



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
9:00 a.m.

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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS
BY  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. Auditor

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line-item transfer) within grant funds to cover the balances under TDHCA Community Resiliency Program (Contract #70800001013). All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation complies with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. No impact to the general fund. **[Requested by Economic Development]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3520-7230-001-432001	Professional Services	\$570,541.00	\$14,058.14	\$309,957.52	\$295,899.38
To:	3520-7230-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$4,009,458.48	\$14,058.14	\$0.00	\$14,058.14

Issue: The septic tank system needs modifications and additions, which causes the New Construction line item to be deficient in the amount of \$14,058.14.

Solution: Move \$14,058.14 from the Architect/Engineer Fees line-item budget to New Construction.

Result: Adequate funds will be available for the repairs and additions to the septic tank system.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the carryover budget under the CAA Emergency Food & Shelter fund Account #2923-5170-521-441210 (Reliant CARE Donation Program), #2923-5170-521-441211 (Nueces Electric Donation Program) and #2923-5150-521-441210 (TXU Donation Program) to FY 2025 in the amounts of ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$1,186.01), ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHTEEN CENTS (\$181.18), and FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$5.17), respectively.

[Requested by Community Action Agency]

Issue: Year end balances must be carried over to continue providing services to qualified individuals through the end of the calendar year.

Solution: Approve the budget to be carried over to FY 2025.

Result: The carryover approval will allow for the continuation of services through the end of the calendar year.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the carryover budget under the Neighbor-to-Neighbor fund Account #2924-5170-521-431002 (Direct Energy N2N Donation Program Admin) and #2924-5170-521-441205 (Direct Energy N2N Donation Program Utilities) to FY 2025 in the amounts of FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$561.44) and FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$4,876.48), respectively. **[Requested by Community Action Agency]**

Issue: Year end balances must be carried over to continue providing services to qualified individuals through the end of the calendar year.

Solution: Approve the budget to be carried over to FY 2025.

Result: The carryover approval will allow for the continuation of services through the end of the calendar year.

6. **Budget Officer**

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

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve	\$40,000
To:	1001-1130-001-452001-035	Capital Murder	\$40,000

Issue: Invoice increase was not budgeted.

Solution: Transfer as listed above.

Result: Invoice will be paid on time.

7. **Building Maintenance**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 12, 2024.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
0029	Building Maintenance Worker	\$15.15 - \$15.93 12 A/E
2706	Groundskeeper	\$14.42 - \$15.16 11 A/E

Issue: Fill vacant slot 0029 and slot 2706 that became vacant September 30, 2024.

Solutions: Approval from Commissioners Court to post and fill slots.

Result: The filling of slots will allow the Building Maintenance and Parks Department to function efficiently and effectively.

8. Casa Blanca Golf Course

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) to replace the current golf cart fleet with new reliable carts for the Casa Blanca Golf Course, and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The current fleet lease will expire in April 2025. The aging fleet has led to increased maintenance costs and frequent downtime, inconveniencing visitors and reducing overall satisfaction.

Solution: Request proposals from vendors with sufficient time to have a contract in place before expiration.

Result: Replacing the current golf cart fleet with new, reliable carts to enhance operational efficiency and improve the quality of service offered to the community and visitors at Casa Blanca Golf Course.

9. Civil Legal Division

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a Five (5) year lease renewal agreement by and between Webb County as Lessor, and the Laredo Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc., (L.R.P.C.) as Lessee for the use of approximately 80.00 acre tract of land, more or less, owned by Webb County which is located on the south side of U.S. Hwy. 59 at a monthly rental rate of \$1,000.00 per month, commencing November 1, 2024, thru October 31, 2029, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters related thereto.
- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Tax Abatement and Incentive Agreement for Property in a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone with Adriana Cecilia Ceballos, for property located at 519 Hidalgo St., Laredo, TX, 78040 and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[No effect on county budget]**

10. Commissioners Court

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the payments in the amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to the various vendors for the Webb County Employee Christmas Dance scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, with further action to release check upon court approval and authorizing County Judge to sign any associated service agreements; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1010-001-432079 (Employee Appreciation Events)]**
- b. Discussion and possible action authorizing county administration and counsel to negotiate a parking lease proposal for the downtown property located at 1101 Matamoros St., in Laredo, Webb County, Texas, in an effort to obtain additional parking for the Webb County Sheriff's Administration building; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Additional county parking space will be required for the new Webb County Sheriff's Administration Offices.

Solution: There is available property located at 1101 Matamoros St. that is adjacent to the Sheriff's building.

Result: Secure additional parking space property.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to solicit requests for professional services related to building maintenance needs for county buildings; services should include maintenance, electrical and plumbing and HVAC repairs; and any other matters incident thereto.

11. Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Service Agreement between Webb County for the benefit of the Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court Program and for Holy Family Psychotherapy Training Institute, PLLC under TEND Grant \$4325004 for mental health services from October 1, 2024, through September 30th, 2025 at an amount not to exceed Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), subject to annual budget appropriations and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Judge Selina Mireles, Webb County Child Protection Court & TEND Court; Account #2747-1150-001-457008-025 (Contractual Services) (Grant Number 4325004)]**

Issue: Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court will enter into a contract with Holy Family Psychotherapy Training Institute, PLLC.

Solution: The TEND Court is an Office of the Governors (OOG) grant, and will pay for services in a timely manner provided by Holy Family Psychotherapy Training Institute, PLLC.

Result: Holy Family Psychotherapy Training Institute, PLLC, will provide mental/therapy services for the TEND Court youth according to this contract.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of a 2020 Ford Explorer – Unit #59-05 (VIN #1FMSK7BH5LGC00720) from the Webb County Judge’s office to 1848 (formerly Webb County Fairgrounds); and any other matters incident thereto.

12. Drug Court Program

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement from (September 30, 2024 - September 29, 2025) between Webb County for the benefit of the Adult Drug Court Program and La Familia Consulting and Counseling Services L.C. for services associated with the evaluation of the Webb County Adult Drug Court Program funded by SAMHSA grant No. 5H79TI085855-02 in the amount of Two Thousand Eighty-Three Dollars (\$2,083.00) per month for a total cost not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the year; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2353-1020-003-432001]**

Issue: Program Evaluation Services for the Drug Court requires authorization by Commissioners Court.

Solution: Approval of the Contractual Services will allow the submission of evaluation reports required by SAMHSA Funding Agency.

Result: The Adult Drug Court Program will be able to continue to provide services and operate fully as a treatment program evaluated by the Program Evaluator.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement from (September 30, 2024 - September 29, 2025) between Webb County for the benefit of the Veterans Treatment Program and La Familia Consulting and Counseling Services L.C. for services associated with the evaluation of the Webb Veterans Treatment Program funded by SAMHSA Grant No. 1H79TI087234-01 in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per month for a total cost not to exceed Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) for the year; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account 2350-1020-001-432001]**

Issue: Program Evaluation Services for the Veterans Treatment Court requires authorization by

Commissioners Court.

Solution: Approval of the Contractual Services will allow the submission of evaluation reports required by SAMHSA Funding Agency.

Result: The Veterans Treatment Program will be able to continue to provide services and operate fully as a treatment program evaluated by the Program Evaluator.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement from (November 1, 2024 - September 29, 2025) between Webb County for the benefit of the Veterans Treatment Program and Christina Lee Garza for Telehealth services associated with Substance Use and Mental Health Treatment counseling of the Webb Veterans Treatment Program funded by SAMHSA Grant No. 1H79TI087234-01 in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$3,750.00) per month for a total cost not to exceed Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$41,250.00) for 11 months of service; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2350-1020-001-432001]**

Issue: Telehealth Treatment Services for the Veterans Treatment Court requires authorization by the Commissioners Court.

Solution: Approval of the Contractual Services will allow the Treatment Provider to provide telehealth services for all eligible participants on active duty as required by SAMHSA Funding Agency.

Result: The Veterans Treatment Program will be able to continue to provide services and operate fully as a treatment program.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement (October 1, 2024–September 29, 2025) between Webb County Veterans Treatment Program and Cordant Forensic Solutions for drug testing services at costs that are outlined and defined per service as set forth in the agreement funded by SAMHSA Grant No. 1H79TI087234-01 for 11 months of service; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2350-1020-001-432001]**

Issue: Drug testing services for the Veterans Treatment Court requires authorization by the Commissioners Court.

Solution: Approval of the Contractual Services will allow the program to drug test participants as required by SAMHSA Funding Agency.

Result: The Veterans Treatment Program will be able to continue to provide services and operate fully as a treatment program.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement (October 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025) between Webb County Adult Drug Court Program and Cordant Forensic Solutions for drug testing services at costs that are outlined and defined per service as set forth in the agreement funded by Office of the Governor Grant No. 4448103 for 11 months of service; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2710-1020-001-432001]**

Issue: Drug testing services for the Adult Drug Court requires authorization by the Commissioners Court.

Solution: Approval of the Contractual Services will allow the program to drug test participants as required by SAMHSA Funding Agency.

Result: The Adult Drug Court Program will be able to continue to provide services and operate fully

as a treatment program.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement (September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2025) between Webb County for the Veterans Treatment Program and Recovery Monitoring Solutions for services associated with the monitoring devices at costs that are outlined and defined per service as set forth in the agreement. There is no impact to the county budget; and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2350-1020-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Issue: Commissioners Court approval is required to authorize the professional services agreement between the Veterans Treatment Program and Recovery Monitoring Solutions.

Solution: Approve the contractual agreement.

Result: If approved, the Veterans Treatment Program will be able to provide alcohol and substance-use monitoring device services to ensure the fidelity of the Drug Court Model.

13. **Economic Development**

- a. Discussion and possible action to modify the job title of grant-funded Slot 2408, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 12, 2024. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Sheriff]**

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>New Title</u>
2408	Crime Victim Advocate	Crime Victim Liaison

Issue: The Office of the Attorney General is requesting that the position title be updated to comply with VCLG grant requirements. The liaison will have the same requirements, duties and responsibilities.

Solution: Amend the title to Crime Victim Liaison to comply with the grant requirements.

Result: Changes to the job title will meet the grant requirements.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Economic Development Department to submit a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency –Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program to provide clean drinking water to colonias adjacent to Hwy 59 and La Presa through a hydro panel systems technology. The grant shall not exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) and authorizes the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Signator in all matters pertaining thereto. This grant application does not require a county cash/in-kind match. All required documents were submitted to the Economic Development Department, and the solicitation complies with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy and procedures.

Issue: Colonias along HWY 59 and La Presa in rural Webb County need access to clean drinking water.

Solution: Provide residents of Webb County, Hwy 59, and La Presa colonias access to clean drinking water through a hydro panel systems technology.

Result: If funded, Webb County will establish access to clean drinking water through a hydro panel systems technology in rural areas of Hwy 59 and La Presa.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a FY 2025 Operation Lone Star Grant award of \$4,217,243.86 from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division. The funding will be used for critical needs, including equipment and minor tools, software and internet services, fuel and supplies, as well as new and continuing salaries and fringe benefits to support our workforce and enhance operational efficiency for the Webb County Sheriff's Office and other Webb County Offices; and authorize 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 on 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. **[Grant Fund #2748]**

Issue: Local law enforcement in international border communities must operate under tight budget constraints to deliver both proactive and reactive services. In contrast, transborder criminal organizations have virtually unlimited resources, enabling them to acquire the latest technology and equipment to evade detection and disrupt law enforcement efforts, funded by the substantial profits from illegal activities such as drug trafficking and other criminal 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.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize and approve a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) between the City of Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. DBA NeighborWorks Laredo ("NeighborWorks Laredo"), and Webb County for the Environmental Protection Agency Department Climate Justice Community Change Program. This M.O.U. shall be for a Five-year (5yr.) term, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Collaboration between NeighborWorks Laredo and Webb County is essential to implement the Environmental Protection Agency Department Climate Justice Community Change Program. Effective partnerships will ensure streamlined execution and access to necessary resources.

Solution: Authorize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NeighborWorks Laredo and Webb County for the Environmental Protection Agency Department Climate Justice Community Change Program to outline the project's collaboration terms.

Result: The MOU will provide a structured framework for collaboration, ensuring both parties are aligned in their objectives and responsibilities. This agreement will facilitate effective communication and project management, ultimately enhancing infrastructure in the area.

- e. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2025 Local Border Security Program (FY 2025 LBSP) grant award in the amount of \$130,000 from the Office of Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the 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, will have no impact on 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.

- f. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$60,712.50 from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for Body Worn Camera (BWCs) equipment, software, and supplies for the Webb County Sheriff's Office peace officers; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant requires a cash match of \$20,237.50, which will be met utilizing the Sheriff's Office forfeiture funds (Fund #2152); and, thus, will have no impact on 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 Fund #2743]

Issue: The use of Body Worn Cameras has been shown in studies to be an effective strategy for law enforcement agencies, and their use has grown to be a standard and beneficial practice for sworn officers.

Solution: Grant award to expand and leverage grant resources so that the Webb County Sheriff's Office will be able to increase transparency and accountability through the continued utilization of body-worn cameras for its sworn officer force.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office will be able to achieve greater transparency and accountability in its service and protection of the Laredo/Webb County public and taxpayers.

14. **Head Start**
Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds effective November 12, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
970	Area Service Manager	\$20.11
1696	Substitute	\$11.94

15. **Human Resources**

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a two (2) year (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026) "Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement" with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC to provide counseling services for Webb County employees at a cost of One Dollar Forty-Three Cents (\$1.43) per employee per month with an amount not to exceed Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars Fifty-Two Cents (\$26,546.52) per year for said services throughout the two-year term of the Agreement subject to annual budgetary funding, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-433001 (Commissioners Court-General Fund-General Operating Exp.-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Issue: On July 22, 2024 (item 14 a) the Commissioners Court authorized the Purchasing Agent to solicit a request for proposals for Employee Assistance Counseling Program Services as the current service provider (Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC) agreement expired on September 30, 2024.

Solution: At its commissioners' court meeting of September 23, 2024, the Court awarded Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-011 "Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement" to Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC.

Result: Approving a contract with Dear Oaks EAP Services, LLC will allow Webb County Employees to continue to receive counseling services from Deer Oaks EAP Services, Inc. as Deer Oaks continues to provide uninterrupted counseling services.

16. **Information Technology**

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify the purchase of Cisco switches in an amount not to exceed \$75,275.82 for the Information Technology Department, in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program, Sections 271.101, 271.102 (Cooperative Purchasing Participation TX DIR-TSO-4167) and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1280-001-460105-020 (Minor Tools & Apparatus Software and Hardware)]**

Issue: As technology equipment ages, it is no longer warrantied by the manufacturer.

Solution: Implement a technology replacement plan.

Result: Webb County technology equipment will be covered under warranty.

17. **Planning & Physical Development**

- a. Discussion and possible action to issue a "Certificate of Compliance with Plat Requirements" to authorize an electrical service connection pursuant to Section 232.029(c)(2), Local Government Code., to an unplatted 5.0 acre tract, more or less, also known as Tract 34, Los Minerales & Annex Subdivision, as further described in Vol. 2091, Pg. 209 of the Webb County Deed Records (ID 13970).

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

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

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

18. **Public Health Services**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 12, 2024.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
4069	Caseworker	\$15.15 - \$15.93 12/A-E

4070 Caseworker \$15.15 - \$15.93 12/A-E

Issue: Request to approve the filling of Slots.

Solution: Approval from Commissioners Court to fill and post positions.

Result: The filling of the slots will allow the Public Health Services Department to function efficiently and effectively.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot at a rate of \$30.00 per hour and approval to waive the \$15.00 per hour maximum for part-time employees, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective November 12, 2024. **[Account #2002-5100-001-412000 - Part Time (RHP20 Anchor Fund)]**

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
888813	Part Time Nurse (LVN)	\$30.00 per hour

Issue: Request to approve the filling of Slot.

Solution: Approval from Commissioners Court to fill and post position.

Result: The filling of slot will allow the Public Health Services Department to function efficiently and effectively.

19. **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 authorize the donation of one (1) 2012 Ford 250 Super Crew Cab Truck - Unit No. 27-232 (VIN #1FTZW2AT7CEB43004) from the Webb County Sheriff's Office to the Mirando Water Supply Corporation (MWSC) pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; §263.151 Disposition (a)(4)and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez, Pct. 1]**

Issue: The vehicle being recommended for donation to MWSC is over 12 years old and has approximately 147,895 miles. By donating to a non-profit organization, it will continue to be utilized for public purposes unde the MWSC entity.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the donation of the subject vehicle for public purposes by MWSC and remove property from Webb County's capital asset records and vehicle insurance coverage.

Result: If approved, the vehicle will be legally transferred to MWSC and Webb County will be relieved of transportation or disposal expenses for subject property.

- c. Discussion and possible action to award RFQ 2025-001 Webb County Jail Mental Health Care Services - 3 Year Service Agreement to TruCare24, Inc., sole respondent to provide all necessary mental health services to both male and female adult detainees at the Webb County Jail pursuant to the Texas Government Code; Professional Services Act and to further authorize General Counsel to negotiate the terms and conditions and fees of the professional service agreement and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-4070-001-432001 (General Fund-Sheriff Jail-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Supplier	Rank	Score	Mental Health Care Services for Government Entities	Personnel Qualifications	References and Projects
		100	45.00	30.00	25.00
TrueCare24, Inc.	1	71.67	33.00	22.00	16.67

Issue: The Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Qualifications for mental health services for the Webb County Jail for a contractual period of three (3) years.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the award to the sole respondent 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 respondent.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of one (1) new Generac SD400 Series Diesel-Powered Generator to include but not limited to a new automated transfer switch, installation, freight, startup/commission and payment bond from Waukesha-Pearce Industries (Buy-Board Contract No. 657-21) in an amount not to exceed \$156,482.00 for the Webb County Juvenile Detention Facility pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Section 271.101 & 271.102 (Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program) and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-2450-001-470000 (Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: The existing generator is over 15 years old and is no longer operable. The facility needs backup power in the event there is a power outage to keep operations running at the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Solution: Consideration to authorize price proposal submitted by WPI utilizing cooperative pricing for the removal of an existing generator and installation of a new 400Kw Generac Diesel Generator to include startup and commission.

Result: If approved order will be placed, ETA for delivery is 2-3 weeks.

- e. Discussion and possible action for the replacement and installation of a new automated jail door control system for the Webb County Juvenile Detention Facility from Johnson Controls (Sourcewell Contract No. 030421-JHN in an amount not to exceed \$106,202.00 including the required payment bond and insurances pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing Program; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-2450-001-470000 (General Fund-Juvenile Probation-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: On October 28, 2024, Commissioners Court authorized the Webb County Purchasing Agent to secure formal competitive bids/proposals for the replacement and installation of a new automated jail door control system for the Webb County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the use of a reputable vendor utilizing a cooperative contract that meets the competitive bidding requirements of the State of Texas.

Result: If approved, general counsel will proceed with the execution of a contract with Johnson Controls to replace and install a new automated jail door control system for the Webb County Juvenile Detention Facility.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of thirty (30) sets of bunker gear from Casco Industries, Inc., (Buy-Board #698-23) for an amount not to exceed \$106,800.00 for the Webb County Fire Department in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 271.101 & 271.102 (Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program) and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-3140-001-470000 (General Fund-Fire & EMS Services-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: The Webb County Fire Department needs to replace thirty (30) sets of bunker gear that will soon expire.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the purchase of new bunker gear, also known as personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighters. This request is budgeted under the FY 2025 budget within the Fire Department's budget.

Result: Upon court approval, the order for the PPE will be placed. New PPE will provide up-to-date gear for firefighters to protect themselves from the heat, flames, and other hazards of firefighting.

20. **Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff**

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) between Webb County Sheriff's Office and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN) to support the SCAN, Inc. SASI Program's application for funding for primary prevention programming in partnership with the Webb County Sheriff's Office to further primary prevention efforts in Webb County, and to show that the program will be supported for successful implementation of program activities within the community; and authorize the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; any other matter incident thereto. The M.O.U. will have no cost to Webb County.

Issue: The SCAN Inc. SASI Program and Webb County Sheriff's Office have a long history of collaboration, including facilitating referrals for survivors of sexual and domestic violence to receive counseling services and shelter.

Solution: Approve MOU to continue to support SCAN Inc. in assisting survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Result: Webb County Sheriff's Office will enter into a MOU with SCAN.

21. **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 November 12, 2024.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1305	Truck Driver	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/A-H

Issue: Request to fill vacant slot.

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

Results: Provide continuous operations for the Water Utilities Department.

22. **1848 Webb County Fairgrounds**

- a. Discussion with possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to add Three (3) new cell phone lines, including data service in accordance with the current approved AT&T FirstNet Plan to the 1848 Event Center pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 272.102, Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing program DIR Agreement TELE-CTSA-002 at a monthly rate of \$40.99, plus surcharges and other fees; and subject to annual budgetary appropriation; and authorize the County Judge sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2031-1010-001-441001 (Telephone)]**

Issue: Cellular is needed for the 1848 Event Center Maintenance Staff to ensure daily communication with staff, event center lessees, and others as needed after hours and on weekends.

Solution: Approval will ensure the 1848 Event Center staff is in full communication.

Result: 1848 Event Center staff will be able to respond to any calls during working hours and after hours.

- b. Discussion with possible action to allow an exemption and approve the current Part-time Safety Coordinator hourly rate to \$20.00 per hour, a rate higher than the rate currently allowed by Webb County policy for part-time employees; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2031-1010-001-412000 (Part Time)]**

Issue: The 1848 Event Center is seeking a rate increase to be able to retain part-time safety coordinator.

Solution: Webb County Commissioners Court approval to increase the hourly rate paid to part-time safety coordinator

Result: The 1848 Event Center will be able to retain part time safety coordinator.

- c. Discussion and possible action to create a Part Time/Overtime line-item for event security of certified licensed peace officers at 1848 Event Center; and any other matters incident thereto.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve 2025 membership with Sister Cities International and authorizing dues in the amount of \$1,030.00 with further action to transfer to Account #1001-1010-001-464010 (Dues & Membership); and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2031-1010-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Issue: On October 14, 2024, the Commissioners Court approved establishing a Bi-National Relations Committee with efforts to create international relationships based on trade, economic development, business, cultural, educational and information exchanges.

Solution: The first step for us moving forward with the approved item by the Commissioners' Court would be for us to become an official member of Sister Cities International.

Result: This will allow us to better network with international counterparts and have resources available for what we want to achieve. Additionally, SCI would assist with any required documentation we would have to archive and keep track of moving forward.

REGULAR AGENDA

Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court At Law #2 Judge

23. 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. 5091601, in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$296,900.00) beginning September 1, 2024–August 31, 2024, for the Webb County Court-at-Law II Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program. 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. Accepting the grant will authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Notice of Award from the Office of the Texas Governor for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program was received on November 4, 2024, acceptance by Commissioners Court is required to activate grant funding.

Solution: Accept grant award to expand services and proceed with additional treatment services provided to eligible court participants program.

Result: If accepted, funding will expand services within Webb County and provide additional treatment services to eligible participants.

24. 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. 5091201, in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY FIVE CENTS (\$228,963.45) beginning September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, for the Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program. 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.Accepting the grant will authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Notice of Award from the Office of the Texas Governor for the DWI Court Program was received on November 4, 2024. Acceptance by Commissioners Court is required to activate grant funding.

Solution: Accept grant award to expand services and proceed with additional treatment services provided to eligible court participants program.

Result: If accepted, funding will expand services within Webb County and provide additional treatment services to eligible participants.

Human Resources

25. Discussion and possible action to approve the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Plan Agreement for Plan Year 2025, which includes a required employer contribution rate of 12.94% effective January 1, 2025, and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The current employer-required contribution rate for Webb County is 13.12%, while the TCDRS rate for 2025 is set at 12.94%. The employee deposit rate will remain at 6.00%. This revision must be completed before December 15, 2024.

Solution: Approving the recommended revision now will help Webb County align its retirement plan contributions with the 2024–2025 budget.

Result: Approval of this revision will comply with the TCDRS timeline and will adhere to the required employer contribution rate set by TCDRS.

Planning

26. Discussion and possible action to amend the Planning Department’s plat application fees to incorporate separate driveway development fees. Proposed driveways need to be reviewed by the Webb County Road & Bridge, Engineering, Fire Marshal and Planning Departments for compliance with applicable development regulations affecting County roads and emergency access. A permit fee of \$50.00 for residential/agricultural and \$150.00 for commercial/industrial is proposed for driveways that lead to a County maintained road.

Issue: Increased residential and commercial development in Webb County has resulted in a need for a higher coordinated review process by the different County departments with jurisdiction over development in Webb County.

Solution: Authorizing an amendment to the subdivision plat application will allow for better coordination with County departments and streamline the development/approval process.

Result: If approved, the development/approval process will be more efficient.

27. Discussion and possible action to release the Irrevocable Letter of Credit (\$37,679.85) in favor of Webb County from TDB World Industrial Park, LLC for completed public improvements associated with World Logistics Park, Phase 1 Plat and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Issue: An Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$37,679.85 was submitted in lieu of completion of proposed public improvements for the World Logistics Park, Phase 1 Plat. All public improvements have been completed in compliance with County subdivision requirements. Developer has requested a release of the Letter of Credit.

Solution: Releasing the Letter of Credit will remove the financial burden from the developer for all completed improvements.

Result: Releasing the Letter of Credit will close the project.

Public Health Services

28. Discussion and possible action to create an Overtime line item in Department #5040-007 Public Health Services in the amount of \$20,000 with further action to transfer funds from within the department (Account #1001-5040-007-462000 - Wellness Employee Clinic Expenditures) and make an exception to the personnel policy to allow Overtime to be paid to staff for extra time worked after hours and on weekends; and any other matters incident thereto.

Purchasing

29. Discussion and possible action to accept the rankings and award Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2025-002 “Civil Engineering Services for Paving Projects & Preparation of a Standard Specification Manual for County Road Construction and Maintenance” to the highest ranking respondent pursuant to the Professional Services Act and to further authorize General Counsel to negotiate the terms, conditions and applicable fees for a professional service agreement between Webb County and selected respondent and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Supplier	Rank	Score	Civil Engineering Experience	Personnel Qualifications	References and Projects
		100	45.00	30.00	25.00
GDJ Engineering, LLC.	1	87.25	40.50	25.50	21.25
Top Site Civil Group, LLC.	2	86.50	38.25	27.00	21.25
Crane Engineering Corp.	3	77.25	36.00	22.50	18.75

Issue: Webb County is currently seeking to retain the professional services of a Civil Engineer to provide plans, specifications and opinions of probable costs for various paving projects on an as-needed basis and to assist the County in establishing a standard specifications manual for the construction and maintenance of county roadways.

Solution: Consideration awarding the highest-ranking respondent for the requested professional services. These services will be assigned on an as-needed basis for various projects and efforts initiated by the Webb County Commissioners Court for a two (2) year performance period.

Result: If approved, General Counsel will proceed to negotiate a professional services contract and return to Commissioners Court for final execution of the agreement.

Honorable Jesse Gonzalez, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

30. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Mor-Wil, L.L.C. for the ARPA Waterline Projects 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, & 13 Rio Bravo WTP to La Presa Project in an amount not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$5,876,920) for the Base Bid of \$3,516,885 plus Alternate 2 in the amount of \$2,360,035 and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[ARPA]**

Honorable Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

31. Discussion with possible action to dedicate and rename the Larga Vista Community Center to State Representative Tracy O. King Community Center in Webb County in honor of Representative King, for his endless hours of dedication to Webb County; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Tano Tijerina, County Judge]**
32. Discussion with possible action to dedicate and rename Las Blancas Park to the Sister Rosemary Welsh Park in Webb County in honor of Sister Welsh, for her endless hours of dedication to Webb County, City of Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Tano Tijerina, County Judge]**

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

33. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. for ARPA Project No. 25 - El Pico Road Widening and Paving Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed Five Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$5,876,920) inclusive of the base bid and Alternate #2-Full Concrete Pavement Section and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Funding: ARPA #2703-5205-006-474501-104 Revenue Replacement Project]**

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

34. Discussion and possible action by Resolution of the Webb County Commissioners Court to cast all of Webb County Commissioners Courts 1,165 votes for Jesse Gonzalez as Webb County Commissioners Courts' action to appoint member(s) to the Webb County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the term beginning January 1, 2025 as per Section 6.0301 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Closed Session/Executive Session

35. Discussion and possible action regarding an Emergency Ambulance Service agreement and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session/Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Government Code Section 551.0725 Deliberation Regarding Contract Being Negotiated]**

Presentations

36. Recognition and presentation of a certificate to Mr. Cuauhtémoc "Chito" Rodriguez, a legendary figure in Mexican baseball, for his status as one of the most prominent icons of the sport in Mexico and Los Dos Laredos. He played a pivotal role in leading the Tecos to their championship victories in 1977, 1985, and 1989. **[Requested by Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2]**
37. Recognition and Presentation of certificates to Salvador Garcia Middle School Volleyball and Football teams for their hard work and dedication in earning their first ever Championship title. **[Requested by Jesse Gonzalez, Commissioner Pct. 1]**
38. **Communications**
39. **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 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

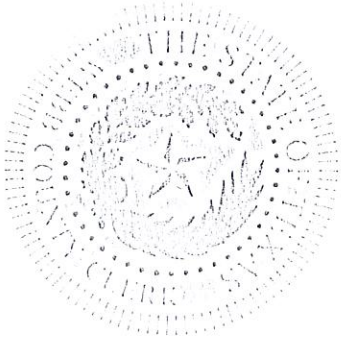
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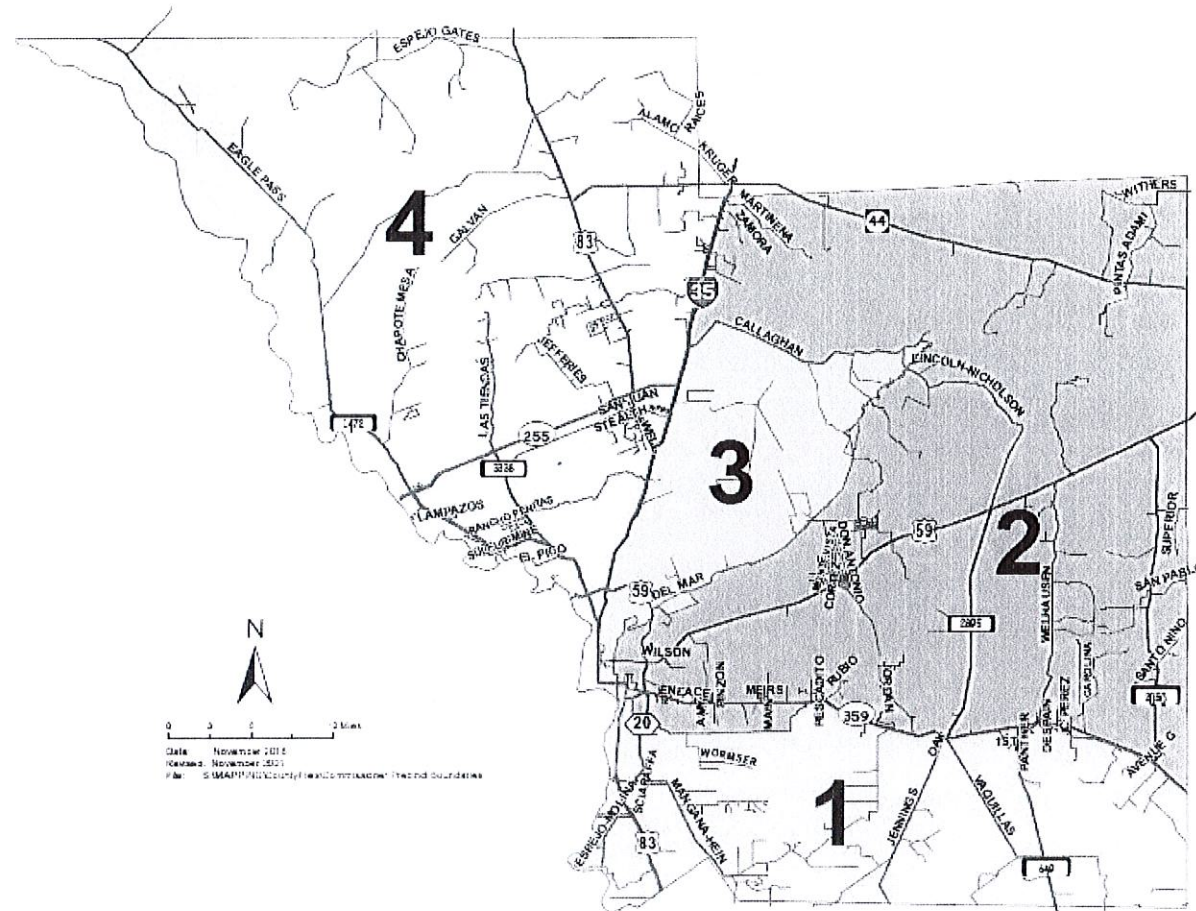
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 8th day of November, 2024 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: [Signature]
For: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk
By: Carmen L. Saldana, Recording Secretary





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