

At this time, Commissioner Valencia introduced Ms. Margie Potter, Harlingen resident, and her friend Mr. Jim Roundtree, Anaheim, California. Ms. Potter remarked that Mr. Roundtree was visiting and would be making a presentation regarding her "theme park dream" at a Chamber of Commerce Meeting on June 2, 1992, at 8:00 A. M. in Harlingen, Texas, and she extended an invitation to the Court to attend.

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(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

Commissioner Valencia moved to approve the County Claims as presented and on the recommendation by the County Auditor.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Garza as to the claims of E. de la Garza, Warrant No. 59766 in the amount of \$3,582.89, Warrant No. 59767 in the amount of \$2,642.97, Warrant No. 59768 in the amount of \$1,219.83, Warrant No. 59849 in the amount of \$60.94, and Warrant No. 59850 in the amount of \$33.32.

The Affidavit is as follows:

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the 1991/1992 Budget Amendment No. 28 was approved.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Salary Schedules for the County Auditor's Department, Department No. 10-495 and the County Judge's Office, Department No. 10-401, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follows:

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 1992

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 18, 1992, at 1:30 P. M. be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**(4) APPROVAL OF VOTING MACHINE AND SERVICE
AGREEMENT IN REFERENCE TO PORT ISABEL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the approval given to the request by the Port Isabel Independent School District to use five (5) voting machines was ratified.

The Service Agreement is as follows:

**(5) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR TWO (2) VANS
FOR W. I. C. DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for two (2) vans for the Health Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) Department.

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 Purchasing Agent and the Health W.I.C. Department for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid.

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**(13) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
CITIZEN CONCERN WITH LOW WATER BRIDGE
LOCATED BETWEEN HIGHWAY 106 AND FARM TO
MARKET ROAD 1846**

Judge Garza reviewed the agreements made at the time that this Item was considered the previous week, that being that the Bridge would be "posted", that enforcement would be provided by the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Department of Public Safety and that the Sheriff's Department and Constable would increase their patrol. Judge Garza stated that the Commissioner from that Precinct had agreed to maintain the signs and that it was the Commissioner's suggestion that the recommendations continue "for a while".

At this time, Ms. Juanita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, questioned whether "for a while" meant that if the matter was not enforced as expected, that the Court would consider the Item if she requested it again, and Judge Garza responded positively. She reviewed some of her comments of the previous meeting and reminded the Court of her demands to provide protection to the people using the Bridge to and from work and of the increased liabilities because of persons fishing from the Bridge. She assured the Court that she would be monitoring the activities and would report to the Court if enforcement was not maintained at the Bridge.

Mr. Allen Johnson, Chairman of the Port of Harlingen, stated that they shared the safety concerns expressed and explained the need to maintain the Bridge, and suggested that the Port Authority would be amicable to an Interlocal Agreement with the County to pursue a widening of the Road and the Bridge. He added that perhaps a small Park System could be developed in the area for the fishermen. He stated that the Port shared the concerns of the liability and the problems of maintenance but that they were willing to participate with the County for solutions to the problem.

At this time, Judge Garza stated that, for the record, the Bridge would continue to be "posted" and enforced.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Citizen's concern with the low water Bridge located between Highway 106 and Farm to Market Road 1846 was acknowledged.

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**(6) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD RFP NO. 92-05-01 FOR
TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR HARLINGEN SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Request for Proposal (RFP) NO. 92-05-01 for the Telephone System for the Harlingen Sheriff's Department be awarded to AAA Communications, Harlingen, Texas, in the amount of \$7,895.00, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Sheriff's Department, that being the low bid to meet specification.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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(7) **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR TDH
DOCUMENT NO. C2000348, CHANGE NO. 6**

Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, explained that the change to the Contract would add four (4) positions, including a nurse, a nurse practitioner and two (2) clerks to the Brownsville Clinic, said funds to be allocated by the State.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Contract Amendment for the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Document No. C2000348, Change No. 6, was approved.

The Contract Amendment is as follows:

- (8) **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AUTHORIZING DISTRICT CLERK TO PARTICIPATE AS AN ADVISOR IN THE DESIGN OF A NEW CHILD SUPPORT COMPUTER SYSTEM. FOUR MEETINGS ARE ANTICIPATED WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FOUR MEETINGS IS REQUESTED (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL REIMBURSE COUNTY FOR ALL RELATED EXPENSES)**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Contract between Cameron County and the Attorney General's Office be approved, authorizing the District Clerk to participate as an Advisor in the design of a new Child Support Computer System and that the travel expenses for four (4) Meetings anticipated to be held within the next four (4) months be approved, said expenses to be reimbursed by the Attorney General's Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Service Agreement is as follows:

(9) AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT W. R. MACNELLY TO THE COUNTY'S PERSONNEL COMMITTEE; ROSEMARY CHAPA TO THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that Mr. W. R. MacNelly, County Auditor, and Ms. Rosemary Chapa, Assistant Senior Auditor, be appointed to the County's Personnel Committee and the Insurance Committee, respectively.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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(10) AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT ROLANDO MARTINEZ, HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR TO THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE; BLANCA BETANCOURT, ROW AGENT, AS ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (BOTH INDIVIDUALS HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE IF APPOINTED)

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, be appointed to the Grievance Committee and Ms. Blanca Betancourt, Right-of-Way (ROW) Agent, to serve as the Alternate Member of the Grievance Committee.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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(11) AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT ORDER OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATING OF CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Order of Notice of Public Hearing to be held June 29, 1992, regarding the creation of Cameron County Drainage District No. 5, was adopted.

The Order is as follows:

(12) **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE \$4,118.00 FROM
THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE LA HACIENDA
GARDENS GRANT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to appropriate \$4,118.00 from the General Fund for the La Hacienda Gardens Grant.

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(14) **APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE
NEWLY AWARDED GRANT FROM TEXAS NARCOTIC
CONTROL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR JUNE 1, 1992
TO MAY 31, 1993**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the renewal of the InterLocal Agreement for the newly awarded Grant from the Texas Narcotic Control Program for the Fiscal Year June 1, 1992 to May 31, 1993, was approved.

The InterLocal Agreement is as follows:

(15) REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, preliminary and final approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer:
a)Camarillo Estates Subdivision - being 0.9342 acre tract of Lot 18, Block 211, El Jardin Resubdivision.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, preliminary and final approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer:
b)Star Acres Subdivision - being a replat of 7.79 acres comprised of Lots 9 and 10, Block 3 M. Samano Partition.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, preliminary and final approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer:
c)Ramirez and Rosiles Estates Subdivision - being 8.05 acres out of Block 2, Pomelo Subdivision.

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS FOR THE CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to advertise for bids for the building materials for the Cameron Park Community Center.

(17) IN THE MATTER OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE PORT ISABEL-CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION (TABLED)

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

(18) **CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO GATEWAY INTER-NATIONAL BRIDGE-TRUCK TURN LANE/PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that the Preliminary Report from the Engineering Firm of Faraklas Engineers, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, had been submitted and that he was recommending that the Project be continued.

At this time, Mr. Luis Faraklas, Jr., Engineer, briefly outlined the proposed changes which are necessary to correct the hazardous situation at the Gateway Bridge, and stated that the preliminary estimates are in the approximate amount of \$200,000.00. At this time, Mr. Cueto explained that the last inspection of Gateway Bridge revealed that some minor corrections needed to be addressed and he suggested that those be added during final phase of the Contract, to comply with the insurance requirements.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Preliminary Report for the Improvements to the Gateway International Bridge regarding the truck turn lane and pedestrian sidewalk be acknowledged, and that the additional work related to the last inspection be included in the final phase of the Contract.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum and Cascos

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Valencia.

The Report is as follows:

(19) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ELECTRICAL SERVICE
CONTRACT FOR THE LOS INDIOS INTERNATIONAL
BRIDGE**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Electrical Service Contract for the Los Indios International Bridge be awarded to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Mercedes, Texas, as recommended by the Project Manager.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

(20) **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS THE PAVING OF
CACTUS ROAD FROM FM 1847 TO FM 1575**

At this time, Mr. Jose Juan Orguela, resident representing the Community, presented a Petition and expressed the concerns regarding the condition of the Road and the drainage canal.

Judge Garza suggested that no action be taken due to the absence of the Commissioner from that Precinct, and Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, suggested that the matter be referred to his Department for a possible solution.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the citizens concerns and Petition be acknowledged and that the matter of paving Cactus Road from Farm to Market Roads 1847 and 1575 be referred to the County Engineer who will coordinate efforts with the Commissioner for future action.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Petition is as follows:

**(21) APPROVAL OF MOBILE VENDOR'S PERMIT FOR
BRENNAN WELLS, DBA DAKOTA BEACH CLUB,
SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE OF SAFETY MEASURES
ESTABLISHED BY CHIEF PARK RANGER**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Mobile Vendor's Permit for Brennan Wells, dba Dakota Beach Club, was approved, subject to the compliance of the Safety Measures as established by the Chief Park Ranger.

The Application is as follows:

(22) **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF CAMERON AND WILLACY REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE REWARD PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the Counties of Cameron and Willacy regarding the Performance Reward Program.

The Agreement is as follows:

(23) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH BUSINESS RECORDS CORPORATION TO PROVIDE IMAGING SYSTEM FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

At this time, Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, introduced Mr. Michael Rather, Sales Representative for Business Records Corporation, and explained that Business Records Corporation had been providing Microfilm services to the County Clerk's Office since 1969. Mr. Rivera added the Contract was renewed at the beginning of the year and that the additional capabilities initiated in the Vital Statistics Department, including the Cashiering and Reporting System, have reduced the cost substantially. He said that they now have opportunity to upgrade the Imaging, Recording and Indexing System through the use of an optic disk.

Mr. Rivera illustrated how the upgraded system would save time, space and provide instant retrieval of indexes as well as the actual copy of the records. He added the BRC would provide the additional upgrades and equipment as technology improves and that there would be no cost to the County for the equipment. He stated that his Office was spending approximately \$130,000.00 annually, that being within the budgeted amount, and that the difference needed would be allocated from the County Clerk's Records Management Fee, as per Senate Bill 770, and he recommended approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Contract with Business Records Corporation (BRC), Dallas, Texas, to provide an Electronic Document Management and Imaging Systems for the County Clerk's Office was approved.

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(24) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following travel expense was approved, subject to availability of funds in their budget:
a) Constable A. Gonzales to attend Annual Conference and Workshop in Dallas, Texas, on June 17-20, 1992.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following travel expense was approved, subject to availability of funds in their budget:
b) County Judge to Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 19, 1992, to attend Association of South Texas Communities Meeting.

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(25) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:40 P. M. to discuss the following matters:
a) Discuss the personnel evaluation of Andrew J. Cueto, County Engineer, pursuant to Section 2(e) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 4:15.

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(26) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discuss the personnel evaluation of Andrew J. Cueto, County Engineer.

Judge Garza reported that the Court had the opportunity to visit with the County Engineer and to express favorable comments and reservations regarding his job performance. He said that, by and large, the comments expressed confidence in his professional competence; more than just confidence, extreme confidence on the abilities as a professional and as a Professional Engineer. He said that there was satisfaction with his abilities as a Planner, as demonstrated with the recommendations regarding Computerization, Strategic Planning, and Project Management Procedures for that Office, and the fact that more Projects are being handled by the

Department instead of outside contracts, thereby, saving the County money. Judge Garza added that he was impressed with the fact that the County Engineer was not hesitant to be a "change agent" and make a positive difference during the probationary period.

Judge Garza stated that, generally, the reservations were that 1) there was a need for more communication between the County Engineer's Office and the individual Commissioners; however, Judge Garza added that communication runs both ways, and 2) the perception that there are no clear demarcated lines of authority, in effect, no second in command, but as was pointed out by the County Engineer, the "second in command" had only been employed a month ago, and 3) the lack of "people skills", the sense that sometimes he may not be the best communicator but that it is something that can be improved. Judge Garza summarized by stating that, generally, the comments were very positive and that it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the probationary status be deleted from the County Engineer's position and that the salary be increased from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 and that the car allowance remain the same.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia expressed his reservations on this matter, and added that his main concern was to provide services to County residents at all times, by either the County Engineer or any other responsible person in that Office.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the recommendations to make the County Engineer a full time County employee, increase his salary from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00, effective immediately, and that the car allowance be maintained at the current level, be adopted; stressing the overall favorable evaluation, with Commissioner Valencia reviewing some areas of reservation, but encouraging the County Engineer to continue his good job performance.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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

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APPROVED this 29th day of June, 1992.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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

