

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 31st day of **DECEMBER, 1998**, there was conducted a **SPECIAL Public Meeting 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:

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA

COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy

COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 10:06 A.M. He then asked Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on December 28, 1998 at 9:37 A.M.:

(NOT ON AGENDA)

At this time, Judge Hinojosa presented the Resolution honoring Honorable Everardo Garcia, County Court at Law No. 1 Judge, which was adopted at the Commissioners= Court Meeting of December 22, 1998, and commended Judge Garcia for his service to the County.

Judge Everardo Garcia, County Court at Law No. 1, expressed his gratitude to the Court and highlighted the accomplishments attained during his tenure as County Court at Law Judge.



(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Judge Everardo Garcia, County Court at Law No. 1, and Commissioner Hector Peña, Precinct No. 3, for their professionalism and cooperation with the Auditor=s Office during their years of service to the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved, as presented by the County Auditor.

The Budget Officer=s Comments Report is as follows:

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

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented an additional Budget Amendment as to Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Amendment No. 99-10 for approval.

Commissioner Matz moved that the 1998 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 98-31, be approved, inclusive of the additional Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Amendment No. 99-10.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to how the vendors were being monitored to ensure that they were Year 2000 compliant.

Mr. Yates stated that the Year 2000 compliance provisions were included in the Request for Proposals which were advertised and confirmed that the critical vendors were currently being assessed, in order to ensure the compliance by the vendors.

The Budget Amendments are as follow:

**(3) APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTINUATION
APPLICATION TOT HE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE
CAMERON COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT
TASK FORCE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted authorizing the submission of a continuation Application to the Governor-s Office of Criminal Justice Division for the Cameron County Drug Enforcement Task Force.

The Resolution is as follows:

(4) **APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF A MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. V10 TO ROBERT AND ALICIA RHEA, DOING BUSINESS AS, HOO-RAH**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Mobile Vendor-s Permit No. V10 be issued to Robert and Alicia Rhea, doing business as, Hoo-Rah.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(5) **POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY LAW LIBRARY AND WEST LAW COMPANY**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, confirmed that the funding for said Contract was within the Law Library-s Budget and noted that the County Auditor had signed the Agreement, in order for the services to proceed. He highlighted the provisions of the Contract and noted that West Law Company was given forty-five (45) days if the Company decided to cancel the Contract.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County Law Library and West Law Company was approved.

(6) **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO BETTERMENT FUND FOR THE LOS TOMATES TOLL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that the original design of the roof of the Los Tomates Toll and Administration Building had been revised and added that gutters had not been included at the time of the original design which were necessary for the revised design. He explained that the gutters were necessary for heavy rains that would drain on vehicles and would eventually deteriorate the pavement.

Commissioner Peña moved that Change Order No. 4 to the Betterment Fund for the Los Tomates Toll and Administration Building be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that a Meeting was scheduled for January 5, 1999, for the naming of the Los Tomates Bridge and that a Workshop would be held for the Court to tour the Bridge under construction.

The Affidavit is as follows:

(7) **APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET AND ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following travel and/or travel expenses were approved, subject to the funds in their Budget and all applicable County Policies:

- a) Extension Office employee to attend the AAmericorp Orientation Training@ in Brownwood, Texas, on January 3-7, 1999;
- b) Five (5) Health Department Environmental Health Division employees to attend the AAnimal Cruelty Workshop@ in Brownsville, Texas, on January 9, 1999;
- c) Three (3) County Extension Agents to attend a AMigrant Youth Initiative Committee Meeting@ in Weslaco, Texas, on December 17, 1998;
- d) County Extension Agent to attend a ADiabetes Youth Camp Planning Committee Meeting@ in Edinburg, Texas, on December 15, 1998;
- e) County Extension Agent to attend an AAmericorp Orientation Training@ in Brownwood, Texas, on January 1-7, 1999; and
- f) County Health Department Environmental Health Division employee to attend a AMeeting of the Sanitarian and Code Enforcement Officer Advisory Committee@ in Austin, Texas, on January 12-14, 1999.



At this time, Judge Hinojosa expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Hector Peña, Precinct No. 3, and highlighted Commissioner Peña-s accomplishments throughout his tenure as a County Commissioner, including the Los Tomates Bridge which was the most recent major project for the County.

Commissioner Peña expressed his gratitude to the Court for their support and added that the assistance given to the community had been gratifying.

Commissioner Benavides expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Peña for his assistance and guidance during Commissioner Benavides- last two (2) years of service to the County.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:42 A.M.

APPROVED this **19th** day of **January, 1999**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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