

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13TH day of JULY, 1992 there was conducted a REGULAR Session 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:
1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:
ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

ADOLPH THOMAE, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, to lead the Court and the Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on July 10, 1992, at 9:30 A. M.

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Ms. Linda Irvine, Assistant County Auditor, requested approval as to a late claim regarding a payment of a seizure fund to Mr. Fred Galindo, Trustee, Warrant No. 62235 in the amount of \$4,041.80.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the County Claims, inclusive of the late claim for Mr. Fred Galindo, Trustee, Warrant No. 62235 in the amount of \$4,041.80, be approved as presented by the County Auditor's Office.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Thomae and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Garza as to the claims of E. De La Garza, Warrant No. 61981 in the amount of \$5,863.35, Warrant No. 61982 in the amount of \$4,112.17, Warrant No. 62023 in the amount of \$301.20, Warrant No. 62201 in the amount of \$11,180.40, Warrant No. 62202 in the amount of \$2,498.82, Warrant No. 62204 in the amount of \$2,520.69, and Warrant No. 62205 in the amount of \$364.67.

The Affidavit is as follows:

(2) **APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

At this time, Commissioner Thomae expressed his concern regarding the salary adjustment during the middle of the year, regarding the Tax Assessor-Collector's Department.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the 1991/1992 Budget Amendment No. 33 and the Salary Schedule for the Tax Assessor-Collector, Department No. 10-499 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and the vote was as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum and Cascos

NAY: Commissioners Thomae and Valencia.

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the 1991/1992 Budget Amendment No. 33, exclusive of the items that related to the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, was approved.

The Budget Amendment is as follows:

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES' OF JUNE 29, 1992, AND (JULY 9, 1992, TABLED)**

JUNE 29, 1992

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Thomae and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 29, 1992, at 1:30 P. M., were approved.

JULY 9, 1992 (TABLED)

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

(5) **APPROVAL OF WIC SATELLITE CLINIC LICENSE AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF CAMERON COUNTY**

Commissioner Thomae moved that the County Judge be authorized to execute the Health Women, Infant and Children (W.I.C.) Satellite Clinic License Agreements on behalf of Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Agreements are as follows:

(6) **APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR STORAGE
BARN FOR SEIZED PROPERTY BY CAMERON COUNTY
DRUG ENFORCE-MENT TASK FORCE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Lease Agreement for a storage barn for seized property by the Cameron County Drug Enforcement Task Force was approved.

The Lease Agreement is as follows:

(7) **APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
INTERNATIONAL BANK, N.A. AND CAMERON COUNTY
FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
BENNIE OCHOA**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Lease Agreement between International Bank, N.A., Brownsville, Texas, and Cameron County for office space for Justice of the Peace Bennie Ochoa be approved, as recommended by County Counsel.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomae and carried unanimously.

The Lease Agreement is as follows:

**(8) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR AIR
CONDITIONING UNIT FOR JUDICIAL BUILDING**

Commissioner Thomaе moved that the low bid of George Cunningham Company, Harlingen, Texas, in the amount of \$23,000.00 for an air conditioning unit for the Judicial Building be accepted, on the recommendation of the County Purchasing Agent, and that the difference in funds available and funds necessary be allocated from Lapsed Salaries.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(9) AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT BIDS AND RE-
ADVERTISE FOR ELECTRICAL, HVA/C PLUMBING AND
PAVING FOR CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, explained that the Item had been advertized but that there had been some difficulties in receiving the specification from Texas A & M; however, the specifications and Plans were now available.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, authorization was given to reject and re-advertise for bids for the electrical, HVA/C, plumbing and paving for the Cameron Park Community Center.

**(10) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH
LEGAL COUNSEL TO WORK ON AN AGREEMENT TO
COLLECT AD VALOREM TAXES FOR LOS FRESNOS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LOS
FRESNOS COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT SUBJECT TO
FINAL COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Tax Assessor-Collector, in conjunction with Legal Counsel, be authorized to work on an Agreement to collect Ad Valorem Taxes for Los Fresnos Independent School District and the Los Fresnos County Education District, subject to final Commissioner's Court approval.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**(11) APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION
OFFICIALS FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1992
THROUGH JULY 31, 1993**

Commissioner Thomaе moved that the appointment of the Election Officials for the period from August 1, 1992 through July 31, 1993, be approved as outlined.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Order Appointing Election Judges is as follows:

**(12) APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF 1992
MEMBERSHIP DUES TO LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$9,949.00**

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Membership Dues in the amount of \$9,949.00 to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council were approved.

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**(13) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMISSIONER THOMAE'S
CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION FOR 1991**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Continuing Education Certificate of Completion for 1991 for Commissioner Thomae be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Certificate is as follows:

(14) REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, preliminary approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer:

- a) Free Trade Commerce Center Unit One Subdivision, being 12.504 acres of Block 61 and 0.455 acres of Block 49, Los Indios Irrigation Land Company Subdivision.

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(15) AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT TIMETABLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 1993 BUDGET TABLE

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Timetable for the preparation of the 1993 Budget was adopted.

The Timetable is as follows:

(16) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

At this time, Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, explained that the training to be provided under Item "c" would be very beneficial and recommended that personnel from the Precincts attend; and the suggestion was made to send up to three (3) persons per Precinct, and to appropriate additional monies, if needed, from Lapsed Salaries.

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

- A Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Coordinator, to attend Executive Committee Meeting for local WIC Directors in Austin, Texas, on July 22, 1992;
- b) Justice of the Peace Arturo Salas to attend Multi-Death Inquest and Disaster Planning Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on July 22-24, 1992; and
- c) Precinct personnel and Engineering Department personnel to attend training course conducted by Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service in Harlingen, Texas, on July 15, 1992.

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(17) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 1:55 P. M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Discuss acquisition of Parcel of real estate for Cameron Park Community Center, pursuant to Section 2(e) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes); and
- b) Discuss contemplated litigation concerning Lease Agreement dealing with maintenance of County Airport in relation to requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 2(e) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes).

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 2:15 P. M.

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(18) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discuss acquisition of Parcel of real estate for Cameron Park Community Center.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that Counsel be

directed to acquire "full and clear" title, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Thomae and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to acquire "full and clear" title of the Parcel of Real Estate for Cameron Park Community Center, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

- b) Discuss contemplated litigation concerning Lease Agreement dealing with maintenance of County Airport in relation to requirements of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion with County Counsel and the County Engineer, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the County Engineer be directed to take necessary activity to respond to the April 16, 1992 inspection by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Thomae, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the County Engineer was directed to take the necessary activity to respond to the April 16, 1992 inspection by the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the Lease Agreement dealing with the maintenance of the County Airport in relation to their requirements.

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**(4) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF PROJECT DEL RIO
TO BE SPONSORED BY THE MAQUILADORA
ASOCIACION DE MATAMOROS IN BROWNSVILLE/
MATAMOROS AND MCALLEN/REYNOSA IN 1992-93
(TABLED)**

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

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

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APPROVED this 20th day of July, 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