

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 16th day of APRIL, 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:**  
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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.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on April 12, 1996, at 8:32 A.M.:

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following late claims as to Warrant No. 11199 in the amount of \$1,200.00, and Warrant Nos. 11203 through 11573, in the amount of \$25,281.50, for approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the late claims as to Warrant No. 11199, and Warrant Nos. 11203 through 11573.

Judge Hinojosa questioned the Tax Rate Projections in the Budget Officer's Comments as to the amount of \$60,000.00 - Less: Additional Court Collections and the County Auditor responded that the projected amount was budgeted for employee positions and incidentals that might occur and noted that the benefits from the Fine Collection Program would offset said amount.

**The Warrant List and Budget Officer's Comments Report are as follow:**

**(2) IN THE MATTER OF THE BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES  
(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

The County Auditor reported that there were no Budget Amendments and/or Salary Schedules for approval at this time.

**(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 2,  
1996, AND APRIL 9, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 2, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., and the Regular Meeting held April 9, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved.

**(4) ADOPTION OF THE PROCLAMATION TO  
DECLARE APRIL, 1996, AS NATIONAL CHILD  
ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Proclamation to declare April, 1996, as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, was adopted.

**The Proclamation is as follows:**

**(5) ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OLD MILITARY HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IN SAN PEDRO, AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution, in support of the Old Military Highway Pedestrian and Bikeway Enhancement Project in San Pedro, be adopted as a candidate for the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Funds.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE PASEO DE LA RESACA PROJECT, AS A  
CANDIDATE FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution in support of the Paseo de la Resaca Project, was adopted as a candidate for the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Funds.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(7) **APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE (1) TEMPORARY ROAD AND BRIDGE TECHNICIAN POSITION**

(8) **APPROVAL TO AMEND THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THREE (3) EMPLOYEES IN PRECINCT NO. 4**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, one (1) temporary Road and Bridge Technician position was approved, and the Salary Schedule for three (3) employees in Precinct No. 4, was amended.



(9) **RATIFICATION OF THE ISLA BLANCA PARK USE AGREEMENT BY THE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, APPROVED JANUARY 9, 1996, PROVIDING FOR THE RENTAL AND USE OF AN AREA BY THE LAGUNA STATION FOR THE SUMMER OF 1996**

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the area to be utilized was not identified on the agreement and needed to be clarified.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Isla Blanca Park Use Agreement by the Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts of America, approved January 9, 1996, be ratified, providing for the rental and use of an area by the Laguna Station for the Summer of 1996, subject to the clarification of the tract to be utilized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(10) RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL REQUEST FOR EMPOWERMENT ZONE FUNDS, PURSUANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1995 PORT ISABEL - CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT ACTION PLAN FIRST YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the proposed Request for the Empowerment Zone Funds, pursuant to the Implementation of the 1995 Port Isabel - Cameron County Airport Action Plan First Year Improvement Program, be ratified.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum, Matz, and Peña

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Cascos.

**The Proposal is as follows:**

**(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY  
PRECINCT NO. 2, TO PROVIDE A TWENTY  
PERCENT (20%) LOCAL FUNDS MATCH  
TOWARDS A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT  
FOR THE OLD MILITARY HIGHWAY  
PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAY ENHANCEMENT  
PROJECT IN SAN PEDRO**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Cameron County Precinct No. 2 provide a twenty percent (20%) Local Funds Match towards a Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Old Military Highway Pedestrian and Bikeway Enhancement Project in San Pedro.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, and Peña

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Matz.

**(12) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CROSLIN  
AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACT FOR THE  
JUVENILE BOOT CAMP PROPOSAL FOR  
ADDITIONAL TESTING ON THE TEXAS  
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY FACILITY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Croslin and Associates Contract for the Juvenile Boot Camp Proposal, was amended for additional testing on the Texas National Guard Armory Facility.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that the Grant Application required an appraisal to be done within time constraints on said property in the amount of \$12,000.00 which required him to make an immediate decision for the work to be performed.

The County Auditor reported that the Warrant No. 11199, as to Appraisals-R-Us, in the amount of \$12,000.00, approved in the 'Approval of Claims' Agenda Item was for the appraisal authorized by the County Judge.

**The Contract is as follows:**



**(13) IN THE MATTER TO ADVERTISE FOR A PROPOSAL FOR SUMMER BEACH CLEANING CONTRACTOR IN THE ANDY BOWIE COUNTY PARK AND PUBLIC BEACHES OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, requested that the Item be Tabled indefinitely due to the availability of informal quotes for the purchasing offer.

Judge Hinojosa suggested for the Prisoners at Work (PAW) Program be utilized for the Summer Beach Cleaning.

The Parks System Director stated that the regular weekly Contractors were not able to clean portions of the beaches and that the Agenda Item Request was for the renewal of the Annual Contract.

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



**(14) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO USE THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM ALL DAY ON MAY 2, 1996, FOR HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE RENEWAL LICENSE STICKERS FOR THE LIMITED SERVICE SUB-STATIONS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Tax Assessor-Collector be authorized to use the Cameron County Commissioners' Courtroom all day on May 2, 1996, for hands-on training for the issuance of Automobile Renewal License Stickers for the Limited Service Sub-Stations.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(15) APPROVAL ON THE EXTENSION DATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNITED STATES/MEXICAN BORDER SISTER CITIES ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT NO. X-996533-01-1**

Commissioner Peña moved that the extension date for the Environmental Protection Agency, United States/Mexican Border Sister Cities Assistance Agreement No. X-996533-01-1, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

## **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 Matz and carried unanimously, the following travel and/or travel expenses and the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved, subject to funds in their Budget:

**(16) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES**

- a) Three (3) County Engineer Field Inspectors and Building Official to attend a "Free 1996 National Electrical Code Change Seminar" on April 20, 1996, in McAllen, Texas;
- b) Juvenile Director to attend "Meeting with the Southwest Key, Incorporated and Croslin Architects, referencing the Pre-Adjudication Boot Camp Facility" on April 17, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- c) Elections Administrator to attend the "Election Center Special Workshop" on April 17-21, 1996, in Omaha, Nebraska;
- d) Personnel/Safety Risk Director and Personnel/Benefits Specialist to attend the "County Management Institute Managing Personnel and Encouraging Safety" sponsored by the Texas Association of Counties, on May 21-24, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- e) Task Force Commander to attend the "Texas Narcotics Control Program Operational Commanders' Group (OCG) Meeting" on April 25, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- f) Community Development Coordinator to attend the "County's Self-Help Program" on February 17, 1996, in Lyford, Texas, and surrounding communities;
- g) Community Development Coordinator to attend the "Texas Water Development Board Workshop" on February 12, 1996, in Edinburg, Texas;
- h) Community Development Coordinator to attend the "Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Workshop" on January 16, 1996, in Weslaco, Texas;
- I) Tax Assessor and Chief Deputies to attend the "Texas School Assessors Association 29th Annual Conference and Workshop" on April 23, 1996, through May 1, 1996, in Austin, Texas;

- j) Constable Precinct No. 2 and Deputies to attend the "Civil Process School" on May 7-10, 1996, in Houston, Texas;
- k) Constable Precinct No. 3 to attend the "Civil Process School" on May 7-10, 1996, in Houston, Texas;
- l) Constable Precinct No. 4 to attend the "Civil Process School" on May 7-10, 1996, in Houston, Texas;
- m) Constable Precinct No. 8 to attend the "Civil Process School" on May 7-10, 1996, in Houston, Texas; and
- n) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2-2 to attend the "Judicial Conference" on March 31, 1996, through April 3, 1996, in Dallas, Texas.



**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

- a) **OLMITO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS**
- b) **ANNUAL BIDS - TRANSPORTATION OF VOTING MACHINES**
- c) **ANNUAL BIDS - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - SHOES**
- d) **ANNUAL BIDS - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - UNDERWEAR**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

- a) OLMITO WATER SUPPLY  
CORPORATION WATER PLANT  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

**b) ANNUAL BIDS - TRANSPORTATION OF VOTING MACHINES**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

**c) ANNUAL BIDS - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - SHOES**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

**d) ANNUAL BIDS - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - UNDERWEAR**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**



**(18) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 1:50 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel to authorize expenses to remove an outdoor sign located on the FM/509 Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- b) Confer with County Counsel to authorize additional expenses for the FM/1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcel No. 060; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 2:05 P.M.



**(19) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Confer with County Counsel to authorize expenses to remove an outdoor sign located on the FM/509 Project.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Report of Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matters.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Report of Counsel regarding the expenses to remove an outdoor sign located on the FM/509 Project was acknowledged, and County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

- b) Confer with County Counsel to authorize additional expenses for FM/1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcel No. 060.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court, as determined by polling, that the County Engineer's Office should be authorized to pay the additional expenses in the amount of \$49.82, for the FM/1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcel No. 060.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the County Engineer's Office be authorized to pay the additional expenses, in the amount of \$49.82, for the FM/1419 Project, on closing costs for Parcel No. 060, and that County Counsel be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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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**.

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**APPROVED** this **23rd** day of **April, 1996**.

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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**