

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 21st day of MARCH, 2000, there was conducted a REGULAR 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:

9:30 A.M.

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

NATIVIDAD ATIVIE@ VALENCIA  
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 9:35 A.M. He then asked Pastor Daniel Blanco, Templo La Hermosa, for the invocation and 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 March 17, 2000, at 11:36 A.M.:

**(28) IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON (TABLED)**

At this time, Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Administrator, explained that the County currently contained a Contract with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and stated that UTMB had requested that the County act as the liaison of the program.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the matter should be further reviewed and suggested that a Workshop be scheduled to discuss the different issues and entities involved.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the budgetary impact of the program be included at the Workshop and that the County Auditor should determine the projections of the Indigent Health Care Program.

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

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, highlighted the expenditures as referenced in the Amador R. Rodriguez Juvenile Boot Camp Report.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the placement of juveniles at the Boot Camp should be encouraged to the maximum capacity and that the capacity should be increased for additional Boot Camp residents to achieve long term savings.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the amount of savings could be projected, based on the daily maximum capacity and as to the impact on the General Fund.

Judge Hinojosa noted that funds were budgeted for outside placements of juveniles in other facilities and added the savings came from the funds which were not utilized for outside placements. He stated that the savings from the outside placement costs should be reallocated to the operating costs of the forty (40) to forty-five (45) beds to be added to the Boot Camp.

Commissioner Cascos stated that there would not be a savings from eliminating the outside placements since approximately \$500,000 would need to be budgeted for twenty-three (23) staff members once the expansion of additional beds was implemented.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there were thirty-two (32) beds at the Juvenile Detention Facility and that all the outside placements should be placed at the facility. He stated that the District Judges should be informed of the issue and expressed concern as to why there were no savings, if the outside placements were being directed to the facility. Judge Hinojosa stated that the additional twenty-three (23) staff members were based on the assumption that all forty (40) beds

would be filled once the extension of the facility was built, but noted that all forty beds might not be filled once the facility was opened.

At this time, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the outstanding bond forfeitures and Commissioner Cascos requested that a quarterly report of the pending bonds be submitted to the Commissioners= Court.

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Claims be approved, as presented by the County Auditor.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Hinojosa, as to Warrant No. 29538, payable to Laguna Madre Water District.

**The Affidavit and the Report are as follow:**

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

Commissioner Cascos moved that the 2000 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2000-20, and the Salary Schedules for Jail Infirmary, Fund No. 1005180, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendment and the Salary Schedules are as follow:**

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2000,  
AND FEBRUARY 15, 2000**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 15, 2000, be approved, subject to the corrections noted on Pages No. 6 and No. 13.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Regular Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8, 2000, be approved.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Valencia

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Cascos.

**(4) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO (2)  
CELLULAR PHONES AND SERVICE FOR  
CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 5**

At this time, there was some discussion as to the Cellular phones being limited to the Elected Officials and the Constables, noting that the Deputy Constables were not included.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the SPEED Program in Precinct No. 5 had requested the cellular phones and added that the officers needed direct contact in the field, noting that the phones would be funded through the SPEED Grant.

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, noted that the background of the Agenda Request Form referenced Deputy Constables, as opposed to the SPEED Program Deputies.

Commissioner Valencia explained that the matter had been clarified to him by the Constable and added that the Item be approved, subject to the cellular phones and service for the SPEED Program Deputies.

Commissioner Valencia moved that two (2) cellular phones and service be purchased for Constable Precinct No. 5, for the SPEED Grant Program Deputies, subject to funding being allocated from the SPEED Grant.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(5) ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2000, AS ASEXUAL ABUSE  
AWARENESS MONTH® IN CAMERON COUNTY,  
TEXAS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Proclamation declaring the Month of April 2000, as A Sexual Abuse Awareness Month® in Cameron County, Texas, was adopted.

**The Proclamation is as follows:**

**(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONTINUATION APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE 2001 TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR-S AUTOMOBILE TITLES AND REGISTRATION THEFT DIVISION GRANT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of the Continuation Application to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for the 2001 Tax Assessor-Collector-s Automobile Titles and Registration Theft Division Grant.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (8) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2000 OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY THE CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INCORPORATED**
- (9) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A YEAR 2000 GRANT APPLICATION FOR TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**
- (10) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS YEAR 2000 HOME INVESTMENTS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BY THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**
- (11) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A YEAR 2000 FIRST TIME HOME BUYER-S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME PROGRAM**

Commissioner Matz moved that the following Resolutions be adopted in support of Grant Applications for Year 2000:

Owner-Occupied Housing Assistance to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by the Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects, Incorporated;

Tenant Based Rental Assistance to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by the Cameron County Housing Authority;

Home Investments Partnership Program to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by the Cameron County Authority; and

First Time Home Buyers-Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Home Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Resolutions are as follow:**

(7) **PRESENTATION OF YEAR 2000 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA CONSTRUCTION FUND APPLICATION TIMETABLE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PROJECT REQUESTS ON MARCH 21, 2000**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the City of Santa Rosa had applied for a Grant with a matching amount from the City of Santa Rosa to increase the capacity of the water and sewage treatment plant and to provide water and sewer to twenty-three (23) Colonias in the area. He reported that the Colonia Study had reflected the lack of water and sewer services in Precinct No. 4 Colonias and added that the Colonia Construction Fund Grant should be utilized to assist the City of Santa Rosa Project.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Presentation of Year 2000 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Construction Fund Application Timetable be acknowledged and that the Program Development and Management Department conduct a Public Hearing to solicit project requests on March 21, 2000.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(12) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTINUATION APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE 2001 CAMERON COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK-FORCE GRANT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of a Continuation Application to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division for the 2001 Cameron County Drug Enforcement Task-Force Grant.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(13) APPROVAL TO RELEASE A SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,700,000 AT PAR, IN COLLATERAL TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Commissioner Matz moved that a Security, in the amount of \$5,700,000 at par, in collateral, be released to First National Bank.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**(14) APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOR THE AUTHORIZED CHECK PAYMENT SYSTEM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Amended Agreement with First National Bank for the Authorized Check Payment System was approved.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(15) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CUBCO CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, FOR THE LAGUNA MADRE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 718118)**

Commissioner Matz moved that Change Order No. 1 to Construction Contract with Cubco Construction, Incorporated, for the Laguna Madre Affordable Housing Initiative, that being the Texas Community Development Contract No. 718118, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(16) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS TO PURCHASE ONE 2 TON SHORTBED CREW CAB TRUCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO THE PARKS RANGER DIVISION IN THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the solicitation of Bids to purchase one 2 ton short bed crew cab truck for immediate delivery to the Parks Ranger Division in the Cameron County Parks System was approved.

**(17) APPROVAL OF A TOWING PERMIT NO. T-4 FOR GARY D. GRAHAM, DOING BUSINESS AS PARADISE RECREATION**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Towing Permit No. T-4 for Gary D. Graham, doing business as Paradise Recreation be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(18) ACTION REGARDING CONCESSION SIGNS WITHIN ISLA BLANCA PARK**

At this time, Mr. John Valdez, Parks System, requested that the Court have the entire temporary concessionaire signs removed in the Isla Blanca Park and added that numerous signs cluttered the right-of-ways within the park. He stated that two (2) signs would be placed at the Sea Ranch Marina and near the docks which would allow all the concessionaires to advertise their businesses on one (1) sign.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the elimination of the concessions signs within Isla Blanca Park was approved.

**(19) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) CONTRACT NO. 99-231R, FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 BEACH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Amendment No. 1 of the Texas General Land Office Contract No. 99-231R, Fiscal Year 1998-1999 Beach Cleaning and Maintenance Assistance Agreement be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(20) ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE EXPANSION OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER**

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that three (3) entities had been interviewed for the design of the expansion of the Juvenile Boot Camp and added that the highest ranked had been Croslin and Associates.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his opposition to the recommendation by the Committee and explained that there were many problems when the firm had been hired for the Juvenile Detention Facility and the Juvenile Boot Camp. He suggested that the second ranking firm should be given the opportunity to design the expansion of the facility and noted that the second ranking firm was a large entity and would be able to handle the project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the selection of the second highest ranked firm of DCW, Dallas, Texas, was approved to perform the design of the expansion of the Juvenile Detention Center.

**(21) AUTHORIZATION FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER CORRECTING A STREET NAME TO SCHAFER ROAD AND ELIMINATING CENTERLINE ROAD FROM THE PLAT OF CENTERLINE ROAD SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN THE COUNTY CLERK-S OFFICE UNDER CABINET NO. 1, PAGE NO. 1803-B**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Nunc Pro Tunc Order be issued correcting a street name to Schafer Road and eliminating Centerline Road from the plat of Centerline Road Subdivision recorded in the County Clerk-s Office Cabinet No. 1, Page No. 1803-B.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**(22) APPROVAL FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TXDOT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS INTEGRATION PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for implementation of its integration program was approved and Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., Bridge Systems Director, was designated to represent the County at the meetings with TxDOT.

**(23) APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCUREMENT, AS MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE TXDOT MINUTE ORDER NO. 108113 FOR FM/106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) FROM FM/1847 TO FM/510**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Contractual Agreement of Right-of-Way Procurement as modified to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation Minute Order No. 108113 for FM/106 (General Brant Road) from FM/1847 to FM/510 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(24) APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCUREMENT AS MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE TXDOT MINUTE ORDER NO. 108113 FOR FM/509 FROM FM/1595 TO FM/508**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contractual Agreement of Right-of-Way Procurement as modified to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation Minute Order No. 108113 for FM/509 from FM/1595 to FM/508, was approved.

**(25) AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE EXTENSION OF MATA-VILLARREAL ARCHITECTS CONTRACT TO INCLUDE ROOF REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the extension of Mata-Villarreal Architects Contract to include roof repairs at the County Airport be negotiated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(26) IN THE MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN METRO TITLE COMPANY AND CAMERON COUNTY TO PERFORM TITLE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES FOR FM/509, AS NEEDED ON PARCEL BY PARCEL BASIS (TABLED)**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether other Title Companies had expressed interest in performing the work.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) had recommended Metro Title Company, but noted that the County was paying for the title commitments and policies.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the County should determine the company to perform the title commitments, based on a Request for Proposals Process, since the County was funding the work.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the time lines of the project be determined and that the Purchasing Agent and County Engineer review applications by other interested Title Companies to make a recommendation to the Court.

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

[REDACTED]

(27) **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND RIO MOBILE X-RAY FOR RADIOLOGICAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Contract between Cameron County and Rio Mobile X-Ray for Radiological Services be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

[REDACTED]

(29) **IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR SEA TURTLE, INCORPORATED, TO BE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTRE LEASED LAND (TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

(30) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CAMERON COUNTY PHARMACEUTICALS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Cameron County pharmaceuticals Request for Proposals be advertised.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

[REDACTED]

(31) **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE ALLIANCE FOR I-69 TEXAS MEMBERSHIP DUES**

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that the County had been a member of the Alliance for I-69 and added that the membership dues should have been budgeted.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that the term of the membership was not definite and added that information had never be provided as to how long the County would participate in the alliance.

Commissioner Matz stated that information concerning the Alliance for I-69 activity should be provided to the members of the Court and added that the term of the project would continue for the next ten (10) years. He expressed concern as to the entities participating in the Alliance for I-69 and stated that the communities should participate in the alliance.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the County's participation was important, due to the allocation of TxDOT and Federal Highway Funds to Highways 281 and 77, which would connect to I-69 and as to I-69 beginning at Highway 281.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the payment for the Alliance for I-69 Texas Membership Dues was approved, said funding to be allocated from Lapsed Salaries Fund.

(32) **APPROVAL FOR RESERVE DEPUTY MICHAEL  
TREJO FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 7**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Reserve Deputy Michael Trejo was approved for Constable Precinct No. 7.

**The Bond is as follows:**

**(33) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE  
CONTINUATION APPLICATION GRANT FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE  
ALTERNATIVES TO THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted authorizing the submission of the Continuation Application Grant for the purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

# CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ACONSENT® AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:**

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, noted that the cellular equipment and services for the Law Enforcement cellular phones had been awarded to Southwestern Bell and that all other non-Law Enforcement cellular phones had been awarded to Sol Communications.

Commissioner Cascos stated that there were many concerns with the quality of service provided by Sol Communications and recommended that an out clause be included in the Contract.

At this time, there was some discussions as to additional towers placed by Sol Communications in the Progresso, Los Indios and Southmost areas and Judge Hinojosa stated that it was imperative to have quality service near the Rio Grande River and South Padre Island.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, referred to Item No. 42 Aa® and stated that the Buyers-Commission and Taxes were not paid by the County on items purchased at auctions.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his opposition to Item No. 42 Aa® and noted that the purchase violated the procurement process and Purchasing Policy.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the AConsent® Agenda Items be approved as follow, excluding Item No. 42 Aa®.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Valencia

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Matz, as to Item No. 36 Ab® and Item No. 40 Aa®.

**(34) TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET AND ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES:**

- a) Nine (9) Sheriff-s Department Detention Officers to take the Jailer Certification Exam in Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 16, 2000;
- b) Three (3) Sheriff-s Deputies and Clerk to attend the ACivil Process Training® in Zapata, Texas, on March 20-23, 2000;
- c) Deputy Constable Precinct No. 5 to attend the AS.P.E.E.D. Training® in San Marcos, Texas, on March 29, 2000;
- d) Constable Precinct No. 4 to attend the AConstable Management School® in Galveston, Texas, on March 26-29, 2000;

- e) Constable Precinct No. 6 to attend the AConstable Management School® in Galveston, Texas, on March 26-29, 2000;
- f) Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel to interview witness at New York, New York, on March 24-28, 2000;
- g) Health Department employee to attend a ANE&BF Workshop 2000" in Austin, Texas, on April 24-26, 2000;
- h) Health Department employee to attend the AHigh-Impact Communication Skills for Women Conference® in McAllen, Texas, on March 20, 2000;
- I) Program Development and Management employee to attend the ALower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Professional Advisory Review Panel Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on March 8, 2000;
- j) Program Development and Management employee to attend the ALower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on March 15, 2000;
- k) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATexas Department of Health Basic Animal Control Officer Training Course® in Harlingen, Texas, on April 6-7, 2000;
- l) Constable Precinct No. 6 to attend the AHomicide Training Course in Bryan, Texas, on March 7, 2000;
- m) Health Department employee to attend the ACamp Vista 2000 Conference® in Navasota, Texas, on April 11-13, 2000;
- n) Health Department employee to attend a ACurrent Topic in Nutrition Conference® in Edinburg, Texas, on March 17, 2000;
- o) Assistant County Administrator and Health Director to attend a AMeeting with Texas Department of Health Regarding Tobacco Grant® in Austin, Texas, on March 10, 2000;
- p) County Clerk and two (2) Deputies to attend the A105<sup>th</sup> County and District Clerk-s Association® in Wichita Falls, Texas, on June 11-15, 2000;
- q) County Clerk Deputy to attend the AVital Statistics Training Session on Death/Birth Certificates® in Weslaco, Texas, on March 28, 2000;
- r) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the AClarke-Public Millennium Workshop® in Weslaco, Texas, on March 20, 2000;
- s) Two (2) Health employees to attend the A23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Womens-Health Care® in Dallas, Texas, on April 10-14, 2000;
- t) Health Department employee to attend the ATexas Association of Local WIC Directors Regional Meeting® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 22, 2000;
- u) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a ATraining on Moms to Help Moms® in Austin, Texas, on April 11-13, 2000;
- v) Juvenile Director to attend the ATexas Probation Association 2000 Annual Conference® in El Paso, Texas, on April 9-12, 2000;

- w) Two (2) Juvenile ISP Officers to attend the ATexas Juvenile Probation Commission 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Intensive Supervision Program Institute Conference@ in San Antonio, Texas, on April 17-21, 2000;
- x) County Task Force Commander to attend the ATNCP Commanders Quarterly Meeting@ in Texarkana, Texas, on March 29-30, 2000;
- y) District Attorney Investigator to attend the ATexas Narcotics Officers Association 2000 Annual Training Conference@ in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 27, 2000, through July 1, 2000;
- z) District Attorney to attend the ATDCAA Training Committee Members Meeting@ in Austin, Texas, on March 30, 2000;
- aa) Constable Precinct No. 1 to attend the ATwenty-Hour Constable Management Seminar@ in Galveston, Texas, on March 26-29, 2000;
- bb) Computer Center employee to attend the ACISCO CCNA Certification@ in Dallas, Texas, on June 5-9, 2000;
- cc) Nine (9) Sheriff-s employees to attend the ALiability, Risks and Traps Course@ in Edinburg, Texas, on March 30, 2000;
- dd) Commissioner Precinct No. 3 to attend a AUnited States Environmental Protection Agency Meeting@ in Washington, DC, on April 26-28, 2000;
- ee) Commissioner Precinct No. 3 to attend a ARenew America Award Ceremony@ to accept an award on behalf of the Valley Proud Environmental Council in Washington, DC, on April 15-17, 2000;
- ff) Vehicle Maintenance Director to attend the A29<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Short Course and Field Day 2000" in College Station, Texas, on February 6-9, 2000;
- gg) Personnel/Safety Coordinator to attend a APersonnel Law Update 2000 Public Sector Employment Seminar@ in Austin, Texas, on March 27, 2000;
- hh) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6 to attend the AJustice of the Peace Training Seminar@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 8-12, 2000;
- ii) Tax Assessor-Collector and Deputy to attend the ATexas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Border Solutions Committee Meeting@ in Monterrey Nuevo Leon, Mexico, on April 5-8, 2000; and
- jj) Assistant County Administrator and Executive Assistant to attend the AAnnual Hurricane Conference@ in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 17-21, 2000.

**(35) ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 000303 FOR COFFEE CART CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES AT CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**(36) AWARD BIDS/PROPOSALS**

- a) **ARMORED CAR SERVICES - ANNUAL BID NO. 1180, SUBJECT TO AWARD OF A FINAL CONTRACT BY COMMISSIONERS= COURT**

**ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR - Omaha, Nebraska**

**Total \$4,313.62**

- b) **TELEPHONE (REGULAR) LONG DISTANCE - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1820-990902, SUBJECT TO FINAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AWARD OF FINAL CONTRACT BY COMMISSIONERS- COURT**

**QUEST COMMUNICATIONS - Austin, Texas**

**(37) OPEN QUARTERLY BIDS**

- a) **DIETARY SUPPLIES: MISCELLANEOUS NO. 2050-2;**
- b) **FOOD: CANNED AND DRIED NO. 2110-2;**
- c) **FOOD: FROZEN NO. 2165-2;**
- d) **FOOD: MEATS NO. 2170-2; AND**
- e) **FOOD: SPICES NO. 2210-2.**

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

(38) AWARD BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) LUBES: OILS, GREASE, ANTIFREEZE, FLUIDS - ANNUAL BID NO. 1993

OIL PATCH FUEL - Brownsville, Texas

Total \$101.53

HOLLON OIL - Weslaco, Texas

Total \$3,772.77

- b) ROAD MATERIALS: FLEXIBLE BASE - ANNUAL BID NO. 2560

MARTIN MARIETTA - Corpus Christi, Texas

Total \$49.48

GLOBAL STONE - Brownsville, Texas

Total \$112.04

FRONTERA MATERIALS - Weslaco, Texas

Total \$76.73

- c) JANITORIAL SUPPLIES: PAPER AND LINERS - ANNUAL BID NO. 2300-2

DIVERSITECH SYSTEMS - McAllen, Texas

Total \$57,761.48

- d) ROAD MACHINERY RENTAL - ANNUAL BID NO. 1710

HOLT RENTAL SERVICES - Weslaco, Texas

Total \$16,359.00

- e) ROAD MATERIALS: CONCRETE - ANNUAL BID NO. 2510

TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE - Edinburg, Texas

Total \$709.00

(39) AWARD BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) ROAD MATERIALS: DRAINAGE - ANNUAL BID NO. 2520

CONTECH CONSTRUCTION - San Antonio, Texas

Total \$791.14

VARMICON - Harlingen, Texas

Total \$13,208.35

W.T. LISTON - La Feria, Texas

Total \$77.43

- b) ROAD MATERIALS: SURFACING - ANNUAL BID NO. 2580

VULCAN MATERIALS - San Antonio, Texas

Total \$242.03

FRONTERA MATERIALS - Weslaco, Texas

Total \$332.62

SMYTH MINES - Uvalde, Texas

Total \$1,302.34

(40) AWARD BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) CELLULAR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1740-991101

SOUTHWESTERN BELL - Harlingen, Texas  
Law Enforcement Phones

SOL - Harlingen, Texas  
All other non-Law Enforcement Phones

(41) FINAL APPROVAL

- a) Precinct No. 3

Altas Palmas Animal Clinic Subdivision - being a Resubdivision of 1.97 acre tract of land situated in part of Block No. 14, Stuart Place Subdivision of Survey No. 138.

(42) PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER

- b) HANDLE WITH CARE BEHAVIOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00, JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT;  
c) CENTRAL AIR AND HEATING SERVICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$211.30, JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT; AND  
d) DON BROWN BUSINESS SYSTEMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189.50, JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.

(42) PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER

- a) BANK AND ESTATE LIQUIDATORS, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1

Commissioner Benavides moved that the purchase without the Purchase Order for Bank and Estate Liquidators, Incorporated, in the amount to of \$250.00, for County Court at Law No. 1, be approved.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Valencia and Judge Hinojosa

**NAY:** Commissioners Cascos and Matz.

At this time, Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, expressed her concerns as to order being kept while the Court was in session as a courtesy to the public and suggested that Quiet signs should be placed in and outside the Courtroom.

Jude Hinojosa stated that the signs had been requested and that the matter would be addressed.

(43) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:55 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Rio Hondo Park Townsite - Lot No. 9, Block No. 8; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) In the matter of the Real Property in Isla Blanca Park affected by the Cameron County Parks Sign Policy; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)**
- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning possible litigation with Elections Systems and Software; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A); and
- d) Confer with County Counsel concerning possible litigation with Hart Information Services; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 12:20 P.M.

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

- c) **Confer with County Counsel concerning possible litigation with Elections Systems and Software; and**
- d) **Confer with County Counsel concerning possible litigation with Hart Information Services.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by the Elections Administrator be acknowledged regarding the possible litigation with Elections Systems and Software and with Hart Information Services.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- b) **In the matter of the Real Property in Isla Blanca Park affected by the Cameron County Parks Sign Policy. (TABLED)**

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

- a) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Rio Hondo Park Townsite - Lot No. 9, Block No. 8.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Property Management Coordinator was directed to obtain an appraisal on the Rio Hondo Park Townsite - Lot No. 9, Block No. 8 and to begin negotiations.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:21 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this **9th** day of **May, 2000**.

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**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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