

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 29th day of JULY 2003, 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

JOHN WOOD
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Mary Robles Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

EDNA TAMAYO

The meeting was called to order by Judge Hinojosa at 9:45 A.M. He then asked Pastor Dell Bran for the invocation, and he led 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 July 25, 2003, at 3:56 P.M. and Supplemental Agenda posted July 25, 2003 at 3:56 P.M.:

Commissioner Garza informed that Mr. Richard Gonzalez, Rio Hondo resident, brother of Commissioner Tamayo, had passed away.

Judge Hinojosa stated that State Senators were on a trip in Albuquerque and commended them for their actions.

(21) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH J. CLOSNER AND SONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER LINES FOR COLONIA LA TORRE (TCDP CONTRACT NOS. 720205 AND 721101)**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management Director, explained that the Change Order was to add household connections into the La Torre Water Project at an estimated cost of \$5,700.00, available within the budget. He informed that Mr. Chuck Browning, North Alamo Water Supply, was present to address any questions.

Commissioner Wood clarified the total to be \$794.00, and questioned the 247 additional days being provided by the Change Order versus the 30 days needed.

Mr. Bejarano explained that the project was due for completion on August 8, 2003, yet additional time was needed as a result of problems encountered in obtaining deeds and right-of-ways.

Mr. Allen Booe, North Alamo Water Supply, explained that due to delays encountered throughout the project the said number of days was being added to the contract to meet the projected completion date of August 8, 2003. He clarified that the additional days did not relate to the dollar amount nor the total cost.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Change Order No. 1 to County's Contract with J. Closner and Sons for construction of water lines for Colonia La Torre (TCDP Contract Nos. 720205 and 721101) was approved.

The Change Order is as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM

- (1) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE LA FERIA INDOOR RECREATION CENTER PROJECT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

- (13) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE LA FERIA OUTDOOR RECREATION PARK PROJECT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Sunny K. Philip, La Feria City Manager, explained that the City of La Feria was planning to apply for two (2) grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife by July 31, 2003 for an Indoor Recreation Center and an Outdoor Recreation Park of approximately 20 acres, plus additional land that would provide an enjoyable encounter with the natural habitat. He requested that the County commit to providing \$50,000.00 per project in the form of material and equipment and that a letter be provided to that affect for purposes of including it in the application.

Judge Hinojosa asked if in-kind services were acceptable to the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the said grants. He explained that Cameron County applied and received an appropriation from Congress in the amount of \$250,000.00 for construction of a Boys & Girls Club in Santa Rosa. Judge Hinojosa stated that the \$250,000.00 could fund construction of a larger facility, and suggested that county carpenters complete its interior. He explained that the same process was followed for construction of the Boys & Girls Club in Cameron Park, and noted that the County has not provided cash for these projects, except for the purchase of land for the Boys & Girls Club Facility in Cameron Park and assistance with some operational expenses in communities that do not have the ability to fund them. He suggested that the County provide in-kind services worth over \$50,000.00 and assist the City of La Feria to apply for funding from Congress to construct a better quality facility in order to save part of their 4B funding, which could be used towards the matching amount or towards the Outdoor Recreation Center. Judge Hinojosa commented that the chances of succeeding were relatively high due to the community's size and the lack of such facilities, and noted the need to provide recreational centers in our communities. Judge Hinojosa explained that assistance was provided to the City of Port Isabel to fix the park because it was serving youth from small nearby communities and surrounding rural areas that lack recreational facilities, in addition to providing maintenance through the Prisoners at Work Program.

Commissioner Wood noted the importance of both projects and of having community involvement throughout the process.

Mr. Carlos Cantu, Mayor of the City of La Feria, expressed his appreciation for the County's support.

Commissioner Garza commended La Feria's 4B Cooperation for investing in the community, and suggested that involvement of the respective school district be considered. He moved that the County commit to supporting both applications to the Texas Parks and Wildlife to include in-kind work in the amount of \$25,000.00 per project.

Judge Hinojosa proposed that the motion be amended to include that in-kind services in the amount of \$50,000.00 be offered by the County for each project, and that the County offer services to prepare a funding application from Congress for construction of a Boys & Girls Club in the City of La Feria with the stipulation that both recreational facilities be made available to residents of surrounding communities, subject to an Interlocal Agreement being prepared.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, asked what was being approved.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the motion was to approve an Interlocal Agreement that stipulates that in-kind services in the amount of \$50,000.00 be offered by the County for each project, and that the County offer services to prepare a funding application from Congress for construction of a Boys & Girls Club in the City of La Feria with the condition that both recreational facilities be made available to residents of surrounding communities.

Commissioner Garza accepted Judge Hinojosa's amendment to his motion

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the Public Works Department would provide in-kind work for the Outdoor Recreational Facility, and encouraged the City of La Feria to work with the County to prepare an application for funding from Congress for construction of the Boys & Girls Club facility. He noted that he knew that County residents would be well served at these facilities because the City of La Feria was one of the best run cities in the entire Rio Grande Valley.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza that an Interlocal Agreement between the City of La Feria and Cameron County be approved subject to Legal review to provide in-kind services in the amount of \$50,000.00 for each project, to offer services to prepare an application for funding from Congress for construction of a Boys & Girls Club facility in the City of La Feria, with the condition that both recreational facilities be made available to residents of surrounding communities.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garza stated that written documentation was needed by the City of La Feria.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the document would be prepared, signed, and provided to the City of La Feria promptly. He offered assistance in the maintenance of the Outdoor Recreational Facility through the Cameron County Prisoner at Work Program.

The Agreement is as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

(1) PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ANALYSIS TO RELOCATE THE HARLINGEN SWITCHYARD

Mr. John Hudson, JWH & Associates, informed that Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) approached the City of Harlingen and Cameron County in March 2003 to propose relocation of all switching operations to Olmito, as an alternative to the North Cameron County Railroad Plan. He stated that the City of Harlingen was working with Congress to get funding for the North Cameron County Railroad Plan, and highlighted the three (3) proposals presented by UPRR and the expansion of the Olmito Switchyard to be done in three (3) Phases. Mr. Hudson stated that the UPRR proposal would significantly impact Cameron County because it kept 84 at-grade crossings active rather than eliminating 40 at-grade crossings along the Southern Pacific Rail Road (SPRR), and because of the lack of funding for the \$12.2 million. He stated that the SP Switchyard in Harlingen could be closed immediately with \$2.3 million, and that the number of trains would be reduced through this proposal, adding that the Rio Valley Switching Company would remain active in the Harlingen Switchyard. Mr. Hudson stated that the railroad company intended to prepare the plan and for the City of Harlingen and Cameron County to fund the \$12.2 million cost. He highlighted the cost for the North Cameron County Railroad Relocation Plan to be \$56.25 million, \$7.67 million in local funds to be shared by the Cities of San Benito, Harlingen, and Brownsville through Interlocal Agreements. Mr. Hudson recommended that the North Cameron County Railroad Relocation Plan be pursued with the following modifications to the UPRR proposals; addition of side track north of Harlingen; addition of 6,000 square feet of interchangeable track possibly near the Port of Brownsville; and relocation of the car repair facility to the Olmito Switchyard, at a cost of \$5.4 million to be added to the \$56.25. Mr. Hudson noted that the plan would eliminate the switchyards in Harlingen, and would increase the \$7.67 million local funds by \$1.09 million. He recommended that the UPRR fund the \$1.09 million cost and that discussion between the County and the railroads continue. Mr. Hudson stated that nothing else could be done by the County until Congress passes the reauthorization in an Appropriation Bill for the City of Harlingen.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the formation of a Regional Mobility Authority was being reviewed as a possible source of funding for the local funding portion of this project and others.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Plan was presented and discussed with TXDOT's Local District, whom was receptive of their \$2 million share. He added that the North Cameron County Railroad Relocation Plan compliments the Trans Texas Corridor Plan.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Presentation of the Analysis to relocate the Harlingen Switchyard was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

(2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

Commissioner Garza moved that Budget Amendment No. 2003-33 and the Salary Schedules be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follow:

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- (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:**
- A. **JUNE 17, 2003-REGULAR MEETING**
 - B. **JUNE 30, 2003-SPECIAL MEETING**
 - C. **JULY 8, 2003-REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the following Meetings were approved:

June 17, 2003- Regular

June 30, 2003- Special

July 8, 2003- Regular

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- (4) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES AS REQUIRED WITHIN THE TIME REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT AS STATED IN THE PROPERTY TAX CODE FOR THE SETTING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 TAX RATE.**

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, requested authorization to publish a number of Public Notices based on a schedule provided to the Court.

Commissioner Wood moved that Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, be authorized to Publish Public Notices as required within the time requirements and format as stated in the Property Tax Code for the setting of the Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Rate.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The list is as follows:

(5) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PLAN OF REFINANCING OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT AND THE ADDITION OF FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING IN PORT ISABEL, A BUILDING TO HOUSE CAMERON WORKS, INC., ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HEALTH BUILDING AND THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF TRUCK LANE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM (TABLED)**

Judge Hinojosa explained that an accurate cost estimate for land acquisition for the Port Isabel Annex remained unavailable and that other issues were being reviewed, including a proposal made by Mr. Frank Yturria to donate half the price of a three (3) acre track of land in Laguna Heights. He stated that the International Bridge System Director presented issues needing to be address and funded through Revenue Bond.

Commissioner Wood stated that changes to the truck and car lanes would enable a quicker flow of traffic, additional revenue, and would eliminate dangers associated with the cross action between vehicles at the Veterans International Bridge. He stated that the ten (10) year traffic projection from date of construction has been met and was now resulting in traffic congestions.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the improvements to the Veterans International Bridge be included in the refinancing of the County's General Long-Term Debt and repaid through the International Bridge System.

Mr. Noe Hinojosa, County Financial Advisor, stated that a refinancing opportunity existed, yet savings were not very significant as stand alone refinancing. He suggested that a master loan be done in the event that improvements to the International Bridge System were included rather than doing Revenue Bonds and that its share be pro-rated. Mr. Hinojosa stated that the County was in a very good financial position and that today's payments could easily accommodate some amount of improvements without impacting the tax rate.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the total was approximately \$2.5 million, including land acquisition cost and the improvements to the Bridge System, and questioned if there would be a significant impact.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that he preferred to reserve judgment until he had an opportunity to review the list of projects, adding that he would present a Report to the County in the near future.

Commissioner Wood noted that half of the cost for improvements at the Veterans International Bridge would be incurred by the City of Brownsville.

Judge Hinojosa stated that funding these projects was an investment that would signify saving either through rent or rent to be paid to the County, and noted the need to have facilities that meet the needs of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

(6) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BOND COUNSEL FOR THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM DEBT REFINANCING AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS (TABLED)**

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

(7) **CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 2003-2004 TERM AS PER THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE: CHAPTER 32. ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS, SUBCHAPTER A. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES, SECTIONS 32.001 AND 32.002**

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the list of Election Judges and Alternates for the 2003-2004 term and the recommendations for vacancies be approved.

Commissioner Garza asked if all vacancies were filled, and Judge Hinojosa responded negatively.

Mr. Roger Ortiz, Elections Administrator, clarified that a list of nominees would be provided to the Court.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the appointment of Election Judges and Alternates for the 2003-2004 Term be approved, as per the Texas Election Code: Chapter 32 Election Judges and Clerks, Subchapter A. Appointment of Election Judges, Sections 32.001 and 32.002.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Garza asked if nominees had been notified of changes affecting their respective Precincts.

Mr. Ortiz responded in the affirmative and added that written notification would be sent.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Benavides that the appointment of Election Judges and Alternates for the 2003-2004 Term be approved as per the Texas Election Code: Chapter 32. Election Judges and Clerks, Subchapter A. Appointment of Election Judges, Sections 32.001 and 32.002, inclusive of the added list.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

The list is as follows:

(8) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PD&M DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A 2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE AND SELECTION OF A DISPARATE ALLOCATION APPLICATION OPTION

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, explained that action on this Item authorized negotiation with the City of Brownsville concerning the amount.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the PD&M Department was authorized to apply for a 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the selection of a disparate allocation application option.

(9) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A PC-BASED PBX PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM FROM DEPENDABLE OFFICE SOLUTIONS

Commissioner Wood stated that the equipment was required by State and would be funded through a Terrorism Grant received by the Health Department.

Ms. Esmeralda Guajardo, Health Department, explained that the PC-Based PBX Phone System enabled compliance with the Terrorism Grant's requirement to provide 24 hour response.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the purchase a PC-Based PBX Phone System for the Health Department Public Health Emergency Response Team from Dependable Office Solutions be approved

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

(10) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR THE SEA RANCH MARINA CONCESSIONAIRE TO CONSTRUCT AN INFORMATION BUILDING

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Sea Ranch Marina Concessionaire was authorized to construct an information building.

Judge Hinojosa questioned if this building would affect the Boat Ramp

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, responded negatively.

(11) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSOCIATION OF RURAL COMMUNITIES IN TEXAS**

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, reported that participation in the Association of Rural Communities in Texas would have a nominal fee of \$300.00.

Commissioner Garza noted that the Association of Rural Communities would assist with the redistricting issue.

Mr. Garza stated that Congressional Redistricting was the Association's current primary focus.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Cameron County's participation in the Association of Rural Communities in Texas was approved

(12) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS PROPOSALS (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for two (2) weeks.

(14) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THREE (3) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF WORK BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION (TEEX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,572,060 FROM THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

- A. **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT NO. 2002-48061
- 7/1/03 TO 7/31/04 - \$186,337**
- B. **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT NO. 2003-48061
- 7/1/03 TO 3/31/05 - \$813,663**
- C. **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT NO. 2003II-48061 - 7/1/03 TO 4/30/05 - \$572,060**

Ms. Grace Salinas, County Judge's Office, reported that \$572,060.00 was received from the State Homeland Security Grant Program, and that two (2) Subrecipient Agreements pertained to the \$1 million awarded to Cameron County for 2003-2004 Fiscal Year through the Governor's Office, adding that the scope of work and timeline were included in the Agreements. She stated that additional funding was anticipated for 2004-2005 Fiscal Year, and that August 31, 2003 was the deadline to begin purchasing equipment through an online vendor. Ms. Salinas reported that the Purchasing Agent and she attended the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Meeting concerning how to approach the purchase of the equipment and that a meeting was scheduled between the Cities of Brownsville and Harlingen to discuss the equipment list.

Commissioner Garza asked if any information being provided was classified, and Ms. Salinas responded negatively.

Commissioner Garza asked if a County employee had access to classified information, and Ms. Salinas responded negatively.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the following three (3) Subrecipient Agreements and Statements of Work between Cameron County and the Texas Engineering Extension (TEEX) in the amount of \$1,572,060.00 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program were approved:

- a. Subrecipient Agreement No. 2002-48061 – 7/1/03 to 7/31/04 - \$186,337.00;
- b. Subrecipient Agreement No. 2003-48061 – 7/1/03 to 3/31/05 - \$813,663.00; and
- c. Subrecipient Agreement No. 2003II-48061 – 7/1/03 to 4/30/05 - \$572,060.00.

The Agreements are as follow:

CONSENT ITEMS

ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE HEARD COLLECTELY UNLESS OPPOSITION WAS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WAS CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION WAS TAKEN SEPARATELY.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM NO. 15: Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following late claims: Warrant No. 00100383, payable to Engineering Department, Fund No. 435, in the amount of \$3,332.00, Warrant No. 00100384, loan to Fund No. 67, in the amount of \$9,250.00; Warrant No. 00100385, payable to Celestino Rivera, \$366.21, Warrant No. 00100386, payable to State Comptroller, in the amount of \$250.00, Warrant No. 00100387, payable to Stewart Title Company, in the amount of \$184,335.00, Warrant No. 00100388, payable to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in the amount of \$100.00, and Warrant No. 00100290, payable to State Comptroller, in the amount of \$3,326.75.

ITEM NO. 23: Commissioner Garza asked if this was the same vendor that assisted the County previously. Mr. Jesse Garcia, Tax Department, responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Garza moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items", be approved, inclusive of the late claims.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides and Wood.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garza as to Warrant No. 00100239, payable to The Medicine Shoppe, in the amount of \$277.42.

(15) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS;**
The Affidavit follows:

(16) **ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONTINUATION APPLICATION FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION;**
The Resolution follows:

(17) **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PARK SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR '03-'04 "ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN";**
The Contract follows:

(18) **LEASE WITH LA FERIA CHRISTIAN CENTER FOR A FAMILY LEARNING CENTER IN PRECINCT NO. 4;**
The Lease follows:

(19) **ACTION REGARDING THE INITIATION OF A MANAGEMENT REVIEW BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT;**

(20) **AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL CENTER ON ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S FAMILY DAY;**

- (21) **CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH J. CLOSNER AND SONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER LINES FOR COLONIA LA TORRE (TCDP CONTRACT NOS. 720205 AND 721101);**
The Change Order follows:
- (22) **OPENING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S:**
A. DEMOLITION, REMOVAL & CLEANING OF CAMERON COUNTY OWNED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES & ALL JACKSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS-BROWNSVILLE, TX-BID NO. 030601.
- (23) **AWARDING OF LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS-ANNUAL BID NO. 1640 TO EZ ACCESS;**
The Tabulation follows:
- (24) **RENEWAL OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR:**
A. TELEVISION BROADCASTING OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETINGS-ANNUAL RFP NO. 1830.
B. FUEL-ANNUAL BID NO. 2280-1
C. MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL-HEALTH DEPTS. -ANNUAL BID NO. 1965.
- (25) **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL:**
A. PRECINCT NO. 4- MATTHEW BAILEY SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF BLOCK 197, ADAMS GARDEN SUBDIVISION "C", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
- (26) **FINAL APPROVAL:**
A. PRECINCT NO. 4- LA CANADA/THE DELL SUBDIVISION OF A 20.232 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF BLOCK NO. 67, ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION B, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (27) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
- a. Assistant District Attorney to attend "TNOA 2003 Annual Training Conference", in Galveston, Texas, August 17-22, 2003;
 - b. Assistant District Attorney to attend the "2003 Legislative Updates", in Houston, Texas, August 15, 2003;
 - c. District Attorney Investigator to attend the "13th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, Intelligence Networking, and Training Conference," in Phoenix, Arizona, August 25-29, 2003;
 - d. Extension Office employee to attend the "New Extension Agent Training Conference and Orientation Session", in Kingsville, Texas, July 18, 2003;
 - e. Extension Officer to host the Cameron County 4-H Fishing Tournament in South Padre Island, Texas, July 18-19, 2003;
 - f. Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, Place No. 2, Precinct No. 7, Place No. 2, Precinct No. 4, Precinct No. 7, Place No. 1, Precinct No. 5, Place No. 2, to attend the "Justice Court 78th Legislative Update Seminar", in Corpus Christi, Texas, August 7, 2003; and
 - g. Two (2) County Court at Law No. 2 employees to attend the "27th Annual Texas Association of Court Administrators Education Conference", in Austin, Texas, September 29- October 3, 2003.

(15) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
The Affidavit follows:

- (16) **ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONTINUATION APPLICATION FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.**

The Resolution follows:

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- (21) **CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH J. CLOSNER AND SONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER LINES FOR COLONIA LA TORRE (TCDP CONTRACT NOS. 720205 AND 721101).
The Change Order follows:**

**(23) AWARDING OF LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS-ANNUAL BID NO. 1640
TO EZ ACCESS.**

The Tabulation follows:

(10) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR
THE SEA RANCH MARINA CONCESSIONAIRE TO
CONSTRUCT AN INFORMATION BUILDING**

Judge Hinojosa stated that according to Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, the information building would be constructed in front of the boat ramp, but he assumed that it would no longer happen since the Court instructed that the boat ramp be reopened in the near future.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, stated that the building would not affect the boat ramp and that the existing 2' feet slab could affect it regardless.

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, noted the need to review the matter due to the proximity between the slab and the boat ramp and the difference of driving near a slab versus a building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(28) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:21 A.M., to discuss the following matters:

- a. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible lease of Cameron County owned property in the Isla Blanca County Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible purchase of land at Boca Chica Beach, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as, Survey-Midway Resubdivision Lot No. 10, Block No. 1, 98-0160-0010-0100-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- d. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Harlingen-Wallace Homelawn Lot No. 13, Block No. 5, 25-2560-0050-0130-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- e. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Harlingen-Nicholson Place 4, Lot No. 5, Block No. 4, 21-2280-0040-0050-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- f. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville-Colonia Acacia Lot No. 26, Block No. 5, 02-2170-0050-0260-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072;
- g. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible donation of a property known as: legal description Holly Beach-Shoreline Lot No. 5, Block No. 1, Account No.

27-8000-0090-0050-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072; and

- h. Deliberation regarding real property concerning Synergy Exploration, LLC to conduct 3-D Geophysical Survey across property owned by Cameron County in Hidalgo County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:54 A.M.

(23) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible lease of Cameron County owned property in the Isla Blanca County Park.**

Commissioner Garza moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, be authorized to go out for proposals for concessions on the tracks of land located on County owned property on South Padre Island.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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- b. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible purchase of land at Boca Chica Beach.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, was authorized to begin the contact and negotiations for the possible purchase of land at Boca Chica Beach.

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- c. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Survey-Midway Resubdivision Lot No. 10, Block No.1, 98-0160-0010-0100-00.**

- d. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning: the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Harlingen-Wallace Homelawn Lot No.13, Block No.5, 25-2560-0050-0130-00.**

- e. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Harlingen-Nicholson Place 4, Lot 5, Block 4, 21-2280-0040-0050-00.**

- f. **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville-Colonia Acacia Lot No.26, Block No.5, 02-2170-0050-0260-00**

Commissioner Garza moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, be authorized to proceed as directed in Executive Session, and that the County Judge be authorized to execute the Deeds with regards to Executive Session Items C, D, E, and F.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

- g. Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible donation of a property known as: legal description: Holly Beach-Shoreline Lot No. 5, Block No.1, Account No. 27-8000-0090-0050-00.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the acceptance of donation of the property known as legal description: Holly Beach-Shoreline Lot No. 5, Block No. 1, Account No. 27-8000-0090-0050-00 was authorized.

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- h. Deliberation regarding real property concerning Synergy Exploration, LLC to conduct 3-D Geophysical Survey across property owned by Cameron County in Hidalgo County, Texas.**

Commissioner Wood moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, be authorized to negotiate for allowing Synergy Exploration, LLC to conduct 3-D Geophysical Survey across property owned by Cameron County in Hidalgo, County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:58 A.M.

APPROVED this 26th day of August 2003.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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