



## WEBB COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE

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***Webb County Treasurer Raul Reyes launches Vendor ACH Payments for all Webb County business.***

September 25, 2019– Laredo, Texas: Webb County Treasurer Raul Reyes announced that the Webb County Treasurer's Office would begin processing ACH Payments for all county business. ACH payments are electronic payments that are created when the customer gives an originating institution, corporation, or other customer (originator) authorization to debit directly from the customer's checking or saving account for the purpose of bill payment.

ACH Vendor Payments save the county and our customers time. Customers will no longer have to make the trips to the financial institution, no longer have to search for parking, no longer have to wait in teller lines and most importantly there will no longer be delays in getting cash.

“In terms of security and safety, I want to assure our taxpayers, members of the court and our vendors that they have nothing to worry about. ACH Payments will reduce the likelihood of stolen or lost checks, forgery and fraud,” stated Treasurer Raul Reyes.

All vendors that provide services and/or materials to Webb County who are now being paid by check through our Accounts Payable Division in the County Treasurer's Office will become eligible. As within our current practice of check processing all ACH transactions will become traceable through the county's corresponding departments. Before any payment is disbursed by the County Treasurer's Office it is approved by the Auditor's Office.

We are confident in our ability to transition to ACH payments and the safety features we have in place. Billions of pieces of data are transmitted successfully across the country everyday as the result of the numerous checks and balances built into sophisticated programs and practices,” stated the Treasurer.

On August 8, 2019 staff members from the Webb County Treasurer's Office attended the “Payments Fraud & Cybersecurity” workshop at the Senator Judith Zaffirini Success Center located at Texas A&M International University. Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas was present and discussed current trends in fraud and how to protect your business/organization. Other topics covered were Check Fraud, ACH Fraud, Corporate Account Takeover, Business E-mail Compromise (BEC), Ransomware and Preventive Measures.