

**THE STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF CAMERON         §**

**BE IT REMEMBERED on the 6th day of JUNE, 1995, there was conducted a REGULAR PUBLIC 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:**

**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

**CARLOS H. CASCOS**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

**JAMES R. MATZ**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

**HECTOR PEÑA**  
**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**DEE DEE CAVAZOS           Deputy**  
**COUNTY CLERK**

**ABSENT:**

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked Rev. Juan Jose Rivera, San Pedro, for the invocation and Commissioner Cascos 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 June 2, 1995, at 1:39 P. M.:

(16) **ACTION TO AWARD DENTAL INSURANCE  
COVERAGE TO LIFERE INSURANCE  
COMPANY**

At this time, Mr Mariano Ayala, Personnel Director, reported that the Insurance Committee was recommending that the Dental Insurance Coverage be awarded to LifeRe Insurance Company

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Dental Insurance Coverage was awarded to LifeRe Insurance Company, as recommended by the Insurance Committee.

**The Recommendations are as follows:**

(17) **ADOPTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S APRIL 20, 1995, RURAL COLONIAS FACILITY PLANNING REPORT FOR PALMER, BISHOP, AKA COLONIA LEAL NO. 2 , RANGERVILLE ESTATES, AND DEL MAR HEIGHTS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Texas Water Development Board's April 20, 1995, Rural Colonias Facility Planning Report for Palmer, Bishop, aka Colonia Leal No. 2, Rangerville Estates and Del Mar Heights be approved.

Commissioner Matz reported that he had reviewed the Report and expressed his appreciation to the Water Development Board for their efforts. He added that he supported their "Option No. 2" as the primary priority, but requested that the homes at the rear not be forgotten.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa expressed the Court's appreciation for the Water Developments Board's efforts and added that said efforts would make the community a "much nicer place to live".

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Report is as follows:**

(1) **APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY CLAIMS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as recommended by the County Auditor.



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

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1995 Budget Amendment No. 95-20 was approved.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Salary Schedule for the Maintenance and Operations Department, Precinct No. 1, Fund No. 15-617, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedule are as follow:**

**(3) IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF MAY 16,  
AND MAY 30, 1995 (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no Minutes for approval, at this time.

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**(4) PRESENTATION BY MR. STEVE THOMPSON,  
DIRECTOR OF LAGUNA ATASCOSA REFUGE,  
ON REVENUE FEES IN THE MAOUNT OF  
\$187,739.00 AWARDED TO CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Mr. Steve Thompson, Director of Laguna Atascosa Refuge, presented a check representing the Revenue Fees of the Laguna Atascosa Refuge, in lieu of taxes, in amount of \$187,739.00 to the Court.

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**(5) PRESENTATION BY MR. TONY REISINGER,  
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, ON SHRIMP  
FARMS LOSSES DUE TO THE "TAURA VIRUS"**

At this time, Mr. Tony Reisinger, County Extension Agent, highlighted the statistical Report concerning the Shrimp Farm losses due to the Taura Virus, and the impact to the State's economy and suggested that the Court contact the Governor for assistance on the matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Mr. Tony Reisinger, County Extension Agent, regarding the Shrimp Farms losses due to "Taura Virus" was acknowledged.

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**(6) ACTION TO AWARD BID ON THE EXTERIOR  
RESTORATION OF THE "OLD" COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE (DANCY BUILDING)**

Commissioner Cascos reported that the Court had the opportunity to review the two (2) Proposals being considered on the restoration of the "Old" Courthouse and to hear from the respective Representatives during the Workshop held earlier in the day. He suggested that the Court proceed with the recommendations as outlined.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the bid on the exterior restoration of the "Old" County Courthouse, that being the Dancy Building, be awarded to Historic Systems, Inc., Houston, Texas, as recommended by the Project Architect and the Review Committee.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Peña and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioner Matz.

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- (7) **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RIDER TO MAIN CONTRACT, TO INCLUDE SERVICE TO THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 2 - PLACE NO. 2 OFFICE, WITH ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR COMPANY, INC., FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$33.48 PER MONTH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum carried unanimously, the Rider to the original Contract with the Rochester Armored Car Company, Inc., was approved to include service to the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 - Place No. 2 Office, in the amount of \$33.48 per month.

**The Rider to the Agreement is as follows:**

**(8) APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR PLACEMENT OF ATM MACHINE AT COURTHOUSE, AND ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF TEN CENTS PER TRANSACTION TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the Valley Federal Credit Union would donate ten (10) cents per transaction, and all members would have free transactions. He added that the ATM Machine would be located in the Judicial Building.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Agreement with the Valley Federal Credit Union, for placement of an ATM Machine at the Courthouse, be approved, and that the donation of ten (10) cents per transaction to the Employee Benefit Fund be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned whether other Banking institutions had been contacted and suggested that they be given the opportunity to provide the same services, if they so desire.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(9) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND LAGUNA  
VISTA FOR ROAD MATERIALS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and Laguna Vista for road materials was approved.

**The Interlocal Agreement is as follows:**



**(10) ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DECLARING  
THAT EVERY THIRD SATURDAY IN OCTOBER  
BE KNOWN AS "DIA DEL RIO"**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Resolution declaring that every third Saturday in October be known as "Dia del Rio" be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(11) **APPROVAL OF SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAMER ENTERPRISES**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that this Item be **TABLED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña.

At this time, Mr. Richard Santillana, Adult Probation, explained that the Contract concerned his Department and was within the Department's Budget.

At this time, Commissioner Rosenbaum withdrew his motion to table.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña carried unanimously, the Software Support Services Agreement with Hamer Enterprises was approved, subject to Legal review.

**The Service Agreement is as follows:**

- (12) **IN THE MATTER OF A CELLULAR PHONE FOR  
CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 2 [TABLED]**
- (13) **IN THE MATTER TO LEASE BUILDING IN RIO  
HONDO, FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO 4  
AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE [TABLED]**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, these  
Items were **TABLED**.



- (14) **APPROVAL TO HIRE A TEMPORARY PART-  
TIME PERSONNEL FOR PRECINCT # 3**

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that the Item should read "temporary" personnel and not "part-  
time".

Commissioner Matz moved that the "temporary" personnel for Precinct No. 3 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



- (15) **AUTHORIZATION OF FINAL SETTLEMENT  
OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF DAMAGES  
INCURRED TO TOLL BOOTH No. 1 ON  
MARCH 9, 1995, AT GATEWAY  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the final  
settlement of any and all claims of damages incurred to Toll Booth No.1 on March 9, 1995, at Gateway International  
Bridge was approved.



**(18) APPROVAL OF SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WORK SITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CAMERON COUNTY PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, AND FOR CAMERON COUNTY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO SIGN SAID CONTRACT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Summer Youth Employment Program Work Site Agreement between Cameron County and the Cameron

County Private Industry Council was approved, and the Program Development and Management Director was authorized to sign said Contract.



**(19) APPROVAL TO ACCEPT CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT GRANT AWARD NUMBER DB-95-501-08644, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000 (FEDERAL) AND \$30,000 (COUNTY)**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Criminal Justice Department Grant Award Number DB-95-501-08644, in the amount of \$90,000.00 (Federal) and \$30,000.00 (County) be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.



## **"CONSENT" AGENDA ITEMS**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR "CONSENT" AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:**

Upon, motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follows:

- (20) APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF SEPARATE TELEPHONE LINE TO SERVICE COUNTY TREASURER'S PERSONAL COMPUTER MODEM FOR THE INSTALLATION COST OF \$200.00, PLUS A MONTHLY LINE CHARGE OF \$29.00, FROM JULY - SEPTEMBER 1995**
- (21) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**
  - a) Precinct No.4 -** Hilton Estates Subdivision - 16.356 acres, being 5.128 acres out of Block 24, and 5.735 acres out of Block 23, of N. T. Masterson Subdivision
  - b) Precinct No.4 -** Gamble Road County Estates Subdivision -being a subdivision of 17.493 acres of land and being all of Lots 3 and 4, Block 1 of County Wood Estates.
- (22) FINAL APPROVAL:**
  - a) Precinct No. 2 -** Sunset Lake Subdivision No.1 - being 15.285 acres, comprised of a 2.216 acres out of a 64.37 acre tract and 13.069 acres out of a 94.65 acre tract share 15, Espiritu Santo Grant
  - b) Precinct No. 1 -** Villa Bonita Subdivision - being a subdivision all of Block 7 (9.273 acres) and the East 1/2 of Block 8, (5.220 acres) Esperanza Place Subdivision.
- (23) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:**
  - a)** Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6 - Place No. 1, to attend the "Justice of the Peace and Constable Convention" in Abilene, Texas, on June 20 - 25, 1995;
  - b)** Constable Precinct No. 1 to attend the "Justice of the Peace and Constables Convention", in Abilene, Texas, on June 20 25, 1995;
  - c)** Parks Director to meet with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding "T. R. A. P. S. Annual Conference", in Austin, Texas, on May 31, 1995;
  - d)** Deputy Constables Precinct No. 8, to attend the "Intoxilizer

School" in San Antonio, Texas, on June 25-30, 1995;

- e) Deputy Constables Precinct No. 4 to attend the "Intoxilizer School" in San Antonio, Texas, on June 25-30, 1995;
- f) District Clerk and Deputy to attend the "Child Support Division Meeting" in San Antonio, Texas, on May 29 - 30, 1995;
- g) Commissioners' Court to attend the "South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association", in Laredo, Texas, on June 27 - 30, 1995;
- h) Personnel/Safety Risk Director to attend the "Texas Association of Counties 1995 Statewide Loss Control Conference" in Austin, Texas, on July 12- 14, 1995;
- i) Building Inspector to attend the "One and Two Family Electrical Seminar" in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 24, 1995;
- j) WIC Director and employee, to attend "Texas Perinatal Association Planning Committee Meeting", in Weslaco, Texas, on June 27, 1995; and
- k) County Clerk and two (2) Deputies to view "Imaging System", in Hunt County, Texas, on June 7, 1995;



**(24) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:10 P. M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) To discuss case and settlement authority on Belia Levrier vs. County, No. 94-05-2150-B, 138th Judicial District Court, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A) and (B), and
- b) To confer with County Attorney concerning Property Management of County Real Estate, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071.

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



(25) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) To discuss matters pertaining to authority on Belia Levrier vs. County, No. 94-05-2150-B, 138th Judicial District Court.

**NOTE: Judge Hinojosa did not participate in the discussion.**

Judge Hinojosa reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should proceed along the terms and conditions as agreed to in Executive Session regarding said matter, noting that he was not present during the discussion.

Commissioner Matz moved that County Counsel be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as agreed to in Executive Session regarding the matters pertaining to Belia Levrier vs. County, No. 94-05-2150-B, 138th Judicial District Court.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

Abstain: Judge Hinojosa.

- b) To discuss matters pertaining to Property Management of County Real Estate.

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should place certain Items on the following Week's Agenda concerning said matters.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to place certain Items on the Agenda at the next Meeting concerning the Property Management of County Real Estate.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED**.

**APPROVED** this **27th** day of **JUNE 1995**.

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**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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