

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 7th day of August 2007, there was conducted a REGULAR 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:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:30 P.M. He asked Pastor Andreas Lewis for the invocation. Mr. Felix Rodriguez and Mr. Sal Salinas 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 August 3, 2007 at 11:42 A.M.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Felix M. Rodriguez thanked the Court for unanimously adopting a Resolution in support of a VA Hospital.

Mr. Salvador Salinas thanked the Court for their continued support.

Mr. Jack Gibson commented on the salary increases of elected officials and commended the Court for denying their own \$1,000 salary increase. He recommended that the Court consider not giving any elected official the \$1,000 salary increase as that will save \$23,000.

Mr. Rodolfo Ramirez, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, asked for assistance from the Court regarding a research project concerning the various political trends in the Rio Grande Valley. He requested permission to e-mail each Court member regarding this project.

PRESENTATIONS

(2) **PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE, 30, 2007, ON INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS. THIS REPORT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF GOVERNMENT CODE 226 – THE PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENT ACT. (DB-TREASURER)**

Mr. David Betancourt, County Treasurer, presented to the Court the Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2007.

Judge Cascos questioned whether the figures presented in the report are fiscal year-to-date thru June 30, 2007.

Mr. Betancourt replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether any accounts had interest that was forfeited.

Mr. Rob Almon, Interim County Auditor, replied in the negative.

Commissioner Tamayo pointed out that the agenda item reads “Quarterly Report” and noted that the Report as presented is year-to-date.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Mr. David Betancourt was acknowledged.

The Report 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:

Consent Item No. 3:

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, asked to discuss this item separately.

Consent Items No. 6 and No. 16:

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, asked to discuss these items separately.

Travel Item No. 24 (A):

Commissioner Tamayo informed the Court that this item will be paid by the Texas Association of Counties.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items" including the "Supplemental Consent Item" and excluding Consent Items No. 3, No. 6 and No. 16.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- (3) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO KEEP VEHICLE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE COUNTY CLERK WARRANT OFFICER WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. (DG-ADMINISTRATION) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (4) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR JOHN SHERGOLD, A LICENSED ATTORNEY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO ACT AS A TEMPORARY PROSECUTOR ON BEHALF OF THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (AV-DA) (Contract No. 2007C08160)**
The Contract is as follows:
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The Report is as follows:
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- (7) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR ROSE COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A 24.069 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF BLOCK 87, WILSON TRACT SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**
The Documentation is as follows:
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The Documentation is as follows:
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The Documentation is as follows:

- (10) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JULY 27, 2007 TO JULY 28, 2008 FOR PROVIDING WATER WELLS AND SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT GONZALES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDoT)**
- (11) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JULY 31, 2007 TO JULY 31, 2008 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT 5-G ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 2. (EH-CCDoT)**
- (12) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FY06-FY07 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS WORK PLAN AND BUDGET. (YS-HEALTH) (Contract No. 2007C08164)**
The Contract is as follows:
- (13) **AUTHORIZATION FOR AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES TO BE ALLOWED TO OFFER SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT IRC 457 THROUGH EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)**
The Documentation is as follows:
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The Documentation is as follows:
- (15) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FREEDOM BUSINESS NET AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS STATE BANK TO PROVIDE COUNTY WITH ONLINE COMPUTER ACCESS OF COUNTY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION. (DJV-LEGAL)(Contract No. 2007C08165)**
The Contract is as follows:
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- (17) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORIGINATOR AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINATOR AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS STATE BANK FOR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS. (DJV-LEGAL)(Contract No. 2007C08158)**
The Contract is as follows:
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The Contract is as follows:
- (19) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. NORMA FARLEY TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES FOR THE COUNTY ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2007C08161)**
The Contract is as follows:
- (20) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO HOME CONTRACT NO. 1000217 EXTENDING THE CONTRACT END DATE TO JANUARY 31, 2008. (FB-PD&M)(Contract No. 2007C08153)**
The Contract is as follows:
- (21) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH THE 5125 COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE DAKOTA VILLAGE AND LOUISIANA ROAD POTABLE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 725165). (FB-PD&M)(Order No. 2007O7021)**
The Order is as follows:

- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH THE CORNETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, PURSUANT TO THE PEDERSON SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 725165). (FB-PD&M)(Order No. 200707022)**

The Order is as follows:

- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW TEXAS STATE BANK TO SUBSTITUTE SECURITY HELD BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF WITH ANOTHER SECURITY OF SAME AMOUNT. EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER AND THE COUNTY FUNDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATELY SECURED AFTER SAID SUBSTITUTION. (DAB-TREASURER)**

The Documentation is as follows:

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (24) **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) **COMMISSIONER PCT. 4 TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/17/07, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**
- (B) **CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 8/23 TO 8/24/07, TO ATTEND THE 19TH ANNUAL SUING AND DEFENDING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES COURSE.**
- (C) **SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/15/07, TO ATTEND THE 8 HOUR CRIME STOPPERS ISSUES & ANSWERS FOR COORDINATORS.**
- (D) **SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/17/07, TO ATTEND THE SAVE A LIFE SUMMIT.**
- (E) **TREASURER TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/17/07, TO ATTEND THE 2007 TAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS

- (1) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT THE SAN BENITO LADY PUPS WITH A RESOLUTION FOR PLACING FIRST IN THE 2007 PONY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT. (COMM. COURT)(Resolution No. 2007R08086)**

The Resolution is as follows:

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The Resolution is as follows:

(41) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND RIO GRANDE VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES. (YS-HEALTH) (TABLED)

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: Commissioner Wood

(43) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES DETERMINATION IN REGARDS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY INDIGENT CARE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT. (YS-HEALTH) (TABLED)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:12 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

(25) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DANCY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 6:26 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

(26) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DANCY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

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

(3) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO KEEP VEHICLE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE COUNTY CLERK WARRANT OFFICER WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. (DG-ADMINISTRATION)**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the decals on the vehicle reading "Warrant Officer" will be removed.

Judge Cascos commented on the large number of unmarked vehicles in the County's fleet.

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, replied that the vehicle will be marked with County Clerk seal.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, Authorization for County Clerk's Office to Keep Vehicle Previously Assigned to the County Clerk Warrant Officer within the Department was approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

(6) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID AND EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH RAM MASONRY FOR LABOR TO LAY CMU AT COURTHOUSE SECURITY WALL. (HG-CCDoT) (TABLED)

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

(16) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF HEALTH SCREENING AND SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH POPULATION HEALTH SUPPORT L.L.C. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2007C08166)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Health Screening and Support Services Agreement with Population Health Support L.L.C. was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

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

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

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

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- (28) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:**
(A) **JUNE 18, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING**
(B) **JUNE 26, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the June 18, 2007-Special Meeting and the June 26, 2007-Regular Meeting were approved.

(29) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Claims, inclusive of the late claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00185398, made payable to Harlingen Water Works System, in the amount of \$197.52 and Commissioner Garza as to Warrant No. 00185461, made payable to The Medicine Shoppe, in the amount of \$991.18.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(30) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET. (XV-BUDGET)

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, presented to the Court a spreadsheet detailing the revenue for the Bridge System Toll crossings. He noted that there is a difference of \$743,155 between the actual projected budget for FY 2007 and the proposed budget for FY 2008.

Mr. Villarreal stated that current FY 2007-2008 Budget is \$62,313,006 and noted that the net increase in expenditures is \$567,293. He explained each departmental increase/decrease to the budget.

Judge Cascos recommended including a tax rate in the "Possible Tax Rate Combinations" spreadsheet with a \$.01 reduction to the General Fund and an additional \$.005 reduction to the General Fund to be transferred to Road & Bridge.

Mr. Villarreal informed the Court that the revenues, at the effective tax rate, amount to \$62,118,011 and expenditures amount to \$62,313,006; which equals a shortfall of \$194,995. He noted that the expenditures do not include the new district courts, salary increases or any requests for new positions.

Mr. Villarreal advised the Court that at the current tax rate, with the inclusion of all items listed on page 3 of the documentation provided, there will be a shortage of \$2,034,701.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the proposed budget includes the increased cost to health benefits.

Mr. Villarreal replied in the negative and stated that he is pending those figures.

Judge Cascos questioned whether the \$2,264,631 figure includes any potential expenditure savings within the Magistrate Courts, Veteran's Auto Theft, General Fund Auto Theft or the Auto Allowances.

Mr. Villarreal replied in the negative and noted that the County may be able to realize a 30% savings to the Auto Allowances totaling \$71,892 if the Court elects to change from auto allowance to mileage reimbursement.

Judge Cascos commented on the Jail Overtime Budget and stated that the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$250,000. He noted that the budget approved last fiscal year was \$40,000 and the current budget is at \$287,000.

Judge Cascos recommended that the County prepare to fund the new district courts.

Commissioner Wood noted that the initial request was to create one District Court beginning in January 1, 2009 and the other District Court beginning January 1, 2011.

Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, expressed his opinion that the County does not have to fund either District Court for FY 2007-2008 as the House Bill that created the District Courts specifies that the new District Courts may not be funded until it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court of the county or a majority of the counties in the district.

Judge Cascos directed Legal Counsel to communicate with the Attorney General's Office or the Secretary of State's Office for further clarification on this matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Report by Xavier Villarreal regarding The Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget was acknowledged.

The Documentation is as follows:

(31) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATES TO SET COUNTY TAX RATES FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR. (XV-BUDGET)**

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that the notice for the effective tax rate will run in the newspaper this coming weekend. He informed the Court that the total effective tax rate is \$.326275 per \$100 valuation and the total rollback rate is \$.360553 per \$100 valuation. He noted that the Court can adopt any tax rate between the effective rate and the rollback rate without causing a possible petition. He asked for direction from the Court as to the maximum tax rate that the Court wishes to consider.

Mr. Villarreal added that the notice will set the public hearing dates for August 21, 2007 and August 28, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Garza motioned to authorize Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, to post the notice stating that the maximum tax rate shall not exceed the current tax rate of \$.348191 per \$100 valuation.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

(32) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY PROPERTY THAT IS BEING VACATED WHEN THE HARLINGEN ANNEX IS OPEN. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Garza recommended using a real estate firm to market the property.

Judge Cascos suggested advertising for RFQs based on the commission fee, a marketing plan and timeline.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to authorize the Deputy County Administrator to develop a Request For Qualifications from real estate agents to begin the process of selling County property once the Harlingen Annex is opened.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

(33) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LOS FRESNOS ANNEX BUILDING. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, recommended awarding the bid to the second lowest proposal subject to review by Legal Counsel.

Judge Cascos inquired as to the funding for this project.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, replied that lapsed salaries can be used from vacant IT Personnel Director position for this project.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the second lowest proposal and to award the contract subject to review by Legal Counsel.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(34) SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONTRACT RFP. NO. 070602 BE AWARDED TO TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND BENEFITS POOL USING THE SERVICES OF BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, UTILIZATION REVIEW SERVICES, MEDICAL NETWORK SERVICE AND STOP LOSS INSURANCE; TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND BENEFITS POOL USING THE SERVICES OF CAREMARK FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF CONSULTANT KEN WETHE, HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR MANUEL VILLARREAL AND THE CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH TAC ACCORDINGLY. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to accept the selection committee's recommendation to negotiate a contract with the Texas Association of Counties on Proposals No. 1 and No. 2.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

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- (35) **SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONTRACT RFP NO. 070602 BE AWARDED TO INTERFACE EAP, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THAT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE ADVICE OF THE CONSULTANT KEN WETHE, HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR MANUEL VILLARREAL AND THE CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH INTERFACE EAP ACCORDINGLY. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned that the Contract, RFP No. 070602, be awarded to Interface EAP, Employee Assistance Program, and that the County Administrator with the advice of the Consultant Ken Wethe, Health Administrator Manuel Villarreal and the Civil Legal Division Negotiate a Contract with Interface EAP accordingly.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

(36) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SOLICITING PROPOSALS TO ALLOW A CONCESSION FOR AN AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE AT ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARKS)

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to authorize Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, to request proposals from banks to provide an Automatic Teller Machine at Isla Blanca Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

(37) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CONCESSION AGREEMENTS AT ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARKS)

(A) BEACH SNACKS (Contract No. 2007C07148)

(B) JETTIES BAIT STAND (Contract No. 2007C07149)

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Concession Agreements with Beach Snacks and Jetties Bait Stand were approved.

The Contracts are as follows:

(38) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALLOWING RESTAURANT OWNER TO DISTRIBUTE MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY AT THE SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY CENTER, SANTA ROSA LEARNING CENTER SITE AND THE LA FERIA LEARNING SITE. (JM-PARKS)(TABLED)

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

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

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, stated that there is no new information to report.

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the Report by Mr. David Garcia.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

(40) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FOR A MEDICAL MOBILE CLINIC. (ROB-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2007C08159)

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Agreement with the University of Texas Health Science Center For A Medical Mobile Clinic was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

(42) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE COLOR SCHEME FOR THE BOAT RAMP/RESTROOMS AT ISLA BLANCA. (JM-PARKS)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Color Scheme for the Boat Ramp/Restrooms at Isla Blanca was approved.

(44) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN REGARDS TO CURRENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY AND CAPACITY OF COUNTY ROADS UNDER THE CAMERON COUNTY SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS. (EH-CCDoT)**

Mr. Ernesto Hinojosa, County Engineer, presented to the Court various statutes authorizing the County to implement and approve standards for County roads.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Report by Mr. Ernesto Hinojosa was acknowledged.

The Documentation is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:49 P.M.

APPROVED this 18th day of **September 2007**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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