

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 13TH day of FEBRUARY, 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 February 9, 1996, at 4:14 P.M.:

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 1996, at 1:30 P.M. were approved.



(4) APPROVAL TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WITH INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, 1) CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION, FEE ACCOUNT - DARRELL HESTER JUVENILE CENTER 2) CAMERON COUNTY TREASURER - ADULT PROBATION TREATMENT ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION PROGRAM, FUND NO. 94

Commissioner Peña moved that the following accounts be opened with International Bank of Commerce: 1) Cameron County Juvenile Probation, Fee Account - Darrell Hester Juvenile Center, and 2) Cameron County Treasurer - Adult Probation Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program - Fund No. 94.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz, and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Resolutions are as follow:

**(5) ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR
PHARMACEUTICAL CONSULTANT SERVICES
FOR CALENDER YEAR 1996, RETROACTIVE
DATE OF JANUARY 10, 1996, THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Contract for Pharmaceutical Consultant Services for the Calender Year 1996, retroactive date of January 10, 1996, through December 31, 1996, be approved, subject to a minor revision by County Counsel.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(6) APPROVAL TO APPOINT MS. JOAN MATHES TO THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, Ms. Joan Mathes, Harlingen resident, was appointed to serve on the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of the Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1.

(7) IN THE MATTER OF SETTING FEES FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITIES ON THE GENERAL FUND PARKS (TABLED)

At this time, Commissioner Peña recommended that a \$25.00 Fee be established for the use of the facilities constructed or installed in the County Parks and that a consistent Policy be implemented.

Commissioner Matz suggested that Commissioner Peña and Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, research the procedures, consult with the County Attorney's Office regarding said matter, and present recommendations to the Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

(8) APPROVAL FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (HIFI), AS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY, TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG FM 1595 (SOON TO BE LOOP 509), ADJACENT TO THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT II

At this time, Mr. Jack L. Brown, Engineer, stated that there was an excess of twenty (20) feet of Right-of-Way that had been dedicated and explained that the Harlingen Industrial Foundation, Inc. planned to utilize the area for landscaping and beautification in association with the property owners.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, permission was granted to the Harlingen Industrial Foundation, Inc. (HIFI) to landscape a twenty (20) foot section of Right-of-Way along FM 1595 (soon to be Loop 590), adjacent to the Harlingen Industrial Park, Unit II.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the District Attorney's Office discuss the matter with Mr. Jack L. Brown, Engineer, and that a Memorandum of Understanding be prepared.

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(9) AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO ACT, ON BEHALF OF THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (HIFI), AS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DRAINAGE OUTFALL DITCH FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL PARK, UNIT III, AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

At this time, Mr. Jack L. Brown, Engineer, stated that the request to acquire the Right-of-Way was to provide an "outfall" drain for the development of the Harlingen Industrial Park, Unit III, and the surrounding area and noted that the area was not within the City Limits. He stated that the Harlingen Industrial Foundation, Inc. would fund the entire Project, including acquisitions and appraisals and reported that they were currently negotiating with the property owners, and added that some properties might require condemnation.

Commissioner Matz moved that Cameron County be authorized to act as the Legal Authority, on behalf of the Harlingen Industrial Foundation, Inc. (HIFI), in order to acquire the Right-of-Way for a drainage "outfall" ditch for the development of the Harlingen Industrial Park, Unit III, and the surrounding area.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

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(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following late claims for approval:

- Warrant No. 7035 - Texas Association of Counties - \$213.11;
- Warrant No. 7036 - Texas Association of Counties - \$225.12; and
- Warrant No. 7037 - Texas Association of Counties - \$195.76.

Mr. Yates presented explanations on the following claims which were questioned at the Regular Meeting held February 6, 1996:

- Warrant No. 6216 - \$12,152.00 - for five (5) juveniles for thirty-one (31) days for December, 1995, at a rate of \$78.40 per day;

Warrant No. 6219 - \$50.00 - for lumber and materials for the Workstation at the

La Feria Tax Office;

Warrant No. 6319 - \$144.72 - for advertisement for Cameron County Health

Clinics;

Warrant No. 6353 - \$10.00 - for restitution collected by the Juvenile Probation Department; and

Warrant No. 6371 through 6443 - for the City of Brownsville Elections.

Commissioner Peña moved that the County Claims be approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the following late claims:

Warrant No. 7035 - Texas Association of Counties - \$213.11;

Warrant No. 7036 - Texas Association of Counties - \$225.12; and

Warrant No. 7037 - Texas Association of Counties - \$195.76.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Matz moved that the following Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules be approved.

Budget Amendments:

Fiscal Year 1995, Budget No. 95-30; and

Fiscal Year 1996, Budget No. 96-05.

Salary Schedules:

Maintenance and Operations Precinct No. 4 - Fund No. 15-620;

Supervision Fund - Fund No. 92-576;

Cameron County Health Department - Fund No. 24-631;

Cameron County District Clerk - Fund No. 10-450; and

Cameron County Parks System - Isla Blanca - Fund No. 83-660.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follow:

**(10) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY
AND THE CITY OF RIO HONDO**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and the City of Rio Hondo was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO INFORM THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND THE MUNICIPAL JUDGES THAT THEY CAN REQUEST POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND CONSTABLES TO PICK UP MENTAL PATIENTS AND TRANSPORT TO MENTAL FACILITIES

At this time, Mr. Ronnie Saenz, Sheriff's Department, stated that other local Law Enforcement Agencies called the Sheriff's Department to handle the transportation of the mental patients and requested that the responsibility be divided between all the local Law Enforcement Agencies. He noted that the Sheriff's Department no longer receives the Grant funds that provided two (2) Deputies to deal with the transportation issue.

At this time, Ms. Dylbia Jefferies, County Counsel, requested Letters be mailed to all the local Law Enforcement Agencies, informing them that the Police Departments and Constables were authorized to transport mental patients.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the County Counsel was authorized to inform the Justices of the Peace and the Municipal Judges that they can request Police Departments and Constables to transport mental patients to the Mental Facilities.



(12) APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDICIAL COURT INFORMATION SYSTEM AS IT APPLIES TO EACH DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum, and carried unanimously, the Criminal Justice Implementation Team, for the implementation of the Judicial Court Information System, as it applied to each Department was approved as outlined:

- Rosie Ingle - Adult Probation Office
- Noe Ruiz - Adult Probation Office
- Xavier Villarreal - County Auditor's Office
- Edwina Perez - Bail Bond Administrator
- Nellie Garcia - County Clerk's Office
- Hilda Melchor - County Court at Law No. 1 (Both Courts)
- Annie Barrera - District Attorney's Office
- Elvira Ortiz - District Clerk's Office
- Estella Cavazos - District Court Administrator (All five (5) Courts)
- Lourdes Mardis - Impact Court
- Lt. George Garcia - Jail (Booking)
- Claudia Maldonado - Jail (Commissary)
- Robert L. Salinas - Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2-1 (All JP's)
- Rosie Gomez - Sheriff's Office

Rudy Juarez - Data Processing Manager (Computer Center), and
Rumaldo Solis - Operations Manager (Computer Center).

(13) IN THE MATTER OF THE FINAL CONTRACT PROPOSALS, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 950801, SOFTWARE APPLICATION - PCSS FOR THE COURT AUTOMATION SYSTEM, JALAN FOR THE JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; HARDWARE PRODUCTS - IBM AS/400 MODEL 510 UPGRADE, LOMAR MARKETING, INC. FOR 100 COLOR WORKSTATIONS (TABLED)

At this time, Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director, stated that the three (3) Contracts would provide the hardware and software for the automation of the Court System. He explained that the Departments would be able to access the Judicial Court Information through color workstations, and that the productivity would increase by twenty-five percent (25%).

There was some discussion concerning the terms of the Contracts and the suggestion was made to table the matter in order to resolve the issues of concerns.

Upon motion by Commissioner [REDACTED] Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

(14) APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE TO IMPLEMENT A SMALL REPAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAMERON PARK SUBDIVISION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Agreement between Cameron County and the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville was approved, in order to implement a small Repairs Program in the Cameron Park Subdivision.

The Agreement is as follows:

(15) AUTHORIZATION REQUESTING A LOAN FROM FUND NO. 80-610 (GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE) TO FUND NO. 77-610 (FREE TRADE BRIDGE) FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS AT THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE

At this time, Mr. Jose F. Galvan, Bridge System Director, stated that no maintenance or repairs had been made to the Free Trade Bridge since it opened and added that several Engineering Firms had performed Annual Inspections of the Bridge and had identified some problems. He reported problems with the expansion joints on the Bridge, the approach slab to the Bridge, and drainage problems associated with the canopy at the County Toll Building; and estimated the cost of repairs, in the amount of \$47,500.00. He noted that the U.S. Customs and Immigration might require that a gate be placed on the Bridge, which would cost an additional amount of \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

There was some discussion concerning the Engineering Firms contacted for the Annual Inspections and whether the County should be soliciting proposals for said services and the County Engineer responded that the cost to reply to a proposal would be higher than the estimated cost of the Project.

Commissioner Matz moved that the loan from Fund No. 80-610 (Gateway International Bridge) to Fund No. 77-610 (Free Trade Bridge) be authorized for the maintenance and repairs at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Matz, Peña, and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Cascos.

(16) ACTION TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION AT THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE - LOS INDIOS FROM SIXTEEN (16) TO TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS DAILY MARCH 12, 1996

At this time, Mr. Jose F. Galvan, Bridge System Director, stated that a date needed to be established to begin the twenty-four (24) hour operation at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios, in order for all the Federal Agencies involved in the operation to prepare for the required services to be provided.

Commissioner Matz moved that the hours of operation at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios be changed from sixteen (16) to twenty-four (24) hours daily, effective March 1, 1996.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(17) ADOPTION OF AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY PLAN FOR JANUARY 1, 1996,
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, was adopted.

The Plan is as follows:

(18) AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE EXTRA HELP FOR THE CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 1 FOR THE SPRING BREAK PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 23, 1996 THROUGH MAY 2, 1996

At this time, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, stated that he met with the Association of Constables to discuss said matter and reported that Precinct No. 4 would assist for the Spring Break Period.

Commissioner Matz moved that Constable Precinct No. 1 should contact Precinct No. 4 for assistance during the Spring Break Period of February 23, 1996 through May 2, 1996.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(19) APPROVAL OF CAMERON COUNTY PURCHASING MANUAL

At this time, the County Auditor stated that Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, had created a County Purchasing Manual that was in compliance with the requirements of the State Controller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, stated that he intended to visit with all the Departments to review and answer any questions regarding the Purchasing Manual and noted that it would be an ongoing process.

There was some discussion concerning the hiring of additional Purchasing Department Personnel in order for the Purchasing Office to operate more efficiently and to remain in compliance.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Cameron County Purchasing Manual be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Manual is as follows:

(20) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT KATHERINE DRIVE AS A COUNTY DEDICATED ROAD WITHIN PRECINCT NO. 4, IN 1577 SUBDIVISION SECTION III, LOCATED BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY 1577 AND STATE HIGHWAY 281

Commissioner Peña moved that Katherine Drive be accepted as a County Dedicated Road within Precinct No. 4, in 1577 Subdivision Section III, located between State Highway 1577 and State Highway 281.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

(21) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CINCO DE MAYO AVENUE AS A COUNTY DEDICATED ROAD WITHIN PRECINCT NO. 4 IN ALBERTO GARZA, JR. SUBDIVISION LOCATED ABOUT HALF A MILE WEST OF FM 732; FRONTS THE SOUTH SIDE OF ESPINOSA ROAD

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, Cinco de Mayo Avenue was accepted as a County Dedicated Road within Precinct No. 4, in the Alberto Garza, Jr. Subdivision, located about half a mile West of FM 732, and fronting the South Side of Espinosa Road.

(22) APPROVAL FOR EARLY VOTING BRANCH OFFICES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12, 1996

At this time, Ms. Amalia Cano, Elections Administrator, presented the list of the proposed Early Voting Polling Places as outlined:

Elections Administrator's Office, County Courthouse,
Harlingen Tax Office, 602 E. Harrison St.,
San Benito Tax Office, 650 E. Hwy 77,
Los Fresnos Tax Office, 105 Ocean Blvd.,
Port Isabel Wal-Mart, 218 E. Queen Isabella,
Brownsville Wal-Mart, Boca Chica Blvd.,
Brownsville Lopez Supermarkets, Southmost Road, and
La Feria Tax Office, 126 West First Street.

Commissioner Matz stated that the Election Judge in Port Isabel had requested that the Wal-Mart not to be utilized as a polling place due to an unstructured situation and minimal security.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Port Isabel City Hall be kept as a Polling Place and stated that if there was a change in location the public may not be aware of the change and that it would affect low turn outs.

At this time, the Elections Administrator stated that the total cost for the Election would be \$30,000.00, that being \$21,000.00 for the Primary Election and an additional \$9,000.00 for the Run-off Elections.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Early Voting Branch Offices for the Democratic and Republican Primary Election to be held on March 12, 1996, were approved as follow:

Elections Administrator's Office, County Courthouse,
Harlingen Tax Office, 602 E. Harrison St.,
San Benito Tax Office, 650 E. E. Hwy 77,
Los Fresnos Tax Office, 105 Ocean Blvd.,
Port Isabel City Hall, 305 E. Maxan,
Brownsville Wal-Mart, Boca Chica Blvd.,
Brownsville Lopez Supermarkets, Southmost Road, and
La Feria Tax Office, 126 West First Street.

**(23) AUTHORIZATION TO REVIEW THE CURRENT
POLICY ON THE USE OF COUNTY-OWNED
VEHICLES**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the County Policy regarding the use of County owned vehicles in the Personnel Manual needed to be clarified and suggested the appointment of a Committee, to include Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, and Ms. Grace Salinas, Assistant Administrator, to review and define the Policy.

Commissioner Cascos expressed some concern regarding the disciplinary actions to be taken against the Elected Officials that violate the Policy and noted that all Elected Officials should equally and consistently follow policies. There was some discussion concerning sanctions for an employee, should the Policy be violated, and the responsibilities of Elected Officials to implement the Policies and to provide the appropriate discipline.

At this time, the County Auditor stated that the County could request reimbursement if there was an inappropriate use of the vehicle or the County had the option to withhold a paycheck.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, suggested that the Elected Officials be requested to contribute their recommendations to the Committee.

At this time, Mr. Ronnie Saenz, Sheriff's Department, stated that all the Deputies assigned a vehicle were responsible for the vehicles, and that maintenance was conducted every 3,000 miles, and added that the trade-in values were high due to timely maintenance of the units.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Committee draft the recommendations and present them to the Elected Officials for their comments and the suggestion was made to present said matter in two (2) weeks.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following Committee was appointed to review the Current Policy on the use of County-Owned Vehicles and to make recommendations:

Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, Chairperson of the Committee,

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, and

Ms. Grace Salinas, Assistant Administrator.

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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the

"Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow:

- (24) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:**
- a) Program Development and Management Director and Community Development Coordinator to meet with Willacy County Judge on January 17, 1996, and February 2, 1996, in Raymondville, Texas, pursuant to HB 1509;
 - b) Program Development and Management Director and Community Development Coordinator to attend "1996 Texas Community Development Program Workshop" on February 8, 1996, in Falfurrias, Texas;
 - c) Two (2) Health employees to attend "Changes in the County Indigent Care Program" on February 15, 1996, in McAllen, Texas;
 - d) County Auditor to attend "Texas Association of Counties 1996 Board Member Orientation" on February 12-15, 1996, in Austin, Texas;

- e) International Bridge System Director to attend "Mexico-Texas Bridge Owners Association" on February 15-16, 1996, in Mexico City, D.F., Mexico;
- f) Three (3) Health Employees to attend the "Request for Proposal (RFP) Conference" on February 19-20, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- g) Solid Waste Litter Abatement Officer to attend the "Crime Scene Search Course" on February 19-23, 1996, in Harlingen, Texas;
- h) County Treasurer to attend "County Investment Officer Training" on February 29, 1996, through March 2, 1996, in Houston, Texas;
- i) County Treasurer to attend "County Investment Officer Training" on March 21-23, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- j) County Treasurer to attend "County Investment Officer Training" on April 12-13, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- k) County Treasurer to attend "County Investment Officer Training" on May 1-3, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- l) International Bridge System Director to attend "Meeting of Bi-National Commissioner-Bridge and Border Crossings" on March 4-6, 1996, in Monterrey, Mexico;
- m) County Clerk and four (4) Deputies to attend the "24th Annual County and District Clerk Continuing Education Seminar, Texas Agricultural Extension Service" on March 18-20, 1996, in Bryan, Texas;
- n) Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutritionist to attend "Competent Professional Authority Orientation" on March 25-29, 1996, in Austin, Texas; and
- o) Sergeant Dispatch Officer to attend "Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System/National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System Basic Telecommunications Course" on February 12-16, 1996, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR:

- a) ANNUAL BID-MOWING - PRECINCT NO. 4 COMMUNITY PARKS**
- b) ANNUAL BID - TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING**
- c) ANNUAL BID - ARMORED CAR SERVICES**
- d) PICK-UP TRUCK (IN STOCK)**
- e) CHEST X-RAY MACHINE**

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

- (26) **AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND AND RE-AWARD ANNUAL BID -
LAUNDRY SUPPLIES - ITEM a) (POWDERED DETERGENT) ONLY**

ASTRO - McAllen, Texas
Item a) Powder Detergent - \$0.35

- (27) **PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 4**

Quail Terrace Estates Subdivision - being a 18.94 acre
subdivision, same being 0.323 acre out of Block No. 3, Potter
Subdivision.



(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

a) ANNUAL BID - MOWING - PRECINCT NO. 4 COMMUNITY PARKS

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

b) ANNUAL BID - TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

c) ANNUAL BID - ARMORED CAR SERVICES

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

d) PICK-UP TRUCK (IN STOCK)

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS

e) CHEST X-RAY MACHINE

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(28) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:50 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel to review the easement regarding Southern Union Company; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- b) Confer with County Counsel for additional expenses, for FM 1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcels No. 010, 012, and 056; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 2:50 P.M.

(28) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel to review the easement regarding Southern Union Gas Company.

Commissioner Cascos reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Committee should continue to negotiate with Southern Union Gas Company, and should proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive session regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Committee was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session concerning the review of the easement regarding Southern Union Gas Company.

- b) Confer with County Counsel for additional expenses, for FM 1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcels No. 010, 012, and 056.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the additional expenses for FM 1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcels No. 010, 012, and 056, be approved as presented by the County Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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 27th 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