

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Tuesday, OCTOBER 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

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

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 10th day of October 2024. Present also were Ms. Carmen L. Saldaña, Recording Secretary representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

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

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

Roll call by Ms. Leslie Speer, Co-Chief Deputy on behalf of the Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Led by Commissioner, Pct. 4 Ricardo A. Jaime.

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.

County Treasurer, Raul Reyes presented the Bills and Disbursements for the period of 09/20/2024 - 10/10/2024 that included the Recap of Checks, EFT's, and the payments released by general order.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Treasurer, Raul Reyes presented the Payment Ratifications.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Treasurer, Raul Reyes presented the Liability Disbursements of the County payroll for the pay period of 09/06/2024 - 09/19/2024 as well as the requested special payroll of 09/20/2024 - 10/03/2024. Included as well was the Casa Blanca Golf Course payroll from prior date of 10/04/2024 and the estimated payroll for the next pay period 10/18/2024.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to approve the estimated payroll not to exceed \$45,000.00

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

County Treasurer, Raul Reyes presented the Monthly Report for August 2024.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Human Resources Director, Monica Flores presented the Wage and Pay Scale Budget Amendments Report.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to approve by order the Wage and Pay Scale Budget Amendments Report

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

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.**

No one signed up for public comment.

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 authorize a one (1) year Software as a Service (SaaS) Financial Reporting service agreement with Gravity IGM Technology Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00 (\$19,500 annual service fee plus \$15,000 implementation fee) and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1260-001-443000-110 (Repairs & Maintenance-Software)]

Issue: With new financial reporting requirements as set by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) for local governments, implementation of the proposed cloud-based software will assist the County Auditor with the annual financial reporting requirements.

Solution: Consider the approval of the proposal as recommended by the County Auditor. The Purchasing Agent advertised and secured three (3) proposals in response to public solicitation request. Gravity IGM Technology Corp. is the best price, designed in compliance with GASB 34 and Government Finance Officers Association reporting requirements and is a cloud-based software that meets the expectations for annual financial reporting requirements by the County Auditor.

Result: Approve the proposal submitted by Gravity IGM Technology Corp. for a one (1) year cloud-based software agreement as presented in order to prepare the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

- b. Discussion and possible action to ratify the transfers from General Fund to the Webb County Fairgrounds Special Revenue Fund for \$515,997 and the Casa Blanca Golf Course Fund for \$777,216 for the year end encumbrances for capital expenditures.

Issue: The Webb County Fairgrounds Special Revenue Fund and the Casa Blanca Golf Course Enterprise Fund encumbrances for capital expenditures have not be completed as of September 30, 2024.

Solution: The Commissioners Court has already allocated funding for transfers during fiscal year 2024 and the County Auditor is respectfully requesting to transfers the balances for next year to make the available funding for next year

for completing the capital expenditures.

Result: The Webb County Fairground Special Revenue Fund and the Casa Blanca Golf Course Enterprise Fund will have the available funding for the capital expenditures for next year.

6. Civil Legal Division

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Non-Financial Professional Services Agreement between Webb County, for the Webb County Early Child Headstart Care Partnership (EHS-CCP), and Serving Children and Adults in Need (S.C.A.N.) for substance abuse education for the Webb County Early Child Headstart Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) for use in their early head start programs. This agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which S.C.A.N. will be providing their professional substance abuse education programs to the Webb County Head Start (EHS-CCP). This agreement shall be for a three year (3yr.) term for three scholastic calendar years commencing September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2027, and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Director, Webb County Head Start (Funding Source-Non-Financial Agreement)]

7. Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law 2 Judge

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a 12-month agreement (effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program and Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN, inc) in the amount not to exceed two hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$220,000.00). SCAN, inc will provide substance abuse and treatment counseling for DWI Court participants as listed and approved on the grant application through U. S. Department of Health & Human Services SAMHSA and authorize the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2356-2070- 003-457008-025]

Issue: Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court services DWI Offenders in Webb County.

Solution: Effectively service area offenders through substance abuse counseling, mental health and other resources provided by the court with SCAN, inc partnership.

Result: Obtaining the services by SCAN, inc is a key component of grant requirements.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a 12-month agreement (effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024) between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program and Amistad Consultation and Evaluation Services in the amount not to exceed Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). Dr. Todd Russell and Drew Russell will service the DWI Court Program team to have access to professional evaluation of the court and consulting; as listed and approved on the grant application through U. S. Department Health & Human Services SAMHSA and authorize the Webb County

Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2356-2070-003-432001]

Issue: Webb County Court-at-Law II operates The DWI Court program.

Solution: Evaluation and Consulting services will assist DWI Court team monitor grant compliance.

Result: Obtaining the services by Amistad Consulting and Evaluation Services is a key component of grant requirements.

8. District Attorney

- a. Discussion and possible action to continue paying grant-funded personnel under OCDETF for work performed until notification and allocation of funds by the grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. All personnel costs will be reimbursed with grant funds. [Fund #2587-2260-001-413000]**

Issue: Current grant funding expired on September 30, 2024. The D.A.'s Office has not received notice of award for the new grant. Unless this item is approved, personnel working under this grant will not be paid after September 30, 2024.

Solution: Grant a payroll extension effective October 1, 2024.

Result: The Webb County District Attorney's Office will continue to employ the grant-funded personnel, and will continue to execute its duties against criminal activity.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the transfer of unit 56-05 - 2018 Chevrolet Silverado VIN: 3GCUKREC6JG483171 from the 406th District Court to the Webb County District Attorney's Office and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-2270-001-443000-075 (General Fund-County Attorney-Administration-Repairs & Maintenance-Vehicles)]**

Issue: The District Attorney's Office is in need of vehicles due to several of their units having mechanical issues.

Solution: Consider to authorize the approval to transfer county owned unit no longer being used by the 406th Judicial District Court to the District Attorney's Office for official use.

Result: Fixed asset records will reflect the assignment to the Webb County District Attorney's Office. Department currently has both fuel and maintenance accounts to cover related expenses for their fleet.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a reimbursement agreement between Webb County for the benefit of the District Attorney's Office and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces program (OCDETF) for an amount not to exceed \$181,443. The total reimbursable amount covers overtime for investigators assigned to the DEA Task Force (\$145,443.00) and payments related to 3 leased vehicles (\$36,000). The period of performance for this**

agreement is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Forfeiture funds will be utilized to cover the fringe benefits allocated to the overtime therefore no impact to the General Fund. [Account #2587-2260-001-413000]

Issue: Collaboration between Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations along Webb County and the Texas Border.

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

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

9. Commissioners Court

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to issue a letter of concurrence to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Dept. of Commerce in support of establishing a usage driven FTZ designation (Minor Boundary Modification), City of Laredo Foreign Trade Zone (F.T.Z.) No. 94 for ZAYRO INTERNATIONAL FORWARDERS, LLC., located at 4113 Free Trade St., Building B, Laredo, Texas 78045, within Webb County's Taxing Jurisdiction, and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by Zayro International Forwarders, LLC and City of Laredo. No effect on budget]
- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to solicit RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) for a professional services firm to provide legislative consulting services to Webb County and assist with potential legislation consideration for our State Senator and Representatives in Austin, Texas; and any other matters incident thereto.

10. Commissioners Court Administrator

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Texas A&M University (TAMU) and Webb County to authorize the use of the Webb County Community Resource Center (Guadalupe & Lilia Martinez Nutrition Center) for Five (5) years commencing October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2029; and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Civil Legal Department]
- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into third party funding agreements with the following organizations and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Civil Legal Department]

Organization	Amount Funded	Account
Sacred Heart Children	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463503
Boys & Girls Club	\$12,250.00	1001-1140-001-463514
Laredo Development Foundation	\$30,000.00	1001-1140-001-463517
Border Area Nutrition Council	\$30,000.00	1001-1140-001-463522

Crime Stoppers	\$5,000.00	1001-1140-001-463527
Regional Food Bank	\$35,000.00	1001-1140-001-463531
Webb Soil & Water Conservation	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463547
Bethany House	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463548
Children's Advocacy Center	\$50,000.00	1001-1140-001-463558
Casa Misericordia	\$30,000.00	1001-1140-001-463575
Habitat For Humanity	\$50,000.00	1001-1140-001-463576
Border Regional MHMR	\$75,000.00	1001-1140-001-463577
Area Health Education Cen	\$6,000.00	1001-1140-001-463595
Communities in Schools	\$15,000.00	1001-1140-001-463604
Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463608
Laredo Cancer Society	\$25,000.00	1001-1140-001-463617
Laredo Stroke Association	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463618
Laredo Tennis Association	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463619
Laredo Philharmonic	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463620
Volunteers Serving the Need	\$20,000.00	1001-1140-001-463614
PILLAR	\$30,000.00	1001-1140-001-463613
API Border Chapter	\$10,000.00	1001-1140-001-463622
NeighborWorks Laredo	\$25,000.00	1001-1140-001-463623
Animal Protective Society	\$10,000.00	1001-5370-001-463508
Ruthe B. Cowl	\$100,000.00	1001-5370-001-463509
Gateway Community Health	\$67,500.00	1001-5370-001-463552
Mercy Ministries	\$75,000.00	1001-5370-001-463587
Smiles from Heaven	\$25,000.00	1001-5370-001-463602
Heritage Foundation	\$25,000.00	2004-1010-001-463518
Center for the Arts	\$10,000.00	2004-1010-001-463532
Chamber Of Commerce	\$150,000.00	2004-1010-001-463537
WBCA	\$20,000.00	2004-1010-001-463540
Border Olympics	\$100,000.00	2004-1010-001-463541
Children's Museum	\$10,000.00	2004-1010-001-463543
Society of Martha Washington	\$7,500.00	2004-1010-001-463544
Pocahontas Council	\$7,500.00	2004-1010-001-463553
Latin Hall of Fame	\$10,000.00	2004-1010-001-463571
Street of Laredo Urban Mall	\$40,000.00	2004-1010-001-463578
Texas Special Olympics	\$10,000.00	2004-1010-001-463588
World Pugilist Hall of Fame	\$5,000.00	2004-1010-001-463603
Laredo Cultural District	\$25,000.00	2004-1010-001-463611
Mexican Cultural Institute	\$15,000.00	2004-1010-001-463579
LULAC NO. 12	\$10,000.00	2004-1010-001-463563
Pony League	\$35,000.00	2004-1010-001-463615

11. Community Action Agency

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following (grant-funded) Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective October 15, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
3032	Food Transporter (Part-Time)	\$10.50

Issue: The employee in this position was promoted to a full-time slot on September 16, 2024.

Solution: We propose advertise and hire a replacement for this position. The new hire will play a crucial role in delivering healthy hot meals to eligible elderly in our community.

Result: This action will ensure the continued provisions of hot, nutritious meals to seniors through the Meals-on-Wheels and Elderly Nutrition Program.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to enter into a vendor agreement with Retail Energy provider (listed below) for the implementation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). This vendor agreement is a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement for the implementation of the programs, authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This agreement shall be effective from the 1st day of January 2025 for a period not to exceed two years from the effective date. [Account #2362-5360-521-463804 (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program)]

Retail Energy Provider:
Gexa Energy

Issue: This vendor agreement is a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement.

Solution: The Webb County CAA will enter into a two-year vendor agreement with Gexa Energy Provider for the implementation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

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

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a nine-month contract agreement between Webb County Community Action Agency (WCCAA) and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program State Discretionary Funds - Organizational Capacity Improvements (OCI) for PY-2024. CSBG-D Contract No. 61240004328 shall commence on August 01, 2024, and, unless earlier terminated,

shall end on May 31, 2025, in the amount of One Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$1,428.00); and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This action will not have an impact to the General Fund. Documentation has been reviewed by Webb County Economic Development Department and is compliant with SPOC policies and procedures.

Issue: Community Services Block Grant requires entities to complete an Organizational Standards report every year.

Solution: Accept a Grant State Discretionary Funds to procure a consultant to develop an Organizational Standards report.

Result: The support services are intended for Organizational Capacity Improvements (OCI) to assist with meeting Organizational Standards.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of Amendment #3 to Contract #61240004152 for the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for program year 2024. This amendment is a grant increase in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Two-Hundred Ten Dollars (\$65,210.00). This action will not have an impact to the County General Fund. Documentation has been reviewed by Webb County Economic Development Department and is compliant with SPOC policies and procedures. [Account #2368-5170-330300 (Grant Revenue)]

Issue: TDHCA has awarded CAA a grant increase under the CSBG Program in the amount of \$65,210.00.

Solution: The Court approval of CSBG Amendment #3 will benefit both operations and administrative expenses.

Result: Webb County CAA Social Services will continue to provide direct services to eligible low-income residents of Webb County under the CSBG Program.

- e. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 24, 2024 through September 23, 2025) "Client Tracking Management Software System" Agreement for the Community Action Agency's Social Service Program to CAP Systems, Inc. at a one-time cost of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) for the Software Licenses and Training plus a monthly support and maintenance fee of the software in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) (annually \$18,000.00) for a total cost of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2368-5170-521-457008 (Contractual); Account #2362-5360-521-457900 (Program Services Expenditures)]

Issue: The current agreement with Client Management Tracking Provider has expired. The Community Action Agency is required to solicit proposals to continue tracking clients through a software system and enter into a contract to continue said client tracking services.

Solution: At its commissioners' court meeting of August 26, 2024, the Court awarded Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-010 "Client Tracking Management Software" to CAP Systems, Inc.

Result: Approving a contract with CAP Systems, Inc. will allow the Community Action Agency Social Services Program to continue to collect, track, manage and/or store their client data information as needed in order to meet mandated eligibility and/or reporting requirements of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Service Block Grant ("CSBG") and Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEA). Subject to Budget Appropriations, the Agreement provides for the Agreement to be extended for an additional three (3) one-year periods.

12. Drug Court Program

- a. Discussion and possible action to modify the Job Title, adjust pay, and filling of the following grant-funded Slot, subject to the availability of payroll grant funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective October 15, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>New Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
4066	Drug Court Counselor II	Drug Court Counselor I	\$60,000 (grant-funded)	\$65,000 (grant-funded)

Issue: The previous approved item included level I and level II counseling positions for the Drug Court. Both Counselors will have the same requirements, duties and responsibilities.

Solution: Amend the title to state Drug Court Counselor I and adjust salary to reflect \$65,000.

Result: Changes to the job title and pay will allow us to fill the position and provide adequate treatment services to the program without further interruption.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the following change in job title/job description for slot #3019 (grant-funded) subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service Guidelines for the Veterans Treatment Program:

	Slot #	Title	Hourly Rate
From:	3019	Assistant Case Manager	\$19.23 (grant-funded)
To:		Assistant Coordinator/Case Manager	\$22.15 (grant-funded)

Issue: Current Job title and description does not properly describe the day-to-day duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Case Manager.

Solution: The reclassification of slot #3019 will accurately reflect the correct duties and responsibilities of the position.

Result: Changes will reflect the required duties and responsibilities the job

entails.

13. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award for the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training (VAWA) from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Office of Governor (OOG) in the amount of \$7,000.00 grant funds for training and supplies for investigators and patrol officers working at the Webb County Sheriff's Office serving victims of violent crimes against women and authorize Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documentation. This grant requires a \$3,000 cash match; This \$3,000 cash match will be met by the Webb County Sheriff's Office forfeiture funds. Thus, this grant will have no impact on the general fund. 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. [Account #2152-3010-001 (Forfeiture Funds)]

Issue: Violence against women is among the most intractable and deadliest criminal justice problems in the United States, especially domestic violence and in the South Texas area. According to published statistics, the number of American women between 2001-2012 who were murdered by current or ex-male partners in the United States was 11,766. That's almost double the amount of casualties lost during wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Women who will be victims of severe violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes number 1 in 4. ("30 Shocking Domestic Violence Statistics That Remind Us It's An Epidemic" Vagianos 10/23/2014).

Solution: Grant award to enhance the tools, techniques, and training to those investigators who follow-up to calls for assistance, conduct interviews with these victims, file incident reports, provide these victims with information/referrals to service providers, initiate arrests of perpetrators, refer cases for prosecution, and prepare testimony/evidence for trial in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Result: Enhanced law enforcement services, including investigative techniques, to deal with emergent criminal trends, such as cyberstalking, and improved efficacy of the law enforcement response to the needs of victims of violent crime.

- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreement for an amount of Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$21,740.50) with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency and Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Sheriff's Office for the performance period of (October 1, 2024–September 30, 2025, being FY 2025), said agreement (Operation "Steady Moving") will provide funding needed for task force duties and overtime reimbursement payments to Webb County and the Webb County Sheriffs' Office will cover and estimated Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in fringe benefits from its State Forfeiture Account; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident. [Requested by the Webb County Sheriff's Office, Fund #2600-3010-001-413000 and Fringes Fund #2150]

- c. **Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award in the amount of \$31,193.82 (OAG Contract No. C-01832) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) from the Office of the Texas Attorney General (OAG) for the automated notification of crime victims for a period of Twelve (12) months beginning on September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. There is no cash match, and, thus, there is 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 the Webb County Sheriff's Office, Fund #2712-3010-443000-035]**

Issue: In the past decades, many crime victims, such as victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, were unaware if their respective crime perpetrators were able to post bail and be released from the correction's system. In late 1993, one particular victim who had been raped, assaulted, and stalked in Jefferson County was unaware that her former boyfriend had been released and was subsequently ambushed by him after she left work. She was shot seven (7) times at point-blank range and killed on that day, her 21st birthday.

Solution: As a result of community outrage, an automated telephone notification system for crime victims and other concerned citizens was instituted: Victim Information and Notification Every day (VINE) Service. This nationwide system is funded by Texas counties through the Texas Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and is currently utilized by Webb County.

Result: The crime victims of Laredo/Webb County can enroll in this program and will be provided with automated notification upon an offender's custody status change, such as release, transfer, and/or relevant district court dates.

- d. **Discussion and possible action to accept award and enter into an agreement with the Texas Comptroller and accept the award in the amount of \$275,000 through the Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant. All required documents were sent for review through Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. This grant does not require a cash match. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. [Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney]**

Issue: District Attorney's Offices all over Texas are having a hard time retaining and hiring employees due to the competitive salaries in the private sector and other government agencies.

Solution: Use the amount if awarded to pay higher salaries and be able to retain employees

Result: This will allow the District Attorney's Office to retain and recruit talented employees.

- e. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of the 2024-25 Federal Application 5339-D-2025-WEBB CO-00024 Public Transit Grant by the Webb County Community Action Agency to the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$289,568.00) and designating the Webb County Judge as authorized official in all matters pertaining to this grant; and any other matters incident thereto. All required documentation has been submitted to the Economic Development Department for review and was found to be compliant with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy. [Requested by Guillermo Walls, CAA Director and Robert Martinez, El Aguila Rural Transit Program Manager; Grant Fund #2661]

Issue: Funding is available for the continuation of rural public transit in Webb County.

Solution: Seek approval by the court for the submission of the proposed grant application.

Result: Additional rural public transport buses will be available to serve the rural residents of Webb County.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve the carryover to FY 2024-25 of grant funds in the amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$15,053.00) for Federal Rural Public Transportation Grant - 5339-R-2022-Webb CO - 00011 (BBF 2302 (22) 050_22) from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT); and any other matters incident thereto. No impact on the General Fund. All required documentation has been submitted to the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with Webb County (SPOC) Single Point of Contact Procedures. [Requested by Guillermo Walls, CAA Director and Robert Martinez, El Aguila Rural Public Transit Program Manager; Grant Fund #2661]

Issue: Funding is available to be carried over for continuation of El Aguila Rural Public Transit grant funded transit services.

Solution: Request the carryover of grant funds.

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

- g. Discussion and possible action to approve a two-year lease extension as provided in the current lease agreement between F.D. Laurel Properties, LLC, as Lessor, and Webb County, as Lessee, for their Economic Development Department Office Site at a monthly rental of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS (\$3,502.00) for the real property described at Lot 3, Block 232 ("1308 San Agustin") together with the parking area located on the West 1/3 of Lot 1, Block 232, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas with said lease extension beginning December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2026, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign any all relevant document; and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1130-001-444100]

Issue: The Economic Development Department currently leases office space and associated parking lot from F.D. Laurel Properties, LLC with said property being located at 1308 San Agustin; however, said lease needs to be renewed.

Solution: The current lease agreement allows Webb County to exercise its option to extend the current lease for an additional two-year period beginning December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2026.

Result: Current lease agreement will be extended until November 30, 2026.

- h.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025) Participating Entity Services Agreement between APPRISS, Inc. and Webb County. The agreement is by and through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources for products and related services with APPRISS, Inc. and will provide appropriate maintenance to the software used with VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday Program) at a total cost of Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$31,193.82) that will be paid by the Office of The Attorney General. There is no impact on the General Fund, authorizing the County Judge to any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff, Account #2712-3010-001-443000-035]
- i.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application for supplemental meal delivery services to elderly and/or disabled homebound residents of Webb County in the amount estimated at \$20,000 as prepared, written, and submitted by the CAA grant writer in collaboration with the Meals on Wheel Program Manager and CAA management to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meals (HDM) Grant Program and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. There will be no additional County Match needed. 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 Guillermo Walls, CAA Director]

Issue: There is often a need for additional services/expanded capacity to serve more impoverished elderly and/or disabled residents of Webb County.

Solution: Proposed supplemental grant application will allow expanded capacity for additional home deliveries of hot, nutritious meals to elderly and/or disabled residents of Webb County, Texas.

Result: CAA's Meals on Wheels Program will be able to provide additional services.

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. Slot #2525 will become vacant on October 17, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
1702 /1799 / 2969 / 2988	Substitute	\$11.94	20
2525	Teacher Assistant	\$15.66	20

15. Information Technology

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into an agreement with Hyperlink Infosystem Inc. for the development and implementation of a Webb County Mobile phone App for use with both iPhone and Android phones at a cost not to exceed Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Dollars (\$8,440.00) and with a maintenance and support of the phone app for one year at an additional cost of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,320.00) for a total cost of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,760.00) authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant document and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1280-001-443000-110 (Repairs and Maintenance Software)]

Issue: There is a need to communicate more efficiently with precinct constituents in English and Spanish.

Solution: We evaluated several companies and found one that would provide the services needed.

Result: A mobile app will be developed and available for the public.

16. Public Health Services

- a. Discussion and possible action to allow an exemption to the \$15 per hour maximum for part-time employees for the following part-time slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines effective October 15, 2024; Funding for this part-time slot will come from Fund 2002 RHP20 Anchor Fund Account #2002-5100-001-431009 and will have no impact to the General Fund

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
888813	Part Time	\$20.00 per hour

17. Public Information Office

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a One (1) year (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) service agreement between Granicus and Webb County for an amount not to exceed \$4,545.38 for the purpose of Streaming services for Commissioners Court, to include sound search feature and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents. [Account #1001-1300-001-443000-110 (Repairs & Maintenance Software)]

Issue: The Commissioners Court previously approved and awarded Granicus to provide broadcast streaming services of County Commissioners meetings for the fiscal year 2024-2025 on 07/24/2023.

Solution: Granicus will provide streaming services for Commissioners court

meetings to include the sound search services.

Result: Proceed with streaming services for Commissioners Court with Granicus.

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.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a professional service contract between Webb County and Smart-procure, Inc. dba Gov-Spend for a 3-year agreement for five (5) Gov-Spend SmartSearch Licenses effective December 16, 2024, through September 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$8,657.00 for the entire three (3) year term subject to annual appropriations pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; 262.024 Discretionary Exemption: 7(a) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-1310-001-432001 (Professional Services)]

Issue: There is a need to have access to other governments' information about vendors and contracts in order to secure better prices for informal and formal bids as well as to be able to validate sole source companies for Webb County.

Solution: Approve recommended GovSpend SmartSearch Licenses that represent a suite of proprietary software applications developed and offered exclusively by GovSpend and patented by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (U.S. Patent No. US 2014/0188948 A1)

Result: Increase results of vendor participation for formal and informal bids in order to secure financial savings and procurement efficiency as well as exclusive software to validate companies claiming sole source status.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to utilize national purchasing cooperative vendors: Amazon Business (Omnia Partners R-TC-17006), Staples Business Advantage (Sourcwell #012320-SCC), Home Depot (Omnia Partners #16154 and #17009), Lowe's Pro (Omnia Partners R192006), Grainger (Omnia Partners R192002), Southern Tire Mart (BuyBoard 636-21), Lakeshore Learning (Omnia Partners R190501), Office Depot Business Solutions (Omnia Partners R190303) for the purchase of goods and services for Fiscal Year 2025 in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code: Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program, Sections 271.101, 271.102 (Cooperative Purchasing Participation) and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Webb County benefits from online marketplace vendors that provide value pricing on various items.

Solution: Utilizing national cooperative pricing through online marketplace vendors is a mechanism for providing Webb County with better costs and value for items purchased utilizing public funds.

Result: Webb County will be able to utilize national co-ops for online marketplace purchases which have met the competitive bidding requirements of the state.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of one (1) 20' x 40' All-Terrain Stage System with a height range adjustment between 24" - 48" from The Stage Depot for an amount not to exceed \$42,037.00 for the Webb County 1848 Event Center and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #2031-1010-001-470000 (Webb County Fairgrounds-Commissioners Court-Administration-Capital Outlay)]

Issue: Currently, the 1848 Event Center does not have a mobile staging system for annual events and/or rental use. The staging system is a two-part stage that can be combined into a large setting split up into two concurrent scheduled events/rentals.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the Purchasing Agent to order the All-Terrain-weather resistant staging system for use by the 1848 Event Center and when required by other County departments for public use.

Result: If approved, the order will be placed. The ETA on delivery is estimated at 3–5 days.

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

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	3015-3180-001-470000	Contingency Reserve Cnstbl Pct. 2 Capital Outlay	\$99,486	\$25,000	\$26,762	\$1,762
To:	3015-2270-001-470000	Contingency Reserve Co. Attorney Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$25,000	\$0.00	\$25,000

Issue: Funds are needed for police equipment for three (3) leased units used for law enforcement purposes by the Webb County Attorney's Office.

Solution: Use available funding secured through Government Capital Corporation financed for this purpose; budgeted under the Contingency Reserve Account.

Result: If approved, orders will be placed after Commissioners Court approval.

- f. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive bids for the purchase and installation of one (1) Generac 400kw Industrial Size Generator for the Webb County Juvenile Department to include but not limited to the removal and disposal of existing generator, new automatic transfer switch (ATS) installation, startup and commission of new generator in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. cooperative Purchasing Programs and to further authorize the transfer of funds from the General Operating Fund – Capital Outlay Account 1001-1130-001-470000 to the Juvenile Department's Capital Outlay account 1001-2450-001-470000 and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #1001-2450-001-470000 (General Fund-Juvenile Probation-Administration-Capital Outlay)]

Issue: The current backup generator is no longer operable. The existing generator is original equipment installed when the building was constructed approximately 15 years ago.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the Purchasing Agent to secure competitive bids for the installation of a new Generac generator to include removal of existing and disposal, plus installation of a new ATS, plus startup and commission. And to further consider the transfer of funds as requested.

Result: If approved, competitive pricing will be secured and estimated lead times for delivery and installation are approximately 16–19 weeks from order.

19. Risk Management

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Terms of Engagement and Addendum for Actuarial Services between Webb County and Lewis and Ellis at a cost of Nine Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00) for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2024, and Six Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars (\$6,800.00) for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2025. The actuarial analysis will encompass the post employment health plan and Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) reserves for Webb County's medical, prescription and dental plans. [Account #6300-1090-001-432001]

Issue: Governmental accounting reporting is needed by the Auditor's office on a yearly basis.

Solution: Approval by the Court to accept Lewis & Ellis as actuaries to provide report will enable Risk Management to turn in report on a timely basis.

Result: Report will be submitted to the court and the Auditor's office by the end of this year.

- b. **Discussion and possible action to amend the Master Service Agreement with Aetna to provide in addition to the services under the "Webb County Medical, Prescription Drug, Dental and Vision Plan - Third Party Administration" to include the administration of the New Consumer Driven Health Plan that permits the implementation of a Health Saving Account (HSA) at a cost of \$1.35 per member per month and for COBRA Administrative Services to remain at \$0.35 cents per patient per month with a minimum \$150.00 per month; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign the Amendment to the Master Service Agreement (MSA) and any other matters incident thereto. [Requested by Monica Flores, Webb County Interim Risk Department Director; Account #6100-1090-001-432056-(Administrative Fees); Account #6100-1090-001-432058 (Cobra Administration)]**

Issue: Webb County currently contracts with Aetna as its Third Party Administrator (TPA) to administer the County's self-funded employee benefit plans. The commissioners court approved on September 9, 2024 Item 34. during a regularly scheduled meeting to have a New Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP).

Solution: Amend the Master Service Agreement to include the CDHP which is required to have an HSA.

Result: After execution of the Amendment to the MSA, TPA services will be effective January 1, 2025.

- c. **Discussion and possible action to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2025 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation forms with the Texas Association of Counties (AmWINS Group Benefits) for the County Silver Choice Retiree Program. There will be an increase to the monthly premium in the retiree prescription supplement plan, from \$213.62 to \$215.51, effective January 2, 2025, which covers County retirees 65 and over and their dependents and any matters incident thereto.**

Issue: Webb County presently acts as the administrator for the Silver Choice program with TAC for those retirees receiving coverage through the program. There is no cost and no contribution from the County and the Risk Management Office merely drafts the total premiums from the Silver Choice retirees' accounts and forwards the premiums to TAC.

Solution: Continue administering the program for the Silver Choice Retirees for Plan year 2025 and sign the agreement with TAC.

Result: The coverage for those Silver Choice retirees who choose to remain in the program will continue without interruption.

20. Water Utilities

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year Maintenance Agreement (from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) between Webb County for the benefit of the Water Utilities Department and AquaFlow Int'l Inc. in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$1,598.00) for the first loading station and \$990.00 for each additional loading station in a total amount not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$3,578.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #7200-7050-001-443000-035 (Repairs & Maintenance Equipment)]
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective October 15, 2024:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
4067	Electrician	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14-A/E
2877	Wastewater Operator I	\$15.15- \$15.93 12-A/E

Issue: Request to fill vacant slots.

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

Result: Provide continuous operations for the Utilities Department.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a One (1) year Wedeco U.V. water treatment disinfection system service support and maintenance agreement between Webb County and Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., for the Utilities Department, at the rate of Fifteen Thousand Thirty-One Dollars (\$15,031.00) per yr. commencing retroactively October 1, 2024 thru September 30th, 2025, and authorizing the Webb County Judge so sign any relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. [Account #7200-7050-001-443000-035 (Repairs & Maintenance of Equipment)]

21. 1848 Event Center

- a. Discussion with possible action to waive the fee for the use of the 1848 Event Center (Webb County Fairgrounds) as per the request of Judge Tano Tijerina for the annual Laredo Firefighters Association Family Picnic to be held on November 2, 2024, in accordance with the approved Fee Schedule and Policy.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to approve Consent Agenda

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

Human Resources

- 22. Discussion and possible action to introduce the newly appointed Interim Executive Director of Utility Systems, Javier Gonzalez Rodriguez, and any other matters incident thereto.**

Mr. Javier Gonzalez Rodriguez, Interim Executive Director of Utility Systems, introduced himself to the court by expressing his gratitude for the opportunity as well as informing the court of his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Engineering, his B and D licenses in water, and future licenses he will obtain.

1848 Event Center

- 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into Amendment 1 with Herculano Suarez, LLC. d/b/a Suarez Restaurant to authorize the use of the allocated space by increasing the hours of operation at the Webb County Fair Grounds (Renamed "1848") for the remaining period of the Agreement beginning November 1, 2024, and ending November 14, 2025, with all other terms in full force and effect; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Honorable Patricia Barrera, Tax-Assessor- Collector

- 24. Discussion and possible action to reduce the ACH fee charged by the Tax Office through USA-Epay VCI formerly VeriCheck, Inc. to the Web Dealers from 1% to .50% per web dealer transaction and to authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. There will be no impact to the General Fund.**

Issue: The State Motor Vehicle Department (DMV) requires that all web dealers pay their transactions-Sales via ACH, credit cards or other electronic method. At the present time the Tax Office is processing ACH transactions through USA-Epay VCI formerly VeriCheck, Inc. at the cost of 1% to the Web Dealers. This fee can be modified depending on the number of transactions per month. After almost two of web dealer transactions there has been a significant increase to the limits to the point that there will be an adjustment to this fee.

Solution: Commissioners court authorization to renew contracts.

Result: To be in compliance with the Texas Motor Vehicle Department's requirement for payment of web dealer transactions.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to waive ACH fee charged by the Tax Office

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Amended Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve new ACH fee of .25%, which will stay in place until

further notice

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

Commissioners Court Administrator

- 25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract (AIA A101-2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor Stipulated Sum) with Roofing and Construction by JJ Flores, LLC in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$647,500.00) plus an additional Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars Owner's contingency for the Webb County Sheriff's Office Roof Renovation Project and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #1001-1130-001-470000 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

- 26. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement with Angel Care Ambulance Service LLC for three years (and two one year options to extend) at a monthly cost of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00 monthly being \$1,020,000.00 annually) and a monthly cost of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for any additional manned unit requested and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #1001-5370-001-463535 (Emergency Medical Service)]**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to approve

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime (ABSTAIN)

- 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into Amendment #1, Webb County - Office(s) Renovation (Sheriff Bldg.), with Frank Architects, Inc. at a cost of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$106,750.00) for additional services related to the roof and garage renovations (including design review and site observations of roof and parking garage renovations) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #1001-1130-001-470000 (Capital Outlay)]**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to table item

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

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

- 28. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Developer Participation Contract with AFW Investment II, Ltd. and East Laredo Homeplace, Ltd. to pave two sections of Estrella Road (a county road), with Webb County to participate by providing construction material and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the**

County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #1001-1130-001-432001-223 (Professional Services)]

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

- 29. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to commemorate it by lighting up the Webb County Commissioners Courthouse in pink all of October, 2024; and any matters incident thereto.**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo

Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina requested the proclamation to be read at a later time in order to allow presenters some time to arrive.

- 30. Discussion and possible action to enter into an engineering services agreement with GDJ Engineering for plans, specifications, construction administration and inspection at a cost of \$156,818 for the Las Lomas Road Project (RFQ 2024-013 Las Lomas Paving Road Sal Sipuedes Rd. to Camino de Norte approx. 2 miles) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Amended motion by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to correct the amount on item, which should be read as \$195,768.00 instead of \$156,818.00

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried - Unanimously

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

- 31. Discussion and possible action to authorize a county sponsorship in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to the South Texas Conjunto Association (STCA), for their upcoming 3rd Annual Conjunto Legends Awards which helps promote and support the history and culture of Texas conjunto music in Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and any other matters incident thereto. (Account #1001-1140-001-463526 (General Fund - Community Promotions)]**

Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime requests no action to be taken.

No action taken.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- 32. Discussion with possible action to develop an incentive proposal including but not limited to a Public-Private Partnership and/or tax abatement to build a hotel at the 1848 Event Center (fairgrounds); and any other matters incident thereto.**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

- 33. Discussion and possible action to establish a Bi-National Relations Committee with the efforts to create international relationships based on trade, economic development, business, cultural, educational and information exchanges; and any other matters incident thereto.**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime to bring up Item #29

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

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

- 29. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to commemorate it by lighting up the Webb County Commissioners Courthouse in pink all of October, 2024; and any matters incident thereto.**

Ms. Laura Nanez, Relay for Life of Webb County Event Leader, spoke about the importance of raising awareness about breast cancer during the month of October. Present were also volunteers Ms. Sylvia Garza, Ms. Mary Trevino and Maria Lourdes Martinez, Ambassador of Courage Breast Cancer Survivor for 2025.

Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina and County Judge Tano E. Tijerina both read a proclamation to proclaim the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month as well as National Mammography Day, to be celebrated on October 18, 2024.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to bring up Item #37

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Presentations

- 37. Recognition and presentation of plaques to Healing Hearts, an organization created by Alexander High School seniors; Viviana Covarrubias, Sophia Rodriguez and Krizia Flores for their volunteer work with the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center. [Requested by Ricardo Jaime, Commissioner Pct. 4]**

Ms. Linda Sanchez, Manager of Fernando A. Salinas Community Center, presented Viviana Covarrubias, Sophia Rodriguez and Krizia Flores, Alexander High School Seniors, who were being recognized for their volunteer work at the center.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina to bring up Item #33

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- 33. Discussion and possible action to establish a Bi-National Relations Committee with the efforts to create international relationships based on trade, economic development, business, cultural, educational and information exchanges; and any other matters incident thereto.**

Albert Torres, Director of 1848 Event Center, advised the court that the involvement of all commissioners in the Bi-National Relations Committee would be beneficial in creating international relationships.

County Judge, Tano E. Tijerina advised the court that Mr. Lalo Uribe, Budget Officer, and Mr. Leroy Medford, Commissioners Court Administrator will be a part of the Bi-National Relations Committee as well.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to open up Addendum

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Addendum

Planning

- 1. Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary and Final Plat Approval to a plat of World Logistics Park Phase I, being 124.38 acres out of 683.07 acres as described in Vol. 5180, Pg. 542 of the Webb County Deed Records. All public improvements have been completed or secured a financial guarantee in compliance with the Webb County Subdivision Regulations and are dedicated to Webb County Municipal District No.1. (ID 13953).**

Planning Director, Mr. Jorge Calderon advised the court about a correction for Item #1 on the addendum, in which Webb County Municipal District No. 1 should be changed to Webb County Municipal Utility District.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

2. **Discussion and possible action to grant Preliminary and Final Plat Approval to a plat of World Logistics Park Phase II, being 113.50 acres out of 683.07 acres as described in Vol. 5180, Pg. 542 of the Webb County Deed Records. All public improvements have been completed in compliance with the Webb County Subdivision Regulations and are dedicated to Webb County Municipal District No.1. (ID 13955).**

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to approve

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion Carried

Other: Commissioner, Pct. 2 Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina (OUT OF THE COURTROOM)

Closed Session/Executive Session

County Judge, Tano E. Tijerina read items #34, #35 and #36 for the record.

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to move into Executive Session

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

Executive Session (10:25 a.m. - 10:39 a.m.)

No action taken in Executive Session.

34. **Discussion and possible action to retain the law firm of Allison, Bass, and Magee, LLC, as legal counsel to represent Webb County in Cause Number 2024CVK000996D3 Michelle Garcia vs. Webb County Medical Examiners, and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(1)(A) (Consultation with Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation)] [Requested by the Webb County Civil Legal Division, Account #1001-1130-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Civil Legal Division, Mr. Nathan Bratton requested authority to obtain an agreement to proceed with Allison, Bass, and Magee LLC for representation.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

35. **Discussion and possible action to settle the claim presented by Gonzalez & Associates Law Firm for their client Alan Gonzalez (Tristar claim #23903716), and any other matters incident thereto. Incident occurred March 16, 2023, between a County Sheriff Department Vehicle Unit 27-337 (2019 Chevy Tahoe) and a (2015 Ford F-150) motor vehicle driven by Alan Gonzalez. [Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (1)(A) (Consultation with Attorney regarding pending settlement offer)]**

- 36. Discussion with legal counsel of Allison, Bass & Magee, L.L.P. regarding Maria Garcia, Estate of Christopher Torres-Garcia and Christopher Torres-Garcia's heirs v. Webb County, Civil Action No. 5:23-CV-137; United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division and any potential action needed. [Closed/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]**

Civil Legal Division, Mr. Nathan Bratton requested authority to proceed as discussed in Executive Session for items #35 and #36.

Motion by Commissioner, Pct. 3 John C. Galo, seconded by Commissioner, Pct 4. Ricardo A. Jaime to approve

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried

38. Communications

No communications were made.

39. Adjourn

Motion by County Judge Tano E. Tijerina, seconded by Commissioner, Pct. 1 Jesse Gonzalez to adjourn

Vote: 5 - 0 Motion Carried