

Orders of Commissioners Court
Bexar County, Texas

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

Bexar County Commissioners Court Work Session was called to order by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff at 10:05 a.m.

Present at roll call:

Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge;
Paul Elizondo, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;
Kevin A. Wolff, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
Tommy Adkisson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4;
David Smith, County Manager;
Susan Yeatts, County Auditor;
Gerard Rickhoff, County Clerk (Rep. by Leonor Salazar);
Susan Reed, District Attorney (Rep. by Ed Schweningen);
David Marquez, Executive Director of Economic Development;
Daniel Garza, Purchasing Agent

When the following proceedings were had to-wit:



A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Muriel Mickie Siebert expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Siebert was founder and president of brokerage firm that bears her name, Muriel Siebert & Co. Inc. The company went public in 1996 as Siebert Financial Corp. Siebert was "a fabulous woman, a trailblazer and a pioneer" who set a high standard for those who entered the financial world after her. Siebert, who was born in Cleveland and moved to New York in 1954 at age 22, started her career as a trainee in research at Bache & Co. earning a \$65 a week. She went on to become an industry specialist in airlines and aerospace and later became a partner at brokerages including Brimberg & Co. She bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in December 1967 after months of struggling with the male-dominated business world that initially resisted her efforts to join. She established her investment firm the same year and transformed it into a discount brokerage house in 1975. Siebert took a leave of absence from the company in 1977 and placed it in a blind trust to be run by the employees when she was appointed the first woman superintendent of banking for the State of New York by Gov. Hugh Carey. She served five years.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Robert J. Carter Jr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Carter is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ruth Carter; daughters, Amber Johnsen, Kayla Moilanen; and 3 grandchildren, as well as other family members and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Maria Casanova expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She is survived by her sons, Larry Dennis, and Roy Raul; daughter Gloria Marie and 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Christino J. Mares expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Mares served honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was co-owner of Mares Imports, a shop at the El Mercado for over fifty-five years. He loved reading the news paper and was a long-time member of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches. He is survived by his children, Christino Mares, Eleanor M. Bustamante, Irene Flores; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Sylvia Rodriguez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She is survived by her mother, Blanca Rodriguez, sisters, Lupe Olivares and Yolanda Maloney, brother, Carlos Rodriguez and other family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Omar N. Pachecano expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Pachecano was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and Baylor University. He is survived by his sons Frederick Englehardt, Chris Englehardt and Omar N. Pachecano III; sisters Debra Beechum, Lisa Hernandez, and brother, Roy Rafael Pachecano, parents Omar and Toni Pachecano, fiancée Donna Clark and other family members and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Myrtle Elizabeth Williams expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She is survived by her husband of 61 years Sam Williams Jr., and 4 daughters, Veronica, Oglatha, Alice, and Marcella; 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, as well as other family members and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Doug Burandt expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. A successful entertainer and band leader since the age of fourteen, he performed across the country as Max Class (Mac Class and the Class Act) and Fletcher Goodman (The Fletcher Goodman Band). A favorite on the local gala and wedding scene; he delighted audiences everywhere with his showmanship and musical skill on piano and vocals. He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with an MBA in finance and worked as a director for Intelogic Trace and Datapoint Corporation in the '80's and '90's, before leaving to devote the remainder of his life to his true passion, music. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jacque; son Morgan Burandt, of Austin; daughter Kristen Burandt, of Houston; grandson Maksim Lyle Burandt, as well as other family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Andrea Salazar Ojeda expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She is survived by her children: David Ojeda, Allen Richard Ojeda, Griselda Vrooman, John Michael Ojeda, Joe Ojeda and Deborah Garza; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and other family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Frances Elizabeth Mireles expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She was a 1981 graduate of Harlandale High School. She committed eighteen years to working with children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. She is survived by her husband of 21 years Robert O. Mireles, Sr., son Antonio Luis Mireles; stepmother Olivia Tovar; mother Lillian Margaret Harris, stepchildren Cecilia Martinez, Robert O. Mireles Jr., and Juan A. Mireles; 3 grandchildren, as well as other family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Richard P. Garza expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He was an accomplished musician who played with various bands. He had an influence on the music scene in San Antonio. He played drums, trumpet and was an awesome singer. For the past 18 years he ran his own vitamin and herb shop, helping many people. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Denise, 4 children, Rudy Lopez, Lynda Buckner, Joseph "Bugz" Garza, and Joshua Garza, and his brother John Garza.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Onesimo S. Banda expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He worked for Kelly AFB for 35 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Minerva Bands, children: Norma Galindo, Mary Helen Coronado, Larry Banda and Michael Banda; 7 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Romualda P. Perez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She was an active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, choir, guadalupanas, Third Order of St. Francis of Assissi, De Colores. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Gilberto R. Perez Sr.; children Cassey Covarrubia, Gilbert Perez Jr., Patricia Perez, Alejandro Perez, Theresa Acosta; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Thomas Daniel Van De Walle expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Upon graduation from St. Mary's University with a BBA, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. After serving 7 years, he was honorably discharged as a captain in 1971. Returning to San Antonio, he then joined the S.A. Chamber of Commerce, employed as a member of the Industrial Development staff. Following that, he went to work for Van De Walle Industries developing the family properties. In 1978, he joined Barshop Enterprises developing business parks, followed by a long and successful career with the Pinnacle Group and Cushman/Wakefield before becoming self-employed. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lillian Van De Walle; son David Van De Walle; 3 grandchildren and other family members and friends.

Commissioners Court will adjourn today's meeting in honor and memory of:

*Muriel Mickie Siebert
Robert J. Carter Jr.
Maria Casanova
Sylvia Rodriguez
Christino J. Mares
Omar N. Pachecano
Myrtle Elizabeth Williams
Doug Burandt
Andrea Salazar Ojeda
Frances Elizabeth Mireles
Richard P. Garza
Onesimo Banda
Thomas Daniel Van De Walle
Romualda Perez*



A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, to excuse County Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez from today's meeting, he is on County business.

Motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting "Aye".
Motion carried.



Item – 3
August 29, 2013
Commissioners Court

Presentation of a check in the amount of \$200,000 by Tracy Wolff with the Hidalgo Foundation of Bexar County, to Commissioners Court from funds donated to the Hidalgo Foundation for the Bibliotech.

No action was taken.



Item – 4a
August 29, 2013
Budget Department

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2013-14 Operating and Capital Budget to include the redistricting of Justice of the Peace and Constable Precincts. (Record)

No action was taken.

The following individuals signed to speak regarding item – 4a

Charles English – Jefferson Heights Association
George Alejos - LULAC

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Item – 9

August 29, 2013

District Attorney's Office

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with the Law Firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, to include assistance with Justice Precinct Redistricting. (Record-agreement to be filed later)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.

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Item – 4b

August 29, 2013

Human Resources

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving the advertisement for the Elected Officials Salaries to be published in the San Antonio Express News and La Prensa on August 30, 2013. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, duly seconded by County Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.

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Item – 2

August 29, 2013

Commissioners Court

Public Hearing was called to Order at 10:50 a.m., to accept public comment regarding the proposed Bexar County Ad Valorem Tax Rate of 0.326866 per \$100 value for the 2013 Tax Year in support of its Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14. (Record)

There being no citizens to be heard, Public Hearing closed at 10:50 a.m.

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Item – 5

August 29, 2013

Public Works Department

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion authorizing the continued collection of the County Road and Bridge Fee in the amount of \$10 and the Child Safety Fee in the amount of \$1.50; and authorizing the additional collection of the County Project Transportation Fee in the amount of \$10 for a total of \$21.50 for each vehicle registered in Bexar County for Registration Year 2014 as provided under Section 502.401, 502.402, and 502.403 of the Texas Transportation Code. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, duly seconded by County Commissioner

Paul Elizondo, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



Item – 6
August 29, 2013
County Clerk’s Office

There being no objection item – 6 (Discussion and appropriate action regarding increasing the Records Archive Fee and Records Management and Preservation Fee imposed for the preservation, restoration, and management of certain county records and the increase of such fees.) will be deferred at this time.



Item – 8
August 29, 2013
Commissioners Court

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion accepting recommendations, by the Board of Managers, the FY2013 Tax Rate recommendation for the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health System in support of its Operating and Capital Budget for FY2013 and in support of its Debt Service, to include: authorizing notice of two (2) public hearings listed below and authorizing a proposal to adopt the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health System tax rate of \$0.276235 per \$100 property valuation, on September 23, 2013. (Record)

1st Public Hearing – September 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Courtroom, First Floor, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20, San Antonio, Texas

2nd Public Hearing – September 17, 2013 at 10:30 a.m., Courtroom, First Floor, Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20, San Antonio, Texas

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



Item – 7
August 29, 2013
District Clerk’s Office

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving a request to set a rate of \$10 for the Record Archive Fee as allowed by HB1513, to be effective January 1, 2014. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



Commissioners Court met in Executive Session at this time pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and the following items were discussed:

551.071 –

Consultation with Attorney for advice regarding:

Pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers in the following matters:

EE Hood & Sons, Inc. v. Bexar County

11:50 a.m.

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Commissioners Court returned to Open Session at this time and the following action was taken.

11:55 a.m.

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A motion for adjournment was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Elizondo, Wolff, Adkisson and Judge Wolff voting "Aye." It is ordered by the Court that Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas be, and hereby stands, adjourned: ***In honor and memory of Muriel Mickie Siebart, Robert J. Carter Jr., Maria Casanova, Sylvia Rodriguez, Christino J. Mares, Omar N. Pachecano, Myrtle Elizabeth Williams, Doug Burandt, Andrea S. Ojeda, Frances Elizabeth Mireles, Richard P. Garza, Onesimo S. Banda, Thomas Daniel Van De Walle, and Romualda P. Perez*** until Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

11:55 A.M.

NELSON W. WOLFF, COUNTY JUDGE
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

GERARD RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS