



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
9:00 a.m.

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

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
3. Discussion and possible action for Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Reports (Auditor, Treasurer, Business Office, Human Resources, 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 transfers) within State Forfeiture funds by increasing the expenditure budget by \$4,844.00; said amount is available from seized funds pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 111.07075 (Special Budget for Revenue received after Start of Fiscal Year). **[Requested by Guadalupe Gomez, Constable Pct. 1]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request	End Bal.
From:	Fund Balance	2181-259700	\$4,844	\$1,734.92
To:	Fica County Share	2181-3150-001-422000	\$1,590	\$1,590.00
	Retirement County Share	2181-3150-001-423000	\$2,713	\$2,713.00
	Workers Compenstation	2181-3150-001-425000	\$106	\$106.00
	Unemployment Tax	2181-3150-001-426000	\$435	\$435.00
			\$4,844	

Issue: Funds will be used to pay fringe benefits for 202-2024 USDOJ - Drug Enforcement Administration.

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

Result: The department can utilize the new proceeds for the official use of this office.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) with grant funds to cover budget balances under the Program year 2023-Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG). There will be no impact to the County General Fund. **[Requested by James Flores, Economic Development Director]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2368-5170-521-410000	Payroll Cost	\$10,000	\$103,692.86	\$93,692.86
	2368-5170-521-421000	Health Life Insurance	\$15,000	\$36,018.53	\$21,018.53
	2368-5170-521-457008	Contractual	\$10,000	\$15,538.00	\$5,538.00
	2368-5170-521-460000	Office Supplies	\$10,000	\$14,853.18	\$4,853.18
	2368-5170-521-458000	Administrative Travel	\$5,000	\$7,885.91	\$2,885.91
	2368-5170-521-464010	Dues & Memberships	\$5,000	\$8,465.50	\$3,465.50
	2368-5170-521-470000-155	Capital Outlay Computer & SW	\$1,475	\$1,475.00	\$0
			\$56,475	\$187,928.98	\$131,453.98
To:	2368-5170-521-462605	Fuel & Lubricants	\$1,475	\$881.37	\$2,356.37
	2368-5170-521-457008-010	Contractual Skills Training	\$55,000	\$27,602.40	\$82,602.40
			\$56,475		

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

Solution: Approval of the line item transfer.

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

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within forfeiture funds. **[Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Amount
From:	2162-259700	Fund Balance	\$23,000
To:	2162-2260-001-413000	Overtime	\$19,000
	2162-2260-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$1,400
	2162-2260-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$2,300
	2162-2260-001-426000	Worker Compensation	\$300
			\$23,000

Issue: Additional funds are needed to cover overtime and fringe benefits.

Solution: Create a line item transfer.

Result: The line items will have sufficient funds to cover the projected expenditures.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve payment for memberships of non-profit state associations for fiscal year 2024 as required by Local Government Code Section §89.002 subject to funding availability and any other matters incident thereto.

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

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

Solution: Obtain court approval as required.

Result: State associations approved by Commissioners Court will be processed for payment timely.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General fund, effective date September 30, 2023, to eliminate deficits for CAA Meals on Wheels (\$50,000), Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (\$5,375), Emergency Food and Shelter (\$2,500.00) and Election Service Contracts (\$47,465):

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve		\$105,340		
To:	1001-1160-001-463902-020	Match-CAA MOW	\$35,100.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$136,359.54
	2531-9080-391000	Transfers In	\$0.00	\$5,375.00	\$0.00	\$5,372.41
	2473-9080-391000	Transfers In	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	2010-9080-391000	Election Service contracts	\$150,000	\$47,465.00	\$150,000	\$197,465
				\$105,340		

Issue: Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, Emergency Food and Shelter Program and Election Service Contracts terminated with a deficit for FY 2022 audit and Meals on Wheel will end with a deficit for this FY 2023 audit.

Solution: Transfer from Operational Reserve to eliminate deficits.

Result: Funds will close the fiscal year September 30, 2023.

6. **Business Office**

- 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 October 10, 2023:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2864	Accounts Payable Specialist	\$18.64 (16/A-H)
NEW	Budget Analyst	\$18.64 (16/A-H)

Issue: The above slots were approved during budget while the other became vacant.

Solution: Filling of slots will have our office and normal working capacity.

Result: Office will produce at its normal capacity.

7. **Civil Legal Division**

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify an extension to the IGSA 70DCR18DIG000004 from September 29, 2023 to December 29, 2023 with the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("I.C.E.") and CoreCivic for the detention of federal inmates/detainees at the Webb County Detention Center (owned and operated by CoreCivic); and authorizing the County Judge to sign any and all relevant documents and any other matter incident thereto. **[Requested by Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Laredo Processing Center Account #1001-209250-180]**
- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024) Participating Entity Services Agreement between APPRISS, Inc. and Webb County. The agreement is by and through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources for products and related services with APPRISS, Inc. and will provide appropriate maintenance to the software used with VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday Program) at a total cost of Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$30,285.26) that will be paid by the Office of The Attorney General. There is no impact to the General Fund, authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff, Account #2712-3010-001-443000-035]**
- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024) service agreement between BioMedical Waste Solutions, LLC., and the Webb County Indigent Health Department for the purpose of disposing biohazardous waste at a monthly flat rate of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Nancy Cadena, Indigent Health Care, Account #1001-5030-001-463555]**
- d. Discussion and possible action to approve an Agreement for one year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) between the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Webb County Constable Pct. 1 in the amount of \$20,707.50 and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. There will be no financial impact to the general fund, as FLSA pay, and fringe benefits will be paid through State Forfeiture Fund #2181 in the total amount of \$4,844.00. **[Requested by Guadalupe Gomez, constable Pct. 1; Account #2583-3150-001-413000 and Fund #2181]**

Issue: Collaboration between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to

pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations along Webb County and the state of Texas.

Solution: Accept federal assistance to continue local participation in Joint Operations under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program.

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

- e. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreement between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Sames Auto Arena, an event facility owned by the City of Laredo located at 6700 Arena Blvd., Laredo, Texas 78041. The facility will be used by the Webb County Sheriff's Office for a Drug Awareness Concert (from October 17, 2023, through October 18, 2023) for a total cost of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$18,978.00); and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This is paid through forfeiture funds; thus, there is no impact to the general fund. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff; Account #2151-3010-001-455501 (Drug Free Campaign)]**

Issue: Owner (City of Laredo) and managing company "SMG" require a Use License Agreement to be formalized for use of facility.

Solution: Review, negotiate and approve a Licensing agreement for Drug Free Event Concert.

Result: Compliance with City of Laredo and managing company agreement requirements for use of facility (Laredo Energy Arena) while providing a public service to the community in the form of a drug awareness concert.

- f. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Sheriff's Office and Marc Mero, as the motivational speaker at the Drug Free Concert on October 18, 2023, at the "Sames Auto Arena" located at 6700 Arena Blvd., Laredo, Texas 78041, in the amount of NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000); and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This will be paid through forfeiture funds; and, thus, there is no impact to the general fund. **[Requested by Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Account #2150-3010-001-455501 (Drug Free Campaign)]**
- g. Discussion and possible action to enter into a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Office of the Attorney General (OAG) of the State of Texas and Webb County in order for Webb County (OAG Contract #22-C0003) to receive monetary assistance from the OAG to upgrade the Internet bandwidth connection for Webb County at an annual fee amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,120.00). In exchange, Webb County will configure a Virtual Private Network (VPN) tunnel that will allow authorize OAG employees to access Webb County's case management and imaging and judicial software system for the term of the agreement (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024). **[Requested by Rafael Pena, Webb County I.T. Director; Account #1001-1130-001-441001 (Internet)]**
- h. Discussion and possible action to approve a renewal Professional Service agreement with Recovery Monitoring Solutions, to provide continuous alcohol monitoring, breath-alcohol testing and/or drug patch services for the Webb County Pretrial Services Department commencing October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Said renewal also amends the costs of the original agreement in that participants who are being monitored will directly pay the vendor Eighty Dollars (\$80) for each drug patch, Nine Dollars/day (\$9.00) for the Active GPS and Eight Dollars/day (\$8.00) for Passive GPS while the Pretrial Department will fund services at Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) for each Drug Patch, Eight Dollars/day (\$8.00) for Active GPS and Six Dollars/day (\$6.00) for Passive GPS, when services are utilized, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Pre-Trial Services; Account #1001-2390-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

8. **Community Action Agency**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the carryover to May 31, 2024, Federal Rural Public Transportation Grant; 5339-R-2022-WEBB CO-00011 (\$76,028.00). No impact to General Fund. All required documentation has been submitted to the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with Webb County (SPOC) Single Point Contact Procedures. **[Account #2661-7110-521-470000]**

Issue: Rural Public Transportation is a grant funded agency.

Solution: Through the carryover by Webb County, will allow department to exhaust funds.

Result: Approval of contract carryover will ensure continuation of transportation services to the rural areas of Webb County.

- b. Discussion and possible action to ratify the acceptance of Amendment No. 20 for the Health and Human Services commission (HHSC) (Contract #000158100) for additional funds for the fiscal year 2024 in the amount of SIX HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND FIFTY CENTS (\$603,525.50), FY24 total Budget 603,525.50, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This action will not have an impact on the General Fund. Documentation has been reviewed and is compliant with SPOC policies and procedures. **[Grant Account #2371-5150-521-330300]**

Issue: Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Region 11, HHS Contract No 000158100) is adding additional funds for the fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget by adding funding these funds we will have a total budget amount of \$603,525.50 for the home-delivered meals program.

Solution: The discussion and possible action is to accept Amendment #20 with the current HHSC contract to provide Home-Delivered Meals to the elderly, home-bound residents of Webb County.

Result: The HHSC addition will provide an additional estimated 11,299 Home Delivered Meals from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the carryover to March 31, 2025, Federal Rural Public Transportation Grant; 5339-D-2022-WEBB CO- 00031 from Texas Department of Transportation. To allow carryover of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$110,583.00). No impact to General Fund. All required documentation has been submitted to the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with Webb County (SPOC) Single Point Contact Procedures. **[Account #2661-7110-521-470000]**

Issue: Rural Public Transportation is a grant funded agency.

Solution: Through the carryover by Webb County, will allow department to exhaust funds.

Result: Approval of contract carryover will ensure continuation of transportation services to the rural areas of Webb County.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Commissioners Court to pass a Resolution designating the Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge and the Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Precinct 2, as Depository/Authorized Signatories for draw requests for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Self-Help Center Program, Contract Number CSHC-23-0520. This Resolution will have no impact to the General Fund.

Issue: The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs requires the Commissioner's Court to designate two authorized signatories by resolution for all reimbursement requests related to the Self-Help Center Program.

Solution: Pass a resolution that will designate two individuals as authorized signatories for the Self-Help Center Contract CSHC-23-0520 as required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Result: Webb County will be in compliance with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs grant requirements.

9. **Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law 2 Judge**

- a. Discussion and possible action to reclassify and modify Slot #2999 of Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program Assistant Case Manager to Webb County Court-at-Law II Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program Case Manager. The reclassification is from SAMHSA Grant 1H79TI081049-01 (TI-18-008) to DOJ OJJDP Grant (Award number 15PJDP-23-GG-00869-DGCT) effective October 1, 2023.

Issue: The DOJ awarded grant allows for Webb County Court-at-Law II to establish a Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. The Court previously approved the filling of Case Manager slot.

Solution: The court approved the reclassification and modification of the slot to transfer employee from SAMHSA DWI Court grant to DOJ Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Grant.

Result: Fill the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program Case Manager role to effectively begin provided services.

- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint Victor Vasquez III as Webb County Court-at-Law II Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program Director as written, submitted and approved on DOJ OJJDP Grant (Award number 15PJDP-23-GG-00869-DGCT). The appointment to be effective October 1, 2023 with a salary adjustment of \$8,400.00 per year as written, submitted and approved on the grant award. All required documents were sent to the Economic Development Department and were found in compliance with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy.

Issue: The DOJ awarded grant allows for Webb County Court-at-Law II to establish a Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. The court will work with many agencies to effectively fulfill its duty.

Solution: The court approve the appointment as stated and approved on grant application.

Result: The Court Director will develop and out the grant's requirements as approved. Will work to streamline a specialized treatment plan for participants, oversee the day to day operations of the court.

- c. Discussion and possible action to adjust pay rates for Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program Staff associated with SAMHSA Grant Award Number 1H79TI085858-01 (TI-08-5858) and request County Judge to execute all other matters incident thereto. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget includes an increase in the salary for the Project Director Slot, and salary increase for the Case Manager slot. Both of these positions do not fall under the County's Wage Plan, and are funded 100% by grant funds. Both positions are also subject to annual evaluations by the Department Head, and are entitled to additional increases under the grant. There will be 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.

Slot #	Position	Previous Salary	Proposed Salary	Annual
2901	Project Director	\$58,500	\$60,000	\$60,000
2902	Case Manager	\$47,500	\$50,000	\$50,000

Issue: These proposed salaries are reflected under the SAMHSA grant in County Court-at-Law II (TI-08-5858). The Director and Case Manager slots are receiving an increase in salary.

Solution: The court respectfully requests approval on salary adjustments.

Result: Both positions will be fully operational to continue to layout DWI Court day to day operations. Effective October 1, 2023.

10. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2024 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor grant award from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) in the amount of \$402,013 in response to a grant application coordinated, developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer for the purchase of rifle-resistant hard body armor for the Webb County Sheriff's Office and other participating Webb County Offices with eligible peace officers (Offices of the Constable, Pct. 1-4 as well as the investigators of the County Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office) as defined under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official in all matters related to this grant; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any type of match. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff]**

Issue: In response to the notorious shooting incident of police officers on July 7th, 2016, the Texas governor and Texas legislature authorized legislation that would assist local agencies in the purchase of rifle-resistant hard body armor.

Solution: Acceptance of grant award by the Webb County Sheriff's Office will assist eligible peace officers working at Webb County Offices to obtain rifle-resistant hard body armor for their enhanced safety.

Result: Utilizing grant funds through this grant award, the Webb County Sheriff's Office will be able to secure hard body armor for eligible peace officers for their increased safety and security.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2024 Local Border Security Program (FY 2024 LBSP) grant award in the amount of \$140,000 from the Office of Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) as specifically developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer for Sheriff's Office peace officers' overtime and applicable fringe benefits to provide enhanced border security in the Laredo/Webb County area, and designating the Webb 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; Grant Account #2741]**

Issue: The State of Texas recognizes that border communities face urgent security challenges caused by increased activity from transnational organized criminal syndicates and their allies that are intensified by the fluidity of border crossings, heavy commercial activity, and interdependence of the international border communities' economies. These socio-economic pressures place increased demands on law enforcement services and intensify the need for augmented public safety resources.

Solution: Grant award to provide enhanced border security in Laredo/Webb County in order to fulfill State of Texas local border security program objectives, including overtime (OT) resources to suppress, deter, and reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas.

Result: Enhanced/increased patrol and investigative capacity for certified peace officers working at the Webb County Sheriff's Office.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Program-Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity (FY 2023 SHSP-LETPA) grant award in the amount of \$51,283.77 from the Office of Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) as specifically developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer for SWAT equipment and supplies, and designating the Webb 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; Grant Account #2746]**

Issue: Since the tragedy of 9/11, the urgent need for expanded and enhanced law enforcement efforts to prevent terrorism in the United States was understood to help save the lives of both first responders and the people they serve.

Solution: Grant award to fund enhanced SWAT capabilities for the Webb County Sheriff's Office.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office will have increased capacities and enhanced capabilities.

- d. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant in the amount of \$37,721.71 from the Office of the Governor as developed, prepared, written, and submitted by the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 in conjunction with the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer to continue to pay the grant-funded salary and fringe benefits of the Truancy Juvenile Case Manager in order to continue to divert at-risk truant juveniles from entering into the criminal justice system; and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official and any other matters incident thereto. Thus, this grant will continue to have no impact on 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 Jose R. Salinas, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Place 1; Grant Fund #2734]**

Issue: Truancy can be considered a gateway to juvenile delinquency and is a nationwide problem that negatively affects not only the delinquent youth and their families but also adversely impacts schools, neighborhoods, and the local community at large. In addition, youth at-risk for juvenile delinquency who enter into the juvenile justice system tend to face limited future career, educational, and other socio-economic prospects, especially in the South Texas area.

Solution: Grant award to continue to fund a currently grant-funded truancy case manager in order to continue to provide prevention, diversion, and intervention strategies through the court of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 in Laredo/Webb County area.

Result: This grant will allow Juvenile Case manager to focus on diversion strategies to steer at-risk juveniles from the juvenile and criminal justice system.

- e. Discussion and possible action to accept the award from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division for the Laredo/Webb County Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court Program, Grant #4325003, Year 3, in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) beginning October 1, 2023. The TEND Court program will utilize this funding opportunity to prevent the exploitation and commercial sexual exploitation of children living in foster care. This formal request shall authorize the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in this grant and

sign all relevant documentation. There is no match requirement for Grant #4325003; therefore, it will not impact the general fund. This contract and agreement commences on October 1, 2023, and terminates on September 30, 2024, as the grant application is submitted yearly for renewal. All required documents were reviewed by the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by the Honorable Judge Selina Mireles, for the TEND Court Program, Child Protection Court]**

Issue: Notice of Award was received by the Funding Agency on 9/21/2023, and activated on 9/25/2023, now acceptance by Commissioners Court is required.

Solution: Accept the award for the Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court Program and proceed with the continuity of the TEND Court program in Laredo/Webb County.

Result: Funding in year 3, will be utilized and continue through the Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court program for youth ages 10 – 17 who are living in foster care and identified as having a high propensity of being exploited.

- f. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a FY 2024 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Grant Program award from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$1,417,902.50 as developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with Economic Development and other Webb County Dept./Offices for the Webb County Sheriff's Office and other Webb County Offices. The Sheriff's Office portion includes grant funding for equipment/minor tools, software/internet services, fuel, and supplies while the other Webb County offices/depts. are receiving funding for new/continuing salaries, fringe benefits, software, equipment/minor tools, 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.

- g. Discussion and possible action to accept grant #2466311 titled Region 2-Border Prosecution Unit from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$2,265,000 with a performance period from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require matching funds. 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 Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney]**

Issue: There is a need for additional resources to prosecute misdemeanor and felony cases, provide technical assistance and training to law enforcement agencies that operate within the Texas-Mexican Border area.

Solution: Authorize the acceptance of the grant award.

Result: The District Attorney's Office will have an opportunity to receive additional resources that will aid in deterring and combating criminal activity within the Texas-Mexican Border.

11. Fire Suppression & EMS Services

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept EMS County Assistance, 2nd allocation of lapsed funds provided through the Seven Flags Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Trauma Service Area "T" in the amount of \$472.01, to be utilized in the purchase of EMS/materials & 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, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matter incident thereto. **[Accounts #2929-3140-357420-010 & 2929-3140-001-461000]**

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.

12. 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>
1109, 2988	Substitute	\$11.60	20
2524	Child Care Partnership Family Service Worker	\$20.04	26
1842	AA Teacher	\$19.55	20
1003	BA Teacher	\$19.83	20
1808	AA Teacher Assistant	\$15.20	20

- b. Discussion and possible action to ratify the 2023 - 2024 United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA CACFP) continuation grant for the Head Start and Early Head Start program from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. This program provides reimbursement of meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snack) to enrolled children and salaries of kitchen staff. Acceptance of this grant includes a salary adjustment for all USDA CACFP staff.

13. Public Defender

- 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 October 10, 2023:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Salary</u>
0263	Chief Criminal Investigator	\$74,834.67 - \$77,676.20 24/G-J

Issue: Slot #0263 became vacant on October 1, 2023. This slot may be filled from within, thus, creating a vacant Criminal Investigator slot.

Solution: Request is being made to post and fill the vacant Chief Criminal Investigator slot (#0263), and to post and fill any remaining vacant investigator slot created by promoting from within.

Result: This action will allow our department to promote from within and fill the remaining vacant slot, and will allow us to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

14. 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.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two (2) Mobility Trans Rear Lift Full Size, 10 Passenger, Conversion Vans, from Creative Bus Sales (State Oklahoma Interstate Contract SW0797C) for a total not to exceed \$235,600.00 for the Webb County Community Action Agency El Aguila Rural Transportation Program pursuant to Section 271.101 and 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing Program; and any other matters incident thereto.
[Account #2661-7110-521-470000 (El Aguila-Operating Expenditure-Capital Outlay); Account #2661-7230-521-470000 (El Aguila-Construction In Progress-Capital Outlay)]

Issue: Grant funding is available for the purchase of two (2) vans to be utilized by the Webb County Community Action Agency, El Aguila Rural Transportation Program.

Solution: Authorize the purchase utilizing cooperative pricing through The State of Oklahoma Contract that is accepted and used in the State of Texas as a cooperative contract. ETA on delivery is 60 days.

Result: Purchase the grant funded vehicles to enhance community outreach services to those citizens in need of transportation within Webb County boundaries and in accordance with El Aguila's Rural Transportation Guidelines.

15. **Risk Management**

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a medical services agreement with Nuestra Salud Health Clinic, P.C. for a One (1) year period (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024) for services to be provided for the County's employee clinic at a cost of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) per clinic hour and reimbursement for any supplies provided by Nuestra Salud and any matters incident thereto; and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #6100-1090-001-452-010 (Claims Paid Medical)]**

Issue: To continue the employee clinic program delivering basic medical services to employees and their dependents with no co-pay nor claims filed on our insurance plan.

Solution: To enter into an agreement with the current provider to continue the delivery of services to employees and their dependents with no out-of-pocket cost to the employee.

Result: The integration of medical services with a wellness program to promote employee engagement in maintaining good health.

REGULAR AGENDA

Economic Development

16. Discussion and possible action to accept the continuation grant awarded to Webb County from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for Fiscal Year 2023 under their Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) for a Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program in the amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$375,000.00) and for the Commissioners Court to allocate an additional FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$55,260.00) from the Webb County General Fund to cover the wages and benefits payable to the grant-funded investigator/peace officer pursuant to the Webb County Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that are not covered by the grant for the current and next two fiscal years (beginning October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2026) subject to annual appropriations; and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to sign all relevant documents in all matters related to this grant and any other matters incident thereto. Thus, a line item transfer will be presented on or after April 2024 to cover the difference of \$18,420.00 from salary savings. Specifically, this grant is to enhance investigations in all matters relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence through the payment of the salary and fringe benefits of a grant-funded Sheriff's Office investigator and to sustain legal advocacy efforts by the Casa de Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter Legal Advocate. 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; Grant Fund #2604 (\$375,000.00) and General Fund #1001-1160-001-463907-010 (\$55,260.00)]**

Requested Budget Amount	Cost per Year	Total for 3 years
TOTAL REQUEST (Includes Salary & Fringe Benefits-Health Insurance, FICA, Workers' Comp. Retirement, & Unemployment Insurance)	\$18,420.00	\$55,260.00

Issue: Since 2013, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has continually funded a grant funded domestic violence (DV) investigator for the Webb County Sheriff's Office and a legal advocate for the Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter through this grant program.

Solution: Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter and the Webb County Sheriff's Office seek to continue their coordinated, collaborative efforts to assist victims of domestic violence in the local Laredo/Webb County Community.

Result: Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in the Laredo/Webb County area will continue to receive improved, enhanced services from the Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter and the Webb County Sheriff's Office to assist them with needed recovery, restitution, privacy, justice, and dignity.

Human Resources

17. Discussion with possible action to review the current list of qualified applicants for the Capital Projects-Infrastructure Director position and to schedule interviews and/or select a candidate now, set the salary and start date; and any other matters incident thereto. (Contingent on meeting all Webb County pre-employment requirements).

Issue: During the September 25, 2023, Commissioner's Court meeting, the Commissioner's Court was provided with an update on the application process for the Capital Projects-Infrastructure Director position.

Solution: Schedule interviews, select a candidate, or reopen the position.

Result: Hire the best-suited candidate for the Capital Project-Infrastructure Director.

18. Discussion with possible action to review the current list of qualified applicants for the Community Action Agency Director position and to schedule interviews and/or select a candidate now, set the salary and start date; and any other matters incident thereto. (Contingent on meeting all Webb County pre-employment requirements).

Issue: During the September 25, 2023, Commissioner's Court meeting, the Commissioner's Court approved the initiation of the advertisement and solicitation of applications for qualified candidates for the Community Action Agency Director position.

Solution: Schedule interviews, select a candidate, or request to reopen the position.

Result: Hire the best-suited candidate for the Community Action Agency Director.

19. Discussion with possible action to review the current list of qualified applicants for the Fairgrounds Director position and to schedule interviews and/or select a candidate now, set the salary and start date; and any other matters incident thereto. (Contingent on meeting all Webb County pre-employment requirements).

Issue: During the September 25, 2023, Commissioner's Court meeting, the Commissioner's Court approved the job qualification and job description criteria for the Webb County Fairgrounds Director position.

Solution: Schedule interviews, select a candidate, or request to reopen the position.

Result: Hire the best-suited candidate for the Fairgrounds Director.

Public Health Services

20. 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 2023-2024. IGT contributions for FY 2023-2024 may be paid out, if necessary, thru December 31, 2024, 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 2023-2024 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 un-compensated care that hospitals provide to Medicaid and uninsured patients.

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

Result: The authorization of IGT will allow local hospitals to access matching federal funds for FY 2023-2024 to offset uncompensated care costs as well as receive incentive payments from the State of Texas for successful completion of 1115 Waiver requirements.

Medical Examiner

21. Discussion and possible action to enter into Interlocal Cooperative Agreements for Autopsy Services and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents with the following counties:

Dimmit County
Duval County
Frio County
Jim Hogg County
La Salle County
Maverick County
Starr County
Val Verde County
Zapata County
Zavala County

Auditor

22. Discussion and possible action to approve additional county funds in the amount of Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$70,214.00) to complete the total contract amount awarded of Four Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars \$404,490.00 to Anderson Columbia Co. for the Community Development Fund Contract No. CDV21-0485. This amount of Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$70,214.00) in addition with the previously approved Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety (\$99,490.00) Dollars as cash match will complete the One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Four Dollars (\$169,704.00) as determined through Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) interim monitoring report. Commissioners Court will revise the County procurement policies and procedures to compliance with the Texas Department of Agriculture Texas and Community Development Block Grant guidelines for sealed bids and change orders requirements and will submit the corrective action plan by the due date. This item has been reviewed by Economic Development and has been found to be in compliance with Single Point of Contact (SPOC). **[Requested by James Flores, Director of Economic Development Department and Rafael Perez, County Auditor; Account# 2007-259700 (Fund Balance Unreserved Undesignated)]**

Civil Legal Division

PUBLIC HEARING

23. Public Hearing on establishing a reinvestment zone, to be known as El Molino Solar Reinvestment Zone, located approximately 50 miles from Laredo in Eastern Webb County north of Bruni.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

24. Discussion and possible action to establish, by Order of the Webb County Commissioners Court, a reinvestment zone to be known as El Molino Solar Reinvestment Zone, located approximately 50 miles from Laredo in eastern Webb County north of Bruni; directing a proposed Tax Abatement agreement be prepared; authorizing the publication of all required notices as per statute and any other matters incident thereto.
25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Tax Abatement and Incentive Agreement for Property in a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone with Gage & Ortega Properties, Ltd. for property located at 2201 Laredo Street, Laredo Texas and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[No effect on county budget]**

26. Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Agreements and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant document with the following organizations:

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. also conducting business as Alzheimer's Association	\$25,000.00
Area Health Education of the Mid Rio Grande Border Area of Texas, Inc.	\$6,000.00
Bethany House of Laredo	\$10,000.00
Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc.	\$30,000.00
Border Olympics, Inc.	\$65,000.00
Border Region Behavioral Health Center	\$75,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Laredo, Inc.	\$12,250.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$15,000.00
Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County	\$50,000.00
Communities in Schools of Laredo	\$5,000.00
Gateway Community Health Center Inc	\$67,500.00
Greater Laredo Development Foundation	\$30,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Kidney Foundation of Laredo, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Laredo Animal Protective Society	\$10,000.00
Laredo Cancer Society	\$25,000.00
Laredo Center for the Arts	\$8,000.00
Laredo Chamber of Commerce	\$150,000.00
Laredo Children's Museum, Inc. DBA Imaginarium of South Texas	\$10,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Laredo Cultural District, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Laredo International Fair and Exposition	\$150,000.00
Laredo Main Street, Inc.	\$40,000.00
Laredo Philharmonic	\$10,000.00
Laredo Pony Baseball/Softball League	\$35,000.00
Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Laredo Stroke Support Group, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Laredo Tennis Association, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Latin American International Sports Hall of Fame	\$10,000.00
LULAC #12	\$10,000.00
Mercy Ministries of Laredo	\$75,000.00
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo	\$15,000.00
Princess Pocahontas Council of Laredo, Texas, Inc.	\$5,000.00
RGISC, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$40,000.00
Sacred Heart Childrens' Home, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Society of Martha Washington, Inc.	\$5,000.00
South Texas Food Bank	\$24,750.00
Special Olympics Texas, Inc.	\$10,000.00
USA Savate: Boxe Francaise & Canne De Combat Commission, Inc. (Capoeira Project)	\$5,000.00
USA Savate: Boxe Francaise & Canne De Combat Commission, Inc. (World Pugilist Hall of Fame)	\$5,000.00
Washington's Birthday Celebration Association of Laredo	\$5,000.00
Webb County Heritage Foundation, Inc.	\$20,000.00

27. Discussion and possible action to accept the in-kind charitable donation of the "Surface Estate" of Lot Numbers 1 & 2, Block 121, Western Division, Laredo, Webb County Texas, located at 920 Houston St., from the Fernando Salinas, Jr., Trust, to Webb County, Texas, for any Webb County uses and/or "public purpose uses only" and approving the naming any future Webb County facility or building located thereon in honor of Fernando A. Salinas; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by the Webb County Commissioners Court]**
28. Discussion and possible action to reinstate and extend the Project Development and Management Agreement with the Webb County Heritage Foundation for a five month period (October 1, 2023 through February 29, 2023) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #2004-1010-001-463518-005, Heritage Foundation MGMT]**
29. Discussion and possible action to enter into Amendment #1 to the Donation and Construction Agreement for Road Improvements on Alamo Road between Webb County and EOG Resources dated September 1, 2023 to provide for the contribution of culvert piping by County to the project and for additional work to be provided by EOG to remove and replace two wooden bridge structures and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[No effect on County Budget]**

Engineer

30. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$3,327.50 to ROMO Contractors LLC., for the Webb County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 1 Renovation Project; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**
- Issue:** Renovation Project has been completed.
- Solution:** Approval of close out and release of retainage.
- Result:** The project has been completed.
31. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize Summit Building & Design to use Contingency Allowance Expenditure funds in the amount of \$242,939.00 for the Webb County Sheriff Office Renovation Project; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3867-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress) and #3905-7230-001-474501-002 (Finish Out Remodeling)]**
- Issue:** Summit Construction is requesting to use Contingency funds. This is not a Change Order and does not increase nor decrease the contract amount or the Contract's scheduled date of completion. (Please see attached Contingency Allowance Expenditure Authorization No. 1)
- Solution:** Approval to use Contingency funds.
- Result:** Project will continue and finish with modifications.

- 32. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$6,209.08 to SAL Construction Management LLC., for the Wormser Road Extension Project; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3716-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**

Issue: The Wormser Road Extension Project has been completed.

Solution: Approval of close out and release of retainage.

Result: Project completion and safe roads for constituents of Webb County and First Responders.

- 33. Discussion and possible action to rescind the Commissioners Court action on September 25, 2023 Agenda Item #20 being "Discussion and possible action to approve Change Orders No. 1-8 in the amount of approximately \$330,000.00 to Quantcorp Construction for the Webb County Detoxification Facility with additional approval to transfer funds from Account 3907 Interest Income to 3902-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress); and authorize the County Judge to sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Fund #3907 (Interest Income) and Account #3902-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress)]** and any matters incident thereto.

- 34. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #1 to the construction contract with Quantcorp Construction LLC for the Webb County Detoxification Facility Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$18,388.75) with additional approval to transfer funds from Account 3907 Interest Income to 3902-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign any relevant. **[Fund #3907 (Interest Income) and Account #3902-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress)]**

Purchasing

- 35. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of twenty-four (24) tons of Base bind - 3X road stabilization product from Enviro Tech Services, Inc. (TIPS Contract No. 210904) for the Road and Bridge Department in an amount not to exceed \$23,285.00 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Programs and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2007-7150-001-443000-100 (Repairs & Maintenance Roads)]**

Qty.	Unit	Description / Application Rate	Cust. # - CA #	Unit Price	Line Total
24	Tons	BaseBind XXX - List Price Product		\$817.00	\$19,608
24	Tons	Tips Discount - 22%		\$(147.00)	\$(3,528)
24	Tons	Freight / Pumpover Cost		\$300.21	\$7,205
		TIPS CONTRACT #210904	PO:	24 Ton Load	\$23,285
		Delivery: 4-7 Days after receipt of order			

Issue: BaseBind 3X proprietary blend formula is an environmentally friendly road stabilizer that will help cut down on maintenance costs and improve the strength of road material being used.

Solution: Authorize the purchase of the proposed stabilizer product from Enviro Tech Services, Inc. Vendor currently has a cooperative purchasing contract, meeting the States and County competitive bidding requires.

Result: Order product to test on County roads to evaluate the effectiveness and determine if cost savings will result from application.

Risk Management

36. Discussion and possible action to award renewal contract to USI Southwest, Inc., for Property/Casualty, Liability Insurance, Excess Workers Compensation, Aviation Liability, Boiler & Machinery, and Terrorism and Sabotage Property Damage Insurance, Cyber Liability and Commercial Automobile. Premium amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00 through the following insurance carriers listed below, effective October 1, 2023, through September 30th, 2024 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-1180-001-452012 (Property & Casualty Premium) and #6200-1090-001-452013 (Property & Casualty Premium)]**

Zurich American Insurance Company
 AXA XL Insurance
 Westchester Fire Insurance Company
 Travelers Casualty And Safety Company of America
 Lloyd's of London (Hiscox Syndicate)
 Safety National Casualty Corporation
 Lexington Insurance Company
 Illinois Union Insurance Company

37. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2024 AETNA Health Insurance and Aetna Dental Insurance rates for the Webb County Employees effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Co-pays for medical visits with the primary care physician remain at \$10.00. Specialists co-pay remain at \$20 as mandated by the court.

Health Insurance	Base Plan	Pre Pay Period
Employee Only	\$44.29	\$20.44
Emp. & Spouse	\$403.62	\$186.29
Emp. & Child(ren)	\$168.31	\$77.68
Emp. Spouse & Child(ren)	\$445.70	\$205.71
Health Insurance	Buy-Up Plan	Pre Pay Period
Employee Only	\$210.39	\$97.10
Emp. & Spouse	\$752.43	\$347.28
Emp. & Child(ren)	\$467.29	\$215.67
Emp. Spouse & Child(ren)	\$1,093.48	\$504.68
Dental Insurance	Base Plan	Pre Pay Period
Employee Only	\$0	\$0
Emp. & Spouse	\$28.81	\$13.30
Emp. & Child(ren)	\$21.60	\$9.97
Emp. Spouse & Child(ren)	\$45.80	\$21.14
Dental Insurance	Buy-Up Plan	Pre Pay Period
Employee Only	\$26.61	\$12.28
Emp. & Spouse	\$45.80	\$21.14
Emp. & Child(ren)	\$45.80	\$21.14
Emp. Spouse & Child(ren)	\$72.69	\$33.55

Issue: There are no changes to the health and dental premiums for 2024.

Solution: Approve rates/premiums in the best interest of the employees allowing affordable health care.

Result: A balanced Health Care Plan for Webb County Employees and their dependents to have access to affordable health care.

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

38. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of a Director at the E.J. Salinas Community Center (Slot #914), subject to any and all Wage Plan Policies, effective October 10, 2023:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
914	Community Center Director	\$38,402.54 - \$41,891.42 \$16/A-H

Issue: Slot #914 is vacant

Solution: Request to appoint a Director at the community center.

Result: The filling of slot #914 will allow the center to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

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

39. Presentation by Manuel Sanchez with PILLAR, People with Ideas of Love, Liberty, Accepts, Respects are proposing to provide Webb County employees with a comprehensive care model of services to promote employees physical and mental health well-being; with discussion and possible action to authorize civil legal to finalize an agreement with PILLAR for said services; authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Ricardo A. Jaime, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4

40. Discussion and possible action to authorize a sixty (60) month lease agreement between Healthchek Network LLC (DBA Healthbot) and Webb County for the installation and monthly standard subscription services for four (4) Healthbot Kiosk wellness stations for Webb County employee wellness initiatives in an amount not to exceed \$892.00 per month and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1180-007-462000 (General Fund-Risk Management-Employee Health Clinic-Wellness Employee Clinic Expenditures)]**

Item	Description	Quantity	Monthly Price per Kiosk	Extended Monthly Total Price
Healthbot Kiosk	60 month installment purchase. Healthbot Model HCK-2000 w/bp, weight, bmi	4	\$179	\$716
Data Subscription	Monthly Standard Subscription: user accounts, population health reports digital graphics & messaging	4	\$25	\$100
Deliverables	Freight to Webb County sites (\$385), installer visit (\$350), custom Webb County branding, amortized 60 months	4	\$19	\$76
Maintenance	Repairs including parts, labor and on-site technician visits for 60 months	4	Included	Included

Total Monthly Payment			\$223	\$892
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Issue: The implementation of these proposed wellness health stations is a proactive measure by the Webb County Commissioners Court to help Webb County employees track their blood pressure, weight, BMI, heart rate, and is specifically designed for employee wellness programs.

Solution: Approve proposed lease agreement with Healthchek Network LLC, DBA Healthbot the only FDA cleared health station designed specifically for employee health and wellness programs.

Result: This wellness initiative will provide the necessary tools for Commissioners Court to drive employee participation to track their individual health needs and the ability to keep track of their health-related numbers/statistics to help decrease health issues such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes and other related health issues impacting our community.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- 41. Discussion and possible action to proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in Webb County, Texas.
- 42. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of October 2023 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Presentations

- 43. Recognition and presentation of plaque to Nourish Laredo, a teen-led nonprofit organization that is dedicated to improving our community. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**
- 44. Recognition and presentation of plaque to Adriana Melissa Martinez for participating and completing the Ironman Triathlon, one of the most difficult one-day sporting events in the world. **[Requested by John C. Galo, Commissioner Pct. 3]**
- 45. **Communications**
- 46. **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 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

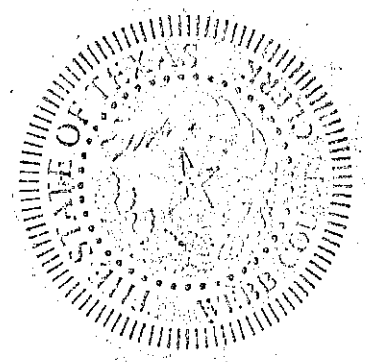
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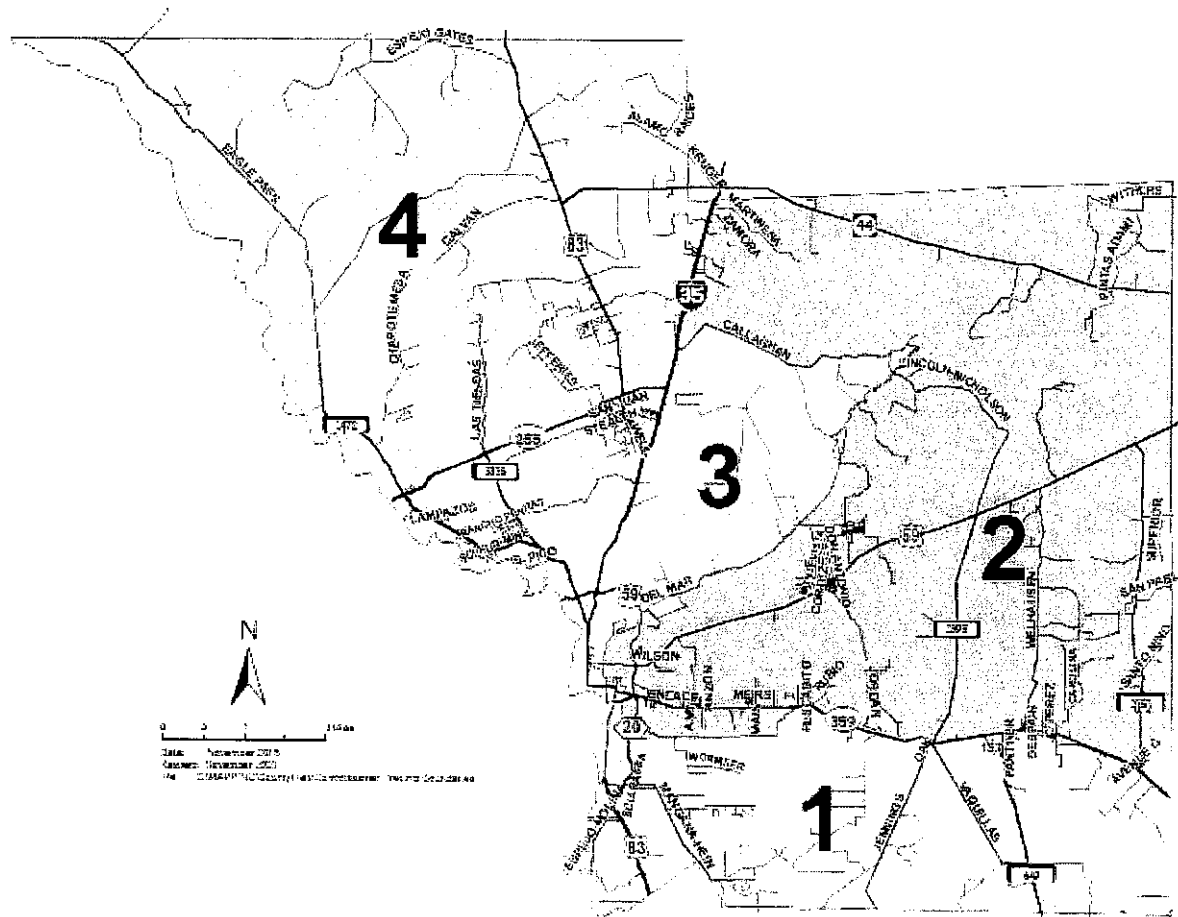
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6th day of October, 2023 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023





MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Margie Ramirez Ibarra
For; Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk
By: Ashley Manriquez; Deputy Clerk





COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	Honorable Tano E. Tijerina	County Judge
	Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez	Precinct 1
	Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	Precinct 2
	Commissioner John C. Galo	Precinct 3
	Commissioner Ricardo A. Jaime	Precinct 4

**Webb County, Texas
Commissioner Precinct Boundaries**