

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

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

9:00 A. 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.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on June 2, 1995, at 1:40 P. M.:

**(1) WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE CAMERON
COUNTY CONSTABLES**

At this time, Ms. Grace Salinas, Assistant Administrator, highlighted the following Report concerning the Constables' precinct population, organization, costs and workload:

After some discussion concerning the disparity in population and workload, the following Constables presented a brief Report concerning their functions and responsibilities:

- Constable Mike Barberena, Precinct No. 1
- Constable Arturo Gonzalez, Precinct No. 2
- Constable Juan Jose Sanchez, Precinct No. 3
- Constable Robert Lopez, Precinct No. 4
- Constable Javier Loreda, Precinct No. 5
- Constable Carlos Z. Gracia, Precinct No. 6, and
- Constable Juan Mendoza, Precinct No. 8.

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, explained the statutory and Constitutional Requirements concerning the Constables and added that the State Statutes provided for eight (8) Constables based on the population of the County, but that the Court had the discretion as to the number of Constables and the area to be served. He added that more than one (1) Justice of the Peace could serve in a Constable's Precinct, but only one Constable per Precinct.

The following individuals expressed their concerns regarding the Constable's responsibilities and population served:

- Ms. Frances Kowalski, El Ranchito Resident
- Captain Ronnie Saenz, Sheriff's Department, and
- Mr. Eddie Medrano, Attorney At Law.



(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:10 A. M. to discuss the following matter:

- a) To confer with County Counsel to discuss the Cameron County Constables.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:29 P.M.



(3) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) To discuss matters pertaining to the Cameron County Constables.

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Court would provide direction to the Constables to insure compliance with the statutory requirements, and to establish a date for a Public Hearing concerning said matter.

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

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

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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