

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 28th day of December 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:

9:00 A.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

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo **Deputy Clerk**

ABSENT:
EDNA TAMAYO

The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos as at 9:00 AM. He asked Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, for the invocation. Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector, 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 December 21, 2007 at 10:52 A.M.:

(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Charles Hoskins read a press release notifying Cameron County citizens of a ban on all burning for the next (14) days.

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 Garza moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items".

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

(2) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE I-69 ALLIANCE TEXAS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

The Documentation is as follows:

(3) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S OCTOBER, 2007 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)

The Report is as follows:

(4) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S NOVEMBER, 2007 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)

The Report is as follows:

TRAVEL ITEMS

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

(A) EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 2/5 TO 2/8/08, TO ATTEND THE PROFESSIONAL CAREER LADDER SYSTEM FOR CEA'S STATE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(B) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/14 TO 1/16/08, TO ATTEND THE "TJPC 358 & 343 WORKGROUP".

- (2) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE I-69 ALLIANCE TEXAS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**
The Documentation is as follows:

- (3) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S OCTOBER, 2007 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)**
The Report is as follows:

- (4) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S NOVEMBER, 2007 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)**
The Report is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

- (6) **BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES. (NO ACTION TAKEN)**
-

- (7) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Commissioner Garza moved to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Garza

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00193018, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks System, in the amount of \$196.56 and Warrant No. 00193082, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$9,700.04.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(8) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE AD VALOREM TAXATION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT OR SUPER FREEPORT GOODS AS PER HB 621. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector, stated that House Bill 621 will go into effect January 1, 2008 and recommended that a resolution be adopted to continue the taxation of Freeport goods.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Documentation is as follows:

(9) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AD VALOREM TAXATION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT OR SUPER FREEPORT GOODS PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.253 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE AND AS PER HB 621. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Resolution No. 2007R12208)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Resolution providing for the Ad Valorem Taxation of Tangible Personal Property in Transit or Super Freeport Goods pursuant to Section 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code and as per HB 621 was approved.

The Resolution is as follows:

-
- (10) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDER NO. 2008001001 DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SALARY IN THE AMOUNT SET BY THE DISTRICT JUDGES. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Benavides moved to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

-
- (11) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF INMATE SERVICES ANNUAL RFP# 1890 WITH TRANSCOR AND AWARD TO 2ND VENDOR P.T.S. (PRISONER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES) FROM AWARD DATE THROUGH APRIL 9, 2009. (MF-PURCHASING)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, Authorization to Terminate Agreement for Transportation of Inmate Services Annual RFP# 1890 with Transcor and award to 2nd vendor P.T.S. (Prisoner Transportation Services) from award date through April 9, 2009 was approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

(12) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PRISONER TRANSPORT SERVICE (PTS) FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS FROM THE COUNTY JAIL. (DJV-LEGAL)

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Prisoner Transport Service (PTS) for Transportation of Prisoners from the County Jail was approved, subject to review by Legal Counsel.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:18 A.M.

APPROVED this 8th day of **January 2008**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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