

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 14th day of AUGUST, 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:

1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

INELDA T. GARCIA Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

JAMES R. MATZ

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked 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 August 11, 1995, at 11:04 A.M.:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

(2) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Fiscal Year 1995 Budget Amendment No. 95-27 and the Salary Schedules for the Financial Disruption Task Force Department, Fund No. 22-471, and the Cameron /Willacy CSCD Office, Fund No. 92-576, be approved as recommended by the County Auditor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Budge Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follow:

(3) IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES (NO ACTION TAKEN)

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



(4) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR A VETERANS STATE CEMETERY IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution for a Veterans State Cemetery in the Rio Grande Valley, was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

(5) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Resolution "Opposing the Proposed Closure of the American Consulate in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico," be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(6) APPROVAL TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOTEL FOR MEXICO TRIP ON AUGUST 3-4, 1995

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the exceptions to the Travel Policy regarding the reimbursement of the hotel cost for the Mexico City travel on August 3-4, 1995, were approved.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the Travel Policy had previously been amended to include New York, Washington, and Mexico City, by raising the hotel reimbursement limit to \$150.00 per night.



(7) APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) CLERK AND ONE (1) ROAD AND BRIDGE TECHNICIAN

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, one (1) Clerk and one (1) Road and Bridge Technician were retained for Precinct No. 4.



(8) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE AND TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE WORKSTUDY PROGRAM

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the Cooperative Agreement would allow the County to participate in the Workstudy Program and that there would be no additional cost to the County, if the Department had funds for "extra-help".

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Cooperative Agreement with the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College be approved, in order to participate in the College Workstudy Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Peña questioned whether the County would participate with Workstudy Programs, if available, with other Educational Institutions and the County Judge responded affirmatively.



(9) **IN THE MATTER OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR CONTINUATION FUNDING FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (STEP) GRANT PROGRAMS: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) OCCUPANT PROTECTION (OP) AND SPEED (TABLED)**

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the second year of the Program would require a twenty-five percent (25%) Local Match, in the amount of \$18,750.00, and added that the Grant was funded at 100% during the first year. He stated that the Court would have to designate a source of funding for said expenditure.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Sheriff's Department was not aware that the Item was on the Agenda and suggested that this Item be tabled, in order for the Sheriff's Department to provide pertinent information concerning the first year implementation of the Programs.

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

(10) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE (1) COMPACT PICK-UP TRUCK**

Mr. Michael Martin, County Engineer, reported that the Department had a truck that needed to be replaced, and that money was available within the Budget for said expenditure.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the advertisement for bids for one (1) Compact Pick-up Truck was approved.

(11) **AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE ISLA BLANCA PARK ANDY BOWIE AND PUBLIC BEACHES COUNTY PARKS**

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, reported that the current Waste Management provider had been serving the County for the last ten (10) years and suggested that the Department solicit proposals and award to the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Cameron County Parks System be authorized to consider Proposals for Waste Management for the Isla Balance Park, Andy Bowie and the Public Beaches within the Parks System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

(12) **AUTHORIZATION RELATIVE TO PROPOSED
RULES FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
MOBILE VENDORS' PERMIT**

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, stated that as a result of Legislation sponsored by State Representative Rene Oliveira, and requested by the Texas Parks and Wildlife, County Governments would be responsible for administering the Local Vending Permits on public beaches outside the incorporated areas, instead of the State. He stated that the Proposed Rules would require that the Vendors comply with the five (5) items listed on the Application, and recommended that the Parks System Director be designated to review the Applications. He added that the Court could designate another Department; such as the Health Department, to review the Applications and administer the Mobile Vendors' Permits.

At this time, Mr. Conway requested guidance from the Court as to whether to present the Application for Court approval, as was the current practice, and the County Judge responded affirmatively.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa requested that the Parks System Director review and change the Resolution which established the Parks Advisory Board, in order to allow each Commissioner to have an appointment on the Board, and to delete the current practice of "Alternate" appointments. He added that new members were appointed as "Alternates" to the Board and that Commissioner Rosenbaum did not have an appointment

There was some discussion concerning the method to "re-constitute" the Board, and the suggestion was made to "abolish" the current Board, and to appoint or re-appoint Board members for two (2) or three (3) years staggered terms, similar to other County Boards.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos asked the Court for guidance for the Parks System Director and the County Auditor regarding "Community" Parks Budget funding for the next Fiscal Year.

There was some discussion concerning the Administration of the County Parks System, including the "Community" Parks, the Proposed Budget additional personnel requested and the suggestion was made to transfer the funds in the "Maintenance" Department, designated for the Community Parks, to the Parks System, in order to provide for one (1) additional person and one (1) vehicle for maintenance of the County Parks.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Proposed Rules for the Administration of Mobile Vendors' Permit be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos, and carried unanimously.

The Rules are as follow:

"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 Peña and carried unanimously, the
"Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow:

(13) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE AND A HALF (1 1/2) TON
PICK-UP TRUCK WITH OUT TRADE FOR PRECINCT NO. 1
UTILIZING THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR BURSTER/DETACHER
- DATA PROCESSING

MOORE, San Antonio, Texas
\$16,917.00

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL
EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN
THEIR BUDGET:

- a) Two (2) Commanders to attend the "Mandatory Regional
Commander's Meeting" in Georgewest, Texas, on August 10, 1995;
and
- b) County Court At Law No. One (1) Judge to attend the "Family Law
Practice Seminar" in Houston, Texas, on September 13-15, 1995.

(16) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, Item 16

"b" was **TABLED** and the Court met in Executive Session at 2:00 P.M. to discuss the following matter:

- a) To discuss the Right-of-Way Acquisitions on FM/1419 for Parcel
Nos. 049, 056, 053, 054, and 066; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code
Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- b) In the matter of a potential litigation or settlement in regards to over
charges for water and sewer services for Cameron County Parks
System; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.),
Government Code, Section 551.071. (**TABLED**)

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

(17) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) To discuss the Right-of-Way acquisition on FM/1419 for Parcel Nos. 049, 056, 053, 054, and 066.

Commissioner Cascos reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the County Engineer should proceed and acquire the property as outlined in Executive Session regarding said matters.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the County Engineer was directed to proceed and acquire the property as outlined in Executive Session concerning the Right-of-Way Acquisitions on FM/1419 for Parcel Nos. 049, 056, 053, 054, and 066.

- b) In the matter of a potential litigation or settlement in regards to over charges for water and sewer services for Cameron County Parks System. **(TABLED)**

Commissioner Cascos reported that this Item was **TABLED** and not discussed.

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

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APPROVED this **12th** day of **September**, 1995.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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