

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 26th day of February 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

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

DAN SANCHEZ
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ
COUNTY CLERK

Erika Garza Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:
CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez at 8:47 A.M. He then asked for a moment of silence.

The Court 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 February 23, 2015 at 8:10 a.m.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Garza informed the Court that he has met with the Committee overseeing the Parks Master Plan and noted that a final draft copy should be provided to the Court soon.

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 (B):

Mr. Arnold Flores, Administrative Services Director, asked to discuss this item separately with Action Item No. 3 (N).

Consent Item No. 2 (DDD):

Mr. Arnold Flores, Administrative Services Director, asked to TABLE this item.

Consent Item No. 2 (D):

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

Consent Items No. 2 (EE), (WW), and (YY):

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, asked to discuss these items separately.

Consent Items No. 2 (C), (U), and (GGG):

Commissioner Garza asked to discuss these items separately.

Consent Item No. 2 (HHH):

Commissioner Garza noted that there is a correction to this item such that the dates of travel are from 3/2 to 3/3/15.

Consent Items No. 2 (M), (O), (P), (R), and (QQ):

Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez asked to discuss these items separately.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the "Consent Items", excluding Consent Items No. 2 (B), (C), (M), (O), (P), (R), (U), (EE), (QQ), (WW), (YY) and (GGG); tabling Consent Items No. (D) and (DDD); and with the correction to Consent Item No. 2 (HHH).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(A) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TEMPLO SHEKINA TO USE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: THE TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS OSCAR DANCY PARK, LOCATED ACROSS FROM GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OFFICE DURING THE CHARRO DAY FESTIVITIES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 27 AND 28, 2015. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

(B) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S: (AFJ-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

a. **CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN & EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SELF FUNDED HEALTH PLAN CLAIM ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS PLAN DESIGN AND FUNDING FOR SELF FUNDED HEALTH**

PLAN, STOP LOSS, AGGREGATE STOP LOSS, PREFERRED PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CAFETERIA PLAN, DENTAL, VISION, WORKS COMPENSATION AND APPROVAL OF RFQ DRAFT – RFQ #150202.

- (C) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATUS REPORT OF THE GATEWAY PEDESTRIAN CANOPY PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)**
- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH LGC 114.023 AND 114.024. (MG-AUDITOR) (*TABLED*)**
- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A NEW 60 MONTH LEASE COPIER PURCHASED THROUGH XEROX UNDER TCPN CONTRACT #R5008 FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY 445TH DISTRICT COURT. (RO-445TH DISTRICT COURT)**
- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR EL AGOSTADERO SUBDIVISION BEING A 23.63 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF AN 852.53 ACRE TRACT OUT OF SHARES 1 AND 17, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 434.67 ACRE TRACT BEING CONVEYED TO MAURICIO SAMPAYO AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 4628, PAGE 29, OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT. 2. (EH-CCDOT ENG)**
- (G) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR RANCHO ESCONDIDO SUBDIVISION BEING A 20.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING ALL OF LOT(S) 24 AND 25 OUT OF BLOCK 11, MAP NO. TWO OF BARREDA GARDENS SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 20, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT 4. (EH-CCDOT ENG)**
- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR LA NENA SANCHEZ COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION BEING 16.00 ACRES OF LAND COMPRISED OF 13.75 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 206 AND 2.25 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 205, FRESNOS LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 9 AND 9A, CAMERON COUNTY MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT. 3. (EH-CCDOT ENG)**
- (I) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR L & S SUBDIVISION, BEING A 13.49 ACRE TRACT OUT OF BLOCK 161, OF THE EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 4, PAGE 39, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND COMPRISED OF THE CALLED 12.09 (CALCULATED 12.07) ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN AN AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP, RECORDED IN VOLUME 12410, PAGE 242, OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING OUT OF A CALLED 13.88 ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 930, PAGE 554 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE SAME TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND REAL ESTATE NOTE AND LIEN IN DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 15963, PAGE 64, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, A CALLED 0.41 ACRE TRACT, CONVEYED TO BOBBY L. MORGAN & WIFE LUCINDA R. MORGAN, IN A DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 16670, PAGE 68, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND A CALLED 1.00 ACRE TRACT CONVEYED TO ROBERT E. LITTLE & LINDA S. LITTLE AS DESCRIBED IN AN AGREEMENT TO EXTENT REAL ESTATE NOTE AND LIEN IN DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 14386, PAGE 304, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT 2. (EH-CCDOT ENG)**
- (J) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR NEW HORIZON SUBDIVISION, BEING THE SOUTH 16.00 ACRES OF LAND, OF LOT 23, BLOCK 14, MAP NUMBER FOUR OF BARREDA GARDENS SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 67, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. A CERTAIN 6.00 ACRE TRACT (BEING TRACT I=3.00 ACRES AND TRACT II=3.00 ACRES), RECORDED IN VOLUME 9559, PAGE 155, A CERTAIN 1.00 ACRE TRACT, RECORDED IN VOLUME 9559, PAGE 171; A CERTAIN 4.00 ACRE TRACT, RECORDED IN VOLUME 9559, PAGE 174; A CERTAIN 5.00 ACRE TRACT, RECORDED IN VOLUME 9559, PAGE 178, ALL RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, PCT 2. (EH-CCDOT ENG)**

- (K) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A CELL PHONE LINE FOR CHIEF DEPUTY SANDRA SANCHEZ THROUGH TDIR CONTRACT: DIR-SDD-1777. (SGP-COUNTY CLERK)
- (L) CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING JUAN OSORIO ORTIZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SELECTION AS MR. AMIGO 2014. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE)
- (M) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (AGJ-CONSTABLE PCT. 2) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)
- (N) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (MBJ-CONSTABLE PCT. 4)
- (O) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH BAHNMAN REALTY, INC. TO ASSIST IN THE SELLING OF THREE (3) STATE FORFEITED PROPERTIES. (LVS-DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)
- (P) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE BUY BOARD CONTRACT 430-13 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (LVS-DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)
- (Q) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TO CARRY OUT THE FY2015 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORK PLAN FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. (YS-HEALTH)
- (R) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (LS-JP PCT. 2-1) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)
- (S) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (DG-JP PCT. 3-2)
- (T) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (MT-JP PCT. 5-3)
- (U) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING WHATEVER INTEREST CAMERON COUNTY MAY HAVE IN THREE DETENTION PONDS TO CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1. (DJV-LEGAL) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)
- (V) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A BEACH VENDING PERMIT TO JOSE ISRAEL CAMACHO. (JEV-PARKS)
- (W) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW TWO (2) BEACH VENDING PERMITS TO MARIA CHRISTINA RICO, D/B/A LA BRISA SOUTH TEXAS DISTRIBUTION. (JEV-PARKS)
- (X) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THREE (3) BEACH VENDING PERMITS TO JAIME SALAZAR, D/B/A RUBY ELOTES. (JEV-PARKS)
 - a. RUBY ELOTES #1
 - b. RUBY ELOTES #2
 - c. RUBY ELOTES #4
- (Y) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C02036) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AND QUAD COUNTIES COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO COLONIA RESIDENTS FOR MEDICAID, CHIPS, SNAP AND TANF AT THE BOB CLARK SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER. (JEV-PARKS)

- (Z) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C02037) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AND QUAD COUNTIES COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TO PROVIDE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO COLONIA RESIDENTS FOR MEDICAID, CHIPS, SNAP AND TANF AT EL CENTRO CULTURAL-CAMERON PARK. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (AA) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C02038) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE-SOUTH TEXAS ENGINEERING, MATH & SCIENCE (STEMS) PROGRAM TO HOST THE STEM'S OUTDOOR SPORTS AND SCIENCE EXPO AT THE NORTH FLATS LOCATED AT THE ANDY BOWIE COUNTY PARK. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (BB) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C02039) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AND SOUTH PADRE ISLAND JAIL BREAK RUN FOR THE USE OF THE ANDY BOWIE PARK FOR THE 5K OBSTACLE RUN. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (CC) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH FJW CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 1577 SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 (GLO CONTRACT NO. 12-361-000-6127). (FB-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**
- (DD) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH FJW CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MONTALVO SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 (GLO CONTRACT NO. 12-361-000-6127). (FB-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**
- (EE) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- a. **PICK-UP TRUCKS (QTY. 8), CARS (QTY. 3), VANS (QTY. 2), SUV (QTY. 2) – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS) – BID #150104 (VARIOUS)**
- (FF) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)**
- a. **ARMORED CAR SERVICES – ANNUAL BID #1180 (AMERICAN SURVEILLANCE) SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS COURT.**
- (GG) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)**
- a. **ROAD SURFACING MATERIALS – ANNUAL BID #2580 (FRONTERA MATERIALS & VULCAN MATERIALS)**
- b. **ROAD DRAINAGE MATERIALS – ANNUAL BID #2520 (RIO VALLE PIPE (CAPA) & CONTECH CONSTRUCTION)**
- c. **ROAD FLEXIBLE BASE – ANNUAL BID #2560 (FRONTERA MATERIALS & VULCAN MATERIALS)**
- d. **LUBES, OILS, GREASES & ANTIFREEZE – ANNUAL BID #1993 (ARGUINDEGUI OIL)**
- (HH) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BID/RFP/RFQ: (MF-PURCHASING)**
- a. **TIRES DISPOSAL (WASTE) – ANNUAL BID #175**

- (II) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR THE FOLLOWING:
(MF-PURCHASING)**
- a. **BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES – BID #1222 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**
- (JJ) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (30) POINT BLANK ALPHA ELITE LEVEL IIIA
WITH ONE CARRIER VEST USING TXMAS 9-8410 LONE STAR UNIFORMS FOR THE CAMERON
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. (OL-SHERIFF)**
- (KK) **CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF ORDER APPROVING THE TREASURER'S JANUARY 2015
FINANCIAL REPORT. (DAB-TREASURER)**
- (LL) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT WITH BBVA
COMPASS – CAMERON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2, PL 3. (DAB-TREASURER)**
- (MM) **138TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ARTURO C. NELSON AND OFFICE STAFF (7): ASSISTANT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY RENE GARZA, COURT COORDINATOR BLANCA CASTANEDA, DEFENSE
ATTORNEY RUBEN HERRERA, PROBATION OFFICERS ROLANDO TREVINO AND JUANITA
RUIZ, COUNSELOR JUAN BERROUT AND COURT OFFICER JOEL GARCIA TO TRAVEL TO
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON 7/25 TO 7/31/15 TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG
COURT PROFESSIONALS (NADCP) ANNUAL DRUG CONFERENCE.**
- (NN) **445TH DISTRICT COURT OFFICE STAFF (1): COURT COORDINATOR SANDRA ESPINOZA TO
TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 3/30 TO 4/1/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 ODYSSEY USER
CONFERENCE.**
- (OO) **COMMISSIONER PCT. 3 DAVID A. GARZA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PCT. 3 RAUL GOMEZ
AND AIRPORT MANAGER JOE E. VEGA TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS ON 4/14 TO 4/15/15
TO ATTEND THE SEA GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.**
- (PP) **COMMISSIONER PCT. 3 DAVID A. GARZA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PCT. 3 RAUL GOMEZ
AND AIRPORT MANAGER JOE E. VEGA TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ON 4/16 TO 4/17/15
TO ATTEND THE 33RD TEXAS AVIATION CONFERENCE.**
- (QQ) **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (2): ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JULIANNA A.
SOSA AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATOR MELISSA RESENDEZ TO TRAVEL TO
DALLAS, TEXAS ON 3/15 TO 3/18/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON
CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN. (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)**
- (RR) **DISTRICT ATTORNEY LUIS V. SAENZ AND OFFICE STAFF (1): DEPUTY CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
VICTOR CORTEZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 3/4/15 TO ATTEND THE HIDTA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**
- (SS) **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (1): CRIME VICTIM EDUCATION SPECIALIST MONICA
G. LOPEZ TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 5/5 TO 5/8/15 TO ATTEND THE
TEXAS VICTIM SERVICES ASSOCIATION – NAVIGATING THE CHANGING TIDES ANNUAL
CONFERENCE.**
- (TT) **EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1): COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT 4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
MARCO PONCE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 2/27 TO 3/1/15 TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE STATE WIDE 4-H/FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST.**
- (UU) **EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1): COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT – FAMILY AND CONSUMER
SCIENCES LILIAN MEZQUIDA TO TRAVEL TO SAN MACROS, TEXAS ON 3/3 TO 3/4/15 TO
PARTICIPATE IN A 2015 SOUTH REGION FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS) SUMMIT.**
- (VV) **HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (2): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR FIDEL J.
CALVILLO AND HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNER CRISTINA L. MADRID TO TRAVEL TO**

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS ON 2/12/15 TO ATTEND AND EVALUATE THE NUECES COUNTY EBOLA EXERCISE.

- (WW) HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (4): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR FIDEL J. CALVILLO, HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR MARICELA CARDOZA, HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNER CRISTINA L. MADRID AND HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST JESUSITA HERNANDEZ TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 3/18 TO 3/22/15 TO ATTEND THE STATE HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICAL OPERATIONS CENTER (HMOC) SEMINAR. (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (XX) HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (2): BREASTFEEDING COORDINATOR AURORA C. MADRIGAL AND CERTIFYING AUTHORITY (CA)/CLINICAL SUPERVISOR PRISCILLA GONZALEZ TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 4/28 TO 5/1/15 TO ATTEND THE CLINICAL LACTATION PRACTICUM.**
- (YY) HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (2): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR FIDEL J. CALVILLO AND HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR MARICELA CARDOZA TO TRAVEL TO LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA ON 4/29 TO 5/2/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE. (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (ZZ) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-1 OFFICE STAFF (1): COURT COORDINATOR ANA SANCHEZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ON 5/18 TO 5/20/15 TO ATTEND THE TEXAS JUSTICE COURT TRAINING CENTER (TJCTC) EXPERIENCED CLERK PERSONNEL SEMINAR.**
- (AAA) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-2 JUDGE JONATHAN GRACIA TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ON 3/29 TO 4/1/15 TO ATTEND THE STAGE III NEW JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR.**
- (BBB) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-3 JUDGE MARY ESTHER GARCIA TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ON 3/29 TO 4/1/15 TO ATTEND THE STAGE III NEW JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR.**
- (CCC) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-3 OFFICE STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR RACHEL ALEMAN AND COURT COORDINATOR GRISELDA ARAMBURO TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 3/30 TO 4/2/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 ODYSSEY USER CONFERENCE. (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (DDD) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-3 OFFICE STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR RACHEL ALEMAN AND COURT ASSISTANT I MELISA ESCALANTE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 4/20 TO 4/22/15 TO ATTEND THE EXPERIENCED COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR. (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (EEE) JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (9): JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS LAURA ARMIJO, RENELL RENAUD, RODOLFO MARROQUIN, ABRAHAM ALANIS, NORMA CASTILLO, LESLIE ELIZARDI, ELIDA OLVERA, JESSICA CERVANTES, AND MARIO BARRERA TRAVELED TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS ON 2/20/15 TO ATTEND THE TEXAS VIOLENT GANG TASK FORCE MEETING. (PRO FORMA APPROVAL)**
- (FFF) SHERIFF OMAR LUCIO AND OFFICE STAFF (2): CHIEF GUS REYNA AND LIEUTENANT DOMINGO DIAZ TRAVELED TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 2/17 TO 2/19/15 TO ATTEND THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SEMINAR.**
- (GGG) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATUS REPORT OF THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES CANOPY PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (HHH) COMMISSIONER PCT. 3 DAVID A. GARZA TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 3/1 TO 3/3/15 TO ATTEND MEETINGS WITH GLO, TXDOT, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE AND OTHER OFFICIALS.**

CONSENT ITEMS

(2) CONSENT ITEMS.

(C) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATUS REPORT OF THE GATEWAY PEDESTRIAN CANOPY PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, reported that the north portion of the project is 100% complete with the south portion still being under construction and near completion.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the Status Report of the Gateway Pedestrian Canopy Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(M) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (AGJ-CONSTABLE PCT. 2) (TABLED)

Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez stated that he did not receive any backup documentation and made a motion to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(O) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH BAHNMAN REALTY, INC. TO ASSIST IN THE SELLING OF THREE (3) STATE FORFEITED PROPERTIES. (LVS-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

Mr. Gabriel Garza, District Attorney's Office, informed the Court that the realtor is one that the County has utilized before and noted that the item is an extension on a previous agreement.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to extend the Agreement with Bahnman Realty, Inc. to assist in the selling of three (3) State Forfeited Properties.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(P) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE BUY BOARD CONTRACT 430-13 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (LVS-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve authorization to utilize the Buy Board Contract 430-13 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Cameron County District Attorney's Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(R) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. (LS-JP PCT. 2-1) (TABLED)

Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez stated that he did not receive any backup documentation.

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(U) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING WHATEVER INTEREST CAMERON COUNTY MAY HAVE IN THREE DETENTION PONDS TO CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1. (DJV-LEGAL)

Commissioner Garza asked for explanation as to the County's interest regarding this item.

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, explained that the Tax Office had Cameron County listed as the owner and this item is to assist in clearing the title in order for the Drainage District to take over and move forward.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization for the County Judge to sign a Quitclaim Deed conveying whatever interest Cameron County may have in three detention ponds to Cameron County Drainage District No. 1.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(EE) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)

a. PICK-UP TRUCKS (QTY. 8), CARS (QTY. 3), VANS (QTY. 2), SUV (QTY. 2) – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS) – BID #150104 (VARIOUS)

Commissioner Garza stated that line item "B" has no indication as to who is being awarded the low bid.

Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, replied that the recommendation is to award the bid for Item "B" to Tipton Ford and explained that the vendor is the lowest local bid, within 3% of the low bid. He noted that there is one correction on Item "D" as two of the vendors did not meet specifications as to the engine size and the recommendation is to award the bid for Item "D" to Grapevine Dodge.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to award bid for the following: Pick-Up Trucks (Qty. 8), Cars (Qty. 3), Vans (Qty. 2), SUV (Qty. 2) – Various Departments) – Bid #150104 (Various); with the changes as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(QQ) DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (2): ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JULIANNA A. SOSA AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATOR MELISSA RESENDEZ TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 3/15 TO 3/18/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN.

Judge Pro-Tem Dominguez asked for confirmation that the Travel is grant-funded.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Travel for the District Attorney's Office Staff (2): Assistant District Attorney Julianna A. Sosa and Domestic Violence Investigator Melissa Resendez to travel to Dallas, Texas on 3/15 to 3/18/15 to attend the 2015 10th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(WW) HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (4): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR FIDEL J. CALVILLO, HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR MARICELA CARDOZA, HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNER CRISTINA L. MADRID AND HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS SPECIALIST JESUSITA HERNANDEZ TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 3/18 TO 3/22/15 TO ATTEND THE STATE HEALTH SERVICES AND MEDICAL OPERATIONS CENTER (HMOC) SEMINAR.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, advised the Court that the lodging exceeds the per diem amount and noted that the Travel request includes the cost of a rental vehicle.

Mr. Fidel Calvillo, Hospital Preparedness Director, explained the hotel selected was the most inexpensive available and a rental vehicle is being requested as the Hospital Preparedness Program does not have a County vehicle for use.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if the Travel is entirely grant-funded.

Mr. Calvillo replied in the affirmative and added that there is no cost to the County for this travel.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the Travel for Health Department Office Staff (4): Hospital Preparedness Director Fidel J. Calvillo, Hospital Preparedness Coordinator Maricela Cardoza, Hospital Preparedness Planner Cristina L. Madrid And Hospital Preparedness Specialist Jesusita Hernandez to travel to South Padre Island, Texas on 3/18 to 3/22/15 to attend the State Health Services and Medical Operations Center (HMOC) Seminar.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(YY) HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE STAFF (2): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR FIDEL J. CALVILLO AND HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR MARICELA CARDOZA TO TRAVEL TO LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA ON 4/29 TO 5/2/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, advised the Court that the employees are staying at the host hotel and are requesting a rental vehicle.

Mr. Fidel Calvillo, Hospital Preparedness Director, explained that the reason for the rental vehicle is due to the fact that there are no reasonable-priced restaurants located near the host hotel.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the Travel for the Health Department Office Staff (2): Hospital Preparedness Director Fidel J. Calvillo and Hospital Preparedness Coordinator Maricela Cardoza to travel to Lake Buena Vista, Florida on 4/29 to 5/2/15 to attend the 2015 Emergency Preparedness Conference.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(CCC) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-3 OFFICE STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR RACHEL ALEMAN AND COURT COORDINATOR GRISELDA ARAMBURO TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 3/30 TO 4/2/15 TO ATTEND THE 2015 ODYSSEY USER CONFERENCE. (TABLED)

Mr. Arnold Flores, Administrative Services Director, asked to table Consent Item No. 2 (CCC) and not Consent Item No. 2 (DDD) as initially requested.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to unapprove Consent Item No. 2 (CCC) and to TABLE the item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(DDD) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2-3 OFFICE STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR RACHEL ALEMAN AND COURT ASSISTANT I MELISA ESCALANTE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 4/20 TO 4/22/15 TO ATTEND THE EXPERIENCED COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, brought it to the attention of the Court that two employees are traveling to the same seminar with both employees requesting mileage reimbursement and cited County Policy which allows for one mileage reimbursement when employees from the same department are traveling to the same location.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the Travel for Justice of the Peace Pct. 2-3 Office Staff (2): Court Administrator Rachel Aleman and Court Assistant I Melisa Escalante to travel to San Antonio, Texas on 4/20 to 4/22/15 to attend the Experienced Court Personnel Seminar with the amendment to approve one mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(GGG) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATUS REPORT OF THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES CANOPY PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, presented photographs showing the progress of the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates Canopy Project and noted that the Project is 99% complete.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge of Status Report of the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates Canopy Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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 Garza and carried unanimously.

(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, asked the Court to approve the Claims as follows: Warrants No. 00336462 thru 00337129 and Warrants No. 00337134 thru 00337272; Payroll in the amount of \$1,695,325.89; Healthcare Claims in the amount of \$405,561.64; informed the Court of an Inter Fund transfer to the Travel Imprest Account in the amount of \$8,000.00 due to low funding; and to VOID Warrant No. 00331698, Warrant No. 00332411, Warrant No. 00329183, Warrant No. 00327857, Warrant No. 00328437, Warrant No. 00328660, Warrant No. 00329102, Warrant No. 00330826, Warrant No. 00328162, Warrant No. 00325537, Warrant No. 00324087, Warrant No. 00327231, Warrant No. 00327635, Warrant No. 00328184, Warrant No. 00327495, Warrant No. 00326625, Warrant No. 00326106, Warrant No. 00326207, Warrant No. 00326247, Warrant No. 00331565, Warrant No. 00331615, Warrant No. 00330156, Warrant No. 00329395, Warrant No. 00332985, Warrant No. 00334474, and Warrant No. 00333215.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Claims as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

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- (C) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (TABLED)**
JANUARY 12, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Benavides motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS REVENUE AND TAX BONDS, SERIES 2015 (STATE HIGHWAY 550 PROJECT)”;** LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX; ENTERING INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO TRUST AGREEMENT, SECOND AMENDMENT TO SH 550 FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE TERMS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Mr. David Gordon, with Estrada Hinojosa, presented the Plan of Finance for the “Revenue & Tax Bonds, Series 2015 (SH 550 Project)” which included the Debt Profile, Flow of Funds, SH 550 Additional Costs and Funding Gap, SH 550 Pro Forma Debt Service, SH 550 Pro Forma Debt Service and Revenue with Series 2015 Bonds, and a Proposed Preliminary Schedule.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve an Order authorizing the Issuance of “Cameron County, Texas Revenue and Tax Bonds, Series 2015 (State Highway 550 Project)”;

Levyng an Annual Ad Valorem Tax; entering into A Second Amendment to Trust Agreement, Second Amendment to SH 550 Funding and Development Agreement, and Bond Purchase Agreement; delegating authority to approve terms; and other matters related thereto.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

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- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Garza asked to amend the item to read “...certain expenditures in relation to the State Highway 550 Toll Road Project.”

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve with the Resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain expenditures in relation to the State Highway 550 Toll Road Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(F) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PAYCHECK DIRECT AS A VENDOR AND OFFER PRODUCTS THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PROGRAM THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. (AFJ-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES) (TABLED)

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(G) CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY AUDITOR "AUDIT REPORTS". (MG-AUDITOR)

Ms. Martha Garcia, Assistant Auditor, reported that a total of (27) departments were audited and surprise cash counts were conducted at each department. She noted that 67% of the departments had no significant discrepancies and the departments with discrepancies were provided with recommendations. She then presented the discrepancies found for each department.

Ms. Martha Garcia mentioned that only a limited audit was conducted at the Treasurer's Office as she was only allowed access to the front desk area.

Commissioner Benavides remarked on the issues between the Auditor's Office and the Treasurer's Office and asked that everyone be treated with respect and professionalism.

Ms. Martha Garcia expressed her opinion that she was not treated with respect and noted that the audit was conducted as per statute.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, explained that the intent of the audit was to conduct a surprise cash count to quantify and verify the amount of cash each office had in their possession.

Mr. David Betancourt, County Treasurer, advised the Court that statute allows for an audit to be conducted where the public funds are held and the public funds are held in the safe in the front area of the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Sanchez commented on the animosity between the Auditor's Office and the Treasurer's Office and asked the departments to find a way to cooperate.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to acknowledge the County Auditor "Audit Reports"

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(H) 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)

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, noted that funding in the amount of \$50,000 is needed for this project and requested to use the Road & Bridge Fund.

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, advised the Court that the City of Primera should pay for the materials and labor for their portion of the Road.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the 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 with the understanding that the approval is for material cost.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(I) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,008.41 TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DIRECT COSTS FOR CR 828 (KORNEGAY ROAD) OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$19,008.41 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the County's Participation of Construction and Construction Engineering Direct Costs for CR 828 (Kornegay Road) Off-System Bridge Replacement Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(J) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,750.00 TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DIRECT COSTS FOR CR 512 (LINE 20 ROAD) OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (DAG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$13,750.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation for the County's Participation of Construction and Construction Engineering Direct Costs for CR 512 (Line 20 Road) Off-System Bridge Replacement Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(K) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO TRANSPORT CAMERON COUNTY BEACH PATROL JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PARTICIPANTS DURING JUNIOR LIFEGUARD SESSIONS. (JEV-PARKS)

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, explained that this item is for consent to transport the junior lifeguards from headquarters to the beaches and during various field trips.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve to transport Cameron County Beach Patrol Junior Lifeguard

Participants during Junior Lifeguard Sessions.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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- (L) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 (CHANGE ORDER NO. 201502008) TO CONTRACT NUMBER (2014C10355) AWARDED TO GARCO CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EL RANCHITO COMMUNITY PARK. (JEV-PARKS)**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve Change Order No. 5 to Contract Number (2014C10355) awarded to Garco Construction, LLC, for the construction of El Ranchito Community Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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- (M) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESTRUCTURING OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATION CHART. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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- (N) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION NOT TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH KEN WETHE & ASSOCIATES FOR THE FOLLOWING: (AFJ-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

- a. **CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SELF FUNDED HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION, STOP LOSS, AGGREGATE STOP LOSS, PREFERRED PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, DENTAL, VISION, AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCES.**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve authorization not to renew the contract with Ken Wethe & Associates for the following: Consulting Services for the design and evaluation of Requests for Proposals for the Cameron County Self-Funded Health Plan Administration, Stop Loss, Aggregate Stop Loss, Preferred Provider Administrative Services, Employee Assistance Program, Dental, Vision, and Workers Compensation Insurances.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

(2) **CONSENT ITEMS.**

- (B) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S: (AFJ-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

- a. **CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN & EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SELF FUNDED HEALTH PLAN CLAIM ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS PLAN DESIGN AND FUNDING FOR SELF FUNDED**

HEALTH PLAN, STOP LOSS, AGGREGATE STOP LOSS, PREFERRED PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, CAFETERIA PLAN, DENTAL, VISION, WORKS COMPENSATION AND APPROVAL OF RFQ DRAFT – RFQ #150202.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve authorization to Advertise for the following Bids/RFP's/RFQ's: Consulting Services for the design & evaluation of Requests for Proposals for the Cameron County Self-Funded Health Plan Claim Administration, Benefits Plan Design and Funding for Self Funded Health Plan, Stop Loss, Aggregate Stop Loss, Preferred Provider Administrative Services, Employee Assistance Program, Cafeteria Plan, Dental, Vision, Works Compensation and approval of RFQ Draft – RFQ #150202.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

(3) ACTION ITEMS.

(O) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PLAQUE FOR THE WEST RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

(P) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NAMING OF THE WEST RAIL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, reported that the West Rail Relocation Project is approximately four weeks away from completion. He informed the Court that the naming of the West Rail International Bridge is pending and noted that he has had discussions with Mexico and they would like to keep the name as the “Brownsville & Matamoros International Rail Bridge”.

Commissioner Garza inquired as to the amount contributed by the City of Brownsville for this project.

Mr. Sepulveda replied that the City of Brownsville has provided approximately \$2 million. He added that he plans to consolidate all costs once the project is complete and then send a letter to the City of Brownsville invoicing the balance owed.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the discussion regarding Action Items No. 3 (O) and (P).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.

(A) PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST QUARTER REVENUE REPORT FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT. (JEV-PARKS)

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks Director, reported that the overall Revenue for the 1st Quarter increased by \$41,583.96, a 4.54% increase.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to acknowledge the Presentation of the First Quarter Revenue Report for the Parks & Recreation Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:39 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(5) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. 0.1130 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OF LESS, SITUATED IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND RAMON CISNEROS, ET. AL., CASE NO. 1:15-CV-16; FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) &(2).**
- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. 2.47 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND SOUTH LOOP GROWERS, L.P., ET. AL., CASE NO. 1:08-CV-340; FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A)&(2).**
- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING STATUS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED HANDLING OF ROSEMARY JIMENEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY; IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2; CAUSE NO. 2012-CCL-655, AND FOR MEDIATION AND/OR POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B).**
- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLAINT THAT THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS USED AND MODIFIED LAND OWNED BY ANOTHER WITHOUT THAT OWNER'S CONSENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) AND (2).**
- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING CLAIM FOR UNPAID VACATION BY LUIS RECIO AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUED HANDLING, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(B) AND 551.071 (2).**
- (F) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING CLAIM FOR UNPAID VACATION BY JOHN RODRIGUEZ AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUED HANDLING, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(B) AND 551.071 (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 12:22 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

(6) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. 0.1130 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OF LESS, SITUATED IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND RAMON CISNEROS, ET. AL., CASE NO. 1:15-CV-16; FOR**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) &(2).

Commissioner Garza motioned to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. 2.47 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND SOUTH LOOP GROWERS, L.P., ET. AL., CASE NO. 1:08-CV-340; FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A)&(2).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING STATUS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED HANDLING OF ROSEMARY JIMENEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY; IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2; CAUSE NO. 2012-CCL-655, AND FOR MEDIATION AND/OR POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to proceed as discussed with the designee for the mediation.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLAINT THAT THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS USED AND MODIFIED LAND OWNED BY ANOTHER WITHOUT THAT OWNER'S CONSENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) AND (2).**

- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING CLAIM FOR UNPAID VACATION BY LUIS RECIO AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUED HANDLING, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(B) AND 551.071 (2).**

- (F) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES CONCERNING CLAIM FOR UNPAID VACATION BY JOHN RODRIGUEZ AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUED HANDLING, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(B) AND 551.071 (2).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to proceed as discussed regarding Executive Session Items No. 6 (D), (E), and (F).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:23 P.M.

APPROVED this 9th day of April 2015

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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