



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 8, 2021
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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
BY AG DEPUTY

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, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Risk Management, Tax Assessor-Collector; and any other Department reports); 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 approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) for the Engineering Right of Way Department. **[Requested by Luis Perez Garcia, Engineer]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-432001	Professional Services	\$400,000	\$15,500	\$345,012	\$329,512
To:	2007-1190-001-432001	Professional Services	\$0	\$15,500	\$0	\$15,500

Issue: Budget Transfer is needed to obtain Title Searches for Right of Way of properties located in: Los Centenarios, Los Arcos, Los Fresnos, Los Nopalitos, Los Mesquites and La Presa (Karina Road).

Solution: The Engineering Department is proposing this Budget Transfer for approval by Commissioner Court.

Result: County roads will be maintained for use by county residents, first responders and school district.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Forfeiture Funds. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	2153-259700	Fund Balance	\$49,800
	2151-259700	Fund Balance	\$18,200
			\$68,000
To:	2153-3010-001-413000	Overtime	\$1,500
	2153-3010-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$500
	2153-3010-001-423000	Retirement	\$500
	2153-3010-001-425000	Unemployment	\$100
	2153-3010-001-426000	Workers Comp	\$200
	2153-3010-001-441010	Cell Phone Cost	\$17,000
	2153-3010-001-443000-090	Repair Maint Heli	\$30,000
	2151-3010-001-413000	Overtime	\$1,000
	2151-3010-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$5,300
	2151-3010-001-423000	Retirement	\$8,500
	2151-3010-001-425000	Unemployment	\$1,200
	2151-3010-001-426000	Workers Comp	\$2,200
			\$68,000

Issue: Funds are needed to cover expenses not covered by grants, Cellphone Cost and Repair Maintenance Helicopter.

Solution: Transfer money for future payments.

Result: Funds will be available.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant funds. **[Requested by Sheriff, Martin Cuellar]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	2741-3010-001-425000	Unemployment Tax	\$5.00
To:	2741-3010-001-413000	Overtime	\$5.00

Issue: Funds are needed to cover pending expense to the overtime account.

Solution: Seeking authorization to transfer funds for mention account.

Result: Complete transfer and clear expense.

6. **Building Maintenance**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 8, 2021.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
0625	Equipment Operator	\$14.42 11/A-E

Issue: Request to fill vacant Slot 0625 Equipment Operator for Parks & Grounds Department which was vacated on September 30, 2021.

Solution: Approve to post and fill Slot 0625.

Result: This action will allow Parks & Grounds Department to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

7. **Civil Legal Division**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a lease amendment between Webb County as Lessor and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as Lessee located at 8510 Mines Road, to correct name of Lessor and information U.S. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) to add new U.S. Federal Executive Order requiring inclusion of these COVID-19 protocol provisions to said lease commencing upon execution by both parties and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[(No-Cost)]**

Issue: The Government appreciates the hard work and dedication of our Lessors. The health and safety of Government employees, contractors, Lessors, and their families is our top priority. In order to ensure the health and safety of the Federal workforce and contractor community, the President signed *Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors*. The requirements in the Executive Order are being implemented via a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) deviation. The clause in the FAR deviation will be incorporated into Government contracts via a bilateral modification.

Solution: Because you hold a Government contract for a leasehold interest in property below the simplified lease acquisition threshold (SLAT), the Government strongly encourages you to accept this contract modification at this time. Based on the urgency of this issue, please return your signed contract modification as soon as possible and no later than November 14, 2021.

Result: Lease will comply with both DUNS numbering system and Executive Order for COVID-19 Protocols.

- b.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Laredo College and Webb County to improve literacy levels and to provide English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language Civics and High School Equivalency (HSE) classes to Webb County Citizens and their children at the Webb County Precinct 1,2,3, & 4 Community Centers, for a two (2) year term, commencing September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2023, at no cost to the County; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto .
[No Cost/MOA]
- c.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Laredo College and Webb County for it's Webb County Headstart-Early Head-Start Programs to improve literacy levels to provide English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language Civics and High School Equivalency (HSE) classes to Webb County Citizens and their children at the various Webb County Headstart Early Headstart class locations, for a two (2) year term, commencing September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2023, at no cost to the County; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto . **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros-Director Webb County Headstart Progam-(No Cost/MOA)]**
- d.** Discussion and possible action to approve the ratification of a Resolution for the Border Area Nutrition Council (BANC) which will allow BANC to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Grant Program Year 2022, authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto.
- e.** Discussion and possible action to approve a Software Maintenance & Technical Support Agreement for the Jury2020Plus Integrated Jury Administration System between Judicial Systems Inc. and Webb County. The effective date is January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. The total cost of the annual maintenance shall be Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$9,598.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident

thereto. **[Requested by Rafael Pena, IT Department Director; Account #1001-1280-001-443000-110 (Repairs and Maintenance Software)]**

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

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of the following employee slots within Precinct 3 departments; and any other matters incident thereto:

	<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dept. #</u>
From:	2745	Precinct Relations Administrator	6300 Santa Teresita CC
To:	2745	Precinct Relations Administrator	1050 Precinct 3 office
From:	2349	Community Center Assistant	1050 Precinct 3 office
To:	2349	Community Center Assistant	6300 Santa Teresita CC

Issue: Request to transfer employee slots within Precinct 3 departments for re-organization purposes.

Solution: Employee slots will transfer with budgeted funds intact, there is no overall financial impact.

Result: Employee slots will be appropriately re-organize within Precinct 3.

9. Commissioners Court Administrator

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the installation, operation and maintenance of the street lights for Wormser Road (as per TX Transportation Code § 280.003 Street Lights on County Roads in Certain Counties) in the amount not to exceed \$3,600.00; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-441205 (Utilities)]**

10. Honorable Adrian Cortez, Constable Pct. 3

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of the following vehicle from Constable Pct. 4 office to Constable Pct. 3 office and to make the necessary adjustments to the Webb County Inventory report; and any other matters incident thereto.

Unit / Mileage	Year	Make/Model	Vehicle Identification
#17-90 / 70,153	2010	Ford F-150	1FTFW1CVXAFB53067

11. **Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County District Attorney's Office and Homeland Security & Investigations for reimbursement of employee overtime incurred from joint law enforcement operations, for the performance period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per employee. 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 #2579-2260-001-413000 (I.C.E. - DA)]**

Issue: Collaboration between Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to combat criminal organizations illegally exploiting America's travel, trade, financial and immigration systems.

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

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

Background: The District Attorney's Office would like to continue participating in the Joint Law Enforcement Task force with Homeland Security & Investigations. The primary mission of the task force is to combat criminal organizations illegally exploiting America's travel, trade, financial and immigration systems; thereby improving public safety and reducing crime within our community.

- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year renewal license agreement (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022) between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County District Attorney's Office and Journal Technologies, Inc. for the use of the e-Prosecutor Go Live software in the amount of One Hundred Eleven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$111,132.66) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1280-001-443000-110 (DA Maintenance Fees)]**

Issue: Journal Technologies, Inc. is discontinuing the support for Justware which is the current software utilized by the District Attorney's Office for handing their cases.

Solution: Journal Technologies, Inc. is able to migrate the data to their software platform called e-Prosecutor.

Result: The District Attorneys Office will be able to utilize the most up-to-date software to manage their cases.

- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a professional service agreement to migrate the data in the legacy software known as JustWare into the new e-Prosecutor Go Live software owned by Journal Technologies, Inc. in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000.00); and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2161-2260-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Issue: Journal Technologies, Inc. is discontinuing the support for Justware which is the software utilized by the District Attorney's Office for handling their cases.

Solution: Journal Technologies, Inc. is able to migrate the data to their software platform called e-Prosecutor.

Result: The District Attorneys Office will be able to utilize the most up-to-date software to manage their cases.

12. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of Year 4, FY 2022-2023 for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant (SAMHSA) award, grant number 5 H79 TI081929-04 for \$400,000; 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 to it. 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]**
- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a FY 2022 National Crime Victims' Right Week (NCVRW) Community Awareness Project (CAP) grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) as developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer, 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, thus, 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: The rights of crime victims are enshrined in the federal code (Section 3771 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, Crimes and Criminal Procedure), the Texas Constitution (Article I Section 30), and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (Chapter 56). However, many victims of crime are unaware of their mandated rights as well as the services that are specifically available to them to facilitate needed restitution, recovery, privacy, dignity, and justice.

Solution: Grant application to highlight the rights of and services for crime victims in the Laredo/Webb County area during the 2021 National Crime Victims' Right Week.

Result: The general public and any victims of crime will become more aware of the services available to them in the Laredo/Webb County area.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a grant award as developed, written, and submitted by and for the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount estimated at \$1,676,618.64 for the FY 2022 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Mandated Grant Program (Grant No. 4376701) for overtime/applicable fringe benefits, part-time/temporary grant-funded employee salary/fringe benefits, equipment/software, and supplies; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant requires no match; and, thus will 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: Local law enforcement working in international border communities must work within limited budgetary constraints to provide both proactive and responsive law enforcement services while transborder criminal organizations possess unlimited funding to access the latest technology and equipment to avoid detection/disruption of their activities utilizing their proceeds obtained through illegal but highly lucrative drug trafficking and other unlawful enterprises.

Solution: Supplemental grant award to provide supplemental resources to assist in combating illegal drug trafficking and provide enhanced border security for the residents/citizens of Laredo/Webb County.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office and its sworn officer force will be equipped with needed additional resources.

13. **Engineering**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County to execute an Order of Acceptance for the dedication of the FOUR (4) Roadway Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) and/or Public Utility Easements, as herein-below described, and as per the metes and bounds descriptions for each tract/lots. 1 ROW tract/lot from the Antonio Santos Subdivision & 3 ROW tracts/lots from the Los Fresnos Subdivision, for the purpose of acquiring these necessary ROW & utility easements by Webb County to perform road maintenance and improvements in order to facilitate transportation needs for residents including emergency medical services and school bus pickups for students, and for 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, P.E. CFM, Director Webb County Engineering Dept.]**

Los Fresnos Subdivision - Property	Grantor's
0.033 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 67	Jessica Gamez
0.188 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 68	Jessica Gamez
0.034 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 81	Ernesto Barrajas, Jr.

Antonio Santos Subdivision - Property	Grantor's
2,710 Sq. Ft. out of Tract/Lot 9	Julio Javier Barbosa

14. **Fire Suppression & EMS Services**

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation from The Williams Companies, Inc. as per Local Government Code 81.032, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be utilized in the following line item: Materials and Supplies; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-3140-001-461000]**

Issue: Donation check issued by The Williams Companies Inc. to support the mission of the Webb County Volunteer Fire Department.

Solution: Deposit money accordingly, \$1,000 into materials and supplies.

Result: Continue working relationship with The Williams Companies, and meet department needs.

15. **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>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
1944	Substitute	\$9.71	20
2193	Substitute	\$9.71	20

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
2968	BA Teacher Assistant Floater	\$13.36	20

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Laredo Independent School District and Webb County for its Webb County Head Start/Early Head Start Education Program, at the annual sum of One Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars per year payable in monthly installments, for a five year (5yr.) term, commencing September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2026, in order to provide four (4) Head Start/Early Head Start classrooms at Zachary Elementary, in order to provide these young student Webb County Head Start Program with access to LISD campus facilities and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. **[Funding Source Account No. G/L Inquiry 2357-5200-531-463701-015 (Support Assistance/LISD)]**

16. **Public Health Services**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution on behalf of Webb County in support of the ongoing collaboration between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to reach an agreement on renewal of the 1115 waiver and timely approval of directed payment programs that are essential to the long-term stability of the safety net providers that serve the Texas Medicaid and uninsured populations; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto.

- b. 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 2021-2022. IGT contributions for FY 2021-2022 may be paid out, if necessary, thru December 31, 2022, 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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 to offset uncompensated care costs as well as receive incentive payments from the State of Texas for successful completion of 1115 Waiver project requirements.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the interdepartmental transfer of employees and allow the posting and filling of vacant slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 8, 2021.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
From: 1240	Indigent Health Services Coordinator	\$51,102 16/W
To: 2973	Supervisor/Coordinator	\$53,673 18/T
From: 0596	Case Manager	\$48,054 14/AA
To: 1240	Indigent Health Services Coordinator	\$50,472 16/W
To Fill: 0596	Case Manager	\$34,790 14/A-E
2974	Data Entry Clerk	\$11.84 7/A
2975	Data Entry Clerk	\$11.84 7/A

Issue: Interdepartmental transfers are being requested for employees to fill new slots and resulting vacant slots.

Solution: Approval from Commissioners Court to promote employees from within the department and filling of vacant slots.

Result: The transfer and filling of the positions will alleviate work overload in the department.

17. 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 is either by definition salvage or surplus property because of time, accident, or any other cause such as, wear and deterioration, damaged, or obsolete that has no value and/or usefulness for the intended purpose and 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 auction revenue from sale of county 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.

18. Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a reimbursement agreement between Webb County on behalf of the Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) during the performance period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00) in overtime for the Webb County Sheriff's Office deputies through the OCDETF Investigation/Strategic Initiative and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. Estimated applicable fringe benefits in the amount of \$3,900 for this

overtime will be covered by State forfeiture funds; and, thus, this agreement will have no impact to the general fund. **[This Money will require a new fund account number to be created by the Auditor for this OCDEF agreement, and Fund #2151 - State Forfeiture Funds to Cover Fringe]**

Issue: Collaboration between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations within Webb County and along the Texas international border.

Solution: Enter into contractual agreement for an operation with federal agencies and continue local participation in joint overtime operations under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program.

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

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following change in job title/job description for slot #547 for submission to the Civil Service Commission.

Slot #		Title
547	From:	Public Relations Officer
547	To:	Public Information Officer

Issue: The Webb County Sheriff's Office seeks to change position from Public Relations Officer to Public Information Officer to correct job title. As per General order there will be no change in salary rate.

Solution: Request authorization from Webb County Commissioners Court and the Webb County Civil Service Commission to change the job title and description for slot #547.

Result: Change in job description.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek formal requests for proposals (RFP) for a Jail Security System/equipment for the Webb County Jail and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-4070-001-470000 (Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: The Webb County Jail is in need of upgrading the old security system due to age degradation and lack of adequate support resources. Security systems are a necessary and critical solution for correctional facilities. An advanced video surveillance system is a necessity that enables correctional facilities to stay safe and secure.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit RFP as per the Texas

Local Government Code.

Results: Secure formal proposals for Commissioners Court to consider award based on best value as per State law.

19. Road & Bridge

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 8, 2021:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
646	Accounting Technician	\$15.15 - \$15.92 12/A-E
658	Motor Grader Operator	\$15.15 - \$17.57 14/A-E
665	Truck Driver	\$14.42 - \$15.16 11/A-E
1996	Equipment Operator	\$14.42 - \$15.16 11/A-E
2354	Maintenance Worker	\$13.07 - \$13.73 9/A-E
2356	Truck Driver	\$14.42 - \$15.16 11/A-E
61	Mechanic	\$15.15 - \$15.92 12/A-E
62	Tire Repair Worker	\$13.73 - \$14.42 10/A-E

Issue: Former employees holding the above mentioned positions retired and/or resigned.

Solution: Fill vacant positions.

Result: New employees will assist with the daily operations of the Road & Bridge Dep. and the Vehicle Maintenance Department.

REGULAR AGENDA

Casa Blanca Golf Course

20. Discussion and possible action to select a procurement delivery method(s) as permitted by Texas State Statutes to design and construct an exterior covered Patio and outdoor serving area to the Webb County Casa Blanca Golf Course Clubhouse area and any other matters incident thereto.
[Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 (Operational Reserve)]

Issue: The Webb County Golf course outdoor patio requires structural improvements and upgrades to include an outdoor covered patio for scheduled events.

Solution: Seek direction from the Court on selection of procurement delivery method.

Result: Proceed with any action taken by the Court on this project for the Webb County Casa Blanca Golf Course.

21. Presentation with a 3-year budgetary update to Commissioners Court by Mr. Oscar Urdiales, General Manager – Casa Blanca Golf Course, to include ongoing projects at the golf course and upcoming plans and projects for the Court's consideration, and any other matters incident thereto.

Economic Development

22. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Webb County Sub Award Policies and Procedures and to designate an amount for funding, as recommended by the ARPA Review Committee; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: In order to move forward with Sub Awards, policies and procedures must be adopted by Commissioner's Court.

Solution: To approve and adopt American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Webb County Sub Award Policies and Procedures.

Result: The ARPA Review Committee may begin moving forward with developing sub award process and solicitation.

Civil Legal Division

23. Discussion and possible action to approve and grant a ten year (10 yr.) Pipeline Right-of-Way Easement lease extension and renewal agreement and acceptance of the renewal fee check from Meritage Midstream Services, LLC., commencing September 27, 2021 thru September 26, 2031 at the original easement rate of \$15.00 per foot per year plus the additional 2021 ten year (10 yr.) CPI rental rate increases as per the lease terms, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.
24. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services contract with Javier Pena to provide specialized training for law enforcement personnel and other law enforcement services for a performance period of eleven (11) months at a cost of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month, effective November 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, for an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00). No impact to the General Fund. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff; Account #2152-3010-001-432001 (Professional Services-Forfeiture Funds)]**

Issue: Webb County Sheriff requests specialized law enforcement training and other law enforcement services.

Solution: Contract services to assist with specialized training for members of the Sheriff's Office.

Result: Secure recommendations on standard operating procedures, specialized training, and any other matters that pertain to the mission and goals of the Webb County Sheriff's Office as directed and approved by the Webb County Sheriff.

25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a consulting agreement with Willdan Financial Services to prepare a water and wastewater rate study and long-term financial plan in an amount not to exceed Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$31,880) and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Fund-General Operating Expenses-Administration Professional Services)]**

26. Discussion and possible action to enter into a professional services agreement with Cascos and Associates, PC to audit the financial statements of Webb County for the fiscal years ending September 30 of 2021, 2022 and 2023 in an amount not to exceed Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500) per fiscal year and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432055 (Accounting & Auditing)]**
27. Discussion and possible action to rescind the award of an engineering services contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (RFQ 2021-008) to Energy Systems Group LLC (awarded September 13, 2021) and to rank the four remaining engineering firms and award an engineering services contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades to the top ranked firm and any matters incident thereto. **[Fund #2703 American Rescue Plan Act]**
28. Discussion and possible action to retain the legal services of Blakely Fernandez, Bracewell LLP to assist in finalizing agreements and related documents for County participation in City of Laredo TIRZ #2. **[Funding from reimbursement on TIRZ administrative fees if qualified or from Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Fund-General Operating Expenses-Administration Professional Services)]**

Emergency Management

29. Discussion and possible action to approve the following budget amendment, effective September 30, 2021 in order to cover expenses that were not covered by the FEMA (Fund 2470) grant in the amount of \$22,753.48 for expenses incurred for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and any other matters incident thereto **[Account #1001-1130-001431007-010 (Operational Reserve)]**

Issue: Fund 2470 was created to cover COVID-19 related expenses during the global pandemic. These funds were not covered by the grant.

Solution: Transfer will be allocated from the Operational Reserve Account.

Result: Fund will close out for the remaining of the fiscal year.

Engineer

30. Status report from the Engineering Department and county staff regarding the Becerra Creek Bridge structure project; with discussion and possible action to request direction from Commissioner Court regarding all potential costs, estimates, fees, legal liabilities and court approvals that need to be addressed prior to moving forward with project; and any other matters incident thereto.
[Possible Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.072]

Planning

31. Discussion and possible action to adopt, by Order, a Redistricting Plan and reapportionment of the Webb County Commissioner Precincts as necessary to maintain a substantially equal population (generally, containing less than 10% deviation between least and most populated precincts) arising from the results of the 2020 census and authorization for the County Judge to execute all required documents; directives to the County Clerk, Elections Administrator and staff to publish required notices in the newspaper and the county's official website; and ordering the submission of all required certified copies to the Texas Secretary of State in compliance with state law and the provisions of SB 13 (87th Leg., 2d C.S.) for the 2022 election cycle due to delays in the U.S. Census Bureau releasing 2020 Census data.
32. Discussion and possible action on changes and/or additions to County Election Precincts (voting tabulation districts, "VTD"s) to give effect to any redistricting changes which ensures that each election precinct does not contain territory from more than one commissioners' precinct, justice precinct, congressional district, state representative district, state senatorial district, or State Board of Education district (§42.005, Election Code) and to increase or reduce the number of registered voters within election precincts to meet population requirements (§42.006, Election Code).

Pre-Trial Services

33. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2022 Formula Grant Indigent Defense Resolution. The purpose of the grant is to develop and maintain quality, cost-effective defense system that meets the needs of local communities and the requirements of the constitution and state law. Webb County will be eligible to receive a portion of the funding. This is a yearly on-going grant resolution. There will be no impact to the general fund.

Closed Session/Executive Session

34. Status report with discussion and possible action to authorize general counsel, County Budget Officer, and CBA committee to finalize terms and conditions of the 2020 - 2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Webb County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (WCDSA); with additional action to approve and finalize said agreement contingent upon approval by the WCDSA; and to authorize the County Judge to execute said agreement on behalf of Webb County; and to take any other action related to said agreement. **[Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Government Code §551.0725 Deliberation Regarding Contract Being Negotiated; Closed Meeting]**

35. Status report from the Cicala Law Firm regarding opioid litigation including but not limited to Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.; with additional action to approve and accept settlement offer; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation]**

Presentations

36. Recognition and presentation of plaques to Captain Cesar Merla and the Mobile Vaccination Team Yankee II from the Army National Guard for their outstanding community service and effort in providing COVID-19 vaccination within Webb County. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge and Steve Landin, Emergency Management Coordinator]**

37. Presentation by Mr. Gerald Schwebel, Executive Vice President – IBC Bank, to share the Common Sense Border Management Solutions booklet, which is an update to Dennis Nixon's 2017 document on a roadmap for finding common sense solutions to the many challenges facing the U.S. and Mexico border. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**

38. Recognition and presentation of Jorge Castaneda, a local boxer from the Sheriffs' Pal's Boxing Gym for winning in London this past Saturday. He is now the new WBC International Silver Belt Featherweight Champion. **[Requested by Jesse Gonzalez, Commissioner Pct. 1] [Co-Sponsored by Sheriff Martin Cuellar]**

39. Presentation by Enrique Marks from the United States Marine Corps Reserve to invite the Commissioners Court and County Departments to partake in the Toys for Tots initiative with possible action to place a toy donation box at county buildings/departments; and any other matters incident thereto. The Marine Corp distributes toys to the less fortunate children across the country in hopes to make the holidays brighter for many families. **[Requested by Jesse Gonzalez, Commissioner Pct. 1] [Co-Sponsored by Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2]**
40. Recognition and presentation of plaque to Alfredo Rodriguez on his completion of the UltraMx515 km in Zacatecas, Mexico. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**
41. **Communications**
42. **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 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

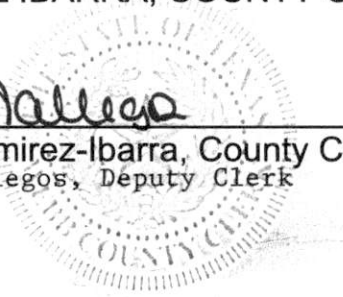
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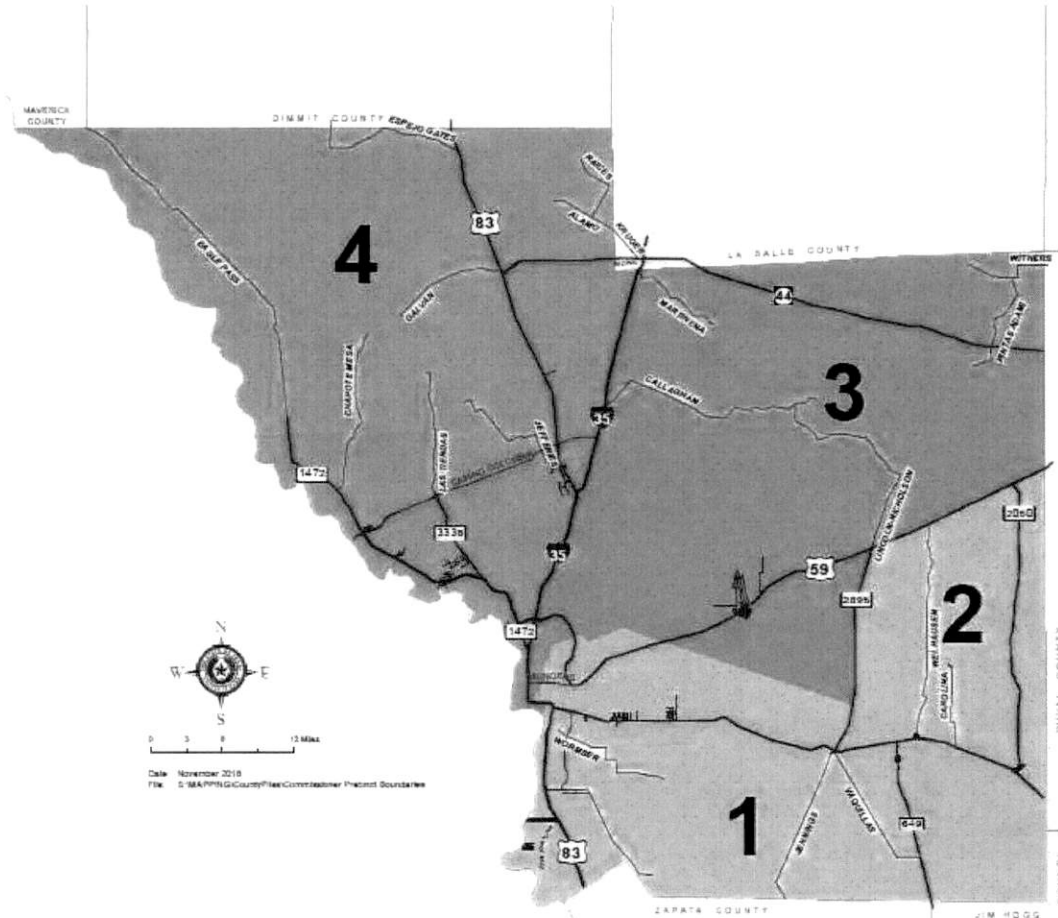
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 5th day of November, 2021 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS






BY: Alicia Gallegos
For: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk
By: Alicia Gallegos, Deputy Clerk





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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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