

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Rayburn MacNelly, County Auditor, presented a late claim as to Borland International, Scotts Valley, California, Warrant No. 55960 in the amount of \$69.95 for approval.

Commissioner Cascos moved to approve the County Claims as presented and on the recommendation of the County Auditor, inclusive of the late claim as to Borland International, Scotts Valley, California, Warrant No. 55960 in the amount of \$69.95.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried the following vote:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cascos as to the claim of Waters Implement Co. Inc., Warrant No. 55928 in the amount of \$274.96.

The Affidavit is as follows:

(2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the 1991/1992 Budget Amendment No. 17 and the Salary Schedules for the Community Parks, El Ranchito, Precinct No. 2, Department No. 10-652 and the Maternal and Child Health Department, Department No. 27-637 were approved.

The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follows:

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 1992, AND
(MARCH 2, 1992- TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 1992, at 1:30 P.M. were approved.

MARCH 2, 1992 (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 1992, at 1:30 P. M. were TABLED for one (1) week.

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**(4) IN THE MATTER TO SWEAR IN HECTOR CAVAZOS AS
NEW PARK RANGER (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED.

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**(16) INTRODUCTION OF MARIA SANTOS SAN PEDRO AS
THE NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSES FOR THE CAMERON
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the introduction of Ms. Maria Santos San Pedro as the "new" Director of Nurses by Dr. David Flory, Cameron County Health Department Director, was acknowledged.

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**(5) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE
(1) HEWLETT-PACKARD 1.34 FIBER LINK DISC DRIVE**

Mr. Rayburn MacNelly, County Auditor, explained that the Disc Drive is needed to supplement the reporting requirements of the District Clerk's Child Support Division, and added that the Disc Drive will be funded by the Child Support Grant from the Attorney General's Office.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the advertisement for bids for one (1) Hewlett-Packard 1.34 Fiber Link Disc Drive was authorized.

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(6) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. SO AS TO ALLOW LEASE OF WAREHOUSE AND YARD LOCATED ON F.M. 2893 (MONTH TO MONTH EXTENSION)**

Mr. Dan Houlihan, Magic Valley Electric, explained that they have experienced problems in building the electrical lines and are requesting an extension to the Lease Agreement until March 1993, on a month to month basis.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Extension of the Lease Agreement between Cameron County and Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, on a month to month basis, was approved, subject to review by Counsel.

(7) **AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH FITZGERALD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON THE HACIENDA GARDENS GRANT PROJECT**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, explained that this Change Order would add House Service Connections in the amount of \$15,658.94, said funds to be allocated from the Grant Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 to the construction Contract with Fitzgerald Construction Company, Donna, Texas, on the Hacienda Gardens Grant Project.

The Change Order is as follows:

(8) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR PATROL RADARS FOR THE D. P. S. DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the low bid of M.P.H. Industries, Owensboro, Kentucky, in the amount of \$7,780.00 for four (4) Traffic Radars for the Department of Public Safety (D.P.S.), was accepted.

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(9) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR ONE (1) SEDAN FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cascos moved that the low bid meeting specification for one (1) Sedan for the Parks Department be awarded to Tipotex Chevrolet, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$3,349.00, with trade.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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(10) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR LEASE PURCHASE OF PNEUMATIC ROLLER FOR PRECINCTS NO. 1 AND NO. 2

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the bid of Anderson Equipment Company, Pharr, Texas, for the Lease Purchase of a Pneumatic Roller for Precincts No. 1 and No. 2, in the amount of \$63,502.14, was accepted.

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(11) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR FURNITURE FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids for Furniture for various Departments.

The bids received and opened are as follows:

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the bids were referred to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid in one (1) week.

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**(12) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD RFP NO. 92-02-01 FOR
COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR TASK FORCE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Proposal for the Computer System for the Drug Task Force Department be awarded to MicroAge, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$9,800.00, that being the low bid to meet specifications.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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**(13) IN THE MATTER TO AWARD PROPOSALS FOR
SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED.

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**(14) IN THE MATTER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF TOLL BUILDING AND FACILITIES,
LOS INDIOS BRIDGE (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

Judge Garza stated that NO ACTION was necessary since this Item was considered and approved at the Regular Meeting of March 2, 1992.

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**NOT ON AGENDA IN THE MATTER OF THE ACCEPTANCE
OR REJECTION OF FEMA-DSR FOR**

**REPAIRS TO ROADWAY IN GREEN VALLEY
FARMS SUBDIVISION (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that the Item that was Tabled last week regarding the Federal Emergency Management Assistance-Disaster Survey Report (FEMA-DSR) for Green Valley Farms should have been considered at this Meeting.

Mr. Cueto reported that he spoke with the Commissioner from that Precinct and that the Commissioner requested that the Court accept the FEMA-DSR money for road repairs and that he would maintain it as a County Road.

At this time, it appeared to be the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that NO ACTION would be taken on this matter.

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**(15) IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION OF LONE STAR
ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM WITH JAIME
BEAMAN REGARDING STATE OF TEXAS INITIATIVES
AND INCENTIVES IN REGARD TO MORE EFFICIENT
ENERGY UTILIZATION (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED.

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**(17) AUTHORIZATION OF ADOLPH THOMAE, JR. COUNTY
PARK "INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL" OFFER**

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks Director, explained that the "Introductory Special" Offer to the Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park would be an incentive offer for first time visitors or Winter Texans to promote the facility. He said that the Offer would consist of discounted Recreation Vehicle accommodations and that visitors who stayed two (2) nights would receive an extra night at no charge, or those staying two (2) weeks would receive an additional week at no charge.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park "Introductory Special" Offer was authorized.

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**(18) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR PRECINCT
NO. 2 OLMITO OVERLAY PROJECT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Change Order No. 3 for the Precinct No. 2 Olmito Overlay Project be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Change Order is as follows:

(19) **IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING OF MEDFORD ROAD IN
LOT 7 AND 8, BLOCK 408, EL JARDIN RE-SUBDIVISION
(TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED for one (1) week hence.

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(20) **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following travel expenses were approved subject to availability of funds in their budget:

- a) Health Department employee to Houston on March 13-14, 1992, to attend Regional Symposium;
- b) Two (2) Drug Task Force Investigators to San Antonio to exchange Lease Vehicles;
- c) Community Development Director to Austin on March 4-6, 1992, and to Laredo on March 12-13, 1992, for TDHCA Workshops; and
- d) County Treasurer to College Station to attend seminar on April 13-16, 1992.

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(21) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:00 P. M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with Counsel regarding Ashby vs. Cameron County, et al, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes); and
- b) Confer with Counsel regarding acquisition/sale or exchange of property for Community Building for Cameron Park Area Project to be built in conjunction with Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Services, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes).

NOTE: Commissioner Rosenbaum left the Courtroom at this time.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:00 P. M.

(22) **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO**

- a) Confer with Counsel regarding Ashby vs. Cameron County, et al.

Judge Garza reported that the Court received a Report from Counsel and that the matter had been settled and after some discussion, (it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling), that the County Judge be authorized to execute the documents relating to the settlement.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to execute the documents relating to the settlement in the case styled Ashby vs. Cameron County, et al.

- b) Confer with Counsel regarding acquisition/sale or exchange of property for the Community Building for Cameron Park Area Project to be built in conjunction with Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Services.

Judge Garza reported that the Court received a Report from Counsel and after some discussion regarding the acquisition, sale or exchange of property for the Cameron Park Area, (it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling), that NO ACTION was necessary at this time, except to simply acknowledge the Report by Counsel.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Report by Counsel regarding acquisition, sale or exchange of property for the Community Building for Cameron Park Area Project to be built in conjunction with Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Services was acknowledged.

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NOT ON AGENDA APPROVAL OF THE CONSTABLES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE COMMUNICATION NEEDS AND RADIO REQUEST

Judge Garza reported that even though there was no quorum at the scheduled Workshop this morning, there was a discussion with the Constables present and that it appeared to be the consensus of the Constables and the members of the Court, that the Purchasing Agent should be directed to purchase the radios that are needed by the Constables, whether they be VHF or UHF, and that \$5,000.00 should be appropriated from Lapsed Salaries.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the County Purchasing Agent be directed to purchase the radios for the Constables and the Justices of the Peace and that the amount of \$5,000.00 be allocated from Lapsed Salaries.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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(20) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the following travel expense was approved, subject to ratification and availability of funds in the budget: County Clerk and Four (4) Deputies to travel to College Station for a Continuing Education Seminar, March 16-18, 1992.

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(15) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF LONE STAR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM WITH JAIME BEAMAN REGARDING STATE OF TEXAS INITIATIVES AND INCENTIVES IN REGARD TO MORE EFFICIENT ENERGY UTILIZATION

At this time, Mr. Jaime Beaman, State Consultant, explained that the Lone Star Energy Conservation Program was designed to assist "taxing entities" to analyze existing buildings in order to improve the energy consumption.

Mr. Beaman stated that the State of Texas received 200 million dollars in fines from the "Exxon" settlement in 1970, dealing with charges to the customers for the transfer of fuels, and that this Program was designed to return the money back to the public in the form of energy savings.

Mr. Beaman explained that the State would cover the expenses to conduct a "site report" to identify the facilities with the most potential for energy conservation. He said that after that review the County would execute an Agreement with the State to conduct a detailed analysis for energy savings, and he emphasized that the purpose of the Program is not to do "consulting" but to do "retrofit" of the buildings. He added that the State will provide funds for terms up to four (4) years, with an interest rate of 4.04%, to the taxing entities for the detailed analysis and the construction for energy conservation. He said that the "pay back" of the loan will be based on the reduced energy costs.

At this time, Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, expressed his interest in the Program, and stated that it was his understanding that there would be no costs to the County for the detailed analysis, the County would receive the plan to improve

the energy efficiency of the buildings, and that the savings in utility costs would pay off the loan. He added that the analysis could be used at the "Old Court House" to defer some of the costs of the renovation.

Mr. Mack Holder, Consulting Architect, explained that many items would be evaluated during the detailed analysis, such as the light fixtures, insulation, the modification of the mechanical systems and the utilization of motion sensors to increase the energy conservation in the buildings.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the County participate in the Lone Star Energy Conservation Program regarding the State of Texas initiatives and incentives in regard to more efficient energy utilization, and that the County Engineer and County Counsel coordinate the efforts with Mr. Jaime Beaman and Mr. Mack Holder, State Consultants.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED this _____ day of March, 1992.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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