

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 9th day of JULY, 1998, there was conducted a SPECIAL Public Meeting of the Honorable Cameron County Elections Commission 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 COMMISSION MET AT:

8:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
ELECTIONS CHAIRPERSON

TONY YZAGUIRRE
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

MANNY VELA
DEMOCRATIC CHAIRPERSON

RICHARD HOFFMAN
REPUBLICAN CHAIRPERSON

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 8:40 A.M.

The Commission considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk, on July 2, 1998, at 3:37 P.M.:

(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Rivera, seconded by Commissioner Vela and carried unanimously, the Commission met in Executive Session at 8:40 A.M. to discuss the following matter:

- a) Confer with County Counsel on the appointment of the Cameron County Elections Administrator; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.074 (1).

Upon motion by Commissioner Vela, seconded by Commissioner Rivera and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 8:47 A.M.



(2) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Action to appoint the Cameron County Elections Administrator.

Commissioner Yzaguirre moved that Mr. Robert Mendoza, San Antonio, Texas, be appointed as the Cameron County Elections Administrator, effective July 13, 1998, at 8:00 A.M.

At this time, there was some discussion regarding all the qualified applicants and Judge Hinojosa suggested that the voter registration and the voter participation should be addressed.

Commissioner Yzaguirre suggested that the Elections Commission should meet every other week with the Elections Administrator, in order to keep the Commission updated on the operations of the Elections Administration Office and that Commissioners Rivera and Yzaguirre assist the Elections Administrator in modifying the Office's Budget.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that Budget enhancements be addressed for staffing and training issues in the Elections Administration Office.

At this time, Commissioner Rivera expressed concern as to the Commission bypassing an applicant he felt was the most experienced and contained the most administrative capabilities for the position.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vela and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Vela, Hoffman, Yzaguirre and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Rivera.

At this time, Commissioner Vela recommended that Ms. Tencha De La Peña, former Elections Administrator, be hired as a Consultant to assist Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, in the operations of the Elections Administration Office.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the matter be further reviewed and discussed and that additional resources be requested from the County Commissioners= Court.

The Resolution is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Vela and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:55 A.M.



APPROVED this **15th** day of **July, 1998**.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

**TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AND SECRETARY
OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.**