



## **Wildlife Federation presentation tops county agenda**

Sunday, December 5th, 2004

Victoria County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday at the county courthouse, 115 N. Bridge St., to hear a presentation from a representative of the National Wildlife Federation.

Susan Kaderka of the wildlife federation will ask commissioners to consider passing a resolution urging the Legislature to enact a law that would set aside river flows specifically for the needs of the state's bays and estuaries.

According to a federation news release, Kaderka will cite "Bays in Peril," a recent National Wildlife Federation report that documents how Texas' growing water demands and its century-old water permitting process threaten vital freshwater inflows to Texas bays.

"This could have a tremendous impact on Victoria County. Healthy bays add billions of dollars to the Texas economy and employ tens of thousands of people," said Jennifer Walker of the Sierra Club, a wildlife federation partner, in a letter to County Judge Don Pozzi.

The federation will be making similar presentations to the Bay City City Council, the Palacios City Council, the Calhoun County Commissioners Court, the Aransas County Commissioners Court, the Rockport City Council, and the Harris County Commissioners Court.

Monday's meeting will also include a citizens' communication segment during which residents are invited to speak to the court on topics not already on the day's agenda.

Commissioners will also:

\*Consider a five-year lease agreement with county-owned Citizens Medical Center for business operations space at the Dr. Pattie Dodson Public Health Center on Navarro. Citizens would lease 3,670 square feet of space for \$2,900 per month.

\*Receive bids for construction of a parking lot and authorize advertising for bids for fencing for the Victoria City-County Animal Shelter now under construction at the county-owned Victoria Regional Airport.

\*Consider appointments to the Victoria County Child Welfare Board and the Gulf Bend Mental Health Mental Retardation Board.

\*Meet in closed session to discuss the lease of property.