



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
FEBRUARY 22, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MARGIE R. IBARRA
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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
BY *DR* DEPUTY

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. **Honorable Monica Notzon, 111th District Court Judge**

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve		\$1,475		
To:	1001-2020-001-443000-035	Repairs & Maint.- Equip.	\$-0-	\$1,475	\$-0-	\$1,475

Issue: Funding for this line item was zeroed out as per the consolidation of Toshiba expense into the general operating department. Said line item was shared for repairs to their stenograph machine and invoices are now pending.

Solution: Process line item transfer so that funding for pending invoices is available.

Result: Paid invoices for services rendered.

6. Auditor

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer); necessary to process year-end transactions on or before September 30, 2020.

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1160-001-463903-075	Federal matching Fire	\$173,190	\$11,592.17	\$173,190	\$161,597
To:	1001-1160-001-463903-080	Federal matching HAVA Cares	\$0	\$11,592.17	\$0	\$11,592.17

Issue: Departments required match approved with grant application to end fiscal year 2020.

Solution: In order to process year-end transactions, funding was identified as approved by Commissioners Court on September 28, 2020 agenda #5(k), 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.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, a budget amendment to the District Attorney State forfeiture fund by increasing the expenditure budget by \$16,805; said amount is available from seized funds pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. **[Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney; Fund #2161-2260]**

	Account Name	Account Number	Amount
From:	Fund Balance	2161-259700	\$16,805
To:	FICA County Share	2161-2260-001-422000	\$3,825
	Retirement County Share	2161-2260-001-423000	\$6,150
	Unemployment Tax	2161-2260-001-425000	\$330

	Worker Compensation	2161-2260-001-426000	\$1,500
	Repairs & Maintenance Vehicles	2161-2260-001-443000-075	\$5,000
			\$16,805

Issue: New proceeds under Chapter 18 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure have been awarded and may be spent by the attorney representing the State after a budget for the expenditure of the proceeds has been submitted to the Governing Body.

Solution: Submit a budget to the Governing Body that clearly list and defines the categories of expenditures.

Result: The attorney representing the State can utilize the new proceeds for the official use of his Office.

7. Civil Legal Division

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One year (February 22, 2021 through February 21, 2022) Maintenance Agreement between Smiths Detection and Webb County for the Webb County Sheriff's Office for the maintenance of two (2) X-ray machines Model Number HI-SCAN 6040ds (Serial Numbers 83400 and 83399) located at the Webb County Justice Building in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$8,774.00); and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Account #1001-3190-001-443000-035 (Repair and Maintenance of Equipment)]**

8. Community Action Agency

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to enter into annual vendor agreement with Retail Energy Providers (listed below) for the implementation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). These vendor agreements are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement for the implementation of the programs.

List of Retail Energy Providers

Veteran Energy LLC

Issue: The Webb County CAA will enter into an annual vendor agreement with Retail Energy Providers for the implementation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

Solution: These vendor agreements are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement.

Result: The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will provide funding to be used for payment of qualifying low income clients home energy expenses.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant Funds from the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program Grant (CEAP) Fiscal Year 2020; and any matters incident thereto.

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2362-5360-521-431002	Administrative Expense	\$30,000.00	\$2,109.69	\$2,109.69	\$ -0-
To:	2362-5360-521-463804	Utility Assistance	\$1,086,743.73	\$782.84	\$2,866.70	\$3,649.54
	2362-5360-521-457900	Program Services Expenditures	\$20,306.15	\$1,326.85	\$2,109.69	\$3,436.54
				\$2,109.69		

Issue: Funds available in account will not cover cost needed to continue operation of service through the end of the budget year.

Solution: Approve the line item transfer.

Result: There will be sufficient funds in both mentioned line items which will allow for continuation of service.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of Grant Amendment No. 4 to contract #58200003175 for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the fiscal Year 2020; designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to sign all relevant documents; and any other matter incident thereto. All required documents were sent to for review through the Economic Development Department and the amendment is in compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. This action wii no have an impact to the General Fund.

Issue: Approve Amendment # 4 for the CEAP Program Contract from TDHCA for the Fiscal Year 2020 transfer from Travel to Utility Assistance.

Solution:The CEAP program provides direct client services to eligible elderly, disabled and low income residents of Webb County.

Result: The services are intended to assist eligible Webb County residents up to 8 highest remaining calendar months of energy consumption. The CEAP allocation for this contract is for 12 months.

9. Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a Fiscal Year 2021 United States Marshals Services supplemental funding in the amount of \$1,157 for reimbursement of employee overtime incurred from Joint Law Enforcement Operations. District Attorney Forfeiture funds will be utilized to cover the applicable fringe benefits associated with this project's employee(s) overtime, therefore there will be no impact to the General Fund; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2580-2260-001-413000 (US MARSHALS - DA)]**

Issue: Collaboration between Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations along the Texas border and within our Community.

Solution: Accept Federal assistance to continue local participation in U.S. Marshals investigations, strategic initiatives and prosecution of organized crime.

Result: Disruption of organized criminal activity in Webb County and along the Texas border.

10. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of 5% retainage in the amount of \$42,003.35 to Trillium LLC dba Cobalt Construction (Purchase Order 2020-0003940) for the construction of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, TCDP Contract No. 7218028, Community Enhancement Fund – Public Health Facility Project and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3869-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant Funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	3522-1150-001-422000	FICA	\$970.16
	3522-1150-001-423000	Retire	\$659.88
	3522-1150-001-426000	WC	\$1,496.52
	3522-1150-001-425000	Unemployment	\$1,452.24

			\$4,578.80
To:	3522-1150-001-410000	Payroll	\$4,426.12
	3522-1150-001-421000	Insurance	\$125.68
			\$4,578.80

Issue: A line item transfer is required to zero out administration costs for the Public Health Facility Project No. 7218028.

Solution: Submit a line item transfer to assure funds are in the correct account.

Result: Webb County will be able to submit second Draw for the Public Health Facility.

11. Head Start

Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer):

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2357-5190-531-460028	Janitorial Supplies	\$46,703	\$30,000	\$46,703	\$16,703.00
To:	2357-5190-531-444100	Space Rental	\$79,271.00	\$30,000	\$6,021.75	\$36,021.75

Issue: Funds are need in the Space Rental agenda item.

Solution: Approve line item transfer request.

Result: Funds will be available in the Space Rental line item.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer):

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2367-5230-531-456110	CDA/Renewal	\$2,000	\$605	\$1,900	\$1,295
To:	2367-5230-531-456205	Training/Education	\$3,281	\$605	\$3,281	\$3,886

Issue: Funds are need in the Training and Education line item.

Solution: Approve line item transfer request.

Result: Funds will be available in the Training and Education line item.

12. Planning & Physical Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary and Final Plat Approval to Marquez Mines Rd Plat (ID 10910) being a 2.50 acre tract of land out of the west side of Tract 11-H situated in Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Abstract 280, as described in Volume 4822, Pages 652-657. Planning Staff recommends approval.

13. Purchasing

- 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 or surplus property because of time, accident, or any other cause is so worn, damaged, or obsolete that it has no value or some usefulness for the intended purpose is no longer needed by the department.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to attempt to sell the County surplus or salvage property through public auction, dispose or destroy property that cannot be sold through public auction 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 and/or donate as permitted by State law.

Result: Generate revenue from public sale of property, reduce County expenditures by transferring surplus property to other departments and make room for future assets replacing salvage or surplus items no longer needed.

REGULAR AGENDA

Economic Development

14. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of the FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant award as developed and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2,249,244.20 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and pending award notification through the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) in order to start overtime operations on or after March 1, 2021; and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant requires no financial match; and, therefore, will have no impact to the

general fund. All required documents were sent to the Economic Development Department and were found in compliance with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]**

Issue: Although the official grant performance period begins on March 1, 2020 for the FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided award documents, the set-up is pending finalization on the state's e-grants portal by the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD).

Solution: Seek court authorization to have the budget set up and expenditures allowed for Webb County's FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden allocation.

Result: Overtime operations can commence in a timely manner.

15. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division for the Border Prosecution Unit Grant estimated at \$1,066,486 over the term of the contract. This formal request shall authorize the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in this grant. There is no match requirement for this grant. All grant 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. Contract Term: September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023. **[Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney; Fund #2739-2260]**

Issue: There is a need for resources to prosecute felony cases, provide technical assistance and training to law enforcement agencies and prosecute border crime cases along the Texas-Mexico Border. The Office of the Governor of Texas has provided available resources through a grant opportunity to enhance prosecution in the area of organized crime/criminal enterprise cases.

Solution: Authorize the submission of the grant application as set forth above to ensure that the Border Prosecution Unit at the District Attorney's Office can continue to successfully prosecute border crime cases along the Texas-Mexico Border.

Result: The District Attorney's Office will have the opportunity to receive additional resources to continue prosecution specifically in the area of organized crime / criminal enterprise cases.

Engineer

16. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$39,870.10 to SAL Construction Management LLC (Purchase Order 2020-00004030) for the Construction-La Presa Water Dispenser Station Project; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3869-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**

Issue: Potable water needed in this community.

Solution: Commissioners Court approved to construct water dispenser on April 14, 2020.

Result: Provide potable water to the residents in this community.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$15,606.23 to Gilmar Construction LTD (Purchase Order 2020-00001938) for ITB #2019-004 Webb County Parking Lot Project (Tex Mex-1200 Washington St., Laredo Texas); and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account 3872-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**

Issue: Provide additional parking for constituents, employee and residents of Webb County and the City of Laredo.

Solution: Commissioner Court approved to construct Pay Parking Project on October 15, 2019.

Result: Construct parking lot with 86 additional parking spaces including 2 handicapped.

Purchasing

18. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of Nineteen (19) APX 8500 All Band MP Mobile Radios from Motorola Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$112,880.19 (HGAC Contract #RA05-18) for the Webb County Sheriff's Office and Constable Pct. 4 in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program; Section 271.102 (Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation) and any other matters incident hereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-470000 (Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: 22 leased units were ordered for the Sheriff's Office (21) and Constable Pct. 4 (1). The Sheriff's Office was able to utilize 3 existing radios

that will be transferred to the new leased units. The remaining 19 radios need to be purchased.

Solution: Authorize the cooperative contract purchase exceeding \$50,000.00. This vendor has met the competitive bidding requirements of the State. Radios specifications are consistent with recent orders for other law enforcement lease vehicles.

Result: Order will be placed once approved and programmed so to prepare for installation when leased units arrive in late March or early April of 2021.

Honorable Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1

19. Discussion and possible action to approve submission for a grant application from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the 2020-2021 STEP Click It Or Ticket Campaign, the County will need to match 20% of said grant (Approximately \$5,000.00 for fringe benefits). The grant would be designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official in all matters related to this grant, and any other matters incident thereto. All required documents will be sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation will be compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedure.

Issue: Texas Law requires drivers and passengers regardless of where they are seated in a vehicle to be secured by a safety belt or a safety seat for children under the age of 8, unless they are 4 feet 9 inches tall. However, many drivers and passengers off all ages continue to ride in a motor vehicle without a safety belt or safety seat.

Solution: Constable Pct. 1 has been offered by Teas Department of Transportation to participate with said state grant so it can join forces with other State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to aggressively enforce the seat belt laws in Webb County.

Result: To increase occupant restraint use in all passenger vehicles and trucks by conducting an intense occupant protection enforcement and public information and education effort during the enforcement period.

Honorable Mike Villarreal, Constable Pct. 2

20. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-015	Operational Wages & Classification Study	\$0	\$10,000		
To:	2470-3180-001-413000	Overtime	\$0	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
	2470-3170-001.413000	Overtime	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500

Issue: Due to positive Covid cases the City of Laredo implemented a curfew and asked the Department of Constable Pct. 2 for assistance. Curfew is implemented Friday, February 5, 2021, at 6pm to Monday, February 8, 2021, at 5am; Friday, February 12, 2021, at 6pm to Monday, February 15, 2021 at 5am.

Solution: Constable Pct. 2 will have 5 Deputies help with curfew at parks in the south area.

Result: Hope that we help stop the spread of Covid.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

21. Status report on the recent inclement weather, loss of power and water at County facilities with further discussion and possible action to allocate funding, if necessary, to be used toward repairs and/or upgrades to County facilities damaged by the recent weather, and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Chief Steve Landin, Emergency Management Coordinator and Lalo Uribe, Chief Executive Administrator]**

Issue: Several County-owned buildings sustained damages due to the recent freezing weather. Other facilities do not have an adequate backup power source needed to keep County resources functioning during power outages.

Solution: Assess vulnerabilities throughout County buildings and allocate funding, if necessary, to address losses incurred at various facilities not covered by insurance.

Result: Assure that all County buildings are prepared with the adequate resources and contingencies to allow for uninterrupted services.

Closed Session/Executive Session

22. Discussion and possible action regarding mediation with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. and any other matters incident thereto. **[Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.07, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation]**
23. **Communications**
24. **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.



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 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

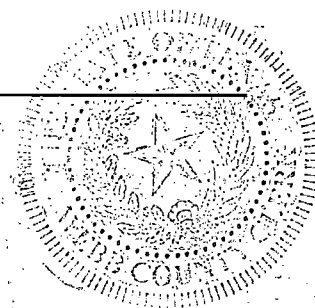
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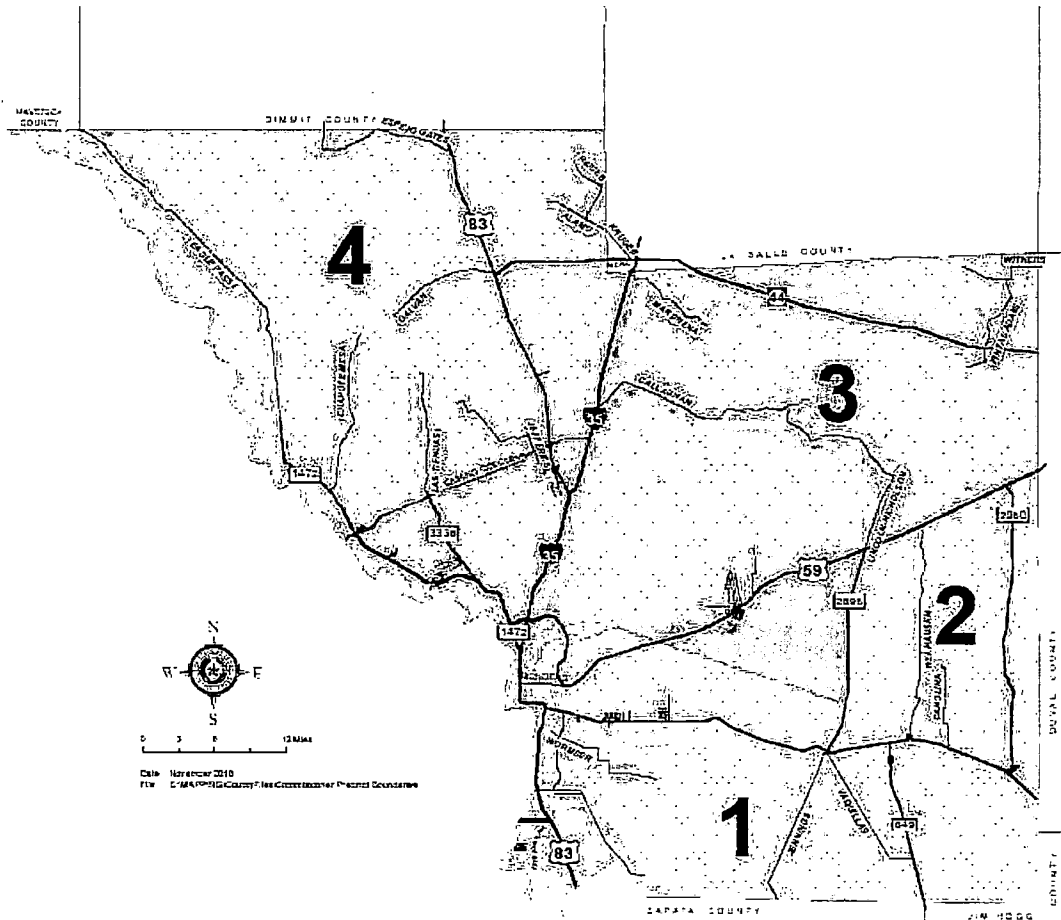
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 18th day of February, 2021 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.






DATED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Graciela Galvan
Graciela Galvan, Senior Deputy Clerk
Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk





COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		County Judge
	Honorable Tano E. Tijerina	Precinct 1
	Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez	Precinct 2
	Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Precinct 3
	Commissioner John C. Galo	Precinct 4
	Commissioner Cindy Liendo	

Webb County, Texas Commissioner Precinct Boundaries