

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 2nd day of FEBRUARY, 1993 there was conducted a SPECIAL 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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

INELDA T. GARCIA, Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.

JAMES R. MATZ

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked Mr. Frank Burnias, Administrative Assistant for Commissioner Precinct No. 2, 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 January 29, 1993, at 2:59 P. M.

(2) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IN APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE TAX OFFICE TO MEET THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGISTRATION AND TITLE SYSTEM (RTX) IN CAMERON COUNTY

Judge Garza explained that the Court had previously considered and approved the implementation of the Registration and Title System (RTX) and added that the R.T.S. emulators, in the amount of \$7,800.00 and the cost of remodeling the work stations in the amount of \$5,000.00, are included in the Equipment Request List to be considered in the next item.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the amount of \$12,800.00 be appropriated to the Tax Office to meet the Texas Department of Transportation requirements for the implementation of the Registration and Title System (RTX) in Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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(1) FISCAL YEAR 1993 NEW EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING RENOVATIONS REQUESTS BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

At this time, Judge Garza reviewed the following Fiscal Year 1993 "New Equipment Request List" and suggested that the Constables requests be addressed as a "group" after all other requests have been considered:

Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, clarified that the Equipment Request List included all the requests to be funded through the General Fund, excluding the previously approved Items, such as the safe for the District Clerk's Office.

She added that the Computer Equipment requested by the various Departments were satisfied by utilizing the allocated Computer Department's Budget for "New Equipment."

PAGE NO. 1

Ms. Martinez indicated that the request to upholster or repair the three hundred forty-three (343) chairs included all the chairs in the District Courtrooms, the Jury Boxes, and the Attorneys' rooms and suggested that the Court might want to schedule half of the work this Fiscal Year and the rest for next Fiscal Year.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia requested that the Commissioners' vehicles on Page No. 1 be excluded until further discussion and added that he preferred to receive a car allowance instead of a vehicle.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, Page No. 1 was adopted, excluding the "vehicle" request and the "repair of the chairs."

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to upholster half of the chairs requested.

PAGE NO. 2

Ms. Martinez indicated that the District Clerk was requesting a vehicle to be used by the staff to travel to different Banks throughout the County regarding "Trust Fund" matters, as directed by the Courts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, Page No. 2 was adopted, excluding the vehicle requested by the District Clerk.

PAGE NO. 3

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the equipment requested for Department No. 10-499, excluding the remodeling and emulators previously approved, Departments No. 10-514 and No. 10-518 on Page No. 3 were adopted.

PAGES NO. 5 AND NO. 6

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, Pages No. 5 and No. 6 were adopted, excluding the vehicles requested for the Health Department.

At this time, Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, presented an explanation for the Health Department's request for the vehicles.

PAGE NO. 7

Ms. Martinez explained that the requests on Page No. 7 were "renovation" requests to be funded through the General Fund and suggested that the Court might want to defer some of the requests, such as the Health Department, the Juvenile Department, and the Maintenance Department, because of the planned Capital Improvement Projects.

She suggested to schedule half (1/2) of the carpeting during the current Fiscal Year but to proceed with the remodeling necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the renovation requests for the County Clerk, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and half (1/2) of the carpeting as outlined on Page No. 7 were adopted.

PAGES NO. 3 AND NO. 4

CONSTABLES' REQUESTS

Ms. Martinez explained that Constables' Precincts No. 1, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8 were "new" Constables, therefore, the wide range in the total amounts requested.

Commissioner Cascos questioned why there was no uniformity between the Constables as to the uniforms, equipment and radios and Judge Garza responded that the reason for the lack of uniformity was that "each individual elected Constable has the last call within his Department as the Sheriff does for his Department."

There was a lengthy discussion concerning certain items requested and the suggestion was made to narrow the requests to a basic "generic list" as follows, and all other items to be considered on a one-to-one basis by the entire Court:

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the "generic list" as provided by the County Budget Officer was adopted.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Equipment Requests be funded to the extent necessary from the Fund Balance as discussed and anticipated during the Budget period.

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 **17th** day of **FEBRUARY**, 1993.

ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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