THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 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:	PRESENT:
1:30 P. M.	GILBERTO HINOJOSA COUNTY JUDGE
	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
	JAMES R. MATZ COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
	HECTOR PEÑA COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4
	Hilda V. Treviño Deputy COUNTY CLERK
	ABSENT:
	LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.
	CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Judge Hinojosa 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 August 30, 1996, at 1:24 P.M.:

(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SAN BENITO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Commissioner Matz moved that the Resolution honoring the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District, be adopted, on the occasion of the District's accreditation rating of "Recognized" achievement status as reflected on the 1996 Accreditation Report, presented by the Texas Education Agency.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ruben Franco, San Benito Consolidated Independent School District expressed gratitude to the Court for publicly recognizing the efforts of the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District.

The Resolution is as follows:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County

Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor.

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

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended that the Budget Amendment regarding the Line

Item to Fund No. 15-091, County Engineer's Office, in the amount of \$13,000.00, be delayed for further evaluation.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Amendment No. 96-17 and the following Salary

Schedules be approved, excluding Budget Amendment, Fund No. 15-091, County Engineer's Office, in the amount of

\$13,000.00.

Supervision Fund - Fund No. 92-576,

County Sheriff - Fund No. 10-560, an-d

Maintenance and Operation Precinct No. 4 - Fund No. 15-620.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña.

At this time, the County Auditor recommended that the Salary Increases be delayed until October 1, 1996, in

order to maintain accuracy in the completed Budget to be filed September 4, 1996.

Commissioner Peña requested that the Precinct No. 4 salary increases in the Salary Schedule presented should

be approved, in order for the three percent (3%) increase to be added in the next Fiscal Year and noted that said

increases would be allocated from Lapsed Funds.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried as follows, the

Budget Amendment No. 96-17 and the Salary Schedule for the Supervision Fund No. 92-576 were approved,

excluding Budget Amendment to Fund No. 15-091, and the Sheriff's and the Maintenance and Operation Precinct No.

4 Salary Schedules, as recommended by the Auditor's Office:

AYE: Commissioner Matz and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioner Peña.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedule are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 27, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved, subject to the correction on Item No. 4.

(5) IN THE MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION HONORING MR. CRISPIN TREVIÑO, CAMERON COUNTY TASK FORCE DIRECTOR (TABLED)

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

(7) AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TWO (2) TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

Commissioner Peña moved that two (2) temporary employees be retained for Commissioner Precinct No. 4. The motion was seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried unanimously.

- (8) IN THE MATTER OF OPENING ACCOUNTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE FOR ALL OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ACCOUNTS IN A TIMELY MANNER (NO ACTION TAKEN)
- (9) APPROVAL OF PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER FROM RADIO SHACK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120.65

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, explained that the purchase was for a Personal Computer was that was being utilized for County Criminal Appeals that required cables for the printer, battery assembly, and labor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Purchase in the amount of \$120.65, without the Purchase Order from Radio Shack, was approved as recommended by the County Attorney.

(10) APPROVAL OF PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER FROM DON BROWN BUSINESS SYSTEMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70.00

Commissioner Matz moved that the Purchase without the Purchase Order from Don Brown Business Systems, in the amount of \$70.00, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(11) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH MR. LUIS FARAKLAS AND ASSOCIATES FOR THREE (3) YEARS, FOR STRUCTURAL INSPECTION SERVICES ON THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE IN BROWNSVILLE AND THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS

At this time, Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge Systems Director, stated the Rating Committee reviewed and selected Mr. Luis Faraklas and Associates, that being the highest ranking Proposal, and added that negotiations would be performed with the assistance of County Counsel, in order to draft the Contract.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Contract with Mr. Luis Faraklas and Associates be negotiated for three (3) years, for the Structural Inspection Services on the Gateway International Bridge in Brownsville and the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- (12) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996 TO AUGUST 31, 1997:
 - a) UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-BROWNSVILLE
 - b) UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-HOUSTON SCHOOL OF NURSING
 - c) UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Cameron County Health Department was authorized to Contract with the following entities for the period of September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997, subject to Legal review:

- a) University of Texas Brownsville,
- b) University of Texas Houston School of Nursing, and
- c) University of Texas Pan American College of Health Science and Human Services.

The Contracts are as follow:

(13) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DOCUMENT NO. 7460004207-97; CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICE NO. 02; CONSISTING OF ATTACHMENT NO. 03: IMMUNIZATION-EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ATTACHMENT NO. 04; BNS-PARTICIPANTS OF FOOD CARDS TO COVER THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1997

Commissioner Peña moved that the Texas Department of Health Document No. 7460004207-97: Contract Change Notice No. 02, be approved, consisting of Attachment No. 03: Immunization-Epidemiology and Attachment No. 04; BNS-Participants of Food Cards, to cover the period of September 1, 1996, through August 31, 1997.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT A SECOND TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE AGENT FOR THE UNIFIED NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Mr. William Terry Fernandez, was contracted as a second Tactical Intelligence Agent, for the Unified Narcotic Intelligence Task-Force.

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 "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow:

- (17) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:
 - a) Constable Precinct No. 5 to attend School Courses in Corpus Christi, Texas, on September 5-7, 1996;
 - b) County Extension Agent to attend the "TCAAA Tour Planning Meeting" in Preparation for the State Meeting being hosted on August 1997 in Laredo, Texas;
 - c) Three (3) County Extension Agents to attend the "Annual Specialist Scheduling Meeting" in Laredo, Texas, on September 24-26, 1996;
 - d) Health Department Employee to attend the "Texas Perinatal Association Planning Committee Meeting" in Weslaco, Texas, on September 10, 1996; and
 - e) Chief Civil County Attorney to attend the "Tenth Annual Legal Seminar on Ad Valorem Taxation" in Austin, Texas, on August 28-30, 1996.
- (18) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY PARKING GARAGES
 - a) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-07 FEDERAL COURT
 - b) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-06 GATEWAY BRIDGE

The Request for Proposals follow:

(19) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR FURNITURE - WOMEN'S, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) DEPARTMENT

<u>OFFICE DEPOT - McAllen, Texas</u> Track System (3 each) (45 shelves) - \$3,735.00

<u>VALLEY DESIGN - Harlingen, Texas</u> Rocking Chairs (16 each) - \$7,968.00

OFFICE DEPOT - McAllen, Texas Writing Boards (23 each) - \$2,500.00

<u>CORPORATE EXPRESS - Brownsville, Texas</u> Desk, Credenza, Table, Pedestal -1 - \$1,180.00 VALLEY DESIGN - Harlingen, Texas Lockers (62 each) - \$3,214.44

RECORD SYSTEMS - San Antonio, Texas Arm Chairs (3 each) - \$902.00

OFFICE DEPOT - McAllen, Texas Portico Tables (24 each) - \$6,802.80

RECORD SYSTEMS - San Antonio, Texas Child - Chairs and Tables (222 each) - \$22,424.22

RECORD SYSTEMS - San Antonio, Texas Table Tops and Base (10 each) - \$3,040.00

(4) IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESENTATION BY THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF KELL MUÑOZ WIGODSKY ON LOS TOMATES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND TOLL FACILITIES (NO ACTION TAKEN)

At this time, Mr. Henry Muñoz, President of Kell Muñoz Wigodsky, highlighted the concept and design of the Los Tomates International Bridge Administration Building and Toll Facilities.

At this time, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court recessed at 2:45 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:30 P.M.

(20) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 3:30 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) In the matter of interviewing applicants for the County Engineer; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(A)(1); (TABLED)
- b) Confer with County Counsel for reconveyance of easement for the International Boundary and Water Commission Floodway, Tracts 380C through A29C; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c) Discuss settlement on the case styled Natalia Flores vs. Cameron County, et. al. B-88-145, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas,

Brownsville Division; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(B);

- d) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Property located at 35 Orange Street; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); and (TABLED)
- e) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel on the possible litigation involving restoration of the Dancy Building; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1) and (2). (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 4:55 P.M.

(15) IN THE MATTER OF ISSUING A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR'S PERMIT TO MS. SYLENA R. GOLLER, DOING BUSINESS AS PADRE WRECKER SERVICE FOR ON AND OFF ROAD TOWING (TABLED)

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

(16) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE BEACH CLEANING APPLICATION/CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 96/97

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Texas General Land Office Beach Cleaning Application/Cameron County Parks System for Fiscal Year 96/97, was approved.

The Application is as follows:

(21) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) In the matter of interviewing applicants for the County Engineer. (TABLED)

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

b) Confer with County Counsel for reconveyance of easement for International Boundary and Water Commission Floodway, Tracts 380C through A29C.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the County Engineer should be directed to notify the International Boundary and Water Commission that unless they responded within thirty-days, a granting document, returning the donated easement, would be provided.

Commissioner Peña moved that the County Engineer be directed to notify the International Boundary and Water Commission that a granting document, returning the donated easement regarding Tracts 380C through A29C would be provided, if a response was not received within thirty (30) days.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

 Discuss settlement on the case styled Natalia Flores vs. Cameron County, et. al., B-88-145, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division.

The County Attorney recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged, regarding the case styled Natalia Flores vs. Cameron County, et. al., B-88-145, in the United States District for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division.

- d) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Property located at 35 Orange Street; and **(TABLED)**
- e) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel on the possible litigation involving restoration of the Dancy Building. (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, these Items were **TABLED**.

There being no further business to come before the Court	, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by
nmissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the meeting was A	DJOURNED.
APPROVED this 10th day of September, 1996.	
ATTROVED and Total day of September, 1990.	
-	GILBERTO HINOJOSA COUNTY JUDGE
ATTEST:	
JOE G. RIVERA, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF	

CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS