

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007, there was conducted a SPECIAL Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT:

PRESENT:

5:30 P.M.

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA  
COUNTY JUDGE

SOFIA C. BENAVIDES  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

JOHN WOOD  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:  
JOHN WOOD

EDNA TAMAYO

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:35 P.M. He asked Minister John Philips for the invocation. Judge Cascos asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Tamayo's nephew who passed away on Saturday. Mayor John David Franz, City of Hidalgo, then led the Court and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on May 11, 2007 at 1:14 P.M.:

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(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. John Shergold commented on the border fence and expressed opposition as this county is based on diversity of cultures. He asked that the Court pass the Resolution opposing the border fence.

Ms. Elizabeth Garcia, representing San Felipe de Jesus Church and Packs Christy Brownsville Chapter, stated her belief that the border fence will only bring a division among countries and that the fence is nothing but a racist barrier and is not being built to stop terrorism.

Mr. Clifford Benedict expressed concern for the concession stands in Isla Blanca Park and the way the agreements were handled this past year. He stated his opinion that the Court should have given the concessionaires a (90) day termination notice as opposed to the (30) day notice. He asked the Court to allow the current concessionaires to continue operating in order to level out expenditures.

Ms. Brenda Hereida, Executive Director for the Family Crisis Center, commented on Agenda Item No. 51 and asked the Court to consider raising the divorce fee to \$30 from the current \$15.

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

(2) **PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. JOE RAYMOND (TITO) GOMEZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CAMERON COUNTY. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE) (Resolution No. 2007R04050)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation of a Resolution Honoring Mr. Joe Raymond (Tito) Gomez On The Occasion Of His Retirement from Cameron County was acknowledged.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**(3) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2007 AS “ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE) (Resolution No. 2007R04049)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Presentation of the Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2007 As “Elder Abuse Prevention Month” In Cameron County, Texas was acknowledged.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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(4) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2007 AS “MENTAL  
HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH” IN CAMERON COUNTY,  
TEXAS. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE) (Resolution No. 2007R05056)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Proclamation Declaring the Month of May, 2007 As “Mental Health Awareness Month” In Cameron County, Texas was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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(5) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FENCE ALONG THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE) (Resolution No. 200705054)**

Judge Cascos explained that a prior Commissioners' Court has passed a similar resolution opposing the border fence and noted that the situation has become more critical since then. He stated his belief that the levee system is of much more importance than a border fence.

Commissioner Benavides thanked the Esparza family and the Leal family for coming forward with their efforts and supporting the County.

Commissioner Garza stated that when this item was first discussed in October 2006, he was a strong opponent of the border fence.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Fence along the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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(6) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED INSPECTIONS OF IMPORTED SHRIMP AND THE CONTINUED IMPOSITION OF IMPORT DUTIES ON SHRIMP FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. (SCB-COMM. PCT. 1) (Resolution No. 2007R05053)**

Mr. Carlton Reyes thanked the Court for their continued support of the shrimping industry. He explained that the price of shrimp remains low as countries that import farm-raised shrimp are using illegal substances and chemicals such as antibiotics. He stated that he met with the Food & Drug Administration and was informed that they cannot test more than 1% of the imported shrimp as the technology and manpower are lacking.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Resolution In Support Of Increased Inspections Of Imported Shrimp And The Continued Imposition Of Import Duties On Shrimp From Certain Foreign Countries was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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(7) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
HONORING BISHOP RAYMUNDO J. PENA ON HIS 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.  
(CHC-JUDGE) (Resolution No. 2007R05055)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution Honoring Bishop Raymundo J. Pena on His 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**(8) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES RIO GRANDE STATE CENTER/SOUTH TEXAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. (YS-HEALTH) (Resolution No. 2007R05057)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Resolution Supporting the Texas Department of State Health Services Rio Grande State Center/South Texas Healthcare System 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.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT ITEMS:

**Item No. 33:**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, asked to discuss this item separately.

**Item No. 37:**

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, asked to discuss this item separately.

Commissioner Benavides moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items" excluding Consent Items No. 33 and No. 37.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM APRIL 7, 2007 TO OCTOBER 7, 2008, FOR PROVIDING SEWER (SEPTIC) FACILITIES AT THE HEATHER SUBDIVISION, PCT. 3. (EH-CCDoT)**
- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM APRIL 20, 2007 TO APRIL 20, 2008, FOR PROVIDING SEWER (SEPTIC) FACILITIES AT PALOMAR SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDoT)**
- (24) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JUNE 21, 2007 TO JUNE 21, 2009, FOR PROVIDING WATER WELL SYSTEMS AND SEWER (SEPTIC) FACILITIES AT PASEO DE LOS REYES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDoT)**
- (25) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR BLUM ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT WATER WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-CCDoT)**
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- (34) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT #2007C03057 FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ISLA BLANCA PARK – BOAT RAMP PROJECT. (JM-PARKS) (Contract No. 2007C05094)  
The Contract is as follows:
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The Documentation is as follows:
- (36) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE TO CONTRACT WITH GOV-PAY FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING SERVICES. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2007C05105)  
The Contract is as follows:
- (37) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MILLIMAN, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTUARIAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE GASB 45 REQUIREMENTS THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT FOR FY 2007-2008 AND TO PERFORM EVALUATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. (MY-AUDITOR) (Contract No. 2007C05102) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)
- (38) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL COST ALLOCATION SERVICES RELATING TO THE US MARSHAL'S REIMBURSEMENT RATE, THE WIC REIMBURSEMENT RATE, PARK SYSTEM TOLL RATE AND OTHER REIMBURSABLE COSTS THAT CAN BE REIMBURSED THROUGH AN ALLOCATION PROCESS. (MY-AUDITOR) (Contract No. 2007C05101)  
The Contract is as follows:
- (39) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 4 AED'S AS AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE AND FUND THE PURCHASE THROUGH THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING. (MY-AUDITOR)

The Documentation is as follows:

- (40) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN IMPREST CASH FUND FOR THE SAN ANTONIO DEA DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH HIDTA INITIATIVES. THIS FUND IS 100% FUNDED BY ONDCP AND IS APPROVED UNDER 2006 FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS HIDTA SAN ANTONIO INITIATIVE. (MY-AUDITOR)

The Documentation is as follows:

- (41) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR:  
(MF-PURCHASING)  
(A) WIC OFFICE SPACE LEASE – BROWNSVILLE AREA – BID #070403

## TRAVEL ITEMS

- (42) CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):

- (A) BAIL BOND ADMINISTRATION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, ON 5/30/07, TO ATTEND THE WILLACY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING.
- (B) CONSTABLE PCT. 4 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO EDINBURG, TEXAS, ON 5/21 TO 5/23/07, TO ATTEND THE CIVIL PROCESS COURSE #3131.
- (C) COUNTY CLERK TO TRAVEL TO WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, ON 6/17 TO 6/22/07, TO ATTEND THE 112<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK'S CONFERENCE.
- (D) DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, ON 4/26 TO 4/29, 2007, FOR THE AHMIT LIVINGSTON INVESTIGATION.
- (E) DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 5/16 TO 5/18/07, TO ATTEND TEXAS DISTRICT & COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION SEMINAR.
- (F) DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 5/21 TO 5/22/07, TO ATTEND PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL SEMINAR.
- (G) DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON 5/23 TO 5/24/07, TO ATTEND A SOUTH TEXAS HIDTA INTELLIGENCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING.
- (H) EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 5/5/07 TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT 12 2007 SOUTH ROUND UP.
- (I) EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 6/11 TO 6/14/07 TO ATTEND THE 2007 DISTRICT 12 2007 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB.
- (J) FAMILY COURT JUDGE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 6/21 TO 6/22/07, TO ATTEND THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING.
- (K) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS, ON 4/28/07, TO ATTEND "COUNSELING CENTERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE".
- (L) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 5/14 TO 5/16/07, TO ATTEND "TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS".
- (M) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 6/3 TO 6/4/07, TO ATTEND "TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS".

- (N) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT CD COORDINATOR TO TRAVEL TO MERCEDES, TEXAS, ON 5/9/07, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING.**
- (O) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 6/27 TO 6/29/07, TO ATTEND THE MOMENTUM 2007 GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING SEMINAR.**
- (P) SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 6/21 TO 6/22/07, TO ATTEND AN ADVANCED EMPLOYMENT LAW SEMINAR.**
- (Q) SHERIFF'S STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 5/6 TO 5/8/07, TO ATTEND ADVANCED VEHICLE CONTRABAND CONCEALMENT TRAINING.**
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**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (36) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE TO CONTRACT WITH GOV-PAY FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING SERVICES. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2007C05105)**

**The Contract is as follows:**

- (38) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MAXIMUS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL COST ALLOCATION SERVICES RELATING TO THE US MARSHAL'S REIMBURSEMENT RATE, THE WIC REIMBURSEMENT RATE, PARK SYSTEM TOLL RATE AND OTHER REIMBURSABLE COSTS THAT CAN BE REIMBURSED THROUGH AN ALLOCATION PROCESS. (MY-AUDITOR) (Contract No. 2007C05101)**  
**The Contract is as follows:**

- (39) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 4 AED'S AS AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE AND FUND THE PURCHASE THROUGH THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING. (MY-AUDITOR)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(40) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN IMPREST CASH FUND FOR THE SAN ANTONIO DEA DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH HIDTA INITIATIVES. THIS FUND IS 100% FUNDED BY ONDCP AND IS APPROVED UNDER 2006 FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS HIDTA SAN ANTONIO INITIATIVE. (MY-AUDITOR)**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:22 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(43) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MANAGEMENT AND PURCHASE ISSUES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**
- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, L.P. vs. COUNTY OF CAMERON AND RED RIVER SERVICE CORPORATION OF TEXAS, INC., CASE NO. B-05-279, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND AUTHORITY TO HIRE EXPERT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**
- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CLAIM OF JULIA CASTRO, FOR DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**
- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING A CLAIM OF LIONEL MOLINA, FOR DISCUSSION OF CLAIM, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**
- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING A CLAIM OF KAUFFMAN FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (B).**
- (F) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING OLGA ORTEGA vs. CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, EEOC CHARGE NO. 451-2007-0021, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A) & (B).**
- (G) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING FRED ROCHA vs. CAMERON COUNTY AND TOMMY RAMIREZ, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**
- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE LEASE OF LAND AT ANDY BOWIE PARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072.**
- (I) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ROEL GONZALEZ AND SONIA GONZALEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND JESUS VILLANUEVA, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY; CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-278, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE AND SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**
- (J) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, L.P. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 2007-09-0695-G, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**

- (K) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING STEVEN MUDDAMALLE & MUDDAMALLE LIVINGSTON, MD. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, ET. AL.; CIVIL ACTION B-07-51; DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551-071 (A) & (2).**
- (L) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE AUTHORITY TO SELL PROPERTY TO GRANTOR, GEORGE H. FLETCHER AND RACHEL M. FLETCHER OR TO ADJOINING LAND OWNERS WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY DEEDED TO THE COUNTY FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 7:38 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

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

- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MANAGEMENT AND PURCHASE ISSUES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**

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

- (B) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, L.P. vs. COUNTY OF CAMERON AND RED RIVER SERVICE CORPORATION OF TEXAS, INC., CASE NO. B-05-279, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND AUTHORITY TO HIRE EXPERT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization for Legal Counsel to hire an expert to assist in the case was approved.

- (C) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CLAIM OF JULIA CASTRO, FOR DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, authorization for the Civil Division to represent Cameron County was approved.

- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, L.P. vs. COUNTY OF CAMERON AND RED RIVER SERVICE CORPORATION OF TEXAS, INC., CASE NO. B-05-279, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND AUTHORITY TO HIRE EXPERT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged.

- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CLAIM OF JULIA CASTRO, FOR DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to proceed as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

- (F) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING OLGA ORTEGA vs. CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, EEOC CHARGE NO. 451-2007-0021, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A) & (B).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to proceed as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

- (G) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING FRED ROCHA vs. CAMERON COUNTY AND TOMMY RAMIREZ, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to proceed as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE LEASE OF LAND AT ANDY BOWIE PARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel and Mr. Javier Mendez was acknowledged.

- (I) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ROEL GONZALEZ AND SONIA GONZALEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND JESUS VILLANUEVA, INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY; CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-278, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE AND SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to proceed as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

- (J) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, L.P. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 2007-09-0695-G, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged.

- (K) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING STEVEN MUDDAMALLE & MUDDAMALLE LIVINGSTON, MD. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, ET. AL.; CIVIL ACTION B-07-51; DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551-071 (A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization for the Civil Division to represent Cameron County and the individual defendants was approved.

- (L) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE AUTHORITY TO SELL PROPERTY TO GRANTOR, GEORGE H. PLETCHER AND RACHEL M. PLETCHER OR TO ADJOINING LAND OWNERS WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY DEEDED TO THE COUNTY FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072. (Order No. 2007O5015)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to proceed as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

**The Order is as follows:**

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**(33) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO ZIMMERMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLA BLANCA PARK – BOAT RAMP PROJECT. (JM-PARKS)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Authorization to Award Bid to Zimmerman Construction Company for the Construction of the Isla Blanca Park Boat Ramp Project was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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(37) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MILLIMAN, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTUARIAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE GASB 45 REQUIREMENTS THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT FOR FY 2007-2008 AND TO PERFORM EVALUATION OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. (MY-AUDITOR) (Contract No. 2007C05102)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Authorization to Contract with Milliman, Inc. For Professional Actuarial Services Relating To The GASB 45 Requirements That The County Will Be Required To Implement For FY 2007-2008 And To Perform Evaluation Of The Employee Benefits Plan's Financial Condition was approved subject to review by Legal Counsel.

**The Contract is as follows:**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(45) BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules were approved.

**The Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules are as follows:**

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**(51) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISBURSEMENT OF MONIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51.961, FAMILY PROTECTION FEE. (DJV-LEGAL)**

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, informed the Court that there is \$9,132.50 that is to be disbursed and (3) agencies are interested which include the Family Crisis Center, CASA, and Friendship of Women.

Commissioner Benavides moved to disburse the monies equally between the Family Crisis Center, CASA, and Friendship of Women.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(57) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION SERVICES RFP #1730, AND MATTER IN WHICH TO PROCEED. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to TABLE this item until the entire Court is present.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Garza motioned to remove the scores for evaluators "E1" and "E5" and interview the top (2) firms.

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

AYE: Judge Cascos and Commissioner Garza

NAY: Commissioner Benavides

**The Tabulation is as follows:**

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**(50) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
BANK DEPOSITORY BID. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Garza moved to award the Bank Depository Bid to Texas State Bank for four-year contract.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(52) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH TERMS FOR SEVEN CONCESSIONS IN ISLA BLANCA & ANDY BOWIE PARK. (JM-PARKS)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to allow the existing vendors to stay through September 30, 2007 and that a (2) year contract term be awarded to the incoming vendors.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: Judge Cascos

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**(49) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE HEALTH AUTHORITY POSITION. (YS-HEALTH)**

Commissioner Garza motioned that the Health Authority Position be a contractual relationship.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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(46) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:**  
(A) **MARCH 27, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the March 27, 2007-Regular Meeting were **TABLED**.

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(47) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Commissioner Garza moved to approve the Claims, voiding Warrant No. 00180786.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00180157, in the amount of \$235.00 made payable to Brownsville Independent School District; as to Warrant No. 00180245, in the amount of \$137.98, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks; as to Warrant No. 00180285, in the amount of \$10.00, made payable to Los Fresnos Consolidated School District; as to Warrant No. 00180334, in the amount of \$367.50, made payable to Port Isabel Police Department; as to Warrant No. 00180335, in the amount of \$55.00, made payable to the City of Port Isabel.

**The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:**

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**(48) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TEMPORARY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF AUTOPSIES FOR CAMERON COUNTY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Garza reported that a meeting occurred this past week and as a result a meeting between Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Armando Villalobos, District Attorney, and himself will occur to discuss this issue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Commissioner Garza regarding the Temporary Contract Negotiations Regarding the Performance of Autopsies for Cameron County was acknowledged.

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**(53) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND TIME EXTENSIONS FOR THE HARLINGEN ANNEX PROJECT. (HG-CCDoT CONSTRUCTION) (Order No. 200705016)**

Commissioner Garza moved to approve the proposed changes to Items No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18 and No. 21 and to approve the time extensions that correspond with each item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Order is as follows:**

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**(54) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SCOPE AND FEE WITH AGUIRRE CORPORATION FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE CARRIZALEZ/RUCKER FACILITY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, asked to TABLE this item

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

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**(55) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 80<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Resolution No. 2007R04036)**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, presented to the Court a listing of Bills that are being tracked and noted that Senate Bill 792 now includes language that will exempt Cameron County as well as an exemption of the I-69 extension from Corpus Christi to Brownsville.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report was by David Garcia was acknowledged.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**(56) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, informed the Court this past week there were some conversations with Senate staff regarding the FM 509 Project and the East Loop Project.

Judge Cascos asked the County Administrator to draft (2) letters for the Court: 1) the first letter is to go to all border County Judge's from Cameron County to Val Verde County inviting them to join the coordinated trip to Washington to discuss the levee system and the border fence and 2) a second letter to go to the County Judge's in South Texas to discuss a regional approach to a Veteran's Hospital.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Report by David Garcia regarding the County's Federal Legislative Agenda was acknowledged.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:09 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of **July 2007**

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**CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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