

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 10th 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:**

**1:30 P. M.**

**PRESENT:**

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**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:**

**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Carlos H. Cascos. He then asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and the Court to lead 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 September 6, 1996, at 11:29 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 First Assistant County Auditor.

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

At this time, Ms. Lynda Irvine, First Assistant County Auditor, reported that there were no Budget Amendments for approval, but that there were several Salary Schedules.

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that the Salary Schedule slots for the Collections Department in the County Clerk's Office needed to be corrected to reflect the original Budget adopted by the Court, and noted that there were no salary increases.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the County Clerk's original budget had different salaries; and added that the salaries were not changing, but re-allocating the actual slots.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos questioned whether there were any Salary Schedules that included Salary increases and questioned why they were being considered at this time.

Mr. Yates reported that there were salary increases for the Sheriff's Department Fund 90 slots, and noted that the Administrators of Fund 90 had sole control over the Salary increases and explained that the District Clerk's Salary Schedule was reducing Slot Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 10, in order to increase Slot No. 27.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos noted that the problem of inequities and salary compensations would continue if the slots were being reduced and added that the Court might not have had direct authority over Fund 90, but added that the Court had total authority over the three percent (3%) increase given to the employees in Fund 90.

He suggested that the Court should approve the Salary Schedule not requiring increases to the slots, inclusive of Fund 90, and stated that the Court should recess until September 11, 1996, in order to have Judge Hinojosa present to discuss the three percent (3%) compensation increases.

The County Auditor suggested that all the Salary Schedules be Tabled until the next day.

Commissioner Matz moved that this Item be **TABLED**.

The motion was seconded by Judge Pro-tem Cascos and the vote was as follows:

**AYE:** Commissioners Matz and Judge Pro-tem Cascos

**NAY:** Commissioners Rosenbaum and Peña.

There was some discussion regarding whether this Item would be Tabled until the following day or indefinitely.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that the County Judge had discussed the issue of "recessing" in order to handle most of the Budgetary Items which were discussed the previous week.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos moved that Item No. 2 be recessed until September 11, 1996, at 9:30 A.M.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

At this time, the Court was notified of an emergency "Bomb Threat" in the Judicial Building.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court recessed at 1:40 P.M. for forty-five (45) minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 2:30 P.M.

At this time, Judge Pro-tem Cascos stated that there was a motion to recess Item No. 2 until September 11, 1996, noting that the motion had died for a lack of a second.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** until October 1, 1996, as recommended by the County Auditor, and consistent with the decision of the Court the previous week.

**(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 3, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved.

**(4) PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997 BUDGET FOR CAMERON COUNTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Fiscal Year 1996-1997 Budget for Cameron County was opened for public comment.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the Auditor's Proposed Budget filed on September 4, 1996, which included the Unitized Road District and the three percent (3%) salary wage increases. He explained the compilation of the Budget, the economic conditions that prevailed, and noted that Property evaluations for the County

increased about three hundred (300) million, which resulted in a relative growth and allowed the County to increase the tax levee while holding the tax rates steady. He briefly highlighted the following Operating and Debt Service Budgets and the County Auditor's Proposed Fiscal Year 1996-1997 Budget - Highlights:

At this time, the following Department Heads highlighted their Budget requests for the Fiscal Year 1996-1997:

Ms. Aurora De La Garza - District Clerk,  
Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director,  
Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk,  
Constable Mike Barbarena, Constables Precinct No. 1,  
Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator,  
Ms. Amalia Cano, Elections Administrator,  
Ms. Olga Greenwell - County Court at Law No. 2, and  
Mr. Salvador Salinas - Veterans Services Officer.

Hearing and sensing no further comments, upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed.

**(5) AUTHORIZATION TO SET THE SALARIES OF  
THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
1997 AS PUBLISHED**

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that if the Item was approved, he would return the three percent (3%) increase to the County, and added that he had several ideas on how his share could be allocated.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Salaries of the Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 1997 be set as published.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reminded the Court that he had made them aware the previous day that the County Judge was not going to be present and that he requested that this Item be recessed until the next day.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos replied that there were numerous Items that the County Judge had requested and questioned members of the Court whether to delay their decisions until the next day.

Mr. Wright responded that he wanted said issue to be reflected for the records.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum and Peña

**NAY:** Commissioner Matz, as to Salary Increase to Commissioner Precinct No. 3

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

At this time, Judge Pro-tem Cascos noted his abstention as a courtesy to Judge Hinojosa's request that the matter be recessed, in order to be present for this Item.

**(8) APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER FROM ELECTEC COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37.00**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Purchase without the Purchase Order from Electec Company, in the amount of \$375.00, was approved.



**(9) AUTHORIZATION TO LOAN OUT THREE (3) VOTING MACHINES FOR FAULK MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR A STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 2-3, 1996**

Commissioner Matz moved that three (3) Voting Machines be loaned to Faulk Middle School for a Student Council Election to be held on October 2-3, 1996

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(10) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN ACCOUNTS WITH INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE FOR ALL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ACCOUNTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Accounts were opened with the International Bank of Commerce for all Justices of the Peace Accounts.

**The Contracts are as follow:**

**(11) RATIFICATION OF THE PURCHASE OF CAS SOFTWARE MODULE FOR UPGRADE OF THE RESTITUTION CENTER'S SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS FROM HAMER ENTERPRISES**

Commissioner Peña moved that the purchase of the CAS Software Module be ratified, for the upgrade of the Restitution Center's Software Applications from Hamer Enterprises.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**(12) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE LOS TOMATES-LEVEE RELOCATION, BROWNSVILLE**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Bid for the Los Tomates-Levee Relocation, Brownsville, be awarded to Brazos River International, in the amount of \$1,429,018.52.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos noted his abstention as a courtesy to the County Judge, who requested that the matter be recessed in order to be present for this Item.

There was some discussion regarding the technical issues regarding the Bids and the County Attorney stated that said issues had been clarified.

**(13) APPROVAL OF THE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR CLINICAL INTERNSHIP FOR HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION III BETWEEN THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MARY B. LUCIO HEALTH CENTER**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Affiliation Agreement for the Clinical Internship for Health Occupations Education III, between the Brownsville Independent School District and the Mary B. Lucio Health Center, be approved, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

(14) **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM DIRECTOR TO UTILIZE ONE (1) WEEK LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN COMBINATION WITH ONE (1) WEEK ANNUAL LEAVE TO ATTEND THE SPANISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE IN MEXICO**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Parks System Director was authorized to utilize one (1) week Leave of Absence in combination with one (1) week Annual Leave, in order to attend the Spanish Language Institute in Mexico City, Mexico.

(15) **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR'S PERMIT TO MS. SYLENA R. GOLLER, DOING BUSINESS AS, PADRE WRECKER SERVICE, FOR ON AND OFF ROAD TOWING**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Renewal Mobile Vendor's Permit be issued to Ms. Sylena R. Goller, doing business as, Padre Wrecker Service, for on and off road towing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(16) **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LOS FRESNOS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ABSENT STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TABLED)**

At this time, Commissioner Peña noted that it was his understanding that the Program would be at no cost to the County.

Ms. Lynda Irvine, First Assistant County Auditor, replied that there would be some costs in the Constables Precinct No. 8 Budget, and would include some reimbursements.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Interlocal Agreement be approved between Cameron County and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District for the Absent Student Assistance Program.

At this time, Commissioner Matz noted that he was reluctant to support this Item, indicating that the additional costs were reflected in Amendment No. 7, which was not an Amendment to be approved.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** until October 1, 1996.



**(17) REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. BETTY MURRAY TO THE TROPICAL TEXAS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION BOARD**

Commissioner Peña moved that Ms. Betty Murray, Harlingen, Texas, be reappointed to the Tropical Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

**(18) APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz, and carried unanimously the following travel and/or travel expenses were approved, with the exclusion of Items 'g' and 'j', subject to funds in their Budget:

- a) Engineering Clerical Coordinator Bookkeeper to attend a "One-day Seminar on Conflict Resolution and Confrontation Skills" in McAllen, Texas, on October 8, 1996;
- b) Engineering Quality Assurance Clerk and Personnel Administrator to attend a "One-day Seminar on How to be a Better Receptionist" in Brownsville, Texas, on October 4, 1996;
- c) Engineering Building Official to attend a "One-day Seminar on How to Write Better and Faster" in Harlingen, Texas, on October 4, 1996;
- d) Veterans Service Officer to attend the "Annual Statewide Conference for Veterans Service Officers" in San Antonio, Texas, on September 16-20, 1996;
- e) District Clerk and three (3) Deputies to attend the "Area VIII Meeting" in Rockport, Texas, on September 26-28, 1996;
- f) Two (2) Unified Narcotic Intelligence Task-Force Tactical Intelligence Agents to attend a training called "Tracing Illegal Proceeds" in Dallas, Texas, on October 24-25, 1996;
- g) Parks System Director to meet with "Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioners on Legislative Issues" in Carrollton, Texas, on September 12, 1996; (Excluded)
- h) Two (2) Juvenile Probation employees to attend the "Training on the Caseworker 4 Program at the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission" in Austin, Texas, on September 22-27, 1996;
- I) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to tour the "Desert Hills of Texas Juvenile Residential Facility" in College Station, Texas on September 10, 1996;

- j) Parks System Director to meet with "TRAPS Members to Formulate a 1997 Legislative Platform" in Waco, Texas, on September 6, 1996; (Excluded)
- k) County Extension Agent/Family and Consumer Sciences to attend the "Meeting on Administrative Matters" in Austin, Texas, on September 22-27, 1996;
- l) County Court at Law No. 2 Judge to attend the "Judicial Section Annual Conference" in Corpus Christi, Texas, on September 24-27, 1996; and
- m) Tax Assessor-Collector, two (2) Chief Deputies, and Bookkeeping Supervisor, to attend the "Property Tax Assessment and Collection Seminar" in Edinburg, Texas, on September 23-26, 1996.

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

**(19) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 3**  
Gamble Estates Subdivision - being a 6.50 acre tract of land out of certain 16.50 acre tract, out of the Northwest Quarter of Block No. 47, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision;
- b) **Precinct No. 3**  
Wrightway Subdivision - being a subdivision of 17.55 acres of land situated in and part of Block No. 69, Wilson Tract Subdivision;
- c) **Precinct No. 3**  
Tolento Subdivision - being a 1.553 acre of land out of the South 17.60 acres of Lot No. 6, in Smyth Resubdivision of Block No. 248 and No. 249, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision; and
- d) **Precinct No. 3**  
Ismael Gracia Estates - being 20.277 acres of land out of the Southwest part of Block No. 58, Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision, Espiritu Santo Grant.



Captain Ronnie Saenz, Sheriff's Department, stated that the Deputies would be assigned to each District rural area on a full time basis which would include the Los Fresnos, Bayview, and Port Isabel areas.

The County Auditor stated that the eight (8) new Sheriff's Deputies should be implemented on October 1, 1996, to assist in addressing the overtime and vacation leave issues, since the vehicles necessary for the officers would not be available until early Spring.

At this time, there was some discussion regarding the three percent (3%) Salary Increases to the County employees and Judge Pro-tem Cascos stated that the issue needed to be clarified, adding that in the past the three percent (3%) was assigned to the slot, so that everyone received the same cost of living adjustment, instead of giving the Elected Official and the Department Head, the discretion for Salary increases.

Commissioner Matz replied that he preferred to keep the same practice, provided that there was a "current satisfactory evaluation" report in the person's file.

Commissioner Peña questioned whether a non-satisfactory evaluation would receive a three percent (3%) increase.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos confirmed that Staff should not get the increase until the evaluation reports were turned in. He added that the three percent (3%) increase was to the slot, and the Department Head had until the end of December to provide a current evaluation, a satisfactory evaluation.

There was some discussion concerning the definition of a current evaluation report, and the County Auditor stated that the Evaluation Report should be done annually and he reiterated that the increase would be given to the 'slot' and not the Line Items 003, unless the Department Heads submitted a legitimate request to the Court.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Proposed Fiscal Year 1997 Budget for Cameron County, inclusive of the following Amendments to the Filed Budget, be adopted:

- Amendment No. 1 - Constable Precinct No. 4,
- Amendment No. 2 - Adult Probation,
- Amendment No. 3 - County Court at Law No. 2,
- Amendment No. 6 - County Clerk,
- Amendment No. 10 - Property Management,
- Amendment No. 11 - Data Processing,
- Amendment No. 13 - Health Department,
- Amendment No. 15 - Constable Precinct No. 1,
- Amendment No. 16 - Elections Administration,
- Amendment No. 17 - Personnel/Safety Risk Department, and
- Amendment No. 18 - Alternate Budget for Road and Bridge.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

At this time, Judge Pro-tem Cascos noted his abstention as a courtesy to the County Judge, who requested that the matter be recessed, in order to be present for this Item.

**The Fiscal Year 1996-97 Budget and Amendments are as follows:**

**(7) AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE ORDER  
SETTING THE 1997 TAX RATE**

At this time, the County Attorney reported the following Tax Rates for 1997:

Maintenance and General Funds - .247968

Special Road and Bridge Maintenance Fund - .025299,

Total Maintenance and Operation Funds - .273267,

Total Unlimited Tax Bonds - .010323,

Total Limited Tax Bonds - .033275, and

Total County Levee - .316865.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Order setting the 1996 Tax Rate be adopted, as recommended by the County Auditor.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos noted his abstention as a courtesy to the County Judge, who requested that the matter be recessed, in order to be present for this Item.

**The Order is as follows:**

**(22) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 3:50 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) In the matter of interviewing applicants for County Engineer; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(A)(1); **(NOT DISCUSSED)**
- b) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Property located at 35 Orange Street, Brownsville, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- c) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Primera El Angel, Section Two, Lot No. 3, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- d) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Harlingen - South Broadview, Lot No. 23, Block No. 4, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- e) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Brownsville - Ebony Heights, Lot No. 7, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- f) Confer with County Counsel to seek authorization to discuss with potential developer, the possible development and long term lease of Cameron County Property located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- g) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel pertaining to a possible lease of Cameron County Property located adjacent to Los Indios Bridge, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); **(NOT DISCUSSED)** and
- h) Confer with County Counsel on a possible lease or purchase of a potential building for a County Branch Office located in La Feria, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2).

At this time, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 4:30 P.M.

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

- a) In the matter of interviewing applicants for County Engineer. **(NOT DISCUSSED)**

Judge Pro-tem Cascos reported that there were no applicants to interview, therefore this Item was not discussed.

- b) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Property located at 35 Orange Street, Brownsville, Texas.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged, regarding the Cameron County Property located at 35 Orange, Street, Brownsville, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Primera El Angel, Section Two, Lot No. 3, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the offer, in the amount of \$6,500.00, should be accepted for said property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the offer, in the amount of \$6,500.00, was accepted for the Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Primera El Angel, Section Two, Lot No. 3, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas.

- d) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Harlingen - South Broadview, Lot No. 23, Block No. 4, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the offer, in the amount of \$7,600.00, should be accepted for said property.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the offer, in the amount of \$7,600.00, was accepted for the Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Harlingen - South Broadview, Lot No. 23, Block No. 4, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel pertaining to Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Brownsville - Ebony Heights, Lot No. 7, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the offer, in the amount of \$24,000.00, should be accepted for said property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the offer in the amount of \$24,000.00, was accepted for the County Trustee Property, known as Brownsville - Ebony Heights, Lot No. 7, Block No. 2, Cameron County, Texas.

- f) Confer with County Counsel to seek authorization to discuss with potential developer the possible development and long term lease of Cameron County Property located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.



Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the Status Report by County Council should be acknowledged and that the Property Developer, the Parks System Director, and County Council should be authorized to discuss the possible development of said property located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Property Developer, the Parks System Director, and County Council, be authorized to discuss the possibility of the development and long term lease of Cameron County Property located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

- g) In the matter of conferring with County Council pertaining to a possible Lease of Cameron County Property located adjacent to Los Indios Bridge, Cameron County, Texas. **(NOT DISCUSSED)**

Judge Pro-tem Cascos reported that this Item was not discussed and was TABLED indefinitely.

- h) Confer with County Council on a possible Lease or purchase of a potential building for a County Branch Office located in La Feria, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the Status Report by County Council should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Council be acknowledged regarding the possible Lease or purchase of a potential building for a County Branch Office located in La Feria, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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

**APPROVED** this **24th** day of **September, 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**