

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23rd day of March 2015, 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:

9:15 A.M.

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
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

SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:
DAVID A. GARZA



The meeting was called to order by Judge Sepulveda at 9:15 A.M. He then asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. Remi Garza 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 March 20, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None were presented.

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.**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the "Consent Items".

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(A) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE A COUNTY CERTIFICATION FORM ON BEHALF OF LA POSADA PROVIDENCIA, FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER FUNDS. (FB-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**

ACTION ITEMS

(3) **ACTION ITEMS.**

(A) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, asked the Court to approve the Claims as follows: Warrant No. 00338116 thru 00338616; and to VOID Warrant No. 00338545, Warrant No. 00336445, Warrant No. 00331724, and Warrant No. 00298576.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Claims as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez and carried unanimously.

(B) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMI GARZA. (PSJ-JUDGE)**

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, advised the Court that a funding source is needed for this Agreement and recommended to utilize lapsed salaries.

Mr. Chris Davis, Elections Administrator, informed the Court that there should be between \$13,000 and \$14,000 in administrative fees available from the upcoming elections, which can be used to offset the cost of the Agreement with Remi Garza.

Ms. Galarza added that there is going to be a projected shortfall of \$16,000 to \$17,000 and noted that in the past the administrative fees have been used to cover any deficit.

Mr. Davis explained that the shortfall is a result of the Secretary of State's Office not reimbursing for the

cost of training poll workers or the cost that the County bills the parties for electronic poll book laptop rentals.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Remi Garza with the funding source to be General Fund lapsed salaries, whatever amount is necessary, beyond utilizing the Elections Department lapsed salaries.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:24 A.M.

APPROVED this 21st day of **May 2015**

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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