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# **COMMISSIONERS COURT**

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

# PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 APRIL 26, 2021 9:00 a.m.

On March 16, 2020 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, 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. Auditor

a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by order, a budget amendment to the District Attorney State forfeiture fund by increasing the expenditure budget by \$10,000; 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 Number	Account Name	Amount
From:	2161-259700	Fund Balance	\$10,000
To:	2161-2260-001-426000	Worker Compensation	\$3,000
	2161-2260-001-456205	Training & Education	\$1,500
	2161-2260-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maintenance Vehicles	\$5,500

**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.

b. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by order, a budget amendment of \$10,000 to the District Attorney Federal Forfeiture Fund from new proceeds received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Equitable Share Program. [Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney; Fund #2163 (Treasury - Federal Forfeiture)]

	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
From:	2163-259700	Fund Balance	\$10,000
То:	2163-2260-001-432001	Professional Services	\$8,000
	2163-2260-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maintenance Vehicles	\$2,000

**Issue:** New equitable shared funds have been awarded to the District Attorney's Office and may be spent after a budget for the expenditure of the proceeds has been submitted to the Governing Body. The budget must be detailed and clearly define the categories of expenditures.

**Solution:** Submit a budget to the Governing Body that clearly defines the categories of expenditures to be incurred with the new proceeds.

**Result:** The District Attorney's Office will add the new proceeds to its current expenditure budget to be utilized for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Guidelines.

c. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant funds. [Requested by Economic Development]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bai.
From:	2528-6360-521-463801-025	Emergency Services ESHC care package	\$92,466	\$599.24	\$599.24	\$0
	2528-6360-521-463801-015	Emergency Services ESHC gift cards	\$49,800	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0
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То:	1417-6360-521-46100	Materials and Supplies	\$15,000	\$601.24	\$4,187.70	\$4,788.94

**Issue:** Line item transfer is requested to cover the expenses for the modified program.

**Solution:** Ratify line item transfer will provide budget adjustment to continue with our modified program.

**Result:** The line item transfer will ensure sufficient funding for the completion of our program.

d. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund. [Requested by Rafael Perez, Auditor]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1260-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$13,500	\$1,650	\$8,634	\$6,984
То:	1001-1260-001-460105	Minor Tool & Apparatus	\$9,000	\$1,650	\$46	\$1,696

**Issue:** Budget transfer is needed to cover purchase of technology items (server with operating system) for supporting the CCH engagement and fixed asset software.

**Solution:** With court approval of line item transfer, proper budgeted expenditure accounts will have the funds necessary to process purchase.

**Result:** There will be sufficient funds to purchase items in a timely manner and have an efficient operating system.

e. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant Funds; and any other matters incident thereto: [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Grant Fund #2597]

Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From: 2597-3010-001-457008	Contractual	\$27,362.00	\$11,937	\$15,715.00	\$3,778.00

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**Issue:** Due to low monthly costs for contractual services, there was substantial savings to contractual budget line item.

**Solution:** Seek and obtain a no-cost budget adjustment to utilize estimated savings for other needed operations.

**Result:** Remaining grant funds will be utilized effectively, efficiently, and fully before the end of the grant performance period.

#### 6. Casa Blanca Golf Course

a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendments (line item transfers) within the Golf Course funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	7100-6080-001-457005-005	Reimbursable Labor	\$356,734	\$50,000	\$171,624	\$121,624
	7100-6120-001-444500	Equipment Rentals	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
	7100-6130-001-454000	Advertising	\$10,000	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
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То:	7100-6120-001-457005	Reimbursable	\$129,968	\$52,900	\$641.86	\$53,541.86

**Issue:** Food and Beverage Reimbursable Labor account is low on funds due to additional staff needed at golf course. Transfer is needed to complete fiscal year.

**Solution**: Transfer requested above.

Result: Account will not incur a deficit.

### 7. Civil Legal Division

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the execution of a One year (1yr.) lease extension of the "Webb County School Lands Hunting & Grazing Lease on the Cuchillas & Lomas II Pastures", Webb County School Lands Tract (W.C.S.L.) located on Hwy 59 E./I-69 as per Request for Proposals R.F.P. 2020-013" awarded to highest bid, James E. Kainer/Lessee for a one (1) year term, commencing October 13, 2021 thru October 12, 2022, at \$33,279.84 per year/w three (1yr.) renewal options at Webb County/Lessor's sole discretion due to possible renewable energy project negotiations, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto.

- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Thirty Six (36) months (April 26, 2021 through April 25, 2024) Authorized Provider Agreement between Webb County and The American Red Cross for training courses for Webb County Employees, members and/or clients at a total cost not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested Risk Management (Training and Education); Account #6200-457502-010/Safety Education Program]
- c. Discussion and possible action to ratify the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Johnson and Johnson, Attorneys at Law, for legislative services for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022, being \$3,500.00 per month, authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Operating Professional Services)]
- d. Discussion and possible action to enter into Amendment #1 to the Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the development of the Hachar Road Extension, adopting a Resolution authorizing the Judge to execute the amendment and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- e. Discussion and possible action to renew the Collections Services Agreement including its terms, conditions and associated fees for Two (2) additional years (from April 30, 2021 through April 30, 2023) as agreed to in the current contract for professional services between Webb County and Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP regarding the collection of Delinquent Fines and fees in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024(4) Professional Services and Art 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Commissioners Court]

**Issue:** Currently Webb County's Collections Services Agreement will end April 30, 2021 to collect delinquent fines and fees assessed by the Justice of the Peace Courts and the District Courts.

**Solution:** Approve a discretionary exemption for a professional service agreement and renew the agreement with the firm to collect delinquent fees and fines.

**Result:** Collect delinquent fines and fees utilizing services from a professional service provider. Provider will be paid a percentage of total delinquent fees and fines collected for Webb County in accordance rules and regulations permitted by State and Local laws.

f. Discussion and possible action to ratify the execution of Change Order No. 1 to the Espejo Molina Road Overlay Project, (original contract of March 30, 2021) increasing the contract Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$61,586) which adds an additional 1200 linear feet of paving to the project for a total contract cost of Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two

Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$854,682.70) and any matters incident thereto. [Funding is 2014 CTIF Capital Outlay #3720-7230-708-470000]

# 8. <u>Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2</u>

a. 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:	1001-1040-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$5,500	\$400	\$2,420.74	\$2,020.74
То:	1001-1040-001-456005	Postage & Courier Service	\$250	\$400	\$0.00	\$400

Issue: There is currently insufficient funds under Postage & Courier Service.

**Solution:** A line item transfer is required to make funds available for use.

**Result:** Sufficient funds for Postage & Courier Service.

## 9. Community Action Agency

a. Discussion and possible action to approve and pass a resolution regarding various compliance matters required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Self-Help Center Grant 7220013 and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This action will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

**Issue:** Civil Rights and other compliance requirements must be implemented by Webb County in order to comply with grant funding agency program requirements.

**Solution:** Civil Rights, Citizen Participation Planned Grievance Procedures, Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy, Section 504 Policy, Limited English Proficiency and Fair Housing Policies must be implemented.

**Result:** The Self-Help Center Program will be in compliance with funding agency requirements.

b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to 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). This vendor agreement are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement for the implementation of the programs.

# **List of Retail Energy Providers**

RHYTHM Ops, LLC

**Issue**: Community Action Agency 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**: This vendor agreement are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement.

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

# 10. <u>Honorable Harold Devaily, Constable Pct. 4</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a "Click It or Ticket" Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for overtime during the "Click It or Ticket" Campaign, the County will need to match 20% of said grant (Approximately \$1,000.00 for fringe benefits). The grant would be designating 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. [Fund #2201-3170-352100 (Forfeiture funds)]

Issue: Approval from Commissioners Court is necessary to accept grant.

**Solution:** Approval by Commissioners Court.

**Result:** Webb County Constable Precinct 4 will be enforcing seat belt law for the public safety.

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

a. Discussion and possible action to submit application for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 38 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. 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. There is no County Match and will not have impact on the County's General Fund. [Requested by James Flores, CAA Director and Economic Development Department]

**Issue:** There is a greater demand for food assistance in the area of Webb County than there is funding.

**Solution:** By applying Emergency Food grant Webb County Community Action Agency sees to address the hunger needs of the community using a partnership method with the local food banks.

**Result:** If awarded the grant, Community Action Agency will be able to assist eligible household with emergency food items.

b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Office of the Texas Attorney General in the amount at \$4,550 as developed and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office for computer equipment and specialized software for the Webb County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), and 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 psychological, emotional, and physical damage caused by child predators and inflicted on innocent victims, their families, and communities can be deeply destructive and have far-reaching consequences that can last a lifetime. Furthermore, throughout the United States, criminal cases built against child predators can be extremely complex, technologically challenging, and legally complicated.

**Solution**: The Webb County Sheriff's Office cybercrimes law enforcement unit has successfully worked with multiple federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, including the Office of the Attorney General, to arrest child predators in the Laredo/Webb County area. Grant application to supplement the successful endeavors of the Webb County Sheriff's Office cyber crimes against children task force to protect the children and youth of the Laredo/Webb County community against child predation.

**Result:** The Webb County Sheriff's Office will continue to enhance its ability to work proactively not only to catch individual child predators, but to produce an overall inhospitable environment for cyber crimes against children in Laredo/Webb County for the further prevention of child predation in our community.

c. Discussion and possible action to ratify the development and submission of the application for the Meals on Wheels America "Make Good Go Further" Grant in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for CAA Meals on Wheels program, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all related documents. Grant does not require a county match. 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 Community Action Agency]

**Issue:** The Community Action Agency Meals on Wheels program kitchen equipment is not functioning correctly as it is outdated and in need of replacement.

**Solution:** By Applying the MOW "Make Good Go Further" Grant, Meals on wheels program will be able to update its kitchen equipment.

**Result:** If awarded the grant, Meals on Wheels program will be able to function more efficiently with proper working equipment which will allow us to better service

the eligible seniors citizens of Webb County.

# 12. <u>Engineering</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) budget amendment (line item transfers) for the Engineering Department:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3716-7230-705-432001	El Pico Road-Professional Services	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
	3716-7230-705-470000	El Pico Road-Capital Outlay	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$142,500	\$0
	3716-7230-706-432001	Martinena Road-Professional Services	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0
	3716-7230-706-470000	Martinena Road-Capital Outlay	\$342,000	\$342,000	\$342,000	\$0
	3716-7230-708-432001	Espejo Molina Road-Professional Services	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$56,250	\$0
	3716-7230-708-470000	Espejo Molina Road Capital Outlay	\$1,068,750	\$1,068,750	\$1,068,750	\$0
	3716-7230-710-432001	Mangana Hein Road-Professional Services	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$0
	3716-7230-710-470000	Mangana Hein Road-Capital Outlay	\$389,500	\$389,500	\$389,500	\$0
				\$2,045,000		
То:	3716-7230-703-470000	Wormser Road-Capital Outlay	\$950,000	\$2,045,000	\$950,000	\$2,995,000

**Issue:** The Engineering Department is proposing to transfer funds from other C.T.I.F. Projects to the Wormser Road Project. This reflects the list of 2020 Transportation Infrastructure Projects (Prioritized List) dated 02/10/2021.

Solution: Approve and make transfers.

Result: Continue with project.

## 13. <u>Fire Suppression & EMS Services</u>

a. 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:	1001-3140-001-460105	Minor Tools	\$48,000	\$8,179	\$8,179.58	\$00.58
To:	1001-3140-001-456305	Uniforms	\$8,500	\$8,179	\$5,644.10	\$13,823.10

**Issue:** Transfer of funds is required to complete purchase of dual certified personal protective gear for wildland firefighting and extrication at emergency incidents.

**Solution:** Transfer unused minor tool funds to uniforms line item to complete purchase.

**Result:** Well equipped, safety oriented personnel ready to perform at emergency incidents.

b. Discussion and possible action to accept EMS County Assistance "Alignment Award" provided through the Seven Flags Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Trauma Service Area "T" in the amount of \$5,983.00, to be utilized in the purchase of EMS supplies, training, travel, personnel cost, membership to professional/technical organizations, public education, vehicle maintenance and equipment for all stations of the Webb County Volunteer Fire Department. Creation of additional SFRAC line item #2929-3140-001-460105 (Minor Tools & Apparatus) and increase of revenue account #2929-3140-357420-010; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matter incident thereto.

[Accounts #2929-3140-001-456305; #2929-3140-001-460105]

**Issue:** State funding provided through Seven Flags RAC for EMS needs/operations.

**Solution:** Accept funds, and utilize monies for purchase of supplies, training, travel, equipment and its maintenance.

**Result:** Properly stocked emergency units ready for response, and well prepared personnel.

#### 14. Head Start

Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

**a.** Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	Hourly Rate	Pay Periods
2559	Early Head Start Teacher Floater	\$10.96	26

2566	Early Head Start Teacher	\$12.72	26
1698	Part-Time Substitute	\$9.42	20
1945	Part-Time Substitute	\$9.42	20

**b.** Discussion and possible action to approve the following Slots Title Change with salary change and approve the filling of the vacant Slot, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable grant guidelines:

	Slot#	<u>Title</u>	Hourly Rate		
From:	1087	Bus Driver / CDL	\$12.94		
To:	1087	Part-Time Maint. Worker	\$13.17		
To Fill:	1087	Part-Time Maint. Worker	\$13.17		

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a one year (1yr.) lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Webb County commencing retroactively from February 1, 2021 thru January 31, 2022, for the following Webb County Head Start locations at these 4 City of Laredo owned sites, 1.) 2518 Cedar (J. Garcia HS) 2.) 2200 Zacatecas (Tatangelo HS) 3.) 3501 Eagle Pass (Villa Allegre HS) & 4.) 2802 McDonnell Avenue (Coordinator Annex) at a combined monthly rental rate of (\$3,071.72) per month, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2357-5190-5314-44100 (Space Rentals)]
- d. Discussion and possible action to accept the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, One-Time Funding Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant in the amount of \$409,920 (Federal). A waiver is being requested for Non-Federal Match.

# 15. Planning & Physical Development

a. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements" to authorize an electrical and water service connection pursuant to Section 232.029(c)(2), Local Government Code., to an unplatted 2.2395 acres, more or less, also known as Ranchitos Los Minerales Annex, Tract 56, as further described 0541, Pgs. 134-136 of the Webb County Deed Records (ID 11013).

**Issue**: Item is a regulatory compliance issue regarding real property development provisions of state law and local regulations with particular emphasis on the Model Subdivision Rules enacted for residential subdivisions. Commissioners Court must certify to certain property conditions before utility service connections may be authorized.

**Solution**: As reflected in agenda backup, staff has verified compliance matters and recommends the Court's approval of this certificate.

**Result**: If approved, applicant may connect property to electrical utility services. If not approved, utility connection to property is prohibited.

#### 16. 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.

b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit formal Request for Proposals (RFP's) for a "501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation" to partner with the Self-Help Center Program to construct not less than two (2) and not more than four (4) homes under the Self-Help Center Contract #7220013 and in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.030 Alternative Competitive Proposal Procedure for Certain goods and services. This activity is grant funded and will not impact the County's General Fund.

**Issue**: The Self-Help Center has been awarded a grant which includes funds for new construction.

**Solution:** Solicit RFP's to seek a partnership with an organization that has the capacity to carry out the new construction activity.

**Result:** Selection of a non-profit organization to carry out the New Construction Activity under the Self-Help Center Grant.

# 17. Risk Management

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize a Non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Workforce Solutions for South Texas and Webb County for the Webb County Risk Management Department from March 1, 2021 through February 29, 2024; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This is only a cooperative agreement with no financial aspects; and, thus, there is no impact to the general fund.

#### 18. Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

a. 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:	1001-4070-001-443000-035	Repair Maint. Equip.	\$33,000	\$9,000	\$25,761.26	\$16,761.26
То:	1001-4070-001-443000-020	Repair Maint. Build	\$80,000	\$9,000	\$2,987.11	\$11,987.11

Issue: Low on funds for repairs at the Webb County Jail.

**Solution:** Seeking authorization from court to approve transfer.

**Result:** Transfer money to right account to keep the Jail Operating.

#### 19. Honorable Raul Reyes, Treasurer

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Treasurer to work with FARO WEALTH/KOVACK SECURITIES INC. for the purchase of Municipal Bonds, CD's, and other authorized investments; authorizing the approval of Non-Corporate Resolution for said purpose; authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents thereof; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The County Treasurer is looking to diversify our investment portfolio.

**Solution:** The County Treasurer will work with FARO WEALTH/KOVACK SECURITIES INC. in order to secure Municipal Bonds, CD's, other authorized investments.

**Result:** Webb County's Investment Portfolio will be diversified and obtain higher coupon rates.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

# **Economic Development**

**20.** Discussion and possible action to approve the 2021-2022 Third Party Funding Application, set submission dates and deadlines for Third Party funding; and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** Third Party Applications must be submitted with ample time in order to review and approve/deny funding and prepare for the next fiscal year's budget.

**Solution:** Set date (s) to solicit Third Party Funding Applications in order to have enough time to review and approve/deny funding and prepare for next fiscal year's budget.

**Result:** Webb County shall provide Third Party Funding eligible organizations that provide a purpose in the community.

#### <u>Auditor</u>

- 21. Discussion and possible action to accept the Audited Financial Statements for Webb County for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, as presented to the Audit Committee by Cascos and Associates, PC.
- 22. Discussion and possible action to approve a corrective action plan for grant assistance application and require grant recipient departments to use only the General Operating bank account for receipt and disbursement of funds, and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** Independent auditors, Cascos & Associates, performed the single audit of Federal and State awards and issued isolated grant award findings for an internal control deficiency and not following procurement policies and procedures because department used a separate bank account with single signature authority for grant proceeds and disbursements.

**Solution:** With Court approval grant proceeds and disbursement shall only use the General Operating bank account and follow County's internal controls and procurement policies and procedures.

**Result:** Webb County will comply with contractual grant terms and conditions, grant resolutions, procurement policies and procedures, and Federal/State guidelines.

#### **Civil Legal Division**

- 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into AIA C172-2014 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Program Manger (Owners Representative) with Gilpin Engineering Company for basic services to include, but not limited to, updating the Fairground master plan, oversee process of designing, constructing and renovating the fairgrounds, provide preliminary evaluation of County's program, schedule, and construction budget, assist in determining consultants, selecting services of testing labs, coordinating services of surveyors, establish building information modeling and digital protocols, develop Project Management Plan and a Project Management Information System, establish project budget, budget controls, establish quality control guidelines, visit the site, report on projects progress, make observations and report deficiencies in the performance of the consultants and contractors at a cost of One million dollars (\$1,000,000) and Additional Services, in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) for services, including but not limited to, cost estimating services, preliminary estimate of cost of the work, evaluations of alternative materials and systems, written recommendations regarding add and deduct alternatives, construction contract administration services, one or more representatives on-site when work is being performed, review testing and inspections, recommend to county and architect, reduction of the work when non-compliant, review change orders, change directives, evaluate if work is substantially complete; and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #3901-7230-001-474501-004 (Construction In Progress - Program Manager)]
- Discussion and possible action to enter into an AlA133 Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor (Cost of Work Plus a Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price) with Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc. in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) for Pre-construction Phase Services and, as a component of CMAR's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), approximately One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000) for construction overhead and profit (Construction Managers Fee based on \$45 million construction cost) and One Million Six Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,682,640) for General Conditions Charges based on a 16 month project, and providing for adjustments in the Construction Manager's Fee for changes in the work of 5.33% and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant contracts. [Account #3901-7230-001-474501-003 (Construction In Progress Construction Manager)]
- 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into an AIA B133-2019 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect Construction Manager as Constructor with Juan Homero Sanchez Architect, Inc. d/b/a JHS Architect for design (schematic design, design development, construction documents and construction phase services) of the Webb County Fairground Project in the amount of Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars for Basic Services (including Supplemental and Specialty Consultants) with optional services, at Webb County's

request, of Master Plan and Program Verification at a cost of Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000), Cost Estimating and Preliminary Budgeting at a cost of Eighty-Four Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$84,025) and Community Engagement at a cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #3901-7230-001-474501-005 (Construction In Progress Architect Construction Manager)]

#### **Elections**

Discussion and possible action for Webb County to accept a Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") grant award and pass a resolution in which the County agrees to implement HAVA as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252), in order to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 of which a \$16,000 dollar cash match is required by Webb County; and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [\$16,000 cash match from General Fund Account #1001-1160-001-463903-080]

**Issue:** Election Security has been an issue for the last few years, and the Elections office has taken the initiative of implementing new voting equipment as well as cyber security training to help combat this issue.

**Solution:** Through the acceptance of this award, Webb County will expend funds from the EAC awarded to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Cyber-attacks, domestically and internationally for the 2021 Elections cycle.

**Result:** The Webb County Elections Office will have additional resources to protect the 2021 elections from the effects of the Cyber-attacks.

# Honorable Harold Devally, Constable Pct. 4

27. Discussion and possible action to provide additional funding for Fuel & Lubricant (Account #1001-3170-001-462605) line item in the amount of \$10,000; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 (Operational Reserve)]

**Issue:** Account for Fuel & Lube will need additional funds to carry department until the end of fiscal year.

Solution: Provide additional funds so line item can add funds till end of fiscal year.

**Result:** Fuel & Lube line item will have enough funds for department to operate accordingly.

#### Commissioners Court Administrator

28. Discussion and possible action to rescind previous court action regarding administrative travel freeze for county departments; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

29. Discussion and possible action to authorize Planning Department to prepare a plan to implement authority for county road issues associated with parking, speed limits, illegal dumping on county road right of way; and any other matters incident thereto. [Co-sponsored by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]

#### Honorable Cindy Liendo, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

**30.** Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2021 as Organ Donation Month in Webb County.

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

- 31. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the week of April 25, 2021 to May 2, 2021, as Soil & Water Stewardship Week; and any other matters incident thereto.
- 32. Discussion and possible action to locate land (approximately 5-10 acres) within Webb County for the Texas Department of Agriculture to build a State-of-the-Art facility that will greatly complement the growth of Webb County to house both TDA's export pen staff and the staff of the Texas Cooperative Inspection Program that will ensure the quality of produce imported to the United States; and any other matters incident thereto.

#### Closed Session/Executive Session

- 33. Discussion with possible action and Status report regarding EEOC Charge #451-2021-58 filed by Irma Silva against Webb County and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(1)(A)(Consultation with Attorney about contemplated litigation) [Requested by Molly Higgins Santos, County Attorney's Office]
- 34. Status report, discussion and possible action regarding the compromise and settlement of 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]

- 35. <u>Communications</u>
- 36. <u>Adjourn</u>

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 APRIL, 2021

By:

Melinda Mata

**Court Administrator** 

#### CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

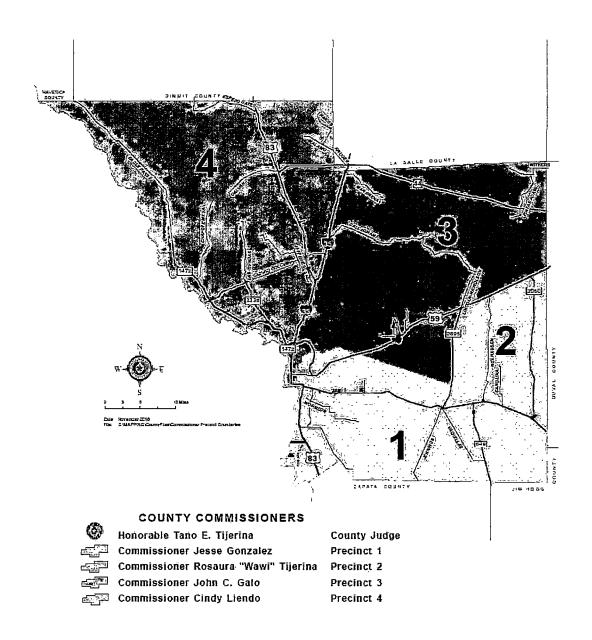
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place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

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

For: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk

By: Rosa E. Herrera, Recording Secretary



Webb County, Texas Commissioner Precinct Boundaries