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DEAR WEBB COUNTY

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the year. It is even harder still to believe that I will be finishing my first term as Webb County Judge, and thanks to you, the voters of Webb County, entering a second term.

I have truly loved every minute serving as your Webb County Judge. Despite the often tempestuous nature of county politics, I never lost sight of why I was put here by the voters—to do what is best for Webb County. I am humbled by the opportunity bestowed by Webb County voters to continue my service as your county judge.

It was never my dream to go into politics—I dreamed and worked hard to become a baseball player. I decided to run for county judge to represent the people of Webb County and transcend politics; and in doing so, take this county from the realm of politics that often concentrates power in the hands of the elite few and give it back to the people.

When I came into office I promised transformational change that would benefit Webb County as a whole – not just a select few. John F. Kennedy said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." Change that provides opportunities for prosperity through innovation is key to a thriving Webb County. A great deal of work has been undertaken within the County that is partially complete, and over the next four years I will work diligently to see this work through to maximize the benefits of what we have started.

We have faced many challenges together, but now more than ever I have faith that united in a spirit of collaboration we can overcome anything the future may throw our way.

I look forward to working along your side over the next four years to make a meaningful difference and continue setting the foundation for future generations to thrive and succeed. As an old proverb goes, "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Together we are seizing every opportunity to make Webb County the **BEST COUNTY IN TEXAS.**

Un abrazo grande!

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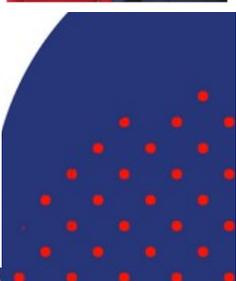
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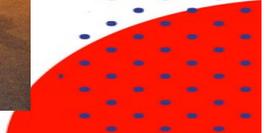
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Webb County Business Office

“Going paperless is a procedure the county **NEEDED**. We had a very antiquated system that needed to be upgraded. Hopefully by going paperless we can **ATTRACT** more vendors to the county and get competitive bids.” **Judge Tijerina**

The Business Office was created in order to improve overall governmental operations and services for the public and vendors. A total of 1,565 invoices were received on the first day of operations with an average of 1,800 invoices received on a monthly basis. By July 2017, an electronic invoice filing system was developed and implemented that enabled the office to more accurately track the invoices received on a daily basis, identify duplicate invoices, and efficiently process various types of payment claims. This new system removes the redundant process of manual review and dissemination of hard copies through various departments.

The Business Office currently processes nine (9) types of payment claims including invoices processed under purchase orders, general requests for payment for services and items, travel claims, Community Action Agency utility payments, indigent health medical provider

payments, attorney fee claims, and tax refunds. Utility payments are also processed and recurring contract payments are scheduled for space leases and various professional services. Beginning March 1, 2018, the business office also took on the responsibility of creating and maintaining all vendor profiles and will be disseminating all 1099 – MISC forms on an annual basis.

It is the Business Office’s mission to resolve all invoicing issues and work closely with vendors and departments before processing payment for any type of payment claim. They strive to provide excellent customer service and provide a high quality payment claim to the Auditor’s Office for final review and approval.

With a backlog of almost a month’s work beginning day 1, the Business Office was able to become up-to-date with all payments by December 2017.

LOS BOTINES FIRESTATION



With a collective sense of anticipation, Webb County broke ground on the new fire station to be located at Los Botines. This fire station will provide faster response times to nearby subdivisions such as Bonanza Hills and Four Points, and faster access to Interstate 35, Camino Colombia and Highway 44. This facility will service residents from Pct. 4, daily commuters, and the working population in this area.

To mark the occasion, Judge Tijerina hosted a public ceremony. Attendees learned the history behind this project and how it finally all came together.



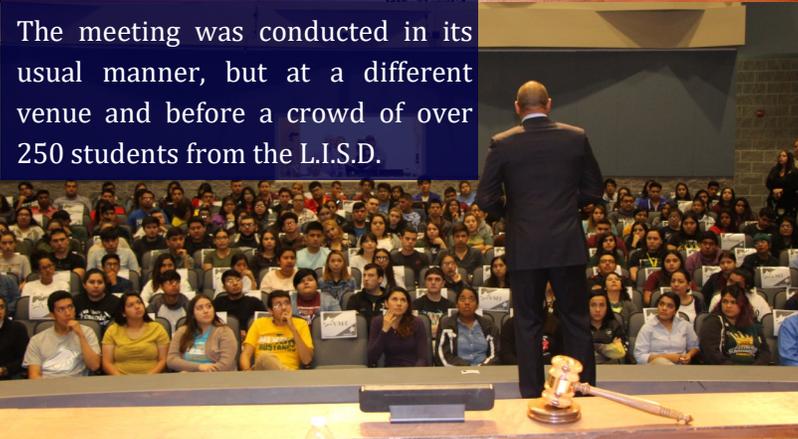
Four acres of land were generously donated by Mr. Gene Walker, Jr. and family, to use towards this project. With this land donation, Webb County can move forward with the construction of a fire station consisting of over 5,000 sq. ft., including living quarters and a two bay apparatus area for response vehicles. The construction of this new facility will make Pct 4, including all of Webb County, a safer place for our residents and our community.



In honor of National County Government Month, Commissioners Court made history in Webb County by hosting Commissioners Court at a new location. Commissioners took action to cancel the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for April 23, 2018, and host a special meeting on April 24, 2018, at the Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications and Fine Arts.



The meeting was conducted in its usual manner, but at a different venue and before a crowd of over 250 students from the L.I.S.D.



“It is just as vital to **understand and appreciate** the functions of our **local** government, as it is to understand how our legislature works and what happens at the **federal, state, and local level.**”



Students from L.I.S.D. were given an opportunity to see first-hand the different roles and responsibilities each elected and appointed county official has within the county. Judge Tijerina says the goal behind this idea was to demonstrate to students how county government works and the decisions that are made in their government. “Most of what kids know is the judicial courts, I want students to become acquainted with the administrative side of county government and possibly spark an interest in a career,” said Judge Tijerina. “



Judge Tijerina says that engagement was key in this meeting and students were given the opportunity at the end of the meeting to ask questions regarding any item on the agenda.



Judge Tijerina hopes to conduct these Special Commissioners Court meetings on



a yearly basis for both school districts.



BRUNI BADGERS



DEBATE THE PROPOSED

RAVEN PETROLEUM



In an effort to encourage student involvement in Webb County, Tijerina challenged students from Bruni High School to debate a contentious issue: the proposed Raven Petroleum refinery.

For over a month students prepared to debate the hotly contested issue. One group of students championed the benefits the refinery would bring to the area while the opposing group expounded the negative impact it would have on the community.

Students in favor of the project highlighted the economic boost and jobs the refinery would generate for the county. The opposing side quickly rebutted the economic argument by pointing to the health risks posed by the project. "We all want full pockets but not at the expense of anyone's health," argued the students in opposition to the refinery.



Health hazards were focal points in the argument to dissuade Tijerina from supporting the project. Students focused on the effects the refinery would have on the community's health especially with the proposed refinery site located approximately 4 miles outside Bruni.

In the end the students arguing against Raven Petroleum won over Tijerina as he voted against.

"Both teams delivered an excellent case, but in the end I ruled against the refinery."

Tijerina plans to challenge students from other schools to debate pressing issues facing Webb County. He believes it is a great experiential learning opportunity to get students involved in their community while allowing them to develop research, critical thinking, persuasion and communication skills.

WEBB COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

The future looks hopeful for the highly anticipated Webb County Fairgrounds. The proposed fairgrounds will be a multi-purpose arena that will be able to host an array of events ranging from motocross to expositions to concerts. “It is important that we take our cowboy blinders off and we build a facility that is not just for agriculture but for multiple events,” said Judge Tijerina.

On January 9, 2017, Commissioners Court awarded the master plan for the Webb County Fairgrounds to Naismith Engineering Inc., a company out of Corpus Christi, Texas. Naismith is a qualified company having done over 150 projects similar to the Webb County Fairgrounds in 47 different states. Naismith also designed the state of the art, Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds located in Nueces County 15 years ago.



Commissioners Court will be holding a Public Hearing and Special Workshop on the Webb County Fairgrounds on **June 7, 2018 - 5:30 p.m. at **Texas A&M University Student Center - Room 236**. Members of the Public are encouraged to attend and express their views.**

FOLLOW THE JUDGE

