

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 20th day of JANUARY, 1992 there was conducted a REGULAR Session of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT:  
1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:  
ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.  
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

ADOLPH THOMAE, JR.

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked the Honorable Rene Oliveira, State House of Represen-tative, to lead the Court and the Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the County Clerk's Office on January 17, 1992, at 10:51 A. M.

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the County Claims be approved as presented and on the recommendation of the County Auditor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried the following vote:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cascos as to the claim of Landair Travel, Warrant No. 53501 in the amount of \$909.89.

**The Affidavit is as follows:**

(2) **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved to approve the 1990/1991 Budget Amendment No. 47, the 1991/1992 Budget Amendment No. 11 and the Salary Schedules for the Engineering and Right-of-Way Department, Department No. 15-622 and the Flood Control Department, Department No. 15-623.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follows:**

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES' OF DECEMBER 30, 1991 AND JANUARY 13, 1992 (2 SETS)**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned Item No. 2 of the Minutes of January 13, 1992, regarding the Salary Schedules. He stated that his "Nay" vote regarding the Salary Schedules was "intended to be on any Salary Schedule where increases are being given to existing employees". He stated that the Minutes reflected his vote only on the County Clerk's (Salary Schedule), but that "it ought to be for any Salary Schedule that comes before the Court, and that is just to keep in 'spirit' the idea that the County would not be giving salaries to existing employees", and he requested that the Minutes be corrected.

Commissioner Valencia questioned Item No. 14 of the Minutes of January 13, 1992, "specifically the action of splitting Precinct No. 43 between Harlingen and San Benito", and stated that due to his absence at that Meeting and the fact that the Item was not on the Agenda, he requested that the Item be deleted and rescinded.

Commissioner Cascos moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on December 30, 1992 at 1:30 P. M. and the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 13, 1992 at 1:30 P. M.; noting the amendment by Commissioner Cascos with respect to the Salary Schedules and as part of the same motion, Commissioner Valencia requesting that Item No. 14 of the Minutes of January 13, 1992 be pulled out for reconsideration, (in affect to amend and pull out).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia requested that Item No. 14 be placed on the Agenda for the following Meeting, so that he could move to rescind the action.

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that Commissioner Valencia's request did not change the action that the Court took on January 13, 1992, and he suggested that the Item be placed back on the Agenda for reconsideration. He added that a correction can be made to the Minutes, but that to rescind an action would need reconsideration of that Item.

Ms. Tencha de la Peña, Elections Administrator, stated that she thought the Court could consider it at this time, and that whatever action was taken could be ratified on the next meeting.

At this time, Judge Garza suggested that the Item be deferred until Item No. 8 was considered.

(4) **APPROVAL OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY TRAPS PRESIDENT, JODY HAMILTON, OF DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATOR AWARD FOR 1991 TO REPRESENTATIVE RENE OLIVEIRA**

At this time, Judge Garza stated that the Court had worked very closely with Representative Rene Oliveira and that the County was the beneficiary of his efforts regarding "Beach Cleaning" and the Queen Isabella Causeway Project, in which he worked concurrently with Senator Eddie Lucio.

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks Director, introduced Ms. Jody Hamilton, Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS) President, from Austin, Texas.

Ms. Hamilton expressed her appreciation and gratitude to Representative Rene Oliveira for his efforts towards TRAPS and all Texans, and added that the impact of his work at the last Session of the Legislature was immense.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the awareness of the need for Parks had increased significantly due to his efforts and that he introduced Legislation which would have increased funding for State and Local Parks to buy more land to build more Parks, to provide the building of indoor recreational facilities and would have established a Trust Fund which would take TRAPS off the

tax-rolls. She stated that the Legislation was not successful, but that it was that kind of innovative leadership and approach to the problem of providing Parks and Recreational opportunities for all of our citizens that was significant.

She also expressed her appreciation to the Court for their support towards TRAPS and for allowing Mr. Conway to serve as a Legislative Chair.

Mr. Nacho Garza, Chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Board, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to recognize Representative Oliveira and to thank him for the very significant piece of Legislation that, although not successful, set the ground work for the next Session.

Mr. Bob Duncan, Cameron County Parks Advisory Committee Chairperson, expressed his appreciation to Representative Oliveira for his efforts that have benefitted Cameron County.

At this time, Mr. Conway reiterated the comments by Judge Garza regarding the benefits derived by Cameron County through Representative Oliveira's efforts and added that the Distinguished Legislator Award for 1991 would be presented to him at the Annual TRAPS meeting in Fort Worth in March, 1992.

At this time, Representative Oliveira remarked that he was really overwhelmed by the honor, and added that he was "just doing his job for what he felt were essentials to the environment and for Economic Development" and he expressed his appreciation to the Community for the privilege to serve in Austin.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the announcement of the Distinguished Legislator Award for 1991 to Representative Rene Oliveira by the TRAPS President, Ms. Jody Hamilton, was acknowledged.

(5) **PRESENTATION BY DR. ALLEN COMMANDER OF  
BRIEF UPDATE OF THE PLANS FOR A COMMUNITY  
CENTER FOR CAMERON PARK TO BE BUILT IN CO-  
OPERATION WITH THE TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

Ms. Bertha Garza, District Extension Director for the South District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Services, introduced Dr. Allen Commander, Texas A & M University School of Architecture, and added that the Extension Services had been working with Texas A & M for the past year on the Plans for the Community Center for Cameron Park.

Dr. Allen Commander, Texas A & M University School of Architecture, stated that through the dedication and commitment of improving the livelihood of the "colonias" by Ms. Bertha Garza, Ms. Teresa Garza and Dr. Aida Patrick, Extension Services Representatives, that the goal of a Community Center at Garden Park was accomplished.

He stated that the "Design Team" at Texas A & M was currently working on the design of the Community Center and it was expected that the "Construction Team" would begin the building by June 1, 1992, with an anticipated completion date of September 1, 1992.

Dr. Commander requested the Court's assistance to coordinate the on-site delivery of "Human Services" to Cameron Park residents.

Commissioner Valencia moved to acknowledge the presentation by Dr. Allen Commander regarding the Plans for the Community Center for Cameron Park to be built in cooperation with the Texas A & M University School of Architecture.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed his appreciation for considering the Cameron Park area and stated that through the efforts of Interfaith and other interested parties, the area was finally getting the attention it deserved. He added that he "hope to one day to get past the point of calling it the 'Colonia' and to the point of saying it is the 'Cameron Park Residential Area' and that the investment in this Community was important in that it added to the 'Quality of Life'". Commissioner Cascos stated that "he would like to see the building designed strong enough to sustain hurricane winds so that it can be adapted as a 'shelter' for that Community".

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(5) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF 1991 ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE CAMERON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Commissioner Valencia moved to acknowledge the 1991 Annual Report of the Cameron County Historical Commission as received by the Court.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Report is as follows:**

(6) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RE-NEWAL OF  
CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND U. T.  
MEDICAL BRANCH FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, stated that this is a renewal of the past year's Contract and that over \$700,000.00 worth of services were rendered to County resident. He said that approximately \$200,000.00 of services were provided to residents between 0-25% of the Poverty level and that the balance was provided to residents between 25-100% of the Poverty level, which reflected the intent of the Contract to provide Health Care Service to residents within those levels. Mr. Martinez stated that the number certified through the County was not as great as it could be, but that Health Department would be coordinating a "Workshop" with all the Health Providers to determine how to certify the referrals through the County Health Department.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the renewal of the Contract between Cameron County and University of Texas Medical Branch for Health Care Services be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Service Agreement is as follows:**

(7) **APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR REMODELING OF ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

Ms. Tencha de la Peña, Elections Administrator, stated that this Item was tabled because the Court had questioned the location to conduct Early Voting. She stated that the Early Voting would be inside within the area to be remodeled and that the advantages would be that the Early Voting Staff would be utilized to enter the Early Voting data in the Computer and that it would also add to the security of the Ballot. She added that the voters never went in to the polling area and that she did not anticipate a problem with the forming of a "waiting time". She stated that Early Voting would start February 19, 1992, and that the scheduling of the remodeling must be soon.

Commissioner Valencia expressed his concern with respect to the loss of the architectural design of the building by the remodeling.

Ms. De La Peña responded that this would be the most economical solution to the overcrowded condition in her Office.

Commissioner Cascos moved to approve the Plans for remodeling of the Elections Administrative Office as presented, that \$5,880.00 be allocated from Surplus, that the County Building Supervisor be directed to initiate the work within a week and that the completion date be February 19, 1992.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried the following vote:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum and Cascos

NAY: Commissioner Valencia.

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(8) **APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH BRANCH OFFICES FOR EARLY VOTING IN THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRI-MARIES**

Ms. Tencha de la Peña, Elections Administrator, stated that she received a directive from the Secretary of State that indicated that in a County with a population of 200,000 or more but less than 400,000 that the Court must establish one (1) or more polling places in each Commissioner's Precinct, other than the main Early Voting place. She stated that the Harlingen County Building would serve Precinct No. 4 and the San Benito County Building would serve Precinct No. 3, but that there were no polling places for Precinct No. 1 and Precinct No. 2. She suggested that the Multi-purpose Community Center in Precinct No. 54 could serve Precinct No. 2 when completed, Christ The King Church could serve Precinct No. 1 and that Our Lady of Good Council Church could serve Precinct No. 2, but that she had not contacted them yet. She stated that the polling place in Precinct No. 48 would now be in Precinct No. 62 and that a new polling location needed to be obtained for Precinct No. 48. She stated that the County had also had polling places in Los Fresnos and in Port Isabel, but that those were in Precinct No. 3.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the Commissioners needed to obtain the polling sites, and Ms. De la Peña stated that her Office would handle it, but that it would help if the Commissioners approach them.

Commissioner Cascos moved to acknowledge the following Branch Offices for Early Voting as acceptable to comply with the Statutes that dictated to have one Early Voting Polling Place in each Commissioner's Precinct:

Precinct No. 1 -Christ The King Center, subject to their approval

Precinct No. 2 -Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, to be determined

Precinct No. 3 -San Benito County Building

Precinct No. 4 -Harlingen County Building

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia moved to continue to utilized the additional polling places in Los Fresnos and Port Isabel for Early Voting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Ms. De la Peña stated that it was her understanding that the Precincts that were established, that being Precinct No. 66 and Precinct No. 67, would be served by the same Justices of the Peace; for example, the Justice of the Peace in Precinct No. 8 would serve the created Precinct No. 66 and the Justice of the Peace serving Precinct No. 59 would serve the created Precinct No. 67.

She stated that in discussing the matter with the County Engineer regarding the Court's action taken last week concerning the split of Precinct No. 43, that they were concerned because 1) that Item was not on the Agenda and 2) the County had no authorization to split it. She stated that she was currently working on the Ballot and needed direction from the Court to establish the Boundary Lines.

Commissioner Valencia agreed that Precinct No. 43 should remain the same, and requested the motion of splitting Precinct No. 43 be rescinded, but to approve all the others, and asked Judge Garza how to proceed.

Judge Garza asked what the results would be if Precinct No. 43 was not split and what the Minutes would reflect.

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that the Minutes for January 13, 1992, were approved with one correction, and that the Court would either have to ratify or rescind any action on Item No. 14.

Judge Garza polled the Court and stated that it appeared to be the consensus of the Court, to leave Precinct No. 43 "as is" and that it appeared that the Court would rescind last week's action regarding Precinct No. 43 at the next Meeting.

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(9) **APPROVAL TO REFUND TAXES TO GOLDEN PALMS  
RETIREMENT & HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,824.13  
FOR THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF TAXES**

Commissioner Valencia moved to approve the refund of taxes to Golden Palms Retirement and Health in the amount of \$5,824.13 for the erroneous payment of taxes.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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**(10) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR DRAINAGE  
MATERIALS, ITEMS A & B FOR FISCAL YEAR 1991-1992**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for the Drainage Materials, Items A & B for Fiscal Year 1991-1992.

**The Bids received and opened are as follows:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the bids were referred to the County Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid in one (1) week.

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**(18) AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND  
OPEN MILLS DRIVE WITHIN CALVERT ACRES  
SUBDIVISION**

Judge Garza stated that this Item was in Commissioner Precinct No. 3 area and that in the absence of Commissioner Thomae, Mr. Andres W. Cavazos, Administrative Assistant, would be acting as his Representative.

Judge Garza stated that according to Mr. Cavazos, Commissioner Thomae had no objections to having the County Engineer proceed with acquiring the Right-Of-Way for the opening of Mills Drive and that the Commissioner would be willing to do the work on the Road.

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that the "Strip Map" and the deeds needed to be prepared and that it could possibly be accomplished within sixty (60) to ninety (90) days, depending on the scope of the Project.

There was some discussion regarding the scope of the Project and Commissioner Thomae's intentions, and the residents present stated that they understood that "everything was in order".

Commissioner Cascos asked Mr. Cavazos, that "if the Court committed to proceed with this Item, whether Commissioner Thomae would honor that decision since the Commissioner was not present".

Mr. Cavazos stated that Commissioner Thomae told him "to get all the paper work ready, to go ahead and do the work and that he understood that the paper work (property deeds) had to be reviewed by the County Attorney".

Mr. Rick Bilbie, County Attorney, explained to Mr. Cavazos that normally the Court would take no action in the absence of a Commissioner, and the clarification was whether Mr. Cavazos was acting as the Commissioner's Representative, and Mr. Cavazos responded that he was Commissioner Thomae's Representative.

Mr. Bilbie also asked the residents whether they understood the "assessments", and they said that Commissioner Thomae had explained everything to them.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the County Engineer be authorized to prepare the "Strip Maps", to prepare the deeds to acquire the Right-of-Ways, and to work within a sixty (60) to ninety (90) days time frame to provide the Commissioner from Precinct No. 3 with the documents necessary to open Mills Drive within Calvert Acres Subdivision.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Raul Gomez, Harlingen resident, stated that he had been asking to have his County Road paved for the last ten (10) years and that now the Court was going to pave a road that was not a County Road.

Judge Garza explained that the residents were in affect paying for the paving by assessing it against their property and giving the County the Right-Of-Way and advised Mr. Gomez that anything related to Road matters be referred to the Commissioner in that area and he suggested that he contact that Department.

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**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR 3 PICK UPS AND 1  
VAN FOR VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids for three (3) Pick Ups and one (1) Van for various Departments.

**The bids received and opened are as follows:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the bids were referred to the County Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid.

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(12) **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS/REAP-POINTMENTS  
TO THE BOARD OF EMER-GENCY SERVICES  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that the term of office for the Representatives of Precinct No. 2, Mr. Carlos Ayala and Precinct No. 4, Mr. Louis J. DeLellis had expired and that they had indicated a desire to serve for another term, and that there was still an "at-large" position which should be appointed by Judge Garza.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the reappointment of Mr. Carlos Ayala and Mr. Louis J. DeLellis to the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of the Cameron County Emergency Services be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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(13) **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS/ REAP-POINTMENTS  
TO THE BOARD OF DIREC-TORS OF THE CAMERON  
COUNTY HOUS-ING FINANCE CORPORATION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Mr. Santiago Villanueva, Precinct No. 4 Representative, was reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Cameron County Housing Finance Corporation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, Mr. Raymond Cisneros, Precinct No. 2 Representative, was reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Cameron County Housing Finance Corporation.

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(14) **APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN RIO HONDO BY THE RESOLUTION TRUST COMPANY TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION OR ITS ASSIGNEE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF TRANSFER, PURSUANT TO SAID MATTER**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that the Resolution Trust Company had property that would be transferred to a Non-Profit Corporation to be rehabilitated for a low income family and it was a legal requirement that the Chief Elected Official within that Jurisdiction to execute the Transfer.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Transfer of certain property in Rio Hondo by the Resolution Trust Company to the Affordable Housing Management Foundation or Its Assignee was approved, and the County Judge was authorized to execute a "Letter of Transfer", pursuant to said matter.

**The Letter of Authorization is as follows:**

- (15) **IN THE MATTER OF CREATING THE POSITION OF SAFETY & RISK COOR-DINATOR FOR CAMERON COUNTY, DE-FINING THE DUTIES OF THE POSI-TION, SETTING THE POSITION SALARY, AND AUTHORIZATION RE-CRUITMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED.

- (16) **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CANDYCE CURRY CROUCH AND REV. WILLIAM J. HUGHES TO THE CAMERON COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the appointment of Ms. Candyce Curry Crouch and Rev. William J. Hughes to the Cameron County Child Welfare Board be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- (17) **NOTE: Commissioner Valencia left the Courtroom at this time. APPROVAL OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT HEALTH DOCUMENT NO. C2000348, CHANGE NO. 03**

Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, stated that the WIC Program had increased the reimbursements for participants and that by incorporating the Change, the reimbursement to the County would increase.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Texas Department Health Document No. C2000348, Change No. 03 was approved.

**The Contract Change Notice No. 3 is as follows:**

At this time, Mr. Martinez requested that the Contract for Architectural Services for the New Health Building between the County and the Architectural Firm of Gayle Wilhite, Brownsville, Texas, be approved at this time.

It appeared to be the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, to authorize the County Judge to execute said Contract, and will be ratified as the next Meeting.

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(19) **AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TRUSTEES TO SELL 12-1/2 X 157' LOTS 17 AND 5, OF NORTH AMERICAN VILLAGE SUBDIVISION AND 50 X 157' LOT 18, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS**

(20) **AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TRUSTEE TO SELL LOT 12, BLOCK 81 A OF THE STILLMAN SUBDIVISION, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7345B SECTION 9 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE AND SECTION 51.002 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that both properties were within the City Limits of Brownsville, that Lot 18 was 50' X 157' and not 0' X 157' as previously stated, and that there were no "restricted covenants" on the properties.

Commissioner Cascos moved to authorize the Cameron County Trustee to sell the 12-1/2 X 157' Lots 17 and 5, of North American Village Subdivision and the 50' X 157' Lot 18, and Lot 12, Block 81A of the Stillman Subdivision, Brownsville, Texas, at a Public Auction in accordance with Article 7345B, Section 9, of the Texas Tax Code and Section 51.002 of the Texas Property Code.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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(21) **NOTE: Commissioner Valencia returned to the Courtroom. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.2 ON ARROYO ALTO SUBDIVISION "FOR A 10" MECHANICAL TAPPING TEE WITH 10" CUT-OFF GATE VALVE TO CONNECT TO EXISTING LA FERIA 10" CAST IRON WATER MAIN; NET INCREASE TO CONTRACT IS \$1,068.64**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, explained that the County Engineer contacted the City of La Feria to determine the location of the "Tee" to the main water line; however, they were not able to locate it and that a "mechanical tapping" was required for the connection.

Commissioner Valencia moved that Change Order No. 2 on Arroyo Alto Subdivision be approved for the 10" Mechanical Tapping Tee with 10" Cut-Off Gate Valve to connect to existing La Feria 10" Cast Iron water main which resulted in a net increase to the Contract in the amount of \$1,068.64.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**The Change Order No. 2 is as follows:**

**(22) REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, final approval was given to the following subdivision on the recommendation of the County Engineer:

- a) Mickey Smith Subdivision, being a 1.00 acre out of Block 385, San Benito Irrigation Company Subdivision, out of the Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas, Precinct No. 3 area.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, final approval was given to the following subdivision on the recommendation of the County Engineer:

- b) Southpoint II Subdivision, a re-plat being 4.61 acres out of a 66.05 acre tract known as the abandoned Southpoint Townsite, Cameron County Map Records, Volume 4, Page 60, El Jardin Subdivision, Share 12, Espiritu Santo Grant, Fronting on Alabama Road, Precinct No. 1 area.

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**(23) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following travel expenses were approved subject to availability of funds in their budget:

- a) Park Director to Baytown on February 7, 1992, to conduct Session on Legislative matters regarding Public Parks in Texas before TRAPS Region Four (4) Workshop;
- b) Judge Everardo Garcia to San Antonio on November 22-24, 1991, to attend the Advanced Family Law Drafting Course;
- c) Health Department employee to Austin on January 23-24, 1992, for TBC Conference; and
- d) Parks Director to St. Petersburg, Florida, on February 12-14, 1992, to attend Seminar on National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology.

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**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Ms. Rosemary Martinez, First Assistant County Auditor, presented the late claims as to J & I Case Credit Corporation, Warrant No. 053652 in the amount of \$18,417.16 and J B Construction, Warrant No. 053653 in the amount of \$86,975.09 for approval and will be ratified at the next Meeting.

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**(24) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 3:20 P. M. to discuss the following matter:

- a) Accept and authorize purchase and payment of Parcel 7, FM 801, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:35 P. M.

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**(25) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Accept and authorize purchase and payment of Parcel 7, FM 801.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion in Executive Session, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the offer in the amount of \$2,900.00 from the owner of the property on FM 801 be accepted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the offer in the amount of \$2,900.00 for the purchase and payment of Parcel No. 7, FM 801 was approved.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 1992.

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**ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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**JOE G. RIVERA,**  
**COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK**  
**OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**  
**CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**