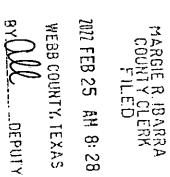


# WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS COMMISSIONERS COURT

## PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR LAREDO, TEXAS 78040 FEBRUARY 28, 2022 9:00 a.m.



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

- 1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance/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 ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant Funds. [Requested By Community Action Agency Meals On Wheels]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	23715260-521-458090	Travel	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
	2371-5260-521-460028	Janitorial Supplies	\$3,000	\$1,200	\$2,200.25	\$1,000.25
<u> </u>	2371-5260-521-460000	Office Supplies	\$5,000	\$4,200	\$4,437.68	\$237.68
				\$6,700		
То:	2371-5260-521-463030	Bulk Food	\$97,902	\$6,500	\$3,047.46	\$9,547.46
	2371-5260-521-456105	Licenses And Permits	\$0.00	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00
				\$6,700		

**Issue:** Meals On Wheels Requires Funds to be Transfer into Bulk Food cover the cost for the Home Delivery Meals

**Solution:** By Commissioners Court ratification of the approval, we will have funds to continue cover cost.

**Result:** With funds available, the department will be able to cover the cost for the home delivered meals and congregate meals program.

b. 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 Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2475]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2475-3010-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$949,250	\$4,500	\$949,250	\$944,750
To:	2475-3010-001-460105-015	Minor Tools	\$52,000	\$4,500	\$52,000	\$56,500

**Issue:** Due to inflationary price increases and additional minor tools needed, a no cost budget adjustment was requested and approved by the state.

Solution: Request authorization for a line item transfer.

Result: This additional funding will be available for use in purchase of minor tools and services.

c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within State Forfeiture Funds; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Forfeiture Funds #2151]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	2151-3010-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$3,000
To:	2151-9080-001-485005	Transfer Out	\$3,000

Issue: A grant requires cash match.

Solution: Transfer funds for the necessary match.

**Result:** There will be sufficient funds to meet grant budgetary requirements for mandated cash match.

d. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (C.T.I.F.) Overlay Projects. [Requested by Engineering Department]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3716-7230-711-470000	Espejo Molina Road-Capital Outlay	\$400,000	\$5,000	\$209,922	\$204,922
	3716-7230-712-470000	Milagro Road - Capital Outlay	\$400,000	\$1,667	\$345,308	\$343,641
	3716-7230-713-470000	Maria Elena Road - Capital Outlay	\$400,000	\$1,667	\$363,538	\$361,871
	3716-7230-714-470000	Main Street - Capital Outlay	\$650,000	\$1,666	\$376,541	\$374,875
	3716-7230-715-470000	Camino Las Lomas - Capital Outlay	\$355,000	\$2,500	\$133,341	\$130,841
	3716-7230-716-470000	7150G - Capital Outlay	\$1,684,125	\$80,603	\$1,628,710	\$1,548,107
				\$93,103		
To:	3716-7230-711-432001	Espejo Molina Road - Professional Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
	3716-7230-712-432001	Milagro Road - Professional Services	\$0	\$1,667	\$0	\$1,667
	3716-7230-713-432001	Maria Elena Road - Professional Services	\$0	\$1,667	\$0	\$1,667
	3716-7230-714-432001	Main Street - Professional Services	\$0	\$1,666	\$0	\$1,666

3716-7230-715-432001	Camino Las Lomas - Professional Services	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
3716-7230-716-432001	7150G - Professional Services	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
3716-7230-717-432001	Penitas Road - Professional Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
3716-7230-717-470000	Penitas Road - Capital Outlay	\$400,000	\$73,103	\$0	\$73,103
			\$93,103		

**Issue:** Overlay projects have been awarded. Purchase Orders have been created. Before beginning with project, we will need to procure Geotechnical Services for each project. Professional Services accounts have been created and funds need to be transferred to these accounts. We are also requesting additional funds for the Penitas Road Overlay Project Capital Outlay.

**Solution**: Approval of transfer of funds for Material Testing and Capital Outlay for Penitas Road Overlay Project.

Result: Proceed with projects.

e. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Forfeiture funds. [Requested by Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2180-259700	Fund balance	\$189,959.14	\$61,200	\$183,412.18	\$122,212.18
То:	2180-3150-001-470000	Capital outlay	\$0	\$61,200	\$0	\$61,200.00

Issue: There is a need for all-terrain Vehicles to assist in keeping the community safe.

Solution: Transfer funds from forfeiture to capital outlay to purchase the all -terrain Vehicles.

Result: The all - terrain vehicles will help keep the community safe.

f. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by order, a budget amendment to the District Attorney State forfeiture fund by increasing the expenditure budget by \$8,000; said amount is available from seized funds pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. [Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney; Fund #2160-2260]

	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
From:	2160-259700	Fund Balance	\$8,000
To:	2160-2260-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$2,500
	2160-2260-001-460140	Firearms & Ammunition	\$2,500
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			\$8,000

**Issue:** New proceeds under Chapter 59 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.

g. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant Funds contingent upon approval by the Office of the Governors for Texas Emergency Network Diversion Court; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by the Texas Emergency Network Diversion Court of Webb County - Child Protection; Grant Account #4325001 (Training and Education)]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2747-1150-001-457008-025	Contractual Services	\$35,000	\$1,000	\$35,000	\$34,000
То:	2747-1150-011-456205	Training/Education	\$-0-	\$1,000	\$-0-	\$1,000

Issue: Budget is needed to cover curriculum training fees.

**Solution:** Court approval for transfer of budget will pay invoice timely.

Result: Vendor fee will be paid.

#### 6. <u>Budget Officer</u>

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

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3900-7230-001-474501	Construction in Progress	\$2,000,000	\$328,712	\$2,000,000	\$1,671,288
То:	3868-7230-001-443000-270	Construction in Progress	\$0	\$269,507	\$0	\$269,507
	3868-7230-001-443000-255	Construction in Progress	\$0	\$59,205	\$0	\$59,205
				\$328,712		

**Issue:** December 13, 2021, Commissioner Court approved the elevator bond project be funded through the 2019A Bond Series upon identify available funds. The transfer above will complete 50% of this project.

Solution: Transfer as requested above.

Result: The 50% deposit will be fulfilled.

#### 7. Honorable Raul Reyes, Treasurer

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the addendum to the 2021- 2022 Investment Policy.

**Issue:** Definition of Bonds and Bond types to be added to section 4.02 as previously approved by Commissioners Court on April 26, 2021 to be Authorized Investments. Also adding guidance on the ratings of these investments along with updated maximum investment maturities.

**Solution:** By approval of this addendum, it will allow Webb County to further diversify its portfolio and mitigate any potential risk.

Result: Webb County's Investment Policy will be updated to include the stated revisions.

b. Discussion and possible action to approve an annual Master Services Agreement between Webb County and Clearwater Analytics, LLC. For a web-based software-as-a-service investment accounting solution for the Webb County Treasurer's Office at a monthly rate of \$1,250.00 per month and to approve by order a discretionary exemption for copyrights and proprietary software in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.024 (Discretionary Exemptions) (7)(a.) with additional action to authorize a budget amendment in the amount not to exceed \$8,750 from Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 (Operational Reserve) and to further authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1250-001-464005 (Books & Subscriptions)]

**Issue:** Webb County has begun diversifying its Investment Portfolio as we continue to grow our portfolio the need for a software with capabilities to track and reconcile daily/monthly will enable us to better evaluate our financial positions.

**Solution:** Clearwater's investment accounting and reporting capabilities are able to aggregate and reconcile investment data from over 40 third-party data vendors and automatically integrates them into a robust, reconciled security master file that is updated daily. Clearwater also aggregates all our investment data from our investment managers, custody banks, and state depository institutions.

Result: Once implemented the Clearwater platform will connect all our investments and investment data to a much more efficient reporting system. This allows our office to see real time data on Webb County's investments. We will become more efficient and transparent with the use of this software.

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

a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a four (4) year renewal agreement (March 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026) with CoreCivic for the detention of federal inmates/detainees of the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("I.C.E.") at the Webb County Detention Center (owned and operated by CoreCivic); pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code Sec. 262.003, this agreement establishes the reimbursement for the detention of federal detainees/inmates on a tiered per diem basis and authorizing the County Judge to sign any relevant documents and any other matter incident thereto. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar]

Issue: Representatives of the federal government (I.C.E.) approached the County in 2018 requesting the County to enter into two Intergovernmental Service Agreements (I.G.S.A.). On February 26, 2018, the County Commissioners Court approved the Agreements with the Federal government pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §272.005. The I.G.S.A. contract that is references the Webb County Detention Center is set to expire February 28, 2023, and without a renewal agreement the County cannot comply the I.G.S.A. contract the County has with the Federal Government.

**Solution:** Enter into a renewal agreement with CoreCivic that will set a reimbursement amount for the detention of federal detainees/inmates.

Result: The renewal agreement with CoreCivic will aid Webb County in completing the I.G.S.A. with the Federal Government and provide financial reimbursement for the detention of I.C.E. detainees/inmates that are being held at the Webb County Detention Center. The public will be served by and through this agreement by protecting the community from individuals who have been detained for committing federal offenses and the federal government will bear the burden of paying for the detention of the individual.

- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Services Agreement with Essential Elements, LLC to provide Educational Training and Technical Assistance Services for the Head Start Department for a term to commence on February 17, 2022 and shall terminate upon the completing and creating of a Community Assessment Update for Head Start, for a total cost of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,750.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Director, Webb County Head Start Director; Account #2357-5230-531-432068 (Consultants Training)]
- c. Discussion and possible action to adopt an Order of Acceptance for the dedication of Ten (10) Roadway Right-of-Way Easements, as follows, Four (4) Roadway Right-of-Way Easements out of the Ranchitos Los Fresnos Subdivision, Three (3) Roadway Right-of-Way Easements out of the Ranchitos Los Mesquites Subdivision, Two (2) Roadway Right-of-Way Easement out of the Ranchitos Los Nopalitos Subdivision and One (1) Roadway Right-of-Way Easement out of the Ranchitos Los Arcos Subdivision for the purpose of acquiring these necessary easements by Webb County to perform road maintenance and improvements to facilitate transportation needs for residents including emergency medical services and school bus pickups for students, and to authorize the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Luis Perez Garcia, Webb County Engineer]

Property/Subdivision	Grantor's/Landowners
Ranchitos Los Fresnos	
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 76	Vicente & Diana Palacios
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 77	
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 76	Juan B. Guajardo & wf. Maria B. Guajardo
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 77	

Property/Subdivision	Grantor's/Landowners
Ranchitos Los Mesquites	
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 17	Luis M. Barrera
0.034 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 18	
0.032 Acre Tract out of Lot/Tract 20	

Property/Subdivision	Grantor's/Landowner's
Ranchitos Los Nopalitos	
0.034 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 17	Jorge M. Lopez
0.033 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 73	Jesus Ramirez

Property/Subdivision	Grantor's/Landowner's
Ranchitos Los Arcos	
0.033 Acre Tract out of Tract/Lot 68	Francisco Ramos & wf. Maria Ramos

d. Discussion and possible action to enter into a sixty (60) month (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025) Lease and Service Agreement in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$10,020.00) with Ricoh-USA pursuant to State of Texas DIR Contract Number DIR-CPO-4435 for an upgraded copier lease and service agreement at the Fred and Anita Community Center; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested Cindy Liendo, Commissioner Pct. 4; Account #1001-6200-001-443000-035 (Repairs/ Maintenance Equipment)]

- e. Discussion and possible action directing the Webb Country Civil Legal Division to negotiate a five-acre drill site pad and accompanying roadway easement and any other issues with Lewis Petro Properties, Inc. on the Webb County school lands located off Highway 44 (Penjamo and Llano Pastures) and any other matters incident thereto.
- f. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. for legal representation in Bibiana Cazares v Antonio R. Cruz and Webb County; No. 2022CVA000122D1 and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.
- g. Discussion and possible action to retain the services of CAPEX Group for consulting services on developing Abatement Agreements, Development Incentives and Negotiation Services for Pradera Solar LLC, Siete Winds LLC and Esperanza Battery Energy Storage in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) each reimbursable by each entity and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

#### 9. <u>Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the following Clean-Up Campaign dates for the areas of Webb County Precinct One and to authorize the Road & Bridge Department to operate their equipment.

Tuesday, February 22 - Rio Bravo Tuesday, February 29 - Mirando City Tuesday, March 12 - El Cenizo Tuesday, March 19 - La Presa

#### 10. <u>Community Action Agency</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Scoring Committee to approve the following two (2) applicants to receive assistance under the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs - Office of Colonia Initiatives (TDHCA-OCI) Self-Help Center program and authorize the Webb County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids and any other matters incident thereto. Housing rehabilitation / reconstruction costs to be covered by the Self-Help Center grant TCDP #7220013.

1	118 E. Mendoza	Pueblo Nuevo
2	337 Pinzon Rd.	Ranchitos 359 East

Issue: Commissioners Court approval is required in order to solicit bids for these homes.

**Solution:** Obtain Commissioners Court authorization for the solicitation of bids by the Purchasing Agent.

**Result:** Successful completion of grant and the successful rehabilitation / reconstruction of these homes.

b. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation check from Griselda G. Guerra Fund DAF-3619 in the amount of Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This award does not require a County match. [Account #2025-5320-521-463030]

Issue: Griselda G. Guerra Fund DAF-3619 has selected Webb County Community Action Agency Elderly Nutrition Program/ Meals on Wheels Program as recipient of Two Thousand and 00/100

Dollars (\$2,000.00).

**Solution:** Funding will allow for continue home deliveries to elderly, health compromised and handicapped/disabled residents of Webb County, Texas.

**Result:** To continue to provide hot and ready meals to the elderly, health compromised residents of Webb County.

c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to enter into an annual vendor agreement with Retail Energy providers (listed below) for the implementation of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the 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 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. These agreements shall be effective from the 1st day of January 2022 for a period not to exceed two years from the effective date. [Account #2362-5360-521-463804 (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program)]

#### List of Retail Energy Providers

Discount Power
Green Mountain Energy

Issue: Webb County Community Action agency will enter into an annual vendor agreements with Retail Energy Providers for the implementation of 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 for the implementation of the programs.

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

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

a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the development and submission of a Texas Water Development Board-FY2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application in the amount of \$2,191,000 for Webb County Colorado Acres Reverse Osmosis System Improvements; and 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 the FY2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. No match required. [Requested by James Flores, Economic Development Director]

Issue: Webb County is in desperate need of rehabilitating and rebuilding the Colorado Acres Reverse Osmosis Waste Treatment Plan. The project includes new well piping and evaporation pond improvements. A new pretreatment system consisting of an aeration unit and micro or ultra filtration units is required to provide an appropriate feed water to the Reverse Osmosis system. The Reverse Osmosis system will be installed in a shipping container. New chemical feed systems are required. The work also includes all necessary site/civil work, piping, and other necessary appurtenances.

**Solution:** Webb County desires to install improvements/upgrades at the existing Reverse Osmosis Waste Treatment Plan. The County is currently hauling water to this area to serve the residents.

Result: The proposed activity will provide an appropriate feed water to the Reverse Osmosis system.

b. Discussion and possible action to accept grant award for the Texas Community Development Fund contact No. CDV21-0485 from Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) grant funds for construction of new street along West Meirs and West Paredes Avenue in Pueblo Nuevo Colonia and authorize Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documentation. This contract agreement commences March 1, 2022, and terminates February 29, 2024. No match required. [Requested by James Flores, Economic Development Director]

**Issue:** The lack of decent and navigable roads have caused significant problems to Colonia residents especially during inclement weather.

**Solution**: Webb County is proposing to pave two (2) street blocks- West Meirs and West Paredes in Pueblo Nuevo Colonia.

**Result:** The proposed activity shall significantly increase accessibility for the residents that live adjacent to West Miers and West Paredes.

c. Discussion and possible action to approve grant award first Allocation to Contract #61220003661 for the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Program Year 2022 in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars (\$294,000.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This Contract shall commence on January 01, 2022 and, unless earlier terminated, shall end in December 31, 2022. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. This action will have no impact to the General Fund. [Requested by James Flores Director of Economic Development Department & Community Action Agency; Account #2368-5170-3303000]

**Issue:** Approved funding or first installment for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the program year 2022 in the amount of \$294,000.00.

**Solution**: This grant (CSBG) provides support to eligible elderly, disabled and low income residents of Webb County.

**Result**: The support services are intended to assist eligible Webb County residents to transition out of poverty.

d. Discussion and possible action to approve grant award to Contract #58220003600 for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Program Year 2022, in the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY- EIGHT THOUSAND FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$1,728,049.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This Contract shall commence on January 01, 2022 and, unless earlier terminated, shall end on December 31, 2022. 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. This action will not have an impact to the General Fund. [Requested by James Flores, Director of Economic Development Department and Community Action Agency; Account #2362-5150-330300]

**Issue:** TDHCA funding agency has awarded Webb County Community Action agency (WCCAA) \$1,728,049.00 under the program grant Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the Program Year 2022.

**Solution**: The court approval will allow Webb County Community Action Agency to provide direct services to eligible low-income residents for Webb County under the CEAP program.

**Result**: These funds are intended to assist eligible Webb County residents with up to 8 highest remaining calendar months of energy consumption.

#### 12. 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:	2357-5230-531-456201	College Tuition	\$9,000	\$1,245	\$9,000	\$7,755
To:	2357-5230-531-456110	CDA Fees/Renewals	\$2,000	\$1,245	\$948	\$2,193

Issue: Funds are available in college tuition line item and funds needed in CDA Fees/Renewals.

Solution: Approve line item transfer request.

Result: Funds will be available in Head Start CDA Fees/Renewals line item.

#### 13. Human Resources

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 February 28, 2022:

Slot # Title Hourly Rate

2839 Human Resources Clerk \$13.73 - \$14.43 10 - A /E

Issue: Slot #2839 became vacant on 02/18/2022.

Solution: Request to fill the vacant slot.

Result: Filling of vacant slot #2839, will alleviate work overload in the department.

#### 14. <u>Information Technology</u>

a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a thirty-six (36) month lease (April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025) purchase Agreement (DIR-TSO-3763), pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 271.101 et.seq. (Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation), between Dell Financial Services and Webb County for the purpose of financing a "Managed Detection and Response" and "Secureworks" software to monitor possible malicious activity which said software is being leased/purchased through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Webb County Information Technology (IT) Department in an amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$410,813.00), with a proposed financing term of three (3) annual payments of \$136,936.30 at an interest rate of 0.00%, with the first annual payment due October 1, 2022, after commissioners court approval, subject to annual budgetary approval, and execution of the Contract by the County Judge, and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1280-001-443000-110 (Software Maintenance)]

**Issue:** There is currently no funding in the IT 2021-2022 FYE budget for the lease purchase of the software in order for the county's IT Department to detect malicious activity on county's server.

Solution: Consider approval of a finance agreement with Dell Financial services to finance the

lease/purchase of the software to detect malicious activity, which is being done through Cooperative Purchasing Program of the State of Texas, through the Department of Information Resources (DIR).

**Result:** The financing will fund the purchase of "Managed Detection and Response" software powered by Tegis XDR and "SecureWorks Tegis VDR" software for the County.

#### 15. Planning & Physical Development

a. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements" to authorize electrical service connection pursuant to Section 232.029(c)(2), Local Government Code., to an unplatted 0.087 acre tract of land, more or less, known as NE 46' of Lots 2, 4, 6, & 2 ½' of 8, Block 19, Bruni Subdivision, as further described in Vol. 4907, Pgs. 731-733 of the Webb County Deed Records (ID 11672).

**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 water and electrical utility services. If not approved, utility connection to property is prohibited.

b. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements" to authorize electrical service connection pursuant to Section 232.029(c)(1), Local Government Code., to an unplatted 4.6 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Abstract 2666, Survey 2161, as further described in Vol. 1500, Pg. 543 of the Webb County Deed Records (ID 11669).

**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 water and electrical utility services. If not approved, utility connection to property is prohibited.

c. 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 February 28, 2022:

Slot # Title Salary

2055 Planner/Senior Planner \$21.41 - \$23.36 19/A-H

Issue: Permission required to fill vacant slot.

**Solution/Result**: If approved, position will provide needed customer service and perform office duties defined by job description.

#### 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 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.

#### 17. Risk Management

a. Discussion and possible action to accept the appointment and bond of Mr. Jose Luis Castillo, newly appointed Webb County Elections Administrator; and any other matters incident thereto.

**Issue:** On December 21, 2021 Mr. Jose Salvador Tellez, Webb County Elections Administrator, contacted members of the Webb County Elections and advised of his intention to resign from his position. Thereafter, the Elections Commission appointed Mr. Jose Luis Castillo in compliance with §31.032 of the Texas Election Code.

**Solution:** Accept the appointed replacement to fill the vacancy of Elections Administrator and authorize a bond to issue in the appointee's name.

**Result:** Ensure transition of leadership and that the functions of the Webb County Elections Administrator will continue with minimal interruption of service.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Honorable Rebecca Palomo, 341st District Court Judge

**18.** Discussion and possible action to allow an exemption and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-2230-001-451002	Transcripts	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$49,157	\$,157
То:	1001-2230-001-451003	Court Interpreter/Reporter	\$65,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000

Issue: Additional funds needed to cover expenses.

Solution: Approval of line item transfer.

Result: There will be sufficient funds to cover pending invoices.

#### Honorable Esther Degollado, District Clerk

19. Discussion and possible action to approve the transfer of the following Slot with reclassification, salary changes and modification of Job Description and approve the filling of the vacant Slot, subject upon the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines:

	Slot#	<u>Title</u>	Hourly Rate/Salary
From:	1749	Office Manager	\$22.54 - \$46,875.42 14/Y
To:	1749	Passport Supervisor	\$21.16 - \$44,012.18 17/H

Issue: The department is in need of a position specifically assigned for Passport Services.

**Solution:** Approve the transfer of said slot from the Engineering department to the District Clerk's office.

**Result**: The transfer will allow our department to continue to provide the customer service for our Passport Services.

#### Civil Legal Division

20. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate the creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Esperanza Reinvestment Zone No. 1 being approximately 2 acres located within the AEP Lobo Station on U.S. Highway 59 and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Wolf Tank Storage, LLC and Electric Transmission of Texas (ETT)]

#### <u>Purchasing</u>

21. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of funds within the General Operating Fund from the Reserve account to the Repairs and Maintenance to Building Account in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 for the expansion of the existing chain link fenced area used to store all County vehicles scheduled for auction and that are no longer in use by department(s). Expansion will consist of approximately 500 linear feet of chain link fence with barbed wire. [Account #1001-1130-001-443000-020 (Repairs and Maintenance Buildings)]

**Issue:** The yards current capacity is approximately 40 vehicles, the expansion will allow up to 80 vehicles to be held. Over 68 vehicles are scheduled to be replaced in the future, these will require temporary storage while auction procedures are initiated and after commissioners court approval.

**Solution:** During the current fiscal year, the Purchasing Department has collected over \$54,000.00 in auction revenue and overall revenue of \$1,637,297.91 collected since inception of the online auction program. The intent is to use these same auction revenues collected as program income, the County Auditor's recommendation is to request a transfer from the Operational Reserve where funds are already budgeted.

**Result:** Approval of funds transfer will allow the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive pricing for the installation of new fencing for expansion of current holding area for all County vehicles no longer in use and scheduled for auction transfer or disposal.

#### Commissioners Court Administrator

#### **Public Hearing**

22. Public Hearing on establishing a reinvestment zone, to be known as Pradera Solar Reinvestment Zone #1, on approximately 2529.95 acres located directly south of the intersection Highway 59 and east of the AEP Lobo Stations in Webb County, Texas. [Requested by Pradera Solar, LLC]

#### Close Public Hearing

23. Discussion and possible action to establish, by Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court, a reinvestment zone to be known as Pradera Solar Reinvestment Zone #1, on approximately 2529.95 acres located directly south of the intersection Highway 59 and east of the AEP Lobo Stations in Webb County, Texas; and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Pradera Solar, LLC]

#### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on establishing a reinvestment zone, to be known as Siete Wind Reinvestment Zone #1 being approximately 59,890.35 acres located south of the intersection Highway 59 and FM 2895 and extending approximately six (6) miles to both the east and west in Webb County, Texas.

[Requested by Siete Wind, LLC]

#### Close Public Hearing

- 25. Discussion and possible action to establish, by Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court, a reinvestment zone to be known as Siete Wind Reinvestment Zone #1 being approximately 59,890,35 acres located south of the intersection of Highway 59 and FM 2895 and extending approximately 6 miles to both the east and west; and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Siete Wind, LLC]
- 26. Status report by Owners Representative, Gilpin Engineering Company, with discussion and possible action regarding the Webb County Fairgrounds project and any other matters incident thereto.

#### Closed Session/Executive Session

- 27. Discussion and possible action to approve settlement offer in the case entitled Ricardo "Rick" Manuel Romo v. Webb County, Texas, cause # 2018CV1001385D4, pending in the 406th Judicial District Court of Webb County, Texas and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed Session/Executive Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (1)(B)(consultation with Attorney regarding a settlement offer)]
- 28. Status report by outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding Abelardo G. Gonzalez v. Ponce Trevino, Civil Action No. 5:20-cv-00052. [Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation].
- 29. Discussion and possible action to discuss the lease and use of an approximate three acre site located on the Webb County School Lands (Lomas/Cuchillas pastures) 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]
- 30. Status report by Outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding Hanson Professional Services Inc. [Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation]
- 31. Report from Joanne Cicala of the Cicala Law Firm regarding settlement offers in the matter of Texas opioid multi-district litigation for the County in the matter of County of Webb v. Purdue Pharma, Inc., et al., MDL PRETRIAL CAUSE NO. 2018-63587, in the 152d District Court of Harris County, Texas, transferred to MDL 2804, N.D. OH.; with discussion and action to approve said settlement offer; and authorizing the County Judge to execute Order; and any other matters incident thereto. [Closed/Executive Session requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (1)(B) (Consultation with Attorney regarding a settlement offer)
- 32. <u>Communications</u>
- 33. Adjourn

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

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#### **DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**



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

DATED THIS 15 HOAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

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 February, 2022 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

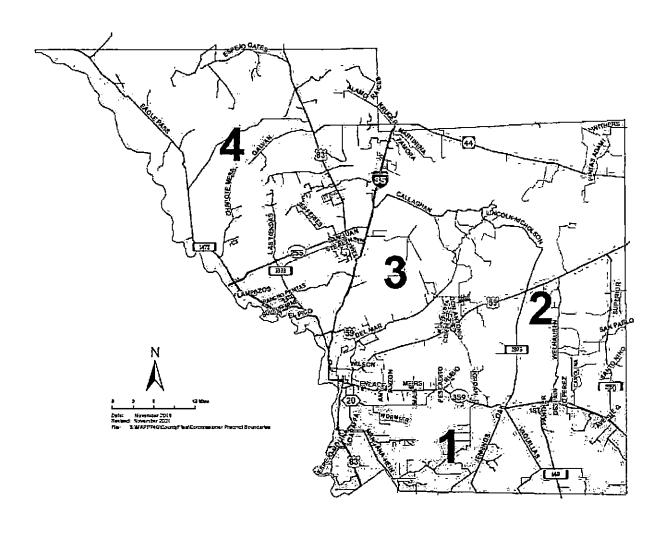
DATED THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: MILLER WELLER

For: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk

By;Amber Lecea



#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	Honorable Tano E. Tijerina	County Judge
ā , .e	Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez	Precinct 1
	Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Precinct 2
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	Commissioner Cindy Liendo	Precinct 4

Webb County, Texas Commissioner Precinct Boundaries