



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
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MARGIE R. IBARRA
COUNTY CLERK
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

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

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
3. Discussion and possible action for Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Reports (Treasurer, Human Resources/Risk Management; 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. Commissioners Court Administrator

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of an advertisement in the ByGeorge Magazine to promote tourism in Webb County during the Washington's Birthday Celebration festivities in the amount of \$2,295. The Webb County Commissioners Court would be featured on said advertisement. **[Account #1001-1310-001-454000 (Advertising)]**

6. Community Action Agency

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve and execute FY 2023 Federal 5311-2023-WEBB CO-00005 (RPT 2403(22)108_23) amendment for Webb County Community Action Agency - El Aguila Rural Transportation from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$88,000) from administration to operations. This grant does not require a County match. All required documentation has been submitted to the solicitation to comply with Webb County (SPOC) Single Point Contact Procedures.

Issue: Rural Public Transportation is a grant-funded agency.

Solution: Through this amendment, Webb County will allow the department to exhaust all operational funds.

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

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

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a reimbursement agreement between Webb County on behalf of the Webb County District Attorney's Office and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) during the performance period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$30,600.00) to lease 3 vehicles at a rate of Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) monthly and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2587-2260-001-444200]**

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

Solution: Enter into a contractual agreement to offset the costs of leasing vehicles.

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

8. **Economic Development**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of a FY 2025 Rural Law Enforcement Grant (Texas Senate Bill 22) continuation grant award for the Webb County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$500,000 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and as developed and submitted by Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer in conjunction with the Webb County Judge's Office for the continued employment of grant-funded peace officers and radio dispatchers, including the augmentation of one (1) additional peace officer slot, as well as the purchase of equipment, minor tools, and supplies for the Webb County Sheriff's Office; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any cash match; and, thus, 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. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Grant Fund #2716 (Sheriff's Office Rural Law)]**

Issue: Like other local law enforcement agencies across the United States, the Webb County Sheriff's Office utilizes limited financial, operational, and manpower resources to grapple with, prevent, deter, mitigate, and/or resolve various serious criminal justice matters that stem from a confluence of deeply rooted, difficult, and often highly complex societal problems.

Solution: Through the Texas Senate Bill 22 grant funds, the Webb County Sheriff's Office is able to hire additional staff and purchase supplemental equipment.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office law enforcement efforts will be enhanced and supplemented by the additional grant-funded personnel, equipment, and supplies.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of the "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Grant application as developed, written, and submitted by and for the Webb County Veterans Treatment Program in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any kind of match; therefore, there is 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 Margarita H. Garza, Veterans Treatment Program, Executive Director]**

Issue: Webb County Veterans Treatment Program, SAMHSA Grant Application was selected for

funding, a Notice of Award was received on 08/28/2024.

Solution: Acceptance of the SAMHSA Webb County Veterans Treatment Program Grant requires Commissioner's Court approval.

Result: If accepted, the Webb County Veterans Treatment Program will continue to provide substance-use disorder treatment, mental health, and recovery support services to all eligible individuals in Webb County.

- c. Discussion and possible action to accept the award and enter into an agreement with the Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division (CJD) DC- Specialty Courts Program Grant no. 4448103, in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$212, 657.50) beginning September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025, for the Webb County Adult Drug Court Program, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. There is no cash/in-kind match required; therefore, there is no financial impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review to the Economic Development Department and the acceptance of the grant award is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Margarita Herrera-Garza, Director]**

Issue: Notice of Award from the Office of the Governor for the Adult Drug Court Program was received on September 3, 2024. Acceptance by Commissioners Court is required to activate grant funding.

Solution: Accept the Notice of Award to proceed with additional treatment services to eligible Drug Court participants.

Result: If accepted, funding will allow Drug Court to continue providing services without interruption to all eligible clients.

9. **Fire Suppression & EMS Services**

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept EMS County Assistance, first allocation of lapsed funds provided through the Seven Flags Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Trauma Service Area "T" in the amount of \$1,058.83, 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. **[Account #2929-3140-001-460105]**

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

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

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

10. **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>
1110 / 3026	Substitute	\$11.94	20
1029	AA Teacher Assistant	\$15.74	21
1052	CDA Teacher Assistant	\$13.87	21

11. **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 the 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 of or destroy property that cannot be sold through public auction because it has been deemed worthless or disposed of 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.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the following annual bid contracts listed below for products/goods effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and to further authorize General Counsel to prepare the Annual Bid Contracts for signature and execution by the Webb County Judge and any other matters incident thereto.

Bid No. 2025-01 Auto Parts:

Advance Auto Parts, Andy's Auto & Bus Air Inc., Amazon Business, Autozone Parts Inc., Gonzalez Auto Parts, Jasper Engines and Transmissions, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Rotex Truck Center Inc., Rush Truck Center Inc., Safety-Kleen Systems, Sames Laredo Chevrolet, Toro Automotive LLC

Bid No. 2025-03 Electrical Supplies:

3G Electrical Supply, CED Laredo, Amazon Business

Bid No. 2025-05 Road Construction Materials:

Emperor Services LLC, Martin Asphalt Company, Vulcan Construction Materials LLC

Bid No. 2025-06 Janitorial Supplies:

Amazon Business, Executive Office Supply, Gulf Coast Paper Co., Interboro Packaging Corp., McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions, Patria Office Supply, Pyramid Paper Company, Quill LLC, School Specialty LLC, South Texas Specialties, Texchem Corp., Unipak Corp.

Bid No. 2025-08 Milk, Bread, Tortillas & Meat:

Ben E. Keith, Flowers Baking Co. of San Antonio, Oak Farms / Hygeia Dairy, Hillcrest Tortillas Inc.,

Tortillas Santos LLC, R.C. Food Service and Produce Inc.

Bid No. 2025-10 Office Supplies:

Amazon Business, 3-C Technology LLC, Discount School Supply, Executive Office Supply, Lakeshore Learning Materials LLC, Patria Office Supply, Quill LLC, Really Good Stuff LLC

Bid No. 2025-12 Pharmaceutical Supplies:

Diamond Pharmacy Services

Bid No. 2025-13 Processed Foods:

Ben E. Keith Foods, Labatt Food Services, RC Food Services & Produce

Bid No. 2025-14 Produce:

Ben E. Keith Foods, RC Food Services & Produce, Lopez Vera Produce LLC

Bid No. 2025-15 Uniforms (Civilians Personnel Only):

AI & Rob Sales, Bordova Outfitters LLC, Concept Uniform Co., GA Advertising, Galls LLC, The Sports Center of Laredo, Uniform Warehouse Inc., Wicked Stinger Media

Bid No. 2025-16 Water Plant Chemicals:

Brenntag Southwest Inc., Chemrite Inc., Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC, DPC Industries Inc., Siren Consulting LLC, USALCO LC

Issue: The Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the Purchasing Agent to secure annual contract pricing for the listed products/goods.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the annual contracts listed for use effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Result: Annual contract pricing is fixed and vendors will provide the products/goods when needed by county departments, contingent upon budget availability.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the following annual bid contracts listed below for services effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and to further authorize General Counsel to prepare the Annual Bid Contracts for signature and execution by the Webb County Judge and any other matters incident thereto.

Bid No. 2025-02 Mechanical & Electrical Repairs for Webb County Vehicles:

Andy's Auto & Bus Air Inc., Rotex Truck Center Inc., Rush Truck Center Inc., Sames Laredo Chevrolet, South Texas Auto Rebuilders, Toro Automotive LLC.

Bid No. 2025-04 Generator Maintenance and Repair Services:

American Generator Services LLC, Divine Power Group

Bid No. 2025-07 Machine Shop Repair:

Laredo Machine Shop

Bid No. 2025-09 Motor Rewinds:

Delta House Electric and Motor Rewind Inc.

Bid No. 2025-11 Outdoor Advertising:

Hachar Media, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Versa Creative

Bid No. 2025-17 Paint & Body Work:

H&P Collision Center, Lozano Body Shop, Mendoza's Paint & Body Shop, Pete Lozano Garage & Bodyshop, Royal Klassic Collision Center, South Texas Auto Rebuilders

Bid No. 2025-18 Refuse Collection:

Trashco Ltd.

Bid No. 2025-19 Master Electrician Services:

LED Electric & Lighting Contractors LLC, Isaias Electric Inc., Alpha Omega Electrical Services LLC, Chris's Electric LLC, Midas Contractors LLC

Bid No. 2025-20 Plumbing Services:

Chavarria's Plumbing Inc., Arellano's Plumbing LLC

Bid No. 2025-21 Alarm Monitoring, Inspections & Maintenance Services:

Patriot Fire & Security

Bid No. 2025-22 Printing Services:

Kwik Kopy Printing, Litho Business Forms

Issue: The Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the Purchasing Agent to secure annual contract pricing for the listed products/goods.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the annual contracts listed for use effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Result: Annual contract pricing is fixed and vendors will provide the products/goods when needed by county departments, contingent upon budget availability.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize a one time expense to the Webb County Credit Card for the purchase of a 4 pack set of Rapid Radios Nationwide Push to Talk Walkie Talkies for an amount not to exceed \$699.00 from Rapid Consulting LLC, and any other matters incident thereto.

[Account #2007-7150-001-460105 (Road & Bridge Fund-Road Maintenance General-Administration-Minor Tools & Apparatus)]

Issue: Requesting permission to use Webb County credit card for this purchase. Rapid Consulting LLC, does not accept purchase orders. Portable radios are needed for dead spots in rural county areas for road and bridge crews.

Solution: Authorize the purchase of a set of rapid radios to test its capabilities. No subscriptions and/or cell phone services are required. Nationwide range.

Result: If approved, the County's credit card will be used for this one-time purchase.

12. Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment 1 to the professional service agreement between Dr. Carlos Romero and Webb County for Inmate/Detainee Dental Care for 36 months (original agreement was approved on April 8, 2024) in the monthly flat fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-4070-001-432001 (General Fund-Sheriff Jail-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Issue: Currently the Webb County Sheriff's Office does have a dental contract for services at the jail however, terms were still required an amount with respect to the service to be performed, coordinated, and reasonable costs.

Solution: The parties have agreed to the terms and services for the Webb County Jail to be performed by Dr. Carlos Romero.

Result: A clear contract for professional service will provide Dental Care for Inmates/detainees at the Webb County Jail.

13. Honorable Raul Reyes, Treasurer

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve and file the Annual Webb County Investment Policy.

Issue: It is mandatory for the County to have an Annual investment policy on file.

Solution: This Policy will be in accordance with the Public Investment Act and reflects the Texas Government Code 2256 & 2257.

Result: Once approved by the Commissioners Court, it will be filed in a timely manner.

14. Water Utilities

- 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 September 09, 2024.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1301	Wastewater Supervisor	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/ A-H

Issue: Request to fill vacant slot.

Solution: Obtain authorization to advertise and fill the position with qualified candidates.

Result: Provide continuous operation for the Water Utilities Department.

15. Line Item Transfers

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General fund. **[Requested by Miguel De La Fuente, Building Maintenance]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1100-001-443000-010	Pest	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$5,351	\$1,351
	1001-1100-001-443000-075	Vehicles	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$5,603	\$603
	1001-1100-001-443000-220	Santa Teresita Center	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$1,351	\$351
	1001-1100-001-443000-235	Carlos Aguilar Activity Center	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$2,181	\$181
	1001-1100-001-443000-245	Ladrillito Activity Center	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$2,413	\$413
	1001-1100-001-443000-311	Constable Precinct 3	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,671	\$671
	1001-1100-001-443000-312	Constable Precinct 4	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,893	\$893
	1001-1100-001-443000-385	Bruni Public Health Facility	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,996	\$996
	1001-1100-001-444500	Equipment Rental	\$7,500	\$3,000	\$3,987	\$987
				\$19,000		
To:	1001-1100-001-441010	Cell Phone Cost	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$976	\$1,976
	1001-1100-001-443000-020	Repairs & Maint. Buildings	\$143,000	\$11,000	\$3,828	\$14,828

	1001-1100-001-456205	Training & Education	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$454	\$2,454
	1001-1100-001-460105	Minor Tools & Apparatus	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$518	\$5,518
				\$19,000		

Issue: Line item transfer will ensure sufficient funding for the above-mentioned accounts.

Solution: Approve line item transfer.

Result: Funds will be available to cover expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund. **[Requested by Oscar Liendo, JP Pct. 1, Place 2]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-2150-001-458000	Adm Travel	\$6,000.00	\$2,000	\$4,005.32	\$2,005.32
To:	1001-2150-001-460105	Minor tools & Apparatus	\$85.00	\$2,000	\$85.94	\$2,085.94

Issue: Transfer of funds to purchase minor apparatus.

Solution: Allow line item transfer for office efficiency.

Result: Line item transfer will be used to purchase required and needed minor apparatus.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General Fund. **[Requested by Fernando A. Salinas Community Center]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-6290-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	\$1,500.00	\$1,365.26	\$1,365.26	\$0.00
	1001-6290-001-443000-035	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	1001-6290-001-443000-020	Repairs & Maint. Building	\$1,600.00	\$169.00	\$169.00	\$0.00
	1001-6290-001-462605	Fuel and Lubricants	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.41	\$250.41
				\$3,034.26		
To:	1001-6290-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,034.26	\$3,546.84	\$6,581.11

Issue: Line item transfer is needed to cover expenses at the community center for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Solution: Approve line item transfer.

Result: Transfer of funds will cover any expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the Fairgrounds funds. **[Requested by 1848 Event Center]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2031-1010-001-44000-035	Repairs & Maint. Equipment	\$2,000	\$770.65	\$770.65	\$0.00
From:	2031-1010-001-443000-365	Repairs & Maint. Life Downs	\$5,000	\$191.05	\$191.05	\$0.00
				\$961.70		

To:	2031-1010-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$10,000	\$961.70	\$475.31	\$1,437.01
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Issue: Transfer funds to materials and supplies account to meet expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Solution: Meet expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Result: Meet expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

REGULAR AGENDA

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

16. Discussion and possible action to continue paying grant-funded personnel under OOG Grant No. 4376702, Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS), until notification about grant continuation award is received from the Criminal Justice Division by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office. All personnel costs will be reimbursed with grant funds. **[Fund #2748 (payroll)]**

Issue: Current grant funding expires on August 31, 2024. The Operation Lone Star Grant Program has not received notice of award for the new grant. Unless this item is approved, personnel working under this said grant will not be paid after August 31, 2024.

Solution: Grant a payroll extension until award notice is received for personnel working under this grant.

Result: The Operation Lone Star Grant Program in Laredo/Webb County will continue to deter and interdict criminal activity and to assist in the execution of border security.

17. Discussion and possible action to approve a Cooperative Agreement, between Webb County District Attorney's office and Laredo Police Department concerning the joint efforts between officers and prosecutor who will work closely with the LPD TAG unit, and the creation of a new prosecutor slot for this grant. The grant runs from March 18, 2024 to March 17, 2025 at which point LPD will re-apply. The Laredo Police Department will reimburse Webb County for payroll expenses including salary and fringe benefits in an amount not to exceed \$153,000. There is not cash match required for this grant.

Issue: There is evidence that an increasing amount of auto theft exists in Laredo, Texas area and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the welfare of the people of Texas.

Solution: Disrupt the illicit auto theft in Laredo by immobilizing targeted violators and auto theft organizations.

Result: There is evidence that auto theft exists in Laredo, and surrounding areas and that such illegal activity has a substantial and detrimental effect on the welfare of the community. The D.A.'s Office prosecutor will collaborate between state and local law enforcement agencies by providing legal expertise and lead by DEA Task force participants. The objective is to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in Laredo and surrounding areas by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations; therefore minimizing the harmful effects of illegal drugs and organized crime.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

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

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve		\$103,034.46		
To:	1001-4070-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$139,000	\$103,034.46	\$3,769.45	\$106,803.91

Issue: Funds are needed to purchase a body camera data server and printer for the jail and for plumbing issues at the jail

Solution: Authorize the transfer of funds to purchase the equipment and plumbing issues at the jail.

Result: Available funds for equipment and repairs.

Honorable Jose "Pepe" Salinas, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4

19. Discussion and possible action to authorize the continuation of salary payment of 90 days (maximize) for the department's Truancy Juvenile Case Manager from Account #2734-2180-001 Truancy Juvenile Case Manager, Administration pending the release of approved funds OOG Texas Grant #3239808.

Issue: Current grant will be expiring on August 31, 2024. The state has not yet released of approved grant funds for the position.

Solution: Continuing funding the Truancy Juvenile Case Manager salary from allocated and sufficient funds from Account #2734-2180-001 Truancy Juvenile Case Manager.

Result: The court's Truancy Juvenile Case Manager services will continue uninterrupted until funds are released by the state.

Casa Blanca Golf Course

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

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-43007-010	Operational Reserve		\$58,000		
To:	6130-001-457005-005	Reimbursable Labor	\$133,197	\$50,000	-\$32,905.16	\$17,094.84
	6120-001-443000-035	Repairs & Maint. Equip	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$0.12	\$8,000.12
				\$58,000		

Issue: Currently Casablanca golf course G&A account is in deficit and needs funds to cover the last payroll and insurances funded by Touchstone, The Repairs and maintenance account also ends funding for parts needed to repair the rough mower and fairway unit.

Solution: To allow the budget officers to increase funding in these two accounts

Result: This will allow for CBGC to continue to fund insurance for employees and fix the down equipment.

Civil Legal Division

21. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County, as Lessor, to enter into a Five (5) year (June 24, 2024 through June 23, 2029) Hunting and Grazing Lease Agreement with a Two (2) year renewal option with Cliff Davis d/b/a Rafter D Cattle Company, as Lessee, for the total sum of Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars Twenty Cents (\$786,273.20) at \$17.81 per acre over the Lease Term (\$157,254.64 annually) pursuant to RFP 2024-008 "Agricultural Hunting and Grazing Lease-Penjamo & Llano Pastures", said pastures comprising approximately 8,829.57 acres, authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto. **[Receivable to the School Land Funds]**

Issue: The Penjamo and Llano Pastures (School Lands) were granted to Webb County by the State of Texas with said pastures held in trust on behalf of the School Districts in Webb County. Webb County partly derives income from said pastures by leasing them on behalf of the School Districts.

Solution: On April 8, 2024, the Commissioners Court directed the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for a hunting and grazing lease for the Webb County School Land Penjamo and Llano Pastures (Abstract 503 & 504, Survey Numbers 1383, 1384) containing approximately 8,829.57 acres.

Result: On August 8, 2024, the Commissioners Court awarded RFP 2024-008 "Agricultural Hunting and Grazing Lease-Penjamo & Llano Pastures" to the sole respondent, Rafter D. Cattle Company.

22. Discussion and possible action to enter into Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Engineering Services with Top Site Civil Group, LLC for Phase II of the Webb County Fairground Project in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000.00) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Funding - Fairgrounds C.O.]**

23. Discussion and possible action to enter into four (4) agreements with RGM Land Management, LLC for Colonia site evaluation, design, and installation of On-Site Sewage Facilities (Septic Systems) involving four Colonia Properties for the following landowners: (1) Jesus E. Gonzalez, 889 Camino Del Este Road, Block 11, Lot 16 Colorado Acres (2) Hilario Gonzalez Mojica, 134 Los Centenarios Road, (3) Reyes Perez & Camille Easton Perez, 151 Los Centenarios Road, and (4) Kristopher L. Garcia, 135 Los Fresnos Road, with said property owners being third-party beneficiaries to the installation contracts in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$185,000.00), authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2703-5205-001-474502-101 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-American Rescue Plan-Administration-Infrastructure in Progress-Septic Systems Assistance Program)]**

Issue: On September 25, 2023, the Webb County Commissioners Court approved the "First Time On-Site Sewer Facilities (OSSF) or Replacement Program" (OSSF Program) for eligible Colonia residents to be able to have septic systems installed on their homestead property.

Solution: At the August 26, 2024 Commissioners Court meeting, the Court awarded Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2024-008 "ARPA Project No.6-Spetic Tank Systems Site Evaluation, Design and Installation Project-Phase II" to RGM Land Mangement, LLC to do site evaluation, design, and septic system installation for four Colonia properties 1 in Colorado Acres, 2 in Los Centenarios, and 1 in Ranchitos Los Fresnos that met the eligibility requirements under the county's OSSF Program. Under each contract, the contractor has ninety (90) calendar days to complete the site evaluation, design, and septic system installation on each of the properties.

Result: Four eligible county homestead landowners will receive a septic system in order for the property owners to be able to safely remove household wastewater.

24. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County, as Lessor, to enter into a Six-Month Agricultural Hunting and Grazing Lease Agreement (Cuchillas & Lomas Pastures) (September 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025) with James E. Kainer, as Lessee, for the total sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars Ninety-Eight Cents (\$17,566.98) at \$15.97 per acre over the Lease Term with said pastures comprising approximately 2,292 acres, authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto. **[Receivable to the School Land Funds]**

Issue: The Cuchillas & Lomas Pastures (School Lands) were granted to Webb County by the State of Texas with said pastures held in trust on behalf of the School Districts in Webb County. Webb County partly derives income from said pastures by leasing them on behalf of the School Districts.

Solution: James Kainer has been leasing the School Lands off Highway from Webb County; however, Grand Solar Texas II also has an active lease of the school lands for solar development of the School Lands. Recently, the Solar Company agreed for Mr. Kainer to continue to conduct hunting and grazing activities on the Pastures through February 2026.

Result: Webb County will be getting receivables to the School Land Funds from Hunting and Grazing Activities.

Drug Court Program

25. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of two new slots (grant-funded), subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective September 9, 2024 for the Drug Court Program:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
New Slot	Drug Court Counselor I	\$65,000 (grant-funded)
New Slot	Drug Court Counselor II	\$60,000 (grant-funded)

Issue: Two full-time grant-funded Drug Court Counselors will provide co-occurring substance-use disorder and mental health treatment services to the Webb County Adult Drug Court Program Clients.

Solution: Request Authorization by the court for the posting and filling of these positions subject to availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service Guidelines.

Result: Filling of two full-time counselors will help augment the work of the Webb County Adult Drug Court.

Engineer

26. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of the Commissioners Court approving an Advance Funding Agreement between Webb County and the Texas Department Of Transportation for the Mangana Hein Roadway Expansion Project Segment 2 (CSJ: 0922-33-232) with a local match estimated to be \$1,694,936.00 and authorizing the County Judge to sign any necessary documents that may be needed by the Texas Department Of Transportation and any matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**
27. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Advance Funding Agreement between Webb County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Mangana Hein Roadway Expansion Segment 2 Project (CSJ: 0922-33-232) with a local match estimated to be \$1,694,936.00 and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign any necessary documents. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**
28. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution of the Commissioners Court approving an Advance Funding Agreement between Webb County and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Mangana Hein Roadway Shared Use Path Segment 2 Project (CSJ: 0922-33-228) with a local match estimated to be \$968,820.00 and authorizing the County Judge to sign any necessary documents that may be needed by the Texas Department Of Transportation and any matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**
29. Discussion and possible action to adopt a enter into an Advance Funding Agreement between Webb County and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Mangana Hein Roadway Shared Use Path Segment 2 Project (CSJ: 0922-33-228) with a local match estimated to be \$968,820.00 and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign any necessary documents. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Purchasing

30. Discussion and possible action to accept the rankings and award Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) 2024-006 "Webb County Sheriff's Office-Roof Renovation Project" to the highest ranking contractor as presented by the Purchasing Agent and the Evaluation Committee based on the weighted criteria published, for the renovations to approximately 13,000 square feet of PVC roof at the Webb County Sheriff's Office located at 1002 Farragut Street. The main scope of work includes removal of all existing roof equipment (except those identified as "new") and existing TPO and insulation, as well as, the installation of new insulation, cover board, and PVC roof. The work also includes the removal and replacement of sealants at panel joints and new metal copings where required by plans and specifications pursuant to the Texas Government Code; §2269.151 Contract for Facilities: Competitive Sealed Proposals and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-470000 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: Recent heavy rainfall resulted in significant water intrusion into the new sheriff's administrative building located at 1002 Farragut Street. In order to prevent further water intrusion and possible damage to county property, an approximate 13,000 square feet of roof area needs to be repaired. Commissioners Court authorized Frank Architects to prepare the construction documents for the roof replacement project and authorized the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive sealed proposals.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the award to the highest-ranking contractor as recommended by the evaluation committee and the Purchasing Agent.

Result: If approved, General Counsel will prepare the construction contract as per the Webb County Commissioners Court directive and awarded sum.

31. Discussion and possible action to accept the rankings and award Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2024-014 "Architectural Services for Renovations to Road & Bridge, Planning, and Engineering Facility" to the highest-ranking firm, for Architectural Services for the design/schematics, development of construction cost estimates, preparation of construction documents for the bidding process and construction administration throughout the duration of project to close out for the renovations to the future Road & Bridge, Planning, and Engineering building (former FESCO building) located at the corner of Fesco Boulevard and Davy Ward Street, in accordance with the State of Texas Government Code; Professional Services Procurement Act and to further authorize General Counsel to negotiate the terms and conditions of the agreement and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: On July 22, 2024, item no. 9a. The Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the Purchasing Agent to secure a statement of qualifications for architectural services for the design/schematics, development of construction cost estimates, preparation of construction documents for the bidding process and construction administration throughout the duration of project to close out for the renovations to the future Road & Bridge, Planning, and Engineering building (former FESCO building) located at the corner of Fesco Boulevard and Davy Ward Street.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the award to highest-ranking firm as recommended by the evaluation committee and the Purchasing Agent.

Result: If approved, General Counsel will negotiate the terms, conditions and related fees for a professional service agreement between Webb County and the awarded firm.

32. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of one (1) Mower-max Prime Mower 22ft-26ft FLA Capable, Gen 4 with mulcher attachment from ATMAX Equipment Co. (Buy-Board Contract 706-23) in an amount not to exceed \$282,449.58 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. cooperative Purchasing Programs and to further authorize the transfer of funds from the General Operating Reserve Capital Outlay account #1001-1130-001-470000 to the Road and Bridge Capital Outlay account #2007-7150-001-470000 for the full amount required for purchase and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2007-7150-001-470000 (Road & Bridge Fund-Road Maintenance General-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: Road and Bridge is requesting one new Mower Max with mulcher attachment for cleanup of Right of Ways to include the removal of overgrown branches and for mulching.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the purchase utilizing a reputable cooperative contract vendor who has met the competitive bidding requirements of the State.

Result: If approved, order will be placed. The estimated time of delivery is projected at 110 days from time of order.

33. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive pricing for the purchase of one (1) Kubota Tail Swing Compact Excavator Model U27-4 in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 and to further authorize the transfer of funds from the Road and Bridge Repairs and Maintenance to Bridges account #2007-7150-001-443000-045 to the Road and Bridge Capital Outlay account #2007-7150-001-470000 for the full amount required for purchase and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2007-7150-001-470000 (Road & Bridge Fund-Road Maintenance General-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: Road and Bridge is requesting one compact excavator to utilize for county bridge repair and cleanup in areas that have confined conditions for digging, lifting or loading. This equipment is better suited for areas where larger excavators can not operate efficiently. The tight tail swing compact excavator is more versatile and compact for tight areas.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive bids to purchase the needed heavy equipment requested by the Road and Bridge Department. The Purchasing Agent will also secure cooperative pricing to include estimated timelines for delivery.

Result: If approved, the Purchasing Agent will proceed to secure bids for this equipment and proceed with the order on best value bid selected.

Risk Management

34. Discussion and possible action to approve the AETNA Medical Insurance plans, premiums, copays, as well as the AETNA Dental Insurance rates (no changes) for Webb County Employees effective January 01, 2025.

2025 AETNA Medical Plan Insurance Summaries			
Plan Summary	Current Base Plan	New Base Plan	New Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)
Individual Deductible	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$3,500
Family Deductible	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$7,000
Benefit Percentage	80%	80%	100%
Individual OOP Max (includes Deductible and Cost share)	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$3,500

Family OOP Max (includes Deductible and Cost Share)	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$7,000
Primary Care Physician Co-Pay	\$10	\$25	\$0 after deductible
Specialty Physician Care Co-Pay	\$20	\$35	\$0 after deductible
Urgent Care Co-Pay	\$20	\$35	\$0 after deductible
Emergency Room Co-Pay	\$500	\$500	\$0 after deductible
Retail Rx Co-Pay	Generic Copay \$10	Generic Copay \$10	\$0 after deductible
	MOD Generic \$20	MOD Generic \$30	
	Brand Copay \$30	Brand Copay \$30	
	MOD Brand Copay \$60	MOD Brand Copay \$60	
	Retail Non-Formulary Copay \$50	Retail Non-Formulary Copay \$60	
	MOD Non-Formulary Copay \$100	MOD Non-Formulary Copay \$100	
	Specialty Preferred Brand Copay \$40	Specialty Preferred Brand Copay \$40	
	Specialty Non-Preferred Copay \$60	Specialty Non-Preferred Copay \$60	
*Medical Buy-up plan will no longer be offered			
*All applicable preventive services and maintenance Rx drugs are covered at 100% for the CDHP			
Medical Insurance Employee Bi-weekly Deductions			
Employee Only	\$20.44	\$23.51	\$2.03
Employee & Spouse	\$186.29	\$214.23	\$162.78
Employee & Children	\$77.68	\$89.33	\$57.51
Employee, Spouse & Children	\$205.71	\$236.87	\$181.61
			Includes \$600 annual County Contribution to a Health Savings Account
*No Changes to Aetna Dental Insurance in 2025			
Dental Insurance Employee Bi-weekly Deductions			
	Base Plan	Buy-up Plan	
Employee Only	\$0	\$12.28	
Employee & Spouse	\$13.30	\$21.14	
Employee & Children	\$9.97	\$21.14	
Employee, Spouse & Children	\$21.14	\$33.55	
*Periodontal scaling and root planing under Preventive Services will be covered at 100% effective 01/01/2025.			

Issue: The current premiums and plans may require adjustments to progressively maintain funding levels when recommended.

Solution: Adjust premiums and/or plans based on usage and expenditures when recommended.

Result: Progressively and appropriately manage and fund the County's health plans.

Commissioners Court Administrator

35. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Gilmar Construction, Ltd., for the overall restoration of Webb County's north Rio Bravo drainage channel outfall and to stabilize and restore the effluent line and manhole at the end of Centeno Lane, Rio Bravo, Texas (Rio Bravo Drainage Outfall & Maintenance Improvement Project), in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$963,300.00) and any matters incident thereto, authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #2703-5205-001-474501 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021)]**
36. Discussion and possible action to adopt Order designating supervision of each Community Center Director by the County Commissioner in which the community center is located, providing that the Center's Director serves at the will of the Commissioner, and amending the General Order of Personnel Positions and other applicable Orders of Commissioners Court as required and any other matters incident thereto.

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

37. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise an Invitation to Bid for El Pico Road Extension Project pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Texas Purchasing Act and the Code of federal regulations §200.318 - §200.327 (General Procurement Standards) and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2703-5205-001-474501 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-American Rescue Plan-Administration-Construction In Progress)]**

Issue: On March 11, 2024, Commissioners Court authorized the professional services with Top Site Civil Group for engineering and surveying services including but not limited to all necessary construction designs/drawings and specifications; construction cost estimates; preparation of construction documents for bid solicitation and construction administration through the duration of project up to closeout for El Pico Road Project; right of way identification, right of way widening, rehabilitation of a creek crossing and reconstruction of an approximate ½ mile section of the roadway.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit competitive bids upon delivery of construction documents (CD) completed by Top Site Civil Group.

Result: If approved, the Purchasing Agent will post the formal bid solicitation when CD are delivered and ready for posting to secure competitive bids from general contractors.

38. Discussion and possible action to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Laredo to provide health services at Fernando A. Salinas Community Center through the Laredo Health Department for a two year period (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2026) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

39. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Webb County, Texas.
40. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of September as National Suicide Prevention month in Webb County, Texas.

41. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to develop and submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) grant under the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) in the amount up to FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) in which TWELVE MILLION (\$12,000,000) is in grant funds and THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) will be private sector match for Electric Vehicle (EV) Transportation Infrastructure in the rural areas of Webb County, and to designate the County Judge as the authorized signatory on all documents pertaining to this application. This action will not have an impact on the county general fund. The Economic Development Department has reviewed the documentation and it is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy and procedures.

Issue: Webb County is in need of establishing accessible EV charging stations in rural low-income areas.

Solution: Webb County will apply for the Discretionary Grant funding under the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program for funding and to address this issue.

Result: Webb County will establish a viable EV charging station network in rural areas of the county.

Closed Session/Executive Session

42. Discussion and possible action regarding resolution of the Texas Commission on Environment Quality's Enforcement Action against Webb County under Case Number 63891 and accompanying Docket Number 2023-0493-PWS-E and any other matters incident thereto. **[Closed Meeting/Executive Session may be requested if needed pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(a)(1) (Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation)]**

43. **Communications**

44. **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 SEPTEMBER, 2024

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

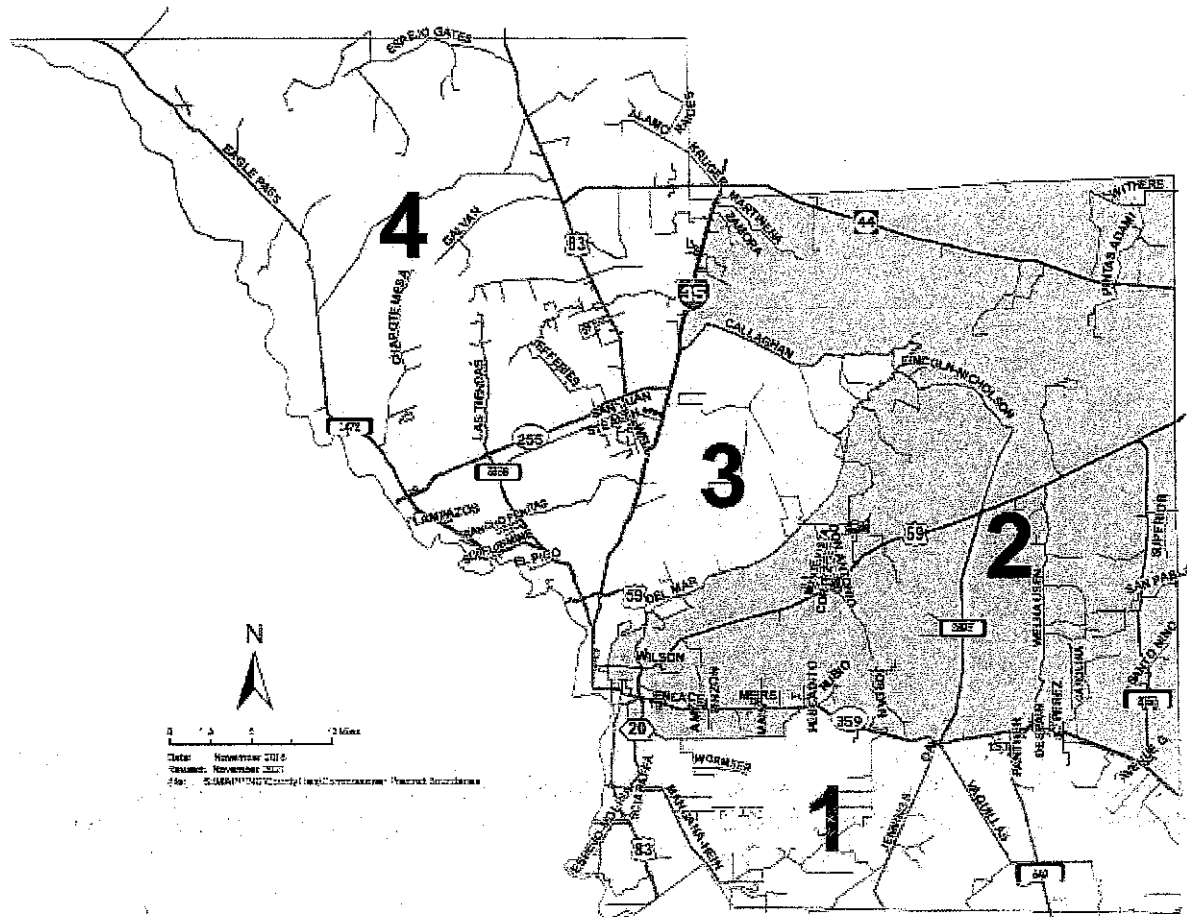
CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

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 6th day of September, 2024 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Maria G. Vara
FOR: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk
By: Maria G. Vara, Deputy Clerk



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