

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23RD day of JANUARY, 1996, there was conducted a **REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING** 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, C.P.A.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:



The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville Resident, 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 January 19, 1996, at 10:21 A.M.:

**(5) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE 24-HOUR OPERATION OF THE FREE
TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS**

At this time, Mayor Charles F. Weekly, City of San Benito, explained the purpose in supporting the 24-Hour Operation of the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios and requested support of the Ordinance from the Commissioners' Court.

Mayor William Card, City of Harlingen, noted that the State of Tamaulipas Federal Officials were prepared to staff the 24-Hour Operation on the Mexican side of the Bridge, but that the constraints had been the staffing of Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Services.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the Los Indios Free Trade Bridge Advisory Committee had unanimously recommended the adoption of the Resolution, subject to the Free Trade Bridge Funds in the Budget.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution, in support of the Twenty-four (24) Hour Operation of the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented a late claim as to the Financial Disruption Task Force, Warrant No. 5600, in the amount of \$12,000.00, for approval.

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Claims be approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the late claim as to Warrant No. 5600, in the amount of \$12,000.00.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz, and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa as to the claim of Cameron County Fresh Water District, Warrant No. 5371 in the amount of \$12,000.00.



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

The County Auditor stated that there were no Budget Amendments and/or Salary Schedules for approval.



(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 1995, AND JANUARY 03, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on December 22, 1995, at 9:00 A.M., and the Special Meeting held on January 03, 1996, at 1:30 P.M. were approved, noting that a minor correction needed to be made on the Minutes for January 3, 1996, Item No. 6.



**(4) PRESENTATION OF DELINQUENT TAX
REPORT BY HEARD, BLAIR AND WILLIAMS,
DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEYS**

At this time, Mr. Rogelio Ortiz, Office Manager, presented the report on the "History of Total Collections for Cameron County", and briefly summarized the collections on Delinquent Taxes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Report by Heard, Blair and Williams, Delinquent Tax Attorneys, was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

**(6) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND RANCHO
VIEJO FOR PAVING OF CARMEN AVENUE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and Rancho Viejo, for the Paving of Carmen Avenue was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

(7) APPROVAL TO HIRE A PART-TIME ROAD AND BRIDGE TECHNICIAN AND ONE (1) CLERICAL STAFF

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, approval was given to hire a Part-Time Road and Bridge Technician and one (1) Clerical Staff for Precinct No. 4.

(8) APPROVAL OF THE AUTOMATED BALANCE REPORTING AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, BROWNSVILLE, THAT SHALL BE SUBSERVIENT TO THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT EXECUTED SEPTEMBER 28, 1995, BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, BROWNSVILLE

Commissioner Peña moved that the Automated Balance Reporting Agreement with International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville, subservient to the Depository Contract executed September 28, 1995, between Cameron County and International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz, and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Agreement is as follows:

(9) APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL GEOMORPHOLOGICAL FIELD SERVICES BY ESPEY HUSTON AND ASSOCIATED ON THE LOS TOMATES BRIDGE PROJECT

At this time, Michael A. Martin, County Engineer, explained that additional Geomorphological Surveys were required, and would cost the amount of \$9,600.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, additional Geomorphological Field Services by Espey Huston and Associated, on the Los Tomates Bridge Project, was approved.

There was some discussion concerning the re-alignment of East Avenue from the extension of the Expressway, and the suggestion was made that several issues relating to the Los Tomates Bridge Project be discussed in Executive Session at the next Meeting.



(10) AUTHORIZATION FOR A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF DANA AVENUE FROM CAMINO DE LA TIERRA TO SUSSEX DELL ROAD FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

At this time, Michael Martin, County Engineer, suggested that the site be closed for six (6) months, in order to discourage the public from using the area as a dump site.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a Workshop be scheduled regarding the efforts being expanded with the Anti-Litter Program.

Commissioner Cascos moved that a temporary closure of a portion of Dana Avenue, from Camino de la Tierra to Sussex Dell Road for a period of six (6) months, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.



(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOLDAR ENGINEERING FOR THE FM/1419 PROJECT

At this time, Michael Martin, County Engineer, stated that the Department of Transportation mandated some changes in the Alignment on FM/1419 and that the change would require an additional amount of \$1,860.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, Change Order No. 1, to the Professional Services Contract with Holdar Engineering for the FM/1419 Project, was authorized as recommended by the County Engineer.



(12) RATIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ROBERTO J. RUIZ, ARCHITECT, FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF ISLA BLANCA PARK REGISTRATION OFFICE AND SEA RANCH RESTAURANT

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Professional Services Agreement between Cameron County and Roberto J. Ruiz, Architect, for the Design and Construction Management of the Isla Blanca Park Registration Office and the Sea Ranch Restaurant was ratified, subject to Legal review.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(13) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR
APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES
FOR THE FOLLOWING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the following Travel and/or Travel Expenses were approved, subject to funds in their Budget:

- a) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a "Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas Regional Conference" on January 3, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas;
- b) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Director and Breastfeeding Coordinator to attend "Texas Perinatal Association Planning Committee Meeting" on February 13, 1996, in Weslaco, Texas;
- c) County Treasurer to attend the "County Investment Officer Training" on February 8-10, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- d) Two (2) Sheriff Deputies to attend the "Transportation Techniques Training Seminar" on January 29-30, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas;
- e) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6, Place No. 2, to attend the "Justice of the Peace Training" on February 11-14, 1996, in Austin, Texas, and;
- f) County Agent to attend "Master Parent Volunteer Regional Training" on January 23-25, 1996, in Kingsville, Texas.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

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 Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow:

(14) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

- a) **Precinct No. 4**

Jesus Pizano Estates - being a subdivision of 0.87 acre tract of land, out of a 4.730 acre tract out

of Block No. 17, Survey No. 42,
Stuart Place Subdivision.

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

- a) ANNUAL BIDS - FOOD - TAMALES;
- b) ANNUAL BIDS - LAUNDRY SOAP; and
- c) PICK-UP TRUCKS-MAINTENANCE AND FLEET MAINTENANCE.

The bids received and opened follow:

**16) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE OR ANNUAL BIDS FOR
ARMORED CAR SERVICES**



(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

a) ANNUAL BIDS - FOOD - TAMALES;

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

b) ANNUAL BIDS - LAUNDRY SOAP; and

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

c) PICK-UP TRUCK-MAINTENANCE AND FLEET MAINTENANCE.

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

**NOT ON
AGENDA**

**LETTER DATED JANUARY 17,1996,
REGARDING WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

At this time, Commissioner Matz referred to the following Letter dated January 17, 1996, regarding the safety activities that had resulted in a significant decrease in the amount of Workers' Compensation costs, and expressed gratitude to the Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, and the Department Heads, for their efforts in promoting safety and reducing the Insurance costs:

(17) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Confer with Legal Counsel concerning a Proposed Motel/Cafe Development on the following described property: Sea Ranch Marina, at Isla Blanca Park in Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:50 P.M.



(18) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Confer with Legal Counsel concerning a Proposed Motel/Cafe Development on the following described property: Sea Ranch Marina, at Isla Blanca Park in Cameron County.

Commissioner Matz 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 outlined in Executive Session regarding said matter.



Upon motion by Commissioner Matz , seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session regarding a Proposed Motel/Cafe Development on the following described property: Sea Ranch Marina, at Isla Blanca Park in Cameron County.

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

APPROVED this 6th day of February, 1996.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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