable Office Expansion Project and any matters incident thereto. [Account #3870-3170-001-474501 (Building Construction Pct. 4, Series 2019A)]
- 32. Status report from administration and staff regarding the following Bond Series Capital Projects that remain pending; with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto:
  - 1. Webb County Fairgrounds
  - 2. Tex Mex Parking Lot
  - 3. Former HEB Building finish out/remodel
  - 4. La Presa Utilities Improvements
  - 5. Constable Precinct 4, Building

- 6. Medical Examiner Building
- 7. Webb County Detox Center
- 8. Casa Blanca Golf Course Improvements
- 9. Rehabilitation & Remodel of Quad City Fire Station
- 10. Las Lomas Drainage project

#### Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

Discussion and possible action supporting a Resolution of the Webb County Democratic Executive Committee requesting support from the State Democratic Executive Committee (SDEC) of the Texas Democratic Party and the incoming Administration of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to rescind the declaration of a national emergency for the southern border of Texas and issue a moratorium on the construction of a border wall in the Laredo sector; and any other matters incident thereto. [Co-Sponsored by Webb County Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez, Pct. 1]

### Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- 34. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation consisting of 250 gallons of Hand Sanitizer from Marvel Shield, a company out of Houston, Texas. Donation and shipping services will be at no cost to Webb County; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Emergency Management Coordinator]
- **35.** Discussion and possible action to adopt a Mother Friendly Worksite policy that will support and encourage mothers who wish to continue breastfeeding when they return to work.

# **Closed Session/Executive Session**

- Discussion and possible action to compromise and settle the claim of Laredo Outlet Shoppes, LLC pursuant to the Commissioners Court authority under Chapter 89, §89.004, Texas Local Government Code and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.07, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation]
- 37. Communications
- 38. 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 / DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

Melinda Mata

Court Administrator

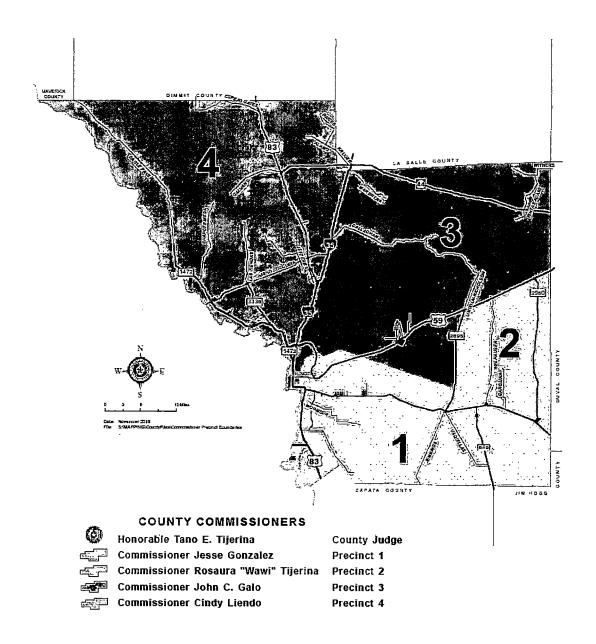
## CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

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 Aday of December, 2020 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS MAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk



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