



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MARCH 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.

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, Human Resources/Risk Management; and any other Department reports); and any other matters incident thereto.
4. Public Comment - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member, individually or in a group, will be allowed a total of Three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

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COUNTY CLERK
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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 an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant Funds.
[Requested by Sabino Morales, Constable Pct. 3]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2465-3160-001-462605	Fuel & Lubricant	\$20,000	\$26,662.11	\$6,662.11
	2465-3160-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$- 0 -
			\$23,000		
To:	2465-3160-001-470000	Capital Outlay	\$23,000	\$46,017.00	\$69,017.00

Issue: Funds available in account will not cover costs needed for allowed Police Unit under Grant.

Solution: Approval of line item transfer.

Result: With the funds, we will be able to cover the cost of the allowed police unit.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Forfeiture funds.
[Requested by Isidro "Chilo" Alaniz, District Attorney]

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2161-259700	Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$72,730	\$150,334.74	\$77,604.74
To:	2161-2260-001-457006	Law Enforcement Other	\$155,300	\$72,730	\$37,549.52	\$110,279.52

Issue: The purchase of secondary non-lethal equipment was not allotted.

Solution: Approve transfer of the above-mentioned funds.

Result: There will be sufficient funds in the mentioned line items which will allow for the purchase of equipment.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within grant funds. This action will not have an impact on the General Fund. **[Requested by Guillermo Walls, C.A.A. Director]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2368-5170-521-426000	Worker Compensation	\$131.34	\$131.34	\$0
	2368-5170-521-457008	Contractual	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$0
	2368-5170-521-458000	Administrative Travel	\$1,084.59	\$2,553.28	\$1,468.69
			\$2,750.93		
To:	2368-5170-521-423000	Retirement County Share	\$1,688.12	(\$3,424.23)	(\$1,736.11)
	2368-5170-521-441001	Telephone	\$1,062.81	\$639.09	\$1,701.90
			\$2,750.93		

Issue: Funds available in accounts will not cover costs needed to continue operating services.

Solution: With Commissioners Court approval, accounts in the line item transfers will have enough funds.

Result: To ensure funding for the remainder of the current program year.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant Funds. **[Requested by David Garza, Veterans Service Director]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2866-5410-001-421000	Health HAS Life Insurance	\$21,788.00	\$14,492.00	\$19,687.25	\$5,195.25
	2866-5410-001-462605	Fuel & Lubricants	\$4,176.00	\$1,008.00	\$2,259.24	\$897.18
	2866-5410-001-443000-075	Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,374.82	\$174.82
	2866-5410-001-455100	Printing & Publishing	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
	2866-5410-001-460000	Office Supplies	\$1,372.75	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
				\$17,900		
To:	2866-5410-001-454000	Advertising	\$8,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.02	\$13,000.02
	2866-5410-001-432001	Professional Services	\$6,200.00	\$4,700.00	\$118.00	\$4,818.00
	2866-5410-001-458000	Administrative Travel	\$480.00	\$200.00	\$31.66	\$231.66
				\$17,900		

Issue: Additional funds are needed in the specified accounts to continue advertising current services, maintain transportation assistance through Professional Services, and cover Administrative Travel reimbursements.

Solution: Approve line-item transfers to allocate funds to the necessary accounts.

Result: The approved line-item transfers will ensure sufficient funds for advertising, administrative travel, and professional services. This will enable the continued delivery of high-demand transportation services and provide local veterans and their families with information about free services offered by the Webb County Veterans Service Office. There are no increases in salaries, and the transfer of grant funds will have no impact on the General Fund.

- e. Discussion and possible action to increase American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Waterline Extension Project #4 Phase I funding an amount not to exceed \$1,515,321 for Ardurra Group Inc professional service contract amendment #1, #2 and #3 and reduce the ARPA funding for the Water Utility MOU Waterline Extension Phase II and to further authorize the additional budget amendment for the Water Utility Fund for the MOU Waterline Extension Phase II budgetary amendment for the required funding for the same amount and any matters incident thereto. **[Water Utility and Commissioners Court for ARPA Project #4 Waterline Extension Phase 1 and Water Utility ARPA MOU Waterline Extension Phase II and Water Utility Fund]**

6. **Budget Officer**

- a. Discussion and possible action to instruct the Webb County Auditors office to release the payment of \$11,800.00 to Angel Care for EMS services provided from February 28, 2025 to March 1, 2025, and to request County Administrators and Civil Legal Division to negotiate a contract with Angel Care for future EMS services at the county fairgrounds; and any other matters incident thereto.

7. **Business Office**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General fund that exceeded the original expenditures thresholds set by the Commissioners Court; and any other matters incident thereto.

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
From:	1001-1130-001-431007-010	Operational Reserve	\$85,000
To:	1001-1130-001-432001	Professional Services	\$35,000
	1001-1020-001-464010	Dues and Memberships	\$5,000
	1001-1020-001-432079	Employee Appreciation Events	\$45,000

Issue: Several past-due invoices are pending payment due to lack of funding. This is a 3-year contract, currently in year 3.

Solution: Transfer as listed.

Result: Transfer will allow change order complete payments.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers):

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-1130-001-432001	Professional Services	\$750,000	\$72,814	\$392,226.28	\$319,412.28
To:	7100-6080-001-470000-205	Capital Outlay - Reconstruction Cost Golf Course	\$0	\$72,814	\$597,216	\$670,030

Issue: Additional services were added after the contract was approved.

Solution: Transfer will cover the amended contract amount approved on 10/28/24.

Result: Approve the transfer of \$72,814 to replenish the account to ensure adequate funding for the project.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the release of payment to Texas AVL in the amount of \$1,200 that exceeded the original expenditures thresholds set by the Commissioners Court; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2004-1010-001-463526 (Community Promotions)]**

8. **Civil Legal Division**

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify and approve the construction contract with Stoddard Enterprise, LLC in the amount of Six Million Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$6,062,720.00) for the Justice Center - Building Envelope and Site Rehabilitation Project (improvements to the roof and exterior of the Dean Senator Judith Zaffirini Justice Center) and any matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-470000 (General Fund-General Operating Exp-Administration-Capital Outlay)]**

9. **Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law II**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within the General fund.

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-2070-001-451157	Adult Misdemeanor	\$100,000	\$8,500	\$89,500	\$81,000
To:	1001-2070-001-461000	Materials and Supplies	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$423.29	\$8,923.29

Issue: The main TV of the courtroom well is meeting its displays lifespan and needs replacement. It is a daily used piece of Audio/Video equipment for the Courts hybrid conference hearings. The line item for materials and supplies is near depletion due to the updating of the court coordinators desktops at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Solution: Approve line item transfers.

Result: The court will have the monies allocated in the line items to complete payment.

10. **Commissioners Court Administrator**

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept the declaration of public purpose pursuant to Texas Constitution Article 3 Section 52 for a county donation to United Way in the amount of \$5,000, pledging support for their continued efforts in the Webb County community; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1140-001-463526 (Community Promotions)]**

- b. 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 listed for sale which is located at 720 Convent St., and adjacent parking lot located at 1101 Matamoros St., 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)]**

11. **Community Action Agency**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve and pass a resolution regarding various compliance matters required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Self-Help Center Contract #CSH24-0168 and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. All grant documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and this solicitation is compliant with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Procedures. This agenda item concerns compliance with state grant regulations; and, thus, there is no financial impact to the Webb County budget.

Issue: Civil Rights and other compliance requirements must be implemented by Webb County in order to comply with grant funding agency program requirements.

Solution: Civil Rights, Citizen Participation, Planned Grievance Procedures, Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy, Section 504 Policy, Limited English Proficiency and Fair Housing Policies must be implemented.

Result: The Self-Help Center Program will be in compliance with funding agency requirements.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve and pass a resolution regarding various compliance matters required by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Self-Help Center Contract #CSH-23-0520 and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. All grant documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and this solicitation is compliant with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Procedures. This agenda item concerns compliance with state grant regulations; and, thus, there is no financial impact to the Webb County budget.

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Solution: Civil Rights, Citizen Participation, Planned Grievance Procedures, Section 3 Policy, Excessive Force Policy, Section 504 Policy, Limited English Proficiency and Fair Housing Policies must be implemented.

Result: The Self-Help Center Program will be in compliance with funding agency requirements.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following slot, full-time with benefits, to be funded from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Account #2368-5170-521-410000 and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Account #2362-5360-521-410000. This position will be 100% grant funded and there will be no impact to the General Fund.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1153	Case Management Specialist	\$18.50

Issue: Slot became vacant as of February 18, 2025.

Solution: Advertise and hire a replacement who possesses the specialized experience and the qualifications necessary for this position.

Result: Filling the position will allow the department to effectively continue the flow of work.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) to enter into a vendor agreement with the Retail Energy providers (listed below) for the implementation of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). These vendor agreements are 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. These agreements 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 (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program)]**

Retail Energy Provider:

CleanSky Energy
Pulse Power Energy

Issue: These vendor agreements are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement.

Solution: The Webb County CAA will enter into a two-year vendor agreement with the Retail Energy Providers 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.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt the Self-Help Center (SHC) Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction and New Construction Guidelines for SHC Contract Number(s) CSH23-0520 and CSH24-0168. All grant documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and this solicitation is compliant with Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Procedures. This agenda item concerns compliance with state grant regulations; and, thus, there is no financial impact to the Webb County budget.

Issue: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requires grantees to adopt housing assistance program guidelines for awarded contracts.

Solution: Webb County Commissioner's Court approves and adopts the housing assistance program guidelines.

Result: Webb County will be in compliance with TDHCA program requirements.

- f. Discussion and possible action to accept a donation from Vistra Operations Company, LLC in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) as per Texas Local Government Code 81.032 (Acceptance of Donation) for the Webb County Community Action Agency's Social Services Program; and any other matters incident thereto. The Webb County Community Action Agency/Social Services Program currently intends to use these unrestricted funds to acquire needed education and training. **[Account # 2368-5150-34805 (CSBG Other Revenue) and Account #2368-5170-521-458000 (CSBG – Admin. Travel)]**

Issue: The Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) received a donation check in the amount \$2,500.

Solution: This donation will provide supplemental but needed funding for the Webb County CAA's Social Services Program for training and education.

Result: The Webb County CAA will be able to utilize these funds to increase organizational/staff capacity in order to better serve the needs of the local community and its citizens.

- g. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of Amendment #1 to Contract #61250004368 for the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for program year 2025. This amendment is a grant increase in the amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$116,158.00). 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 #2368-5170-521 (Grant Revenue)]**

Issue: TDHCA has awarded CAA a grant increase under the CSBG Program in the amount of \$116,158.00.

Solution: The Court approval of CSBG Amendment #1 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.

- h. Discussion and possible action to authorize and make an exception for a one-time annual credit card charge not to exceed Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,280.00) for an annual resubscription from Monday.com Work Management Pro Platform for the Webb County Community Action Agency Department utilizing the Webb County credit card designated only for airfare related expenditures and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2638-5170-521-461000 (Materials & Supplies)]**

Issue: The Webb County Community Action Agency is resubscribing to a work management platform to improve efficiency within the department. The platform accepts purchase orders for an Enterprise Plan at a cost of \$5,280.00 for ten users. This is THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) greater than if the county would pay using a credit card.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the use and make an exception to the rule of using the County Credit Card for only airfare-related expenditures.

Result: If authorized, the order will be processed using the Credit card. This system will enhance the overall operational efficiency of the department.

- i. Discussion and possible action to adopt policy and resolution in support of Fair Housing Month as proclaimed for April 2025 and to authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters thereto.

Issue: It is a federal requirement that Webb County adopt the Fair Housing Policy within its jurisdiction in order to continue to apply for grants.

Solution: The adoption of the Fair Housing Policy in Webb County and inform citizens of Webb County of their legal rights in housing discrimination.

Result: The federal requirement for Fair Housing will be met by promoting Fair Housing within Webb County's jurisdiction, thus allowing Webb County to continue applying for grants.

12. Honorable Sabino Morales, Constable Pct. 3

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept Constable Pct. 3 Racial Profiling Report to be in compliance with Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.1031-2.138.

Issue: Chief administrators of law enforcement agencies that meet the criteria must submit racial profiling reports to their governing body, as well as TCOLE.

Solution: Record Constable Pct. 3 Racial Profiling Report.

Result: Will be in compliance with Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.1031-2.138.

13. Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

- a. Discussion and possible action enter into a Professional Counseling Services Agreement with Happy and Healthy Counseling, PLLC., for the provision of counseling services to Child Protective Services Foster Children served by the Laredo/Webb County Texas Emergency Network Diversion Court commencing October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the 2024 - 2025 grant cycle, authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by the Honorable Judge Selina Mireles, Account #2747-1150-001-432090 (Counseling)]**

Issue: Child Protective Services (CPS) transfers foster youths from one foster placement to another placement, which often results in gaps in counseling services.

Solution: Webb County's approval of the Agreement allows for court-ordered foster-placed children to secure much-needed counseling sessions and eliminate any potential gaps in counseling services.

Result: The program will ensure that foster-placed children are provided much-needed counseling services and avoid potential gaps with their counseling services when said youth are moved from one foster placement to another.

14. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a grant application for a Social Services/Family Well-Being Grant in the amount estimated at EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$80,000.00) as prepared, written, and submitted by the CAA grant writer in collaboration with CAA management and submitted to the Moody Foundation for the funds to establish a diaper resource center program for Webb County; and, designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant requires no cash match; and, thus will have no impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Guillermo Walls, CAA Director]**

Issue: During harsh times, impoverished Webb County families are being left further behind economically as the high cost of diapers exacerbates and worsens the lack of affordable day care in the local community by adding yet another barrier to working families' ability to climb out of poverty.

Solution: Proposed supplemental grant application will allow expanded capacity for the Community Action Agency for the establishment of a diaper resource center for extremely low-income Webb County families.

Result: Community Action Agency (CAA) will be able to provide additional services to the struggling

families of Webb County.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a grant award for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$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 authorizing the County Judge to sign any and all relevant documents including a resolution and any other matter 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, Fund #2467]**

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: Accept this grant award that 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.

- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding ("M.O.U.") with the State of Texas, through the Department of Public Safety, for Webb County's inclusion in the Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan (TSICP) which will authorize the use by Webb County first responders of state-licensed channel frequencies held by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) for coordination of emergency response services with the State, and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents; and any matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff (Non-Financial MOU)]**

Issue: There is a need for Webb County's First Responders (Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Public Works/Transportation) to be able to coordinate emergency response services with the State of Texas.

Solution: Enter into an MOU with the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, which authorizes Webb County the use of state-licensed mobile/portable radio frequencies for the purpose of coordinating emergency response services and resources with the State of Texas.

Result: MOU provides essential guidance for interoperable radio communications using VHF, UH 700 MHZ, 800 MHZ, and mobile satellite equipment for interagency coordination, in-route travel, or on incident communications.

- d. Discussion and possible action to accept the FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award from the City of Laredo (A Department of Justice Grant), in the amount of \$28,733.50 for the purchase of equipment, minor tools, and supplies; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents related to this grant; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require any type of match, and, thus, has 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, Sheriff]**

Issue: Supplemental equipment, training/travel, and supplies will allow the Webb County Sheriff's Office to provide better and more enhanced law enforcement services.

Solution: Grant award to provide supplemental equipment, training/travel, and supplies for the Webb County Sheriff's Office.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office and its staff will be equipped with needed new equipment, training/travel, and supplies.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve and adopt the "Sub-recipient Monitoring Policy and Procedures" for Grant #15PBJA-24-GG-05118-JAGX (FY 2024 JAG) for said Federal Awards, for monitoring of Webb County and the Webb County Sheriff's as the sub-recipient of said federal funds as part of grant and said policy will provide the necessary guidance and forms for monitoring; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This is an administrative adoption of two policies which will have no financial impact on the budget. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; JAG Grant Funds]**
- f. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") funded by the Department of Justice ("DOJ") between Webb County for the benefit of the Webb County Sheriff's Office and the City of Laredo acting on behalf of the Laredo Police Department, which will support equipment, training/travel, and supplies for law enforcement operational purposes. The proposed amount Webb County Sheriff's Office will receive is Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$28,733.50). There are no matching funds required and therefore there will be no impact on the general fund; authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; JAG Grant Funds]**
- g. Discussion and possible action to ratify the acceptance of the award and enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) for TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00). The total project cost is TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,150,000.00) with ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) provided by USDA-RD, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) provided by Webb County ARPA Funds, and ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) provided by Rio Bravo ARPA Funds. These funds will be used for the Rio Bravo Street Improvements Project. This period of performance is from June 14, 2024, to June 14, 2025. 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 #2703-5205-006-474502-109]**

Issue: To complete the project, Webb County must accept and enter into an agreement with USDA.

Solution: Accept the award and enter into an agreement.

Results: Webb County will be able to implement the project.

- h. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order No. 2 for an increase of 9 days to the contract with AOC Calton, Ltd. d/b/a Summit Building & Design for the Southern Health Facility, due to rainy days, and further authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This amendment 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. **[Account #3522-7230-001]**

Issue: Contractor experienced rainy days that delayed construction

Solution: Approve change order that will allow the contractor to have extra days to finish construction.

Result: Contractor will finish construction within the contract timeframe.

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order No. 3 with AOC Calton, Ltd. d/b/a Summit Building & Design for the installation and purchase of a chain link fence around the septic tank for \$14,709.77 as permit requirement by the City of Laredo, and further authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. This amendment will have no impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Account #3522-7230-001]**

Issue: Upon modifications to the septic tank, the City of Laredo requires a permit around the septic tank.

Solution: Approve change order that will allow the purchase and installation of the fence.

Result: The Webb County Health Facility will be compliant with the City of Laredo.

- j. Discussion and possible action to authorize an exception to the Fiscal and Budgetary Policy and to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within the General fund for the Webb County Economic Development Department:

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-6010-001-443000-110	Repairs & Maint. Software	\$2,000	\$79.57	\$187.00	\$107.43
	1001-6010-001-444100	Space Rental	\$2,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	1001-6010-001-462605	Fuel & Lubricants	\$5,500	\$3,744.66	\$4,944.66	\$1,200.00
				\$5,824.23		
To:	1001-6010-001-461000	Materials & Supplies	\$3,000	\$79.57	\$683.23	\$762.80
	1001-6010-001-458000	Administrative Travel	\$7,500	\$5,744.66	\$984.01	\$6,728.67
				\$5,824.23		

Issue: The current funds allocated are insufficient to fully cover the expenses associated with the scheduled travel. As a result, additional financial resources will be required to ensure that all travel-related costs, including transportation, accommodation, and other necessary expenses, can be adequately supported.

Solution: Approval of line item transfer.

Result: All preparations for the scheduled travel can now continue without further financial concerns.

15. Elections Administration

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the execution of an upgraded Field System Software Maintenance, Votesafe & VEMACS Support agreement between Webb County and VOTEC Corporation (VOTEC Election Management and Compliance Systems) in the amount of Fifty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$55,536.87), plus the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$14,920.00) for the Field System Software Support for a combined total of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Eighty Seven

cents (\$70,456.87). The payment is for the October 1, 2024 through September 20, 2025 fiscal year support coverage period, and to approve by order a discretionary exemption in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (Discretionary Exemptions)(a.)(7) an item that can be obtained from only one source and to further authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1110-001-451201 (General Fund - Elections Administration Election Expense)]**

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the execution of an Election Systems & Software hardware Maintenance and software license and Support Services Agreement between Webb County and ES&S (Election Systems & Software LLC) in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and Forty Three cents (\$124,360.43), for the Hardware maintenance and software license support. The payment is for the January 2, 2025 through October 31, 2025 fiscal year support coverage period, and to approve by order a discretionary exemption in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (Discretionary Exemptions)(a.)(7) an item that can be obtained from only one source and to further authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1110-001-451201 (General Fund-Elections Administration Election Expense)]**

16. **Engineering**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$7,777.50 to SIMA Contractors, LLC., for the completion of the Hwy 359 Mailbox Relocation Project; and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2007-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**

Issue: Due to safety concerns and hazardous conditions along SH 359, resident's mailboxes had to be relocated.

Solution: Mailbox relocation only included Welch Road, Emiliano Road and Wawi Tijerina Parway.

Result: Approval and release of retainage and close out project.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve Work Authorization No. 5 to Howland Engineering and Surveying Co., for Material Testing at the 1848/Webb County Fairgrounds Parking Lot (Select Fill Verification); and have the County Judge sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3901-7230-001-474501 (Fairgrounds Project Series 2020 - Construction in Progress)]**

Issue: Webb County is in the process of purchasing a stockpile of select fill for the new parking lot project.

Solution: As per Commissioners Court request, the County will purchase select fill material (caliche). Material will have to be tested before use.

Result: Cost effective to purchase in bulk and stockpile materials from vendor.

17. **Fire Marshal**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a burn ban Order for a maximum of Sixty (60) days of all outdoor burning in all the unincorporated areas of Webb County commencing March 24, 2025, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081 and other applicable statutes, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The current Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) average for Webb County is at 634 and is

expected to reach 702 within the next fourteen days. (KBDI scale ranges from 0-800 with 800 representing extremely dry conditions) These conditions create a high risk of wildfires with danger to damage life and property.

Solution: Order an immediate Burn Ban for a maximum of 60 days (or until conditions are considered safe) to be enforced by the Sheriff's Office to discourage outdoor burning in order to prevent spread of wildfires and loss of life and property.

Result: Discourage citizens from outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Webb County in order to prevent wildfires and enforce a fine of up to \$500 by the Sheriff's Office for those citizens that do not abide by Burn Ban.

18. Head Start

Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

- a. Report from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Head Start based on results obtained during Focus Area One (FA1) monitoring review of the Webb County Commissioners Head Start Program from February 10, 2025 to February 12, 2025. Based on the information gathered during this review, it has been determined that the program meets the requirements of all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirement.
- b. 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>
1921 / 2952	AA Teacher Assistant - ISD	\$15.74	20
1361	AA Teacher Assistant	\$15.66	20
987	BA Teacher	\$15.77	20

19. Public Health Services

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between OnMed, LLC and Webb County for the Bruni Public Health Facility. The purpose of the agreement is for the implementation of an OnMed CareStation that can provide comprehensive medical care via tele-medicine in an area that is medically underserved at no cost to Webb County. The term of the MOU shall be for three (3) years, commencing on April 1, 2025 and ending on March 31, 2028 and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto.

20. Information Technology

- a. Discussion with possible action to allocate and transfer \$135,000 from the interest income within the ARPA Fund - 2703 to the Webb County Southern Health Facility in order to purchase I.T. related equipment necessary for the remaining building; pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. cooperative Purchasing Programs and any other matters incident thereto.

VENDOR	DIR	AMOUNT
DELL	DIR-TSO-3763	\$19,084.36
NOVASTAR	TX-DPS-PSB	\$19,348.00
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR	DIR-TSO-4167	\$33,237.86
CDW-G	DIR-CPO-5093	\$16,647.15
CDW-G (GW)	DIR-CPO-5093	\$1,547.35

INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR (GW)	DIR-CPO-5347	\$7,310.39
ASCENDING TECH. INC. (GW)		\$13,634.09
ASCENDING TECH. INC (GW) PAGING SYS		\$4,078.27
CDW-G (GW)	DIRCPO-4839	\$19,506.17
	Total	\$134,393.64

Issue: Additional servers and related equipment is needed in order to house third-party healthcare providers that will also occupy the building.

Solution: Allocate and transfer interest income from within the ARPA Fund - 2703 to purchase equipment needed.

Result: Southern Health Facility will be properly equipped to accommodate third-party healthcare providers.

21. Juvenile Probation Department

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Sixty (60) Month (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030) Term Rental Agreement between Pitney Bowes, through the State of Texas Cooperative Contract Participation Agreement, and the Webb County Juvenile Board for the Juvenile Probation Department for mail postage metering services hardware and software at a per month cost of Sixty-Six Dollars Eighty-Two Cents (\$66.82) for a total amount of Four Thousand Nine Dollars Twenty Cents (\$4,009.20) over the term of the Agreement, subject to annual budget appropriation and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents; and any matters incident thereto.
[Account #1001-2450-001-44500 (Equipment Rental)]

Issue: Juvenile Department does volume mailings. The volume of mail to be processed requires the necessity of a postage meter machine.

Solution: Enter into an agreement with Pitney Bowes whose services provides mail services hardware (Pitney Bowe postage machines) and software in order for the Juvenile Probation Department to process its mail.

Result: Juvenile Department will be better able to more efficiently process the mailing of letters and packages for its Department.

22. Public Defender

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective March 24, 2025:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
2916	Supervising Attorney (Immigration)	\$90,105.60 - \$100,776.00 25/N-W

Issue: Slot # 2916 will become vacant on April 3, 2025. This slot may be filled from within, thus creating a vacant attorney slot.

Solution: Request is being made to post and fill the vacant Supervising Attorney (Immigration) slot # 2916, and to post and fill any remaining vacant slots created by promoting from within.

Result: This action will allow our department to promote from within, fill any remaining vacant slots,

and will allow our department to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

23. 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, damage, or obsolete that has no value and/or usefulness for the intended purpose and is no longer needed by the department.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to attempt to sell the County surplus or salvage property through public auction, dispose of or destroy property that cannot be sold through public auction because it has been deemed worthless or disposed of through a recycling program under which property is collected, separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw materials of new products and/or donate as permitted by state law.

Result: Generate auction revenue from sale of county property, reduce county expenditures by transferring surplus property to other departments.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between Webb County and National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) for the purpose of utilizing competitively solicited price agreements awarded by the NPPGOV to participating vendors and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate compliance with state bidding requirements, to identify qualified vendors of commodities, goods and services, to conserve and leverage resources, and to improve the efficiency and economy of the procurement process.

Solution: Allowing Webb County to become a participating member of NPPGov will provide access to all awarded vendors providing goods/services meeting all the competitive bidding requirements of the State of Texas and competitive pricing.

Result: If approved, Webb County will become members of NPPGov, no member fees are required or obligation to purchase goods and services from their awarded suppliers.

24. Risk Management

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve and accept the bond renewal for the following appointed official: "Webb County Auditor", in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 84.007. **[Account #1001-1180-011-452001-010 (other Bonds)]**

Name	Department	Amount
Perez, Rafael	County Auditor	\$92.50

Issue: Bond renewal must be issued in order for the County Auditor to execute required duties.

Solution: Approval and acceptance of bond renewal.

Result: Webb County will be in compliance with the State statute.

25. **Road & Bridge**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective March 24, 2025:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
655	Truck Driver - CDL	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/A-H
656	Motor Grader Operator	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14/A-E
674	Welder	\$15.15 - \$15.93 12/A-E
1745	Truck Driver - CDL	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/A-H
1898	Equipment Operator	\$15.92 - \$16.73 13/A-E
1997	Equipment Operator	\$15.92 - \$16.73 13/A-E
2145	Safety Officer	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/A-H
2402	Equipment Operator	\$15.92 - \$16.73 13/A-E
2403	Motor Grader Operator	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14/A-E
2355	Maintenance Worker	\$15.15 - \$15.93 12/A-E
57	Motor Grader Operator	\$16.73 - \$17.58 14/A-E

Issue: Employees holding the above-mentioned positions resigned, retired and/or were terminated.

Solution: Fill vacant positions.

Result: New employees will assist with the daily operations of the department.

26. **Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of Five (5) APX NEXT ALL-BAND MODEL 4.5 Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (Contract 17724-HGAC (TX)-RA05-21) for Webb County Sheriff's Office in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Program; Section 271.102 (Cooperative Purchasing Program Participation) and any other matters incident hereto. **[Account #2748-3010-001-470000 (Operation Lone Star - Capital Outlay)]**

Issue: The Webb County Sheriff's Office has secured Operation Lone Star funding for portable radios and to assist with Border security initiatives with improved communication equipment.

Solution: Authorize the cooperative contract purchase exceeding \$50,000.00. This Vendor has met the competitive bidding requirements of the State.

Result: Order will be placed after Commissioners Court approval.

- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a five year (April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2030) Professional Services Agreement with Dr John N. Enriquez, M.D. for the provision of Mental Health Services to jail detainees at the monthly fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) with the annual amount not to exceed of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year; total amount over the five-year period being Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) subject to annual budgetary appropriations, authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents; and any matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-4070-001-432001 (Professional Services)]**

Issue: Jail Detainees may be in need of mental services in order to ensure said jail detainees are able to safely remain incarcerated in the jail.

Solution: Contract with Dr. John N. Enriquez, M.D., who will provide mental health services to jail detainees.

Result: Jail detainees will be able to receive mental health services in order to safely remain incarcerated at the jail.

- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Letter of Agreement, LOA, between Webb County and the Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Webb County Deputy Sheriff's Association clarifying Provision C in Appendix D of the Webb County Deputy Sheriff's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), and to further clarify that the Sheriff's Command Staff positions listed on Appendix B of the CBA, which include Chief Deputy, Deputy Chief, and Commanders, and the Sheriff's positions excluded from Civil Service by Rule which include Public Information Officer, Finance Director, and Administrative Manager are not subject to the posting procedures of the Webb County Human Resources Department.

Issue: Clarification is needed for Provision C of Appendix D (page 38) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which gives the Sheriff the authority to promote an officer with at least four (4) years of experience to Corporal provided that there is a vacant Corporal slot available. And further clarification is needed for Appendix B (p.35) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and for the positions Excluded from Civil Service by Rule (Webb County Civil Service Commission, Attachment A) that allow the Sheriff to appoint his Command Staff.

Solution: Enter into a Letter of Agreement (LOA) authorizing Webb County Human Resources Department to accept the appointments under Provision C of Appendix D of the CBA, the positions listed in Appendix B of the CBA and the positions Excluded from Civil Service by Rule to be excluded from the posting procedures listed by Webb County Human Resources Department and allow the Sheriff to appoint an officer at the Sheriff's discretion for Corporal, as stated in the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and appoint his Command Staff.

Result: The Sheriff will be able to exercise the contractual right given by the CBA and appoint positions that are appointable by statute, policy or contract.

27. Honorable Patricia Barrera, Tax-Assessor- Collector

- a. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Sixty (60) Month (March 30, 2025 through March 29, 2030) "State and Local Term Rental Agreement" between Pitney Bowes and Webb County for the Tax Assessor Collector for mail services hardware and software at a per month cost of One Thousand Eighty-One Dollars Sixty-One Cents (\$1,081.61) for a total amount of Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$64,896.60) over the term of the Agreement, subject to annual budget appropriation and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-1320-001-443000-035 (Repairs & Maintenance)]**

Issue: The current lease agreement ends in March 2025.

Solution: Webb County Commissioners Court is asked to approve the State and Local Term Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes for the specified period and cost, and authorize the County Judge to sign all necessary documents to facilitate the agreement's execution.

Result: Webb County will enter into a long-term contract with Pitney Bowes for mail services, including necessary hardware and software, ensuring efficient mail processing for the Tax Assessor-Collector's office. The monthly and total costs are budgeted within the designated Repairs & Maintenance account (#1001-1320-001-443000-035). The agreement will begin on March 30, 2025, and run for five years, subject to annual budget appropriations for the agreed costs.

28. **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 March 24, 2025.

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1531	Utilities Service Supervisor	\$19.40 - \$21.16 17/A-H

Issue: Position became vacant on February 26, 2025.

Solution: Fill vacant position.

Result: The filling of this position will alleviate work overload created by vacancy and allow for efficiency, effectiveness and production of the work within the Utilities Department.

29. **1848 Event Center**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize payment for twenty (20) General Requests for Payment (GRP's) in the amount of \$25,460 for law enforcement duties for non-County law enforcement personnel; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2031-1010-001-457008-070 (Contractual Security)]**

REGULAR AGENDA

Human Resources

30. Discussion and possible action to authorize the reclassification of positions pertaining to the following departments: Human Resources, Risk Management, Fire Marshal, and Constable Pct. 2, subject to approval by the Civil Service Commission and any applicable Civil Service guidelines if required, and any other matters incident thereto. These positions were reviewed by the Wage Review Committee and recommended as stated below, effective April 1, 2025. **[Requested by Wage Review Committee; Account #1001-1130-001-43107-015 (Wage Classification Study)]**

Issue: The Wage Review Committee reviewed these requests.

Solution: Approve the proposed changes agreed by the Wage Review Committee.

Result: Ability for corresponding departments to properly classify and staff their respective areas.

31. Discussion and possible action to revise the job description and qualifications criteria for the position of Executive Director of Capital Projects Infrastructure, and make additional changes, if necessary; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Commissioners Court]**

Issue: The position of Executive Director of Capital Projects Infrastructure is currently vacant.

Solution: Request approval from the Court to modify the current job description as recommended by the Wage Review Committee.

Result: Modifications will allow for more specific qualification information pertaining to the Executive Director of Capital Projects position.

Civil Legal Division

32. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Chamberlin San Antonio, LLC for the Webb County Sheriff's Office Parking Garage Renovations (CSP 2025-005) in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$1,385,367.00) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #1001-3010-001-470000 (General Fund - Sheriff Patrol - Administration - Capital Outlay)]**

Elections

33. Discussion and possible action to approve a change of Voter Registration vendors/support company to VR systems. Also to change from laptop based voter check-in and paper sign-in forms to tablet based voter check-ins and tablet sign-in which will expedite check-ins and add efficiency, security and transparency to the election process and to further authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto.
34. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution opposing the elimination of countywide polling places and electronic poll box.

35. Discussion and possible action to request for Commissioners Court to authorize the Treasurer and County Attorney to collect and file suit, if needed, the expenses and cost due and owing Webb County from the requested manual recount by Jay Furman on the November 2024 General Election – Congressional District 28 race; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Having lost by a margin of over 12,000 votes, a manual recount was requested and by Mr. Jay Furman for the November 2024 General Election – Congressional District 28 race. Webb County Elections carried out the recount over several days at a cost of \$30,942.02. All part-time workers and expenses have already been paid by Webb County. Even though request have been made for payment, to date no payment has been made.

Solution: The Texas Government Code section 113.902 states as “the county treasurer shall direct prosecution for the recovery of any debt owed the county, as provided by law, and shall supervise the collection of the debt.”

Result: Webb County will be paid for conducting the requested recount.

Engineer

36. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of the contingency allowance as stipulated under §4.3 (allowances) under the construction agreement between Webb County and Quantcorp Construction LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$6,149.14 to purchase one (1) electric air compressor for ARPA Project No. 0002 - Webb County Southern Fire Station and to further authorize the Webb County Judge to sign any relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2703-5205-001-474501-101 (Construction in Progress-Southern Fire Station)]**

Issue: The stationary electric Air Compressor (10 hp. 2 stage) is needed to pump air and increase pressure as needed for inflating tires on fire units, brush trucks or ambulances housed at the Fire Station. The air compressor will also be used in various applications such as charging electronic equipment batteries, and supplying air for pneumatic tools.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the use of \$6,149.14 from the owner's contingency allowance funds to purchase air compressor.

Result: If approved, the Contractor will be authorized to use the owner's contingency amount as approved by Commissioners Court. No increase or decrease to the original contract sum.

Planning

37. Discussion and possible action to authorize County staff to review and make recommendations to change election precinct boundaries to precincts 132, 356 and 359 pursuant to Chapter 42, Subchapter B, Sect. 42.031 of the Texas Election Code (TEC) and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Chapter 42, Subchapter B, Sect. 42.031 of the TEC requires that during March or April of each odd-numbered year, each commissioners court shall determine whether the county election precincts comply with Sections 42.005, 42.006, and 42.007 TEC. The commissioners court may make that determination during March or April of an even-numbered year. Before May 1 of the year in which the determination is made, the commissioners court shall order the boundary changes necessary for compliance. Section 42.006 requires that a county election precinct must contain at least 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters. The Elections Department has determined that election precincts 132, 356 and 359 are very close to exceeding the 5,000 registered voter threshold allowed by statute.

Solution: Modifying the affected election precincts by shifting boundaries with less populous precincts will allow the County to remain in compliance with State election code requirements.

Result: The County's election process will be in compliance with State election code requirements

Purchasing

38. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise a formal Request for Application (RFA) for a Bank Depository for Webb County in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 113 (Management of County Money), Chapter 116 (Depositories for County Public Funds) and Chapter 117 (Depositories for Certain Trust Funds and Court Registry funds) and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The current depository bank contract expires at the end of May 2025. Seeking permission to advertise and invite local home offices or branch facilities to participate in this RFA and to further request from the Commissioners Court the desired term for the future bank depository contract term effective June 1, 2025.

Solution: Consideration to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive applications for the depository bank contract for Webb County.

Result: If approved, the RFA will be advertised as per the Texas Local Government Code and any additional directives by the Webb County Commissioners Court.

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

39. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution to recognize the month of April 2025 as World Autism Awareness Month and to commemorate World Autism Awareness Month in Webb County, Texas by lighting up the Webb County Courthouse in Blue for the month of April 2025; and any other matters incident thereto.

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

40. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise an Invitation to Bid for the purchase and installation of required fencing for the 1848 Event Center and to further identify the type of fencing material, areas requiring fencing, identify funding use and any other matters incident thereto.

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

41. Discussion and possible action to grant a utility easement to AEP being a 10' utility easement approximately 1,667 sq. ft across the front and easternmost 10' of Lot 5, Block 18 Western Division, City of Laredo, Texas (801 Zaragoza St. which abuts the Laredo American Legion Post 59) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[No effect on County budget]**
42. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids (for a 30 day period) for the construction of a concrete parking lot on Lot 5, Block 18 Western Division, City of Laredo, Texas being 801 Zaragoza St. and any matters incident thereto.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

43. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of March 2025 as March for Meals Month in Webb County, Texas; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Communities across the country use March to highlight their local senior nutrition programs as it is recognized as the national "March for Meals" Month, dedicated to celebrating the national elderly nutrition program established under the Older Americans Act, highlighting the importance of nutrition services for senior citizens across the country. Essentially, March is the month to focus on promoting healthy eating for the elderly population.

Solution: The CAA Meals on Wheels Program seeks to celebrate a historic day in 1972 when a national nutrition program for seniors was added to the Older Americans Act. This legislation supported the Meals on Wheels network that now collectively serves 2.8 million seniors each year. The Webb County CAA Meals on Wheels Program provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the City of Laredo/County of Webb that help them maintain their health and independence.

Result: March 2025 will be proclaimed by the Commissioners' Court as March for Meals Month in Webb County, Texas.

44. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month.
45. Discussion and possible action to Proclaim the week of March 24 to March 30, 2025 as Area Health Education Center Week in Webb County. **[Co-Sponsored by Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina, Commissioner Pct. 2]**
46. Discussion and possible action to proclaim the month of April, 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness month and Sexual Assault Awareness month in Webb County.

Closed Session/Executive Session

47. Discussion and possible action to settle the claim regarding the property damage brought on by Berenice Lara (Tristar Claim # 24913007) for an alleged incident that occurred on October 18, 2024, in Laredo, Texas and any matters incident thereto. **[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)]**
48. Discussion and possible action to settle the claim presented by The Law Firm of Oscar A. Garza for their client Angel Salazar (Tristar claim #24912447) for an alleged incident that occurred on August 6, 2024, in Laredo, Texas and any matters incident thereto. **[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)]**
49. Discussion and possible action to settle the claim presented by Bonilla & Chapa, P.C. Attorney at Law for their client, Jose Esparza (Tristar claim #24911469), for an alleged incident, occurred April 8, 2024, in Laredo, Texas and any other matters incident thereto. **[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)]**

Presentations

50. Recognition and presentation of plaques to J.W. Nixon Girls Powerlifting Team for being Region 5 Raw Division Team Champions and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**
51. Presentation by Chief Miguel Rodriguez, Chief of Police for the Laredo Police Department, to formally invite members of the Commissioners Court to the 175th anniversary museum exhibit of the Laredo Police Department to be held on April 11, 2025 at the Border Heritage Museum; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**
52. Recognition and presentation of Plaque to Isabella Ramirez, Renata Gonzalez and Matilda Gonzalez for their outstanding commitment to empowering immigrant families and fostering lasting connections and proud founders of "We Got Your Back". **[Requested by John C. Galo, Commissioner Pct. 3]**
53. **Communications**
54. **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 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2025

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE AND POSTING

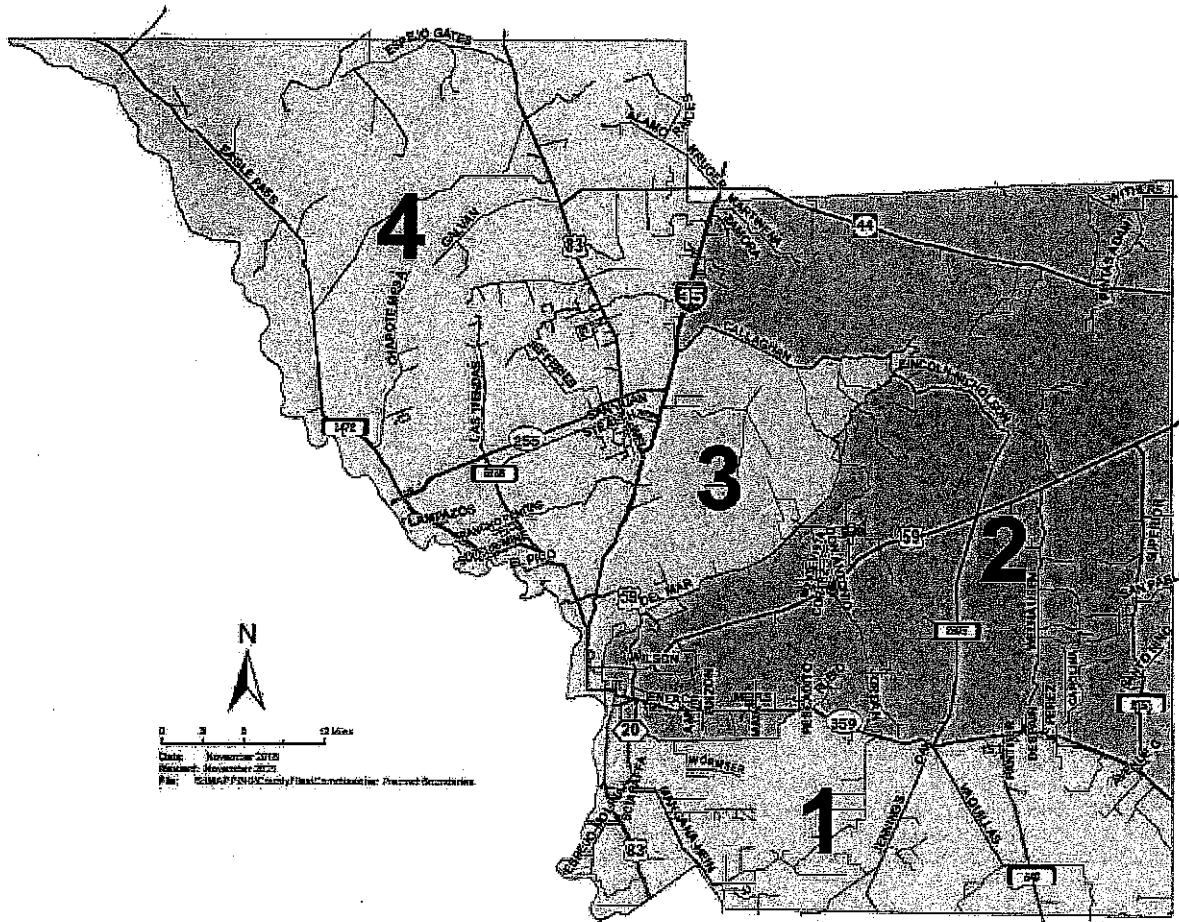
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 21st day of March, 2025 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2025

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, COUNTY CLERK, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Sandra Benavides
For: Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, County Clerk
By: Sandra Benavides, Deputy Clerk





COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina

County Judge



Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez

Precinct 1



Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina

Precinct 2



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