

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 8th day of May, 2001, 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:

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD "TIVIE" VALENCIA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Inelda T. Garcia Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro tem Carlos H. Cascos, at 5:32 P. M. He then asked Mr. Gayle Gardner, Church of the Good Shepherd, for the invocation and a moment of silence in memory of Chief of Police Bobby Gonzales from La Feria; and Ms. Lori Honeycutt, Field Service Representative, Texas Association of Counties (TAC), 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 May 4, 2001, at 1:48 P. M. and the Supplemental Agendas posted on May 4, 2001, at 3:00 P. M. and 4:46 P. M.:

PRESENTATION ITEMS

(1) **PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PIN TO MR. ANASTACIO GUILLEN FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

At this time, Judge Pro tem Cascos requested that Commissioner Benavides present Mr. Anastacio Guillen with a Service Pin in recognition of his forty (40) years of service to Cameron County.

Commissioner Benavides recognized the work performed by Mr. Guillen and the Guillen family and extended his gratitude and appreciation for all their efforts.

Mr. Anastacio Guillen, and his daughter, Ms. Maria del Rosario Garza, expressed their gratitude to the Court for the honors given in recognition of the forty (40) years of service to Cameron County.

(2) **IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CAMERON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 (TABLED)**

At this time, Judge Pro tem Cascos noted that Mr. Carlos Barrera and Mr. Carlos Muñiz, Long and Chilton, L.L.P. were present, but a request had been made to table the Item, in order to allow more time for the Court to review the Report.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia and Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for three (3) weeks.

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

(1) **PRESENTATION OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES GOLDEN SAFETY AWARD TO CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2000**

At this time, Ms. Lori Honeycutt, Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Field Service Representative, recognized the Court for their commitment towards loss control programs and the safety of the employees and presented the Court with a check, in the amount of \$46,318.00, for the successful completion of the Safety Audit 2000.

Ms. Honeycutt presented the Gold Star Safety Award for the Year 2000 to Cameron County, recognizing Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Director, and Mr. Joe Paredes, Public Works Safety Coordinator, and Mr. Ronnie Saenz, Law Enforcement Safety Coordinator, for their training and safety programs.

Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Director, expressed their gratitude to the Commissioners=Court, adding that Cameron County was the only county in the State of Texas that had a Law Enforcement Safety Coordinator and a Public Works Safety Coordinator and the results were paying off.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the presentation by the Texas Association of Counties Golden Safety Award to Cameron County for the Year 2000, and the check in the amount of \$46,318.00, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(2) **APPROVAL FOR RESERVE DEPUTY PRECINCT NO. 2 AND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MR. FELIPE CORIA FOR POSITION OF DEPUTY CONSTABLE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES 86.011 AND 86.012, CONSTABLE ABLE PEREZ, PRECINCT NO. 2**

At this time, Commissioner Garza noted that he did not receive the Supplemental Item information.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the appointments of Mr. Rene Borrego, Reserve Deputy Precinct No. 2 and Mr. Felipe Coria, Deputy Constable, for Constable Able Perez, Precinct No. 2, in Compliance with the State of Texas Civil Statutes 86.011 and 86.012, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and the vote was as follows:

AYE: Commissioners= Benavides, Cascos and Valencia,

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Garza.

The Bond is as follows:

(3) **APPROVAL OF BOND FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS MS. DEBORAH SWIGER, RESERVE DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND MR. MANUEL NAVA, RESERVE DEPUTY SHERIFF**

At this time, Mr. Douglas Wright, Court Legal Counsel, explained that the bonds were reviewed and they were in order. He noted that the issue whether the Personnel Department should be involved regarding the background checks for the Sheriff's Deputies and Reserve Deputies and needed to be resolved, and requested guidance from the Court.

There was some discussion regarding the requirements as outlined by the Statutes, the involvement by the Personnel Department, the approval of the bonds, and the County's liability for the appointments. The clarification was made that the Sheriff's Department would continue to perform the background check for the Constables, and their own Department, and that the District Attorney's Office would do background checks, if requested by the Court.

Judge Pro tem Cascos recommended that this issue be presented to the Court as an Agenda Item, in order for clarification.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the bonds for Ms. Deborah Swiger, Reserve Deputy Sheriff and Mr. Manuel Nava, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, be approved.

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

AYE: Judge Pro tem Cascos, Commissioners= Benavides, Valencia,

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Garza, adding that he did not receive the back up information.

The Bonds are as follow:

ACTION ITEMS

(3) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

At this time, Mr. Javier Villarreal, Budget Officer noted that one of the Budget Amendments was for the County Clerk's Office which was requesting additional extra-help assistance.

Commissioner Garza questioned what was going to be done about all the overtime that was owed, in the amount of \$29,000.00, previously presented to the Court and the funding source.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that the Compensatory Time had to be taken by the employee and was not paid out; however, overtime was paid out at time and a half.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether a policy was in place regarding the amount of Compensatory Time that an employee could accrue in this County, and whether any policy was being followed regarding said matter.

Mr. Villarreal responded that the Compensatory Time was tracked by each individual Department and that the Payroll Department was not aware of the Compensatory Time that was owed in each Department.

There was discussion concerning the possible amounts owed for Compensatory Time, the tracking and auditing procedures, the liability, the Fair Labor Standards criteria, and the lack of funds to pay for over-time work.

Judge Pro tem Cascos explained that last week the County Clerk had requested four (4) slots to finish out the Fiscal Year, in the amount of \$45,000.00, and there was no funding; now, there was a Budget Amendment, in the amount of \$20,000.00, in lapsed salaries. He added that the Constable from Los Fresnos and the Constable Precinct No.2 were requesting part-time slots questioned whether those positions could be funded in the same manner, in order to be consistent with the funding policies.

There was some discussion concerning the Financial Reports presented by the County Clerk the previous week, the relation of the numbers to the Budget and the need to have the County Clerk and the County Auditor reconcile the differences in their reports, which were still pending.

Commissioner Garza expressed concern as to how this item had appeared as a Budget Amendment, and the funding source.

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant County Administrator, responded that the Budget Amendment was a compromise for the County Clerk's Office, in order to achieve the goals of additional assistance that the County Clerk had requested.

Commissioner Valencia noted that the amount of \$12,576.00 and the amount of \$1,997.00 in the Budget Amendment were from the County Clerk-s Office and suggested that said amount be allowed for additional assistance for the County Clerk, is excluding the amount of \$7,003, which belonged to the District Court.

At this time, Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, questioned whether the employees that were present at the meeting were entitled to Compensatory Time, and the response that the employees present were Department Heads and did not receive compensatory time.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the County be allowed to have the amount of \$12,576 and the amount of \$1,997 and benefits that go with it, in the Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Amendment No. 2001-22 be approved as presented with the exception of the County Clerk-s, whereby it be reduced by the amount of \$7,003.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment is as follows:

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(4) **POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM**

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Department Director, had finalized the draft of the policy and made recommendations, and there were some clarifications regarding the forty-five (45) days for the authorization codes and explained that the forty-five (45) days applied to those who sought UTMB Care. He noted that distribution of State funds would occur twice in May, from funds that were not used by other Counties, adding that he anticipated additional significant funds.

JUDGE HINOJOSA JOINED THE MEETING.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa reported that the Senate agreed to add three million towards the construction of the Regional Health Care facility, and were working to reconcile the House and the Senate Bill.

Commissioner Garza moved that the Status Report regarding the Cameron County Indigent Health Care Program be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously,

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(5) **POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS AT THE CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY AND SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, AND ISSUES RELATED THERETO**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the status report of the modifications, additions and/or deletions at the Cameron County Detention Facility and Sheriff's Department and issues related thereto, was acknowledged/tabled.

At this time, Commissioner Garza requested that visitors at the site be acknowledged, adding that they were tax payers, and should be respected and acknowledged.

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(6) POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY AND CITIES CHALLENGING CENSUS 2000 COUNTS AND ISSUES RELATED THERETO

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, noted that the lawsuit would be filed Thursday, May 10, 2001. Judge Hinojosa noted that the preliminary undercount number was 22,407, based on the analysis of the housing units, which translated to an eight (8) percent undercount, or a 78 million dollars in funding over the next ten (10) years. He stated that the press conference to file the lawsuit would be held Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 10:30 A. M., in front of the Federal Courthouse.

Commissioner Garza moved to proceed with the lawsuit regarding Cameron County and cities challenging Census 2000 Counts, and issues related thereto.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia.

At this time, Commissioner Garza requested that the census figures be provided, or a Workshop be held, concerning the population numbers by the Precinct for Commissioners, Constables and Justices of the Peace, and the suggestion was made to have a Workshop, May 29, 2001.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the lawsuit regarding Cameron County and cities challenging Census 2000 Counts and issues related thereto was approved.

(11) AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW FOR A 30 DAY CONTRACT EXTENSION ON THE DANCY BUILDING EXTERIOR RENOVATION

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, Public Works Director/County Engineer, requested an extension to the contract for the exterior renovation of the Dancy Building.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the thirty (30) day contract extension on the Dancy Building Exterior Renovation, was authorized.

(7) POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH T-NETIX, INC. FOR INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF INMATE TELEPHONE

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Agreement with T-NETIX, Inc., for the installation and service of Inmate telephones, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the Contract had not received prior approval, and Commissioners= County Counsel responded that the negotiations to the Agreement were approved, and some changes requested were made.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Agreement with T-NETIX Inc., for installation and service of inmate telephone, was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

[REDACTED]

(8) **POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CLAIM BY
ROCA BAIL BONDS**

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, stated that a letter was received from Roca Bail Bonds explaining how the window was broken, and after discussing the matter with the Maintenance Superintendent, the window could be replaced for the amount of \$67.48.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the replacement of a window by the Maintenance Department regarding the claim by Roca Bail Bonds, was approved.

[REDACTED]

(9) **IN THE MATTER TO APPROVE OR DENY SIGN
APPLICATIONS FOR CONCESSIONAIRES AT SEA
RANCH MARINA (DENIED)**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, explained that the Parks Advisory Board met and recommended that the concessionaires at the Sea Ranch Marina be denied the placement of signs.

Commissioner Garza moved that the sign applications for Concessionaires at Sea Ranch Marina be **DENIED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously,

[REDACTED]

(10) **AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A DUNE
PROTECTION PERMIT AND BEACHFRONT
CERTIFICATE TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the renewal of a Dune Protection Permit and Beachfront Certificate to Texas Department of Transportation, was authorized.

The Permit and Certificate are as follows:

(12) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING A
TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON NEW HIRES IN
CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that if a hiring freeze was adopted, the County could save an additional amount of \$238,000, and that the Department with the Impress Fund and Road and Bridge Department, would pay their share of the employees insurance benefits towards the insurance shortfall for this year.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution regarding a temporary restriction on new hires in Cameron County, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Commissioner Cascos questioned when the Insurance Consultant-s recommendation regarding the self insurance would be presented and the anticipated shortfall.

Judge Hinojosa reported that a meeting was held with the Consultant, and added that even if the County changed to a fully funded program, the shortfall would be about the same.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning freezing new hires, the Departments affected by the freeze and the savings that could be generated through the end of the fiscal year in lapsed salaries by not hiring if a vacancy occurred.

Mrs. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, question whether Anew hires@ applied to persons being replaced or the creation of new slots, and the response was that it applied to any new hires.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution regarding a temporary restriction on new hires in Cameron County was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

CONSENT ITEMS

ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Consent Agenda Items be approved as follows.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Valencia,

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa, as to Laguna Madre Water District - Warrant No. 55244 - \$285.94, and Commissioner Garza, as to the Medicine Shoppe Warrant No. 55270 - \$4,112.43.

- (13) **APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS;
Additional Late Claims - Warrant No. 55372 - \$22,499.00 - Tipotex Chevrolet; and
Warrant No. 55373 - 23,000.000 - G E Credit Equipment.**

The Affidavits follow:

- (14) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR A THIRD YEAR TO THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR THE 2002 - CAMERON COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CRIMES ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE;**

The Resolution is as follows:

- (15) **APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER DAVID A. GARZA TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD;**

- (16) **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$500,000 FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME PROGRAM BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE;**

The Resolution is as follows:

- (17) **ALLOWING WESTERN GULF OIL AND GAS TO DRIVE HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND;**

- (18) **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A SECURITY FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,095,320.00, AT PAR, FROM THE COLLATERAL PACKAGE SECURING THE DEPOSITS OF THE COUNTY, TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK;**

- (19) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING NON-INTEREST BEARING NEW ACCOUNTS WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK;**

- A) **CAMERON COUNTY TREASURER
EL NORTE SUBDIVISION FUND NO. 670**

The Resolution is as follows:

- (20) **AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

- A) **PRECINCT NO. 4 - ROSIE ROBLES SUBDIVISION - BEING A 5.550 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF BLOCK NO. 37, MINNESOTA TEXAS LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION.**
- (21) **AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR;**
- A) **Automotive Supplies: Batteries - Annual Bid No. 1980 - Energy Battery, Harlingen, Texas - \$490.09**
- B) **Automotive Supplies: Brake Pads - O.E.M. and after market - Annual Bid No. 1982:**
Category A - Tip-O-Tex, Brownsville, Texas, - \$9,443.35
Category B - Tipton Ford, Brownsville, Texas - \$11,668.28
Category C - Don Johnson, Brownsville, Texas - \$1,750.00.
- (22) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**
- A) **Medical Waste Disposal - Annual Bid No. 1965**
- B) **Audio Visual Sound System - Annual Request for Proposal (RFP) NO. 010301**

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (23) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
- a) Sheriff and Chief to attend the ATexas Jail Association Conference®, in San Antonio, Texas, on May 28, 2001, through June 1, 2001;
- b) Two (2) Sheriff-s Department employees to attend the AAssociate Trainer Program and Associate Trainer Certification®, in Austin, Texas, on May 23-24, 2001;
- c) County Judge, Assistant County Administrator and International Bridge Systems Director to meet with the Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes Oficiales regarding the AWest Rail Relocation Project®, in Mexico City, Mexico, D. F., on May 10-11, 2001;
- d) Unit Task Force Director to attend the ASouth Texas HIDTA Executive Committee Meeting®, in San Antonio, Texas, on May 15-17, 2001;
- e) County Drug Enforcement Task Force Agent to attend the ATNCP Basic Narcotics Investigators Course®, in Marble Falls, Texas, on June 3-8, 2001;
- f) District Attorney to attend the ASouth Texas HIDTA Executive Committee Meeting®, in San Antonio, Texas, on May 15-16, 2001;
- g) Seven (7) Tax Department employees to attend the ABankruptcy Seminar®sponsored by Linebarger, Heard, Goggan, Blair, Graham, Peña and Sampson L.L.P. Attorneys, in McAllen, Texas, on May 9, 2001;
- h) County Court at Law Judge No. 3 Court Reporter to attend the AMandatory Continuing Education®, in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 21-24, 2001; and

- I) Three (3) Tax Department employees to attend the "Board of Tax Professional Examiners Assessment and Collections Educational Course Number 8" for certifications for Registered Tax Assessor-Collector, in Edinburg, Texas, on May 14-18, 2001.



(13) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS.

Additional Late Claims:

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Tipotex Chevrolet; and

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The Resolution is as follows:

- (16) **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$500,000 FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME PROGRAM BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE.**
The Resolution is as follows:

**(19) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING NON-INTEREST
BEARING NEW ACCOUNTS WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**

**A) CAMERON COUNTY TREASURER
EL NORTE SUBDIVISION FUND NO. 670**

The Resolution is as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST BIDS FOR ROOF REPAIR PROJECTS

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, Public Works Director/ County Engineer, reported that the specifications for the roof repairs had been completed and the estimated cost would be \$850,000.00. There was some discussion as to the bid solicitation and the suggestion was made to seek bids that would provide costs for each building separately and in total, not to exceed \$850,000.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the requests of bids for the roof repair projects, up to and not to exceed the amount of \$850,000.00, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(24) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 7:26 P. M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel concerning Parks System Towing Permits; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- b) To authorize legal representation and confer with Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel concerning the status of the case styled Mr. Isaac Hilario Gonzalez Ruiz versus Cameron County, Texas, Cause No. 2001-04-002034-C; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A); and
- c) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible purchase of an approximate 115 acre tract of land out of the El Jardin Subdivision, Blocks No. 42 and No. 43, and North half (2) of Block No. 44; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 7:37 P. M.

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

- a) **Confer with Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel concerning Parks System Towing Permits.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that Parks System towing permit requirement be eliminated and that the Park Rangers be required to enforce state law.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- b) **Authorize legal representation and confer with Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel concerning the status of the case styled Mr. Isaac Hilario Gonzalez Ruiz versus Cameron County, Texas, Cause No. 2001-04-002034-C.**

Commissioner Valencia moved that Commissioners Court Legal Counsel be authorized to represent Cameron County and to remove the case to Federal Court, concerning the case styled Mr. Isaac Hilario Gonzalez Ruiz versus Cameron County, Texas, Cause No. 2001-04-002034-C.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously,

- c) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible purchase of an approximate 115 acre tract of land out of the El Jardin Subdivision, Blocks No. 42 and No. 43, and North half (2) of Block No. 44.**

Commissioner Valencia moved that two separate contracts be executed for the purchase of 104 acres, said financing from the Bond proceeds for the Parks System and the 11 acres, financed from the Road and Bridge fund, concerning real property purchase of an approximate 115 tract of land out of the El Jardin Subdivision, Blocks No. 42 and No. 43, and North half (2) of Block No. 44.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at **7:40 P. M.**

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APPROVED this 5TH day of **June, 2001**.

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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.