

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 15th day of January 2015, 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:

8:45 A.M.

COUNTY JUDGE

SOFIA C. BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

ALEX DOMINGUEZ
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

DAN SANCHEZ
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:
CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA

DAVID A. GARZA

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez at 8:56 A.M. He then asked for a moment of silence.

The Court then led the 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 January 12, 2015 at 8:13 a.m. with the Supplemental Notice being filed at 8:36 a.m.:

(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Boyd Blihovde, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge Manager, thanked the Court for approving “Ocelot Conservation Day” at the Meeting held on January 12, 2015 and inquired as to whom is in charge of coordinating said Day as he has several questions.

Commissioner Sanchez recommended that Mr. Blihovde contact Commissioner Garza as he was the one who placed the item on the Agenda for approval.

Ms. Mary Mason announced that the Gladys Porter Zoo will be holding Ocelot Awareness Day on March 7, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Mr. Thomas Demaar, President of the Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, thanked the Court for acknowledging the importance of the ocelot as a figurehead in Cameron County and announced that there will be an Ocelot Fun Run on March 7, 2015 to begin at 9 am at Dean Porter Park.

CONSENT ITEMS

(2) 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. 2 (E):

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, noted that there is a correction to this item such the Contract No. should read “2015C01003”.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the “Consent Items”, with the correction to Consent Items No. 2 (E).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(A) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. JOE G. RIVERA FOR HIS 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY. (SCB-COMM. PCT. 1)

(B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR SALDIVAR RANCH SUBDIVISION BEING A TRACT CONTAINING 1.79 ACRES OF LAND CONSISTING OF ALL OF LOTS FIFTEEN (15) AND SIXTEEN (16), BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2) OF RESACA VIEW ESTATES, PHASE I, AS RECORDED IN CABINET 1, SLOTS 2743-A, 2743-B, 2744-A AND 2744-B, OF THE CAMERON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDOT-ENG)

(C) CONSIDERATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN BRUCIAK, GENERAL MANAGER, BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD, TO THE RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE)

- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. GUADALUPE GARCIA FOR HER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY. (EP-EXTENSION OFFICE)**
- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (CONTRACT NO. 2015C01002) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND JAMES HARBER D/B/A LJH CORPORATION "SEA RANCH MARINA" FOR PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS. (JEV-PARKS) (Contract No. 2015C01003)**
- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (CONTRACT NO. 2015C01002) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND DAVE FRIEDMAN D/B/A SEA RANCH ENTERPRISE, LLP "SEA RANCH RESTAURANT" FOR PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (G) **CONSTABLE PCT. 3 OFFICE STAFF (4): DEPUTIES JOSE CAVAZOS, FRANK RESENDEZ, JOSE A. ZAMORANO AND OSCAR GARCIA TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 4/12 TO 4/15/15 TO ATTEND THE CIVIL PROCESS 20 HOUR EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR.**
- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 1 MOBILE CELL PHONE AND SERVICE FOR JP PCT. 2-3 THROUGH TDIR CONTRACT DIR-SDD-1777. (MEG-JP PCT. 2-3)**

ACTION ITEMS

(3) **ACTION ITEMS.**

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

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the budget amendments, line item transfers and/or salary schedules.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(B) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, asked the Court to approve the Claims as follows: Warrant No. 00334664 thru 00334820, Warrant No. 00334822 thru 00334842, and Warrant No. 00334847 thru 00334981; Payroll in the amount of \$1,726,950.12 dated January 16, 2015; and to VOID Warrant No. 00334821.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Claims as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(C) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (TABLED)**
NOVEMBER 6, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2014 - SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 - SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2014 - REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2014 - SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT CONSISTING OF LOTS 1 & 2; BLOCK 1 OF LAS ANAQUAS SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDOT-ENG)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ernesto Hinojosa, County Engineer, stated that this item is at the request of Mr. Joaquin Garza.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Sanchez motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, OF LAS ANAQUAS SUBDIVISION PLAT, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDOT-ENG)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to adopt the Order regarding the Cancellation of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, of Las Anaquas Subdivision Plat, Pct. 4.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(F) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING OF A PORTION OF BUTLER ROAD LOCATED IN PCT. 2, IN OLMITO GARDENS TRACT NO. 3 SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 17, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Walker, Right of Way Agent, commented that he has not received any notification of opposition from residents as to this item.

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, stated that (2) notices were published in the newspaper and added that residents will not be blocked off when the road is closed.

Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez inquired as to whether any complaints have been received regarding the proposed closing of a portion of Butler Road.

Mr. Garcia replied in the negative.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Sanchez motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(G) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF BUTLER ROAD LOCATED IN PCT. 2, IN OLMITO GARDENS TRACT NO. 3 SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 17, OF MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Benavides motioned to adopt the Order authorizing the Closing of a portion of Butler Road located in Pct. 2, in Olmito Gardens Tract No. 3 Subdivision, recorded in Volume 8, Page 17, of Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(H) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING OF A PORTION OF CARMEN AVENUE LOCATED IN PCT. 2, IN THE MAP OF CARMEN AVENUE, RECORDED IN CABINET I, SLOT 127-B, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Walker, Right of Way Agent, informed the Court that the road is not being used and is being closed for public safety reasons.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Sanchez motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(I) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF CARMEN AVENUE LOCATED IN PCT. 2, IN THE MAP OF CARMEN AVENUE, RECORDED IN CABINET I, SLOT 127-B, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Benavides motioned to adopt the Order authorizing the Closing of a portion of Carmen Avenue located in Pct. 2, in the Map of Carmen Avenue, recorded in Cabinet I, Slot 127-B, of the Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(J) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PRIMERA FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO HAND ROAD FROM FM 2994 (WILSON ROAD) TO PRIMERA ROAD. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(K) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT OR REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD. (JEV-PARKS) (TABLED)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(L) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT OR REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY DUNE PROTECTION COMMITTEE. (JEV-PARKS)

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, asked the Court to approve the re-appointments of Mr. Eliseo Munoz and Mr. Doyle Wells to the Cameron County Dune Protection Committee.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the reappointment of Members to the Cameron County Dune Protection Committee as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(M) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT OR REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PADRE ISLAND ZONING COMMISSION. (JEV-PARKS)

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, asked to approve the appointments and/or re-appointments of Mr. Gary Meschi, Mr. Doyle Wells, Mr. Stanford Knowles, Mr. Roman Esparza, Mr. Luis Hernandez, Mr. Herb Houston and Mr. Chris Freeland.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the appointment or reappointment of the Members to the Padre Island Zoning Commission as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(N) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT OR REAPPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PADRE ISLAND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS. (JEV-PARKS)**

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, asked to approve the appointments and/or re-appointments of Mr. Luis Hernandez, Mr. Doyle Wells, Mr. Stanford Knowles, Mr. Herb Houston and Mr. Roman Esparza to the Padre Island Board of Adjustments

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the appointment or reappointment of the Members to the Padre Island Board of Adjustments as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

(1) **PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

(A) **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REFUGE REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR LAGUNA ATASCOSA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. (DAG-COMMISSIONER PCT. 3)**

Mr. Boyd Blihovde, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge Manager, informed the Court that the Annual Refuge Revenue Sharing Funds should have been direct deposited to the County last July in the approximate amount of \$51,000 from the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife and in the approximate amount of \$107,000 from the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:28 A.M.

APPROVED this 26th day of **March 2015**

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS