



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

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
3. Discussion and possible action for Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Reports (Auditor, Treasurer, AgriLife Extension, Human Resources/Risk Management, Judicial Collections; 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 establish two escrow funds for the County Tax Assessor Collector pursuant Texas Tax Code 31.072 for ad-valorem property taxes.

Issue: Texas Tax Code 31.072 for escrow accounts required to be maintained by the Tax Assessor Collector

Solution: The escrow accounts are required to be maintained by the Tax Assessor Collector in the County depository.

Result: Reporting compliance with Texas Tax Code 31.072 for escrow accounts.

- b. Discussion and possible action to establish a new custodial funds for City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 and Gateway Municipal Utility District #1.

Issue: A new custodial funds are required to properly allocate the distribution of receipts for City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 and Gateway Municipal Utility District #1.

Solution: Establish a separate custodial fund to recognize the amount attributable to City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 and Gateway Municipal Utility District #1.

Result: Establish a separate custodial funds to recognize the amount attributable to City of Laredo Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1 and Gateway Municipal Utility District #1.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General Fund for prior year major open purchase orders:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-025	Operational Reserve- Encumbrances Contingency	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve- Operational Reserve	\$2,000,000	\$1,411,498.33	\$1,933,305.00	\$521,806.67
				\$2,411,498.33		
To:	1001-1100-001-443000-255	Repairs & Maint. Justice Center	\$90,000	\$45,085.10	\$-22,165.66	\$22,919.44
	1001-1130-001-432001	Professional Services	\$3,587,000	\$1,579,925.16	\$601,925.43	\$2,181,850.59
	1001-1130-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$12,228,269	\$287,957.73	\$10,773,555.24	\$11,061,512.97
	1001-1180-001-457502-005	Safety Fair Incentive Program	\$9,000	\$37,958.00	\$-32,088.85	\$5,869.15
	1001-1280-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$18,000	\$5,835.50	\$9,268.57	\$15,104.07
	1001-2010-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$35,855.00	\$-35,855.00	\$0.00
	1001-2040-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$35,720.00	\$-35,720.00	\$0.00
	1001-2060-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$25,035.00	\$-25,035.00	\$0.00
	1001-2270-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	\$8,500	\$7,828.76	\$1,493.41	\$9,322.17
	1001-2390-001-432001	Professional Services	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$-11,000.00	\$0.00
	1001-2450-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$94,493	\$16,891.43	\$92,426.57	\$109,318.00
	1001-3010-001-456305	Uniforms	\$200,000	\$49,418.80	\$133,124.16	\$182,542.96
	1001-3100-001-432001	Professional Services	\$90,000	\$17,500.00	\$275.00	\$17,775.00
	1001-3150-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$42,247.57	\$-42,247.57	\$0.00
	1001-4070-001-456305	Uniforms	\$50,000	\$43,749.20	\$3,433.50	\$47,182.71
	1001-4070-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$1,600,000	\$170,249.65	\$1,429,750.35	\$1,600,000.00
				\$2,411,498.33		

Issue: Line item transfer is needed to cover prior year major open purchase orders that have been carried over to the new FY-2025.

Solution: Funding is available in contingency reserve for encumbrances to cover prior year purchase orders for goods or services that have not been received.

Result: With court approval of budget line item transfer, vendors will be paid in a timely manner.

- d. Discussion and possible action to amend, by Order, the 2025 Capital Project Fund budgets to the fiscal year-end 2024 available carry-over balances, and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The proposed Capital Project budgets were based on year-end estimates as of July 2024. Capital Project budgets require the correct available balances for 2025.

Solution: Capital Project budget amendments to have the appropriate available funding.

Result: With these budget amendments, the Capital Project funds will have the correct available balances

for October 1, 2024.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Road & Bridge funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2007-259700	Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$313,183.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
To:	2007-7160-001-441405	Landfill Fees	\$135,000.00	\$15,240.30	23,291.70	\$38,532.00
	2007-7150-001-470000	Capital Outlay	400,500.00	\$297,943.58	-242,029.56	\$55,914.02
				\$313,183.88		

Issue: Commissioners Court approved purchases of R&B heavy equipment and services. PO's carried over to fiscal year 2025 pending budget.

Solution: Approve budget amendment for fiscal year 2025. Funds are available in the Road & Bridge fund balance.

Result: Vendor invoices will be paid timely.

6. **Civil Legal Division**

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a 12 month lease agreement (January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025) between Webb County and the United States Federal Government/US Attorney's Office to designate 5 parking spaces located at 1200 Washington St. for a total cost of \$6,000 Dollars to be paid to Webb County through Federal Contract ID 15JA7922P00000017 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents any matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1250-358000 (Parking Fees/Cost)]**
- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Asbestos Removal and Abatement Agreement with River City Environmental, LLC for asbestos removal and abatement related to the building located at 918 and 920 Houston Street ("Rock House") in the amount of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$17,500.00) with work to be completed within four business days from the issuance of the "Notice to Proceed", authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Issue: Webb County was gift deeded the property to 918 and 920 Houston Street; however, the building located on said property has asbestos, according to the report produced by O'Connor Engineering & Science, Inc.

Solution: O'Connor Engineering has developed the specifications regarding a remediation plan for said building which will be followed by River City Environmental, LLC in order to remove and abate the asbestos in the building.

Result: Approving a contract with River City Environmental, LLC will allow Webb County to remediate and abate the asbestos in the building.

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

- 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 January 24, 2025:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
000328	Community Outreach Coordinator	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14 (A-E)

Issue: Slot #0328 became vacant December 31, 2024.

Solution: Request is being made to post and fill slot #0328.

Result: The action will allow the department to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

8. **Commissioners Court Administrator**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize a county sponsorship in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00), from Community Promotions funds for the Laredo Gateway Rotary Paul Harris Fellow awards on January 23, 2025 in Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Community Promotions Account #1001-1140-001-463526]**

9. **Community Action Agency**

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation from the Mena Family in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) as per Texas Local Government Code 81.032 (Acceptance of Donation) for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Meals on Wheels Program; and any other matters incident thereto. The Webb County Community Action Agency/Meals on Wheels Program currently intends to use these unrestricted funds for the acquisition of needed materials and supplies; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2371-5150-357420 (Other Revenue) and Account #2371-5260-521-461000 (Meals on Wheels - MOW Operating-C.A.A. - Materials & Supplies)]**

Issue: The Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) received a donation check in the amount \$500.

Solution: This donation will provide supplemental but needed funding for the Webb County CAA's Meals on Wheels Program operations.

Result: The Webb County CAA will be able to utilize these funds for operations in order to continue to serve the needs of the local community and its citizens.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Contract #58250004403 between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) in the amount of ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, NINETY-THREE DOLLARS (\$1,886,093.00); authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. The contract shall commence on January 01, 2025, and shall end on December 31, 2025. This action concerns a grant contract; and, thus, will not have an 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. **[Gant Fund #2362-5360-521]**

Issue: The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has awarded the Webb County Community Action Agency \$1,886,093.00 of grant funds under the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

Solution: The Court's approval and acceptance of grant funds will allow the Webb County CAA to provide direct services to eligible low-income residents of Webb County under the CEAP Program.

Result: The Webb County Community Action Agency will be able to assist eligible low-income Webb County residents with up to 3-6 months of payments towards their outstanding electric bills.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY 2025 Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG) Contract #61250004368 between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and the Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$122,688.00); authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. The contract shall commence on January 01, 2025 and shall end on December 31, 2025. This action concerns a grant contract; and, thus, will not have an 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 #2368-5170-521]**

Issue: The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has awarded Webb County Community Action Agency \$122,688.00 of grant funds under the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG).

Solution: The Court's approval and acceptance of grant funds will allow CAA to utilize these Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) grant funds to provide support services to eligible low-income residents of Webb County.

Result: The Webb County Community Action Agency will be able to assist eligible Webb County residents to transition out of poverty.

10. Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Consultant Agreement under Grant #4325004 (Oct. 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) between Laredo/Webb County - Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court and Gabriela Magnon-Salinas to provide professional services in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) at a monthly rate of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Judge Selina Mireles; Account #2747-1150-001-457008 (Contractual) Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court]**
- b. Discussion with possible action to adopt a resolution in support of Starr County's request to sever from Border Region Behavioral Health and join Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Center, due to the closer proximity of services available in Hidalgo County, Texas to better serve the need of its residents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Commissioner Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina]**

11. Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between the Webb County District Attorney's Office and the United States Marshals Services for reimbursement of employee overtime incurred from joint law enforcement operations project JLEOTFOT, for the performance period of October 12, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$21,741.00). District Attorney Forfeiture funds will be utilized to cover the applicable fringe benefits associated with this project's employee(s) overtime, therefore there will be no impact to the

General Fund; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2580-2260-001-413000 (US Marshals - DA)]**

Issue: Collaboration between Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations along the Texas border and within our community.

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

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

12. **Drug Court**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional services agreement eleven (11) months (September 30, 2024, through August 31, 2025) between Webb County for the benefit of the Drug Court 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 in an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND SEVEN-HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$3,732.00). 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 #2710-1020-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

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

Solution: Approve the contractual agreement.

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

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve and ratify the annual contractual agreement renewal (September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2025) subscription license renewal between Webb County for the Veterans Treatment Program and Orion Healthcare Technologies for services associated with an electronic healthcare record system at costs that are outlined and defined per service as set forth in the agreement in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$3,132.00). 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. **[Requested by the Veterans Treatment Program; Account #2350-1020-001-432001 Professional Services (SAMHSA 1H79TI087234-01)]**

Issue: Commissioners Court approval is required to authorize the continuation of professional services with Orion Healthcare Technologies for the Webb County Veterans Treatment Program.

Solution: Enter into a subscription service to utilize a web-based program to process clinical documentation as well as program administrative functions.

Result: Authorizing the contractual agreement renewal will allow the Veterans Treatment Program to provide an Electronic Healthcare Record System through Accucare to ensure fidelity to the Drug Court Model.

13. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept the award from the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for Laredo/Webb County Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court Program, Grant #4325004, Year 4, in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$247,000.00) beginning October 1, 2024. The TEND Court will utilize this funding opportunity to prevent the exploitation, human trafficking, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children living in foster care. This formal request shall authorize the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in this grant and sign all relevant documentation. There is no match requirement for Grant #4325004; therefore, it will not impact the general fund. This contract and agreement commences on October 1, 2024, and terminates on September 30, 2025, as the grant application is submitted yearly for renewal. All required documents were reviewed by the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by the Selina Mireles, Judge for TEND Court, Child Protection Court]**

Issue: Notice of Award and Activation was received by the Funding Agency on 12/12/2024, and now acceptance by the Commissioners Court is required.

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

Result: The Texas Emergency Network Diversion (TEND) Court program is on its 4th year of funding, and will utilize funding to continue efforts on awareness and prevention of exploitation, human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children within age groups 10 -17, living in foster care, and identified as at-risk.

- b. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award for the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$17,776.92 for equipment, minor tools, supplies, and training/education for the Webb County Sheriff's Office Code Enforcement Unit; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any type of 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]**

Issue: Similar to other local law enforcement agencies, the Webb County Sheriff's Office relies on limited financial, operational, and personnel resources to address, prevent, reduce, and/or resolve various serious criminal justice issues arising from a combination of deeply entrenched, complex, and often challenging societal problems.

Solution: Grant funding will offer additional resources for equipment, small tools, and supplies to support the Webb County Sheriff's Office.

Result: Grant funding will enable members of the Webb County Sheriff's Office to be provided with additional resources.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) to the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount estimated at \$2,455,655 for overtime, associated fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, fuel, helicopter maintenance/fuel, vehicle/tire maintenance, data services, Management & Administration (M&A), and repairs/maintenance of OPSG-acquired assets for Webb County local law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, the Offices of the Constable, Pct. 1-4, and the Webb County Attorney's Office Investigators; and any other matters incident thereto. There is no cash match, and,

thus, no cost to Webb County. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff]**

Issue: The Southwest border area of the United States, including Laredo/Webb County, faces complex and dynamic law enforcement challenges. Transnational criminals exploit jurisdictional boundaries to conduct illegal activities across regions. The 2014 Texas Gang Threat Assessment highlights that gang activity is widespread in Texas, particularly in counties near Mexico and key smuggling routes. Texas-based gangs are involved in cross-border smuggling and trafficking, with many of these gangs also engaging in criminal activities in both Texas and Mexico.

Solution: This grant aims to equip first responders with advanced tools and resources while enhancing coordination between local, state, and federal law enforcement to effectively combat transnational crime.

Result: enhanced capabilities for local law enforcement responders and improved coordination between local and federal agencies, leading to a more effective and unified response to transnational crime.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a Juvenile Justice Program grant application as developed, written, presented, and submitted by the Office of the Justice of the Peace, Pct.4, Place 1 in collaboration with the Community Action Agency's Grant Writer and in the amount estimated at \$78,500 for the continued payment of salary/fringe benefits of a juvenile case manager as well as equipment, supplies, and training/travel in order to divert at-risk juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system in Laredo/Webb County; 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 Jose R. Salinas, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Place 1; Grant Fund #2734]**

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

Solution: Grant Application for continued pay of salary for Juvenile Case Manager, in order to provide prevention, diversion, and intervention strategies through the court of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 in Laredo/Webb County area.

Result: Increased focus on diversion strategies to steer at-risk juveniles from the juvenile and criminal justice system.

- e. Discussion and possible action to ratify the acceptance of a grant award for the FY25 Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Office of Governor (OOG) in the amount of \$22,962.25 grant funds for personnel with budget amendments for supplies and direct operating expenses for the development of a Juvenile Truancy Prevention program for the South Laredo Community the Office of Judge Roberto "Bobby" Quintana serves as Truancy Court Judge for 25 United Independent School District schools of which Truancy court has seen a 117% rise since 2019 and authorize Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documentation. This grant does not require any cash match; thus, this grant will have no impact on the general fund. The Economic Development Department reviewed all required documents, and the solicitation complies with Webb County's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Roberto Quintana, JP Pct 2, Pl. 1; Grant #5022201]**

Issue: Our South Laredo community did not have a truancy prevention program. Through this grant, we can attempt to reduce the number of truancy cases held in our courts, which will benefit our families and the at-risk youths in the community standing at the edge of juvenile delinquency.

Solution: The grant award will supply funds of \$5,736.83 to create needed marketing materials through KwikKopy, \$5,053.00 for audio-visual equipment through Novastar, and provide \$12,172.42 financial support for this brand-new program personnel who will follow up with calls to parents and students about Truant behavior, conduct interviews, file reports, provide students and parents with information/referrals to service providers, and provide support for a successful school career. These amounts are subtotal to \$22,962.25, the Truancy grant award amount.

Result: The South Laredo community will have its own truancy diversion program to light a clear path toward high school graduation.

- f. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County Court-at-Law II to submit a grant application as developed, written, and submitted by Webb County Court-at-Law II. The grant is through the Governor of the State of Texas, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division; Specialty Courts Grant Program, FY2026. The grant would expand services for the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court if awarded with a contractual partnership with Communities in School, Westcare and PILLAR which is a non-profit mental health organization and licensed outpatient substance abuse treatment facility. The grant would also contract with AMISTAD Consultation and Evaluation services LLC of San Antonio, Texas for the evaluation services and consulting of the grant. The request is of \$300,000.00 for one year. Grant funds shall be utilized to provide outpatient services to area juveniles charged before the county courts-at-law that qualify for outpatient treatment. Authorizing Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents any other matter incident thereto. This grant does not require a match; and thus, will not have an impact on the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through Economic Development and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County single point of contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law II Judge]**

Issue: Webb County Court-at-Law II operates a treatment court dedicated to Juveniles.

Solution: The awarding of this grant would expand services to Juvenile Treatment Court to service juvenile offenders in cases before either County Courts-at-law that would qualify.

Result: Webb County families would greatly benefit of the services offered between Webb County Court-at-Law II and non-profits.

- g. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County Court-at-Law II to submit a grant application as developed, written, and submitted by Webb County Court-at-Law II. The grant is through the Governor of the State of Texas, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division; Specialty Courts Grant Program, FY2026. The grant would expand The DWI Court Program if awarded with a contractual partnership with AMISTAD Consultation and Evaluation services LLC of San Antonio, Texas for the evaluation services and consulting of the grant. The court would then also partner with SCAN for treatment to court participants. The request is \$250,000.00 for one year. Grant funds shall be utilized to provide outpatient services to area DWI Offenders charged before the county courts-at-law and district courts that qualify for outpatient treatment. Authorizing Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents any other matter incident thereto. This grant does not require a match; and thus, will not have an impact on the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through Economic Development and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County single point of contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law II Judge]**

Issue: The current caseload of The DWI Court Program has reached 100+ participants.

Solution: The grant if awarded would allow to expand services within The DWI Court.

Result: DWI Court will be able to continue to fully service more participants.

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:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
1661, 1800, 3028	Substitute	\$11.94	20
1003	BA Teacher	\$20.43	20
1832	AA Teacher	\$20.14	20
964	Assistant Special Services/AA	\$21.25	26

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of a Software License and Support Services Agreement between Webb County and Management Information Technology USA INC. d/b/a Child Plus Software, on behalf of the Webb County Head Start, for one year (1yr) term, from October 2024 to September 30th, 2025, at annual subscription fee of Forty-two Thousand one Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and 85/100 Dollars (\$42,155.85) and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. **[Accounts #2357-5190-531-457008, #2361-5190-531-457008, #2367-5190-531-457008 (Contractual)]**

15. **Human Resources**

- a. Discussion and possible action to clarify/confirm the minimum experience requirements for the Deputy Constable, grade16 position for all Constable precincts.

Issue: The current/previous job descriptions for the Deputy Constable, grade 16 positions have different years of experience requirements in various precincts.

Solution: Clarify/confirm for the Deputy Constable current/future position that no experience will be required in order to maintain consistency among the constables offices.

Result: The Deputy Constable position experience requirements will be aligned with applicable positions in Webb County.

16. **Public Health Services**

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a declaration of public purpose pursuant to Tex. Const. Art. 3 Sec. 52 for the purchase of furniture and supplies and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The Public Health Services Department requests authorization to purchase items necessary to create a designated space for relaxation and de-stressing that clients and county employees may use.

Solution: Authorization by the Commissioners Court is necessary to purchase furniture and supplies.

Result: Authorizing the purchase of furniture and supplies will allow the Public Health Services Department to create this space to better serve their clients and employees.

17. **Pre-Trial Services**

- 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 January 13, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2092	Judicial Bond Officer	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14/A-E

Issue: This slot became vacant on 01/03/2025.

Solution: Commissioners court to approve the posting and filling of the vacant slot.

Result: Approving the agenda item to fill the slot will allow this department to run efficiently and without interruptions.

- b. 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 January 13, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
3018	Judicial Clerk	\$15.92 - \$16.73 13/A-E

Issue: Slot became vacant on 12/31/2024 and is required to be filled.

Solution: Approval by commissioners court will be need to fill the slot.

Result: Granted approval will allow the department to work efficiently.

18. **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.

19. Santa Teresita Community Center

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the Santa Teresita Community Center to benefit programs and activities sponsored by the center. Funds to be deposited into Santa Teresita Community Center's Materials & Supplies account #1001-6300-001-46000. Funds to remain in said account until completely exhausted.

20. Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a reimbursement agreement between Webb County on behalf of the Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) during the performance period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800.00) to lease a vehicle at a rate of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) monthly and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2600-3010-001-444200, OCDETF Fund #2600]**

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 costs of leasing vehicles.

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

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of a reimbursement agreement for overtime expenses as per the Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Southern District of Texas (79), United States Marshals Services, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. The performance period for this agreement is October 24, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The Webb County Sheriff's Office will receive an amount not to exceed Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$21,741.00) in support of Joint Law Enforcement Operations Project JLEOTFOT. Applicable estimated fringe benefits in the amount of \$5,200 associated with this overtime will be covered using federal forfeiture funds. Thus, this cooperative agreement will continue to have no impact on the general fund. **[Fund #2599; Cash Match from Fund #2153 (Federal Forfeiture Fund)]**

Issue: Various criminals with felonious charges, such as but not limited to murder, robberies, sexual assault of minors, all gang-related felonies, and aggravated assaults with deadly weapons, abscond from the local jurisdiction in order to avoid justice for their crimes. Due to the limited manpower and other resources of local law enforcement agencies, these criminal can sometimes continue to successfully evade arrest with impunity.

Solution: Through joint law enforcement overtime (OT) operations, members of the U.S. Marshal's Service Multi-Agency Task Force can continue to assist other local law enforcement agencies, such as the Laredo Police Department and the Zapata County Sheriff's Office, to conduct necessary investigations, covert surveillance and undertaken arrests of absconders who have outstanding warrants for their felonious crimes.

Result: Webb County/Laredo citizens will be safer once these criminals are captured and taken out of the local community in order to face justice for their felonious crimes.

- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Twenty Four Month (24) month (March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2027) Software Subscription Agreement between LexisNexis and Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Sheriff's Office for Online/Practice Solutions/Software at an annual fee of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,200.00), subject to annual budget appropriations and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2022-4100-001-461000 (Materials & Supplies - Sheriff Inmate Commissary)]**
- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of two (2) MX908-C Handheld Mass Spectrometer Chemical Detection Systems, with a one (1) year warranty, on-site training class, chemical training kit and sampling swabs for a total not to exceed \$142,126.40 from Farrwest (BuyBoard Contract #718-23) to be utilized by the Webb County Sheriff's Office pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Programs and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2748-3010-001-470000 (Capital Outlay – Operation Lone Star)]**

Issue: Our nation is in the middle of a fentanyl epidemic where even a traffic stop can result in fentanyl poisoning for an officer. Banned substances need to be identified quickly, safely, and accurately to save lives and protect deputies.

Solution: Funding from the Operation Lone Star Grant for FY 2025 was awarded to Webb County for the purchase of a Handheld Mass Spectrometer Chemical Detection System for Gas/Vapor for the safety of Webb County law enforcement Officers.

Result: Proceed with the order of the approved purchase under the Operation Lone Star Grant. No impact to the General Fund.

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 January 13, 2025:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
2984	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.

Result: Provide continuous operation for the Water Utilities Department.

22. 1848 Event Center

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Capital Outlay funds:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2031-1010-001-460105-001	Minor Tools & Apparatus	\$100,000	\$8,000	\$52,728.43	\$21,235.43
To:	2031-1010-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$8,000	\$3,887.10	\$35,380.10

Issue: The capital outlay account (470000) requires additional funds to cover the purchase of folding round tables and folding table dollies.

Solution: This transfer will allow the 1848 Event Center to cover the purchase of 100 folding round tables, and 13 folding table dollies.

Result: Purchase tables and dollies.

- b. Discussion with possible action to create an Incentive Supplementary line item under Department 2031 (Webb County Fairgrounds) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to allow for incentive supplementary pay for safety and security purposes for Slot #4095; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2031-1010-001-410000 Payroll Cost]**

REGULAR AGENDA

Honorable Isidro Alaniz, District Attorney

23. Discussion and possible action to continue paying grant funded personnel under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force Agreement, DEA Narcotics Task Force until notification about grant continuation award from the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. **[Fund #2592]**

Issue: HIDTA is a multi-agency task force that continues to gather intelligence and disrupts the illicit flow of narcotics and money laundering activities along the South Texas Border region. South Texas HITDA is an alliance of over 57 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working together to combat drug trafficking and related crimes. Historically the Grantor has always submitted award letters to local law enforcement agencies between the months of February and March; Nonetheless, the grants are retroactive to January 1st of each calendar year.

Solution: For the Webb County District Attorney's Office to continue supporting HIDTA by employing grant funded investigators and continue corroborating with other law enforcement agencies to push forward the mission and goals of the South Texas HIDTA task force.

Result: The Webb County District Attorney's Office will continue to employ HIDTA funded investigators who will actively participate and help the task force fight against the continued flow of illicit drugs and related crime within the South Texas region.

Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

24. Discussion and possible action to continue paying grant funded personnel under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force Agreement, DEA Narcotics Task Force until notification about grant continuation award is received from the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. This grant has been active for the past 29 years and is anticipated to continue. All personnel costs will be reimbursed with grant funds. **[Grant Fund Account #2906]**

Issue: HIDTA is a multi-agency task force that continues to gather intelligence and disrupts the illicit flow of narcotics and money laundering activities along the South Texas Border region. South Texas HITDA is an alliance of over 57 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working together to combat drug trafficking and related crimes. Historically the Grantor has always submitted award letters to local law enforcement agencies between the months of February and March; Nonetheless, the grants are retroactive to January 1st of each calendar year.

Solution: For the Webb County Sheriff's Office to continue supporting HIDTA by employing grant funded investigators and continue corroborating with other law enforcement agencies to push forward the mission and goals of the South Texas HIDTA task force.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office will continue to employ two (2) HIDTA funded investigators who will actively participate and help the task force fight against the continued flow of illicit drugs and related crime within the South Texas region.

25. Discussion and possible action to authorize a one-time exemption to Webb County Budget Policy and 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		\$20,000		
To:	1001-3010-001-443000-020	Repairs & Maint. Building	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$248.98	\$20,248.98

Issue: There are insufficient funds to complete repairs needed at the sheriff's office building.

Solution: Transfer monies to Building & Repairs line item in order to complete repairs needed.

Result: Transfer monies to cover deficit in the Building & Repairs line item.

Economic Development

26. Discussion and possible action to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Regional Solid Waste Grant award and to enter into an agreement - Contract No. 25-19-02, with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) South Texas Development Council in the amount of Forty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$40,386) in grant funds and to include a county cash match of up to Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to implement tire pickup campaigns, and; authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all pertinent contract documentation. The contract implementation schedule is projected to run from December 1, 2024, until June 30, 2025. 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 the Webb County Commissioner's Court; Operational Reserve Account #101-1130-001-431007-010]**

Issue: Webb County has identified the need for tire clean-up and collection campaigns.

Solution: To carry out clean-up campaigns that will address tire littering areas and pickup tires from Colonia areas.

Result: In cooperation with Code Enforcement, Building Maintenance, and the Road & Bridge Department will implement a minimum of 3 clean-up campaigns, specifically geared toward tire collection and disposal of tires.

Fire Marshal

27. 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 Fire Marshal's Office 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 other fees; and subject to annual budgetary appropriation; and authorize the County Judge sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-3130-001-441010 (Telephone)]**

Auditor

28. Discussion and possible action to obligate savings as projects are completed within the American Rescue Plan Act -ARPA (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) forty projects to the Webb County Utilities Department intra agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) \$7,485,232 for the La Presa Booster Pump Station Project and the La Presa Waterline Extension Phase II and any matters incident thereto;

Issue: The Water Utilities Department MOU cost exceeds \$5,044,881 ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds plus interest earned. Any completed ARPA projects saving within the forty projects can be obligated to the Water Utilities Department MOU projects.

Solution: Identify any ARPA saving within the forty ARPA projects to be allocated to the Webb County Utilities Department MOU projects as completed.

Result: The County will not utilize the General Fund operational saving nor the General Fund - fund balance for La Presa Booster Pump Station Project nor the La Presa Waterline Extension Phase II Project.

Engineer

29. Discussion and possible action to approve an additive Change Order No. 1 to JMJ Constructors in the total amount of \$70,000.00 for ARPA Project No. 0001-Webb County Regional Rio Bravo Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2703-5205-001-474501-103 (Construction in Progress-Rio Bravo WW Treatment Upgrades)]**

Issue: JMJ performed an assessment of the Hydropneumatic tank on July 18, 2024. JMJ was instructed to perform an assessment and recommend rehabilitation to restore the tank to working order. Also, as per the manufacturer's recommendation, the decanter Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) will be moved from the electrical room to the top of the Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR). VFD Relocation (Additive)-\$25,000.00 and Tank Rehabilitation (Additive)-\$45,000.00

Solution: The intent is to use part of the project contingency allowance to fund the tank rehabilitation.

Result: To reduce the length of the VFD cables and improve response accuracy and to restore the Hydropneumatic tank.

Planning

30. Discussion and possible action to authorize County staff to draw the necessary funds in an amount up to \$58,400.00 from the standby Letter of Credit No. 85990 (Vantage Bank) as required to complete pending FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) required by the Agreement between Webb County and TDB World Industrial Park, LLC in the event that, on or before January 19, 2025, the developer fails to either: 1) secure FEMA approval for the proposed LOMR; or 2) provide a reasonable time extension to the financial guarantee.

Issue: Item is a regulatory compliance matter of the Webb County Flood Damage Prevention Order and Federal floodplain management requirements. The current financial guarantee expires January 19, 2025. The County Floodplain Administrator has not received any correspondence regarding project status from either FEMA or the project hydrologist since May 2024. Since FEMA LOMR approval has not been issued or an extension of the financial guarantee has not been submitted, this item has been placed for the court's authorization to draw the funds.

Solution: Drawing the funds will allow the County to ensure completion of LOMR and compliance with Federal and local floodplain management regulations.

Result: Federal and local floodplain management regulation requirements will be met.

Purchasing

31. Discussion and possible action to award Invitation to Bid (ITB) 2025-002 "Webb County Casa Blanca Golf Course Fencing Project" for the installation of approximately 2,850 linear feet of fencing including access gates along the southern boundary of the Casa Blanca Golf Course property pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Sub-Chapter C. Competitive Bidding in General and to authorize the transfer of funds from the General Fund Reserve – Capital Outlay Account #1001-1130-001-470000 to the Golf Course Capital Outlay Account #7100-6040-001-470000 for the awarded sum, and to further authorize the County Judge to sign the construction contract between Webb County and awarded bidder and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #7100-6040-001-470000 (Casa Blanca Golf Course -Golf Course-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: Commissioners Court authorized the advertisement for formal bids for the fabrication and installation of approximately 2,850 LF of fencing along the southern boundary of the Webb County Casa Blanca Golf Course.

Solution: Consideration to award project for Casa Blanca Golf Course fencing improvements.

Result: If approved, General Counsel will prepare the construction contract for the awarded amount for final execution by the Webb County Judge.

32. Discussion and possible action to accept the rankings and award Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2025-005 "Consulting Services for an International-Binational Relations Liaison" for the purpose of establishing international and global relations, to bring trade, economic development, business, cultural education, and to act as a direct Liaison between Webb County and Mexican counterparts for the development & construction of the new 4/5 International Bridge System to include but not limited to long term planning of a produce terminal market and other business development planning ventures surrounding the recent Presidential permit approval for the 4/5 International Bridge connecting Webb County and the Mexican State of Tamaulipas and to further authorize General Counsel to prepare the professional service agreement and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services) and Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Operational Reserve-Operational Reserve)]**

Issue: Webb County Commissioners Court authorized the creation of a Bi-National Committee with the intention to create international relationships based on trade, economic development, business, cultural, educational and information exchanges and further authorized the solicitation of consulting services for a Liaison to serve as a representative for Webb County in international business relations.

Solution: Consideration to accept the rankings and award the public solicitation for consulting services to the recommended firms/individuals as presented by the Purchasing Agent and the Evaluation Committee.

Result: If approved, authorize General Counsel to prepare the professional consulting services agreement for approval by the Webb County Commissioners Court.

Supplier	Rank	Score	Diplomatic & Comm. Effectiveness	Policy & Regul. Knowledge & Alignment	Econ. & Trade Facilitation	Event Coordination & Logistics Mgmt.	Cultural Diplomacy & Public Relations	Crisis Mgmt. & Risk Mitigation	Reporting & Doc.	Ref.
		100	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

Cross-National Advisory Partners	1	90.75	19.00	19.00	18.00	13.50	8.50	4.00	4.25	4.50
Rafael Duenas Hernandez	2	61.25	11.00	12.00	13.00	9.75	7.00	2.50	3.00	3.00
Monarch Global Strategies LLC	3	59.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	9.75	6.00	2.75	2.50	2.75
Borderless Coverage Consulting	4	53.75	12.00	9.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	2.25	2.75	1.75
Elia Guevara	5	51.00	10.00	9.00	12.00	8.25	5.00	2.00	2.50	2.25
258 Consulting LLC	6	50.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.25	2.50	2.75

1848 Event Center

33. Discussion with possible action to approve additional services for the scope of work for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services (Slay Architecture) for renovations of the existing fairgrounds in the amount not to exceed Fifty One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$51,100.00); and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Professional Services)]**

Budget Officer

34. Discussion and possible action to transfer county payroll savings funds accumulated as of January 3, 2025 in the amount of \$582,281 to the Operational Reserve account; and any other matters incident thereto.

Acc. Number	Acct. Name	Request
1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve	\$582,281

Issue: Budget officer has directed a quarterly payroll sweep.

Solution: Complete fourth quarter payroll sweep.

Result: Savings for Operational reserve and funds for various county projects.

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

35. Presentation by Fonroche Light America regarding solar lighting for 1848 Event Center with discussion and possible action, and any other matters incident thereto.

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

36. Discussion and possible action to enter into an AIA-A133-2019 "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Contractor (Cost of the Work Plus a Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price)" with Stoddard Enterprise, LLC, concerning the Webb County Veterans Building Rehabilitation and Preservation Project, in the amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for Pre-Construction Phase Services and, as a component of CMAR's Guaranteed Maximum Price, approximately Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$346,240.00) for construction overhead & Profit (Construction Manager's Fee based on 8% of the estimated construction budget of \$4,328,000.00) and Four Hundred Eight-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$486,895.00) for General Condition Charges and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Tano Tijerina, County Judge]**

[Account #2703-5203-5205-006 (ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund)]

Issue: The designated property consists of a one-story (4,448 Square Foot) Main Building and a one-story (240 Square Foot) Storage Building, both to be rehabilitated, and secondary non-historic structures to be demolished. The restoration of the exterior of the building (to meet the concurrence/approval of the Texas Historical Commission) and conversion of the interior into the Webb County's Veteran Services offices, museum exhibit space, associated open spaces, landscaping, and parking.

Solution: At its October 28, 2024 meeting, the Webb County Commissioners Court awarded Request for Proposal 20205-001 "ARPA Project No. 27-Webb County Veterans Building Rehabilitation and Preservation Project" to Stoddard Enterprise, LLC to undertake the renovation work.

Result: The Buildings located at 409 San Bernardo, Laredo, Texas will house the County's Veterans Service office and museum exhibits.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

37. Discussion and possible action to Proclaim January 2025 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
38. Discussion and possible action to select the members of the Commissioners Court to the Purchasing Board by majority vote pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; §262.011 (Purchasing Agents) and any other matters incident thereto.

Closed Session/Executive Session

39. Discussion and possible action regarding a grievance submitted by the Webb County Deputy Sheriffs Association, pursuant to Article XXI, Section-B, Step 3, regarding the Incentive Pay of Deputy Employee #3967 pursuant to Article XI Section B, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and authorizing the county judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session is requested pursuant to Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code-Consultation with Attorney, Contemplated Litigation]**
40. Discussion with possible action regarding pending delinquent tax litigation in 2015 TXA 000927 D3; United Independent School District, Plaintiff and Webb County, Plaintiff- Intervenor vs. Xavier Cantu, Defendant. **[Closed session /Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation. Requested by County's Tax Attorney]**
41. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure professional appraisal services from a qualified firm for a fair market value appraisal of a building and surrounding property listed for sale which is located at 5102 and 5110 US Hwy 59 Laredo, Webb County Texas, for county consideration to make an offer to purchase; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Executive Session may be requested pursuant §551.072 Texas Government Code- deliberation on real property] [Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**
42. **Communications**
43. **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 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

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 10th day of January, 2025 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: [Signature]

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

