

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 17th 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.

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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 September 13, 1996, at 4:02 P.M.:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented a late claim as to Kell, Muñoz, Wigodsky Architects, Warrant No. 20604, in the amount of \$1,853.34, for approval.

Commissioner Matz noted that the County had spent over two (2) million dollars in the Los Tomates Bridge Project, and recommended that the County reimburse the amount of \$1.2 million to the Gateway Bridge Fund.

Mr. Yates stated that the County possessed the amount of \$2.3 million which would be presented to the Commissioners' Court, in order to reimburse the Gateway Fund Bridge the entire out-of-pocket expenditures in order to consolidate all the costs associated with the Los Tomates Project into the Bond issue. He added that the consolidation would allow the partnership between the County and the City of Brownsville to pay for the debt service, and noted that if the funds were low on the Project prior to the next Bond issue, then the Gateway Bridge fund would again loan the necessary funds.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the City of Brownsville had been notified of the amount of their commitment and suggested that they should be notified as soon as possible in order to Amend their Budget.

At this time, the County Auditor highlighted the Budget information regarding the Mobil/Retail Voting Program as referenced in the Budget Officers' Comments Report.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of Warrant No. 20604, in the amount of \$1,853.34.

The Budget Officer's Comments Reports is as follows:

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

At this time, the County Auditor reported that there were no Budget Amendments and/or Salary Schedules for approval.

(3) ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1996, TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1996

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that, " the Budget Amendment No. 1-A was a re-allocation of Position Funds in the County Clerk's Budget, in order for the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, to upgrade the salaries of two (2) clerks, in the amount of \$2,910.00, and to add a Warrant Officer for the Justice of the Peace Precinct 6-1, in order to collect on the Hot Checks and to provide assistance in the Court. He stated that the funding would be re-allocated from the County Clerk's increase of \$24,628.00, in addition to a decrease of \$21,464.00, and noted that the allocation for the Data Processing would be reduced to the amount of \$48,000.00, and that only one (1) clerk would be funded to act as a Pilot Project for the County Courts, noting that there was not sufficient office space for the additional clerks, and that the function of the Project was unclear. He stated that additional funding would be considered as the Project progressed and demonstrated efficiency and additional space was determined".

At this time, Commissioner Cascos noted that the newspaper had misquoted Judge Hinojosa by stating that the Court had passed an additional \$220,000.00 in the previous Meeting, in which the County Judge was absent, and he clarified to the press that the Court was re-allocating the \$220,00.00, and were still spending said amount in addition to the County Auditor's recommendation.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Data Processing Project in the County Clerk's Office should begin with the reduction of the books, in order to make space available to relocate into the Old Courthouse, noting that the Budget Item of the Data Processing would be examined in a couple of months to determine if additional funding was needed for the Project.

At this time, Mr. Joe G. Rivera, Cameron County Clerk, stated that, "for starters, I worked it out with the two (2) County Court at Law Judges, and you knew that. That's No. 1, No. 2, our Microfilming and Records Management Operation is going to be a Five (5) Year Plan, it's not a one (1) year plan, it's a five (5) year plan, so we'll be ready to go into the Old Courthouse. No. 3, Why do you always pick on the County Clerk's Office? Now, let me explain something about the County Clerk's Office, our operation pays for itself. Every single thing that I've come and asked

for, we've produced revenues. Let me give you some examples: Fines and Court Costs Collections increased by thirty-five percent (35%) two (2) years ago. Last year, we had a thirteen percent (13%) increase and this year we'll have a sixteen percent (16%) increase in revenue we've given back to you. Now, it always seem to me that anytime you want money, you want to tab the County Clerk's Office. Three (3) years ago, when the District Clerk needed funds for microfilming and imaging, we gave fifty thousand, last year when you guys wanted to start a Judicial System, that's going to tie up all the Offices of the County, the County Clerk's Office was the only one that gave money, gave thirty thousand. And on top of that, Mr. Cascos, you were the one that worked out this plan for me. We gave sixty-eight thousand dollars more for that operation. How much do you want to tab the County Clerk's Office for? Every single time that I've come to you, we've produced. We haven't ask for employees in ten (10) years. This is the first time that we've asked for extra peopl; we have for Fines and Court Costs Collections, and that Project is working great. We went from a collection of thirty percent (30%) to ninety percent (90%), how much more do you want? If you want to fund all these special projects that you've got Judge; give up one of your slots. Why don't you give up one of your slots, if you want to be so generous with the County Clerk's money."

Judge Hinojosa replied "I don't understand that to be the County Clerk's money Mr. Rivera. I thought that was the Taxpayers' money."

Mr. Rivera responded "It is."

Judge Hinojosa stated "And I thought that the money that you charge is just like the money that's charged in the District Clerk's Office for filing fees and goes into the General Revenue, it's just like the money that the JP's charge when they fine people. You don't keep that in your Budget do you, Judge Gonzalez?; and any other person that collects money on behalf of the County, that's not your money, and it's not their money, it's the Taxpayers' money."

Mr. Rivera replied "I agree with you Judge."

Judge Hinojosa stated "Well, don't be saying that."

Mr. Rivera stated "Now if you want to get into that kind of talk, when you came in there was three (3) people in your office, you did away with the budget process and sent it to the Auditor. You didn't send him the money, you kept the money and added another person; now, if you want to get into that kind of discussion, let's get with it."

Judge Hinojosa responded "Well, that's fine, we're not talking about anybody's money, but the Taxpayers' money."

Mr. Rivera replied "Two (2) years ago, when you were running for public office, you promised the moon to the JP's and Constables. You haven't come through and now you want to rob from Joe Rivera to give it to them? You know."

Judge Hinojosa replied "That doesn't belong to Joe Rivera."

Mr. Rivera responded "I know it doesn't belong to Joe Rivera, it belongs to the Taxpayers. You haven't even developed a plan to see how you can help the JP's and Constables. All you want to do is give, give, give without developing a plan. When I come to you I develop a plan and show it to you. I went before the Budget Committee, consisting of the Auditor's Office, your Administrative Assistant Remi Garza, the County Engineer and they didn't have any problem with that, with what I've asked. The only one that's got a problem is you. And I think it's personal, and I'm taking it personal now. I would wish that this Commissioners' Court would use their common sense and business sense when dealing with County funds."

Commissioner Cascos stated " I feel the same way every time we need money we rob the Gateway Bridge, you go where the best revenues are, and sometimes you've got to pay the price. But every time this County needs money, they go to the Gateway Bridge: This County needs money, they raise the tolls: This County needs money, they go to that goose and we've had that toll fee and we went to the twenty-four (24) hour protection at the Gateway Bridge that Alex and I helped implement. Who paid for it? Gateway Bridge. I know where you're coming from when they rob Peter to pay Paul, but that's just the nature of the beast. You go wherever the money is. Unfortunately, the ones who provide are the ones to get zapped."

Mr. Rivera suggested "Let's get other Departments to provide."

Commissioner Cascos replied "Let us know who. The Brownsville JP's as an example generate probably \$200,000.00 net, after all their Budgets they still generate two hundred and some odd thousand dollars, so that's being used to offset some of the smaller JP's in the rural areas that cost us money to operate, but you've got to have it."

At this time, Commissioner Peña questioned whether there was an alternate solution to generating the money.

The County Auditor responded that additional funds would have to be allocated from the Toll Bridge System.

Commissioner Matz stated that he could not support this particular Budget Amendment and added that there were a perplexing set of reimbursements for different Constables and Justices of the Peace which were based on workload and history. He suggested that the Salary Classification, Budget Schedules, and Position Descriptions should be consistent in the Justices of the Peace as they were with the Constables and recommended that the issues be reviewed periodically every two (2) years.

Commissioner Cascos noted that two (2) Constable positions were added to the Budget and added that the County possess too many Justices of the Peace, noting that not all of them generated revenue for the County.

Commissioner Peña stated that the original plan for the Constables and Justices of the Peace was to keep the salaries and positions consistent and added that by reducing one Department's Budget to allocate it to another Department, resulted in a County wide morale problem.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the amounts being re-allocated were above the recommendations by the Auditor's Office and expressed concern regarding the amount of money being spent on Fund 404, on Data Processing through the County Clerk's Office. He noted that the amount of \$74,000.00 which was approved in the previous Meeting was above the \$90,000.00 approved out of the Records Management Fund to perform the same function. Judge Hinojosa noted that the Budget Amendments he requested were that all the rural Constables receive an allocation of \$10,000.00 per year for mileage, due to the large areas being covered by the Constables, which would uniform the system. He added that the Absent Student Assistant Program that was initiated in the past year was very successful and noted that the Program was to be extended to other Precincts.

Commissioner Peña suggested that the funds should be allocated from an alternate funding source and be refinanced like the Lapsed Salary.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the intention of the Budget Amendments were to utilize the funds effectively at this time, and noted that the County still owed Lapsed Salaries to the Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$90,000.00 from last year. He noted that utilization of funds from the Bridge System would affect the County, when seeking low interest rates in the Bond Markets for the Los Tomates Bridge Project.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Budget Amendments be adopted to the Adopted Budget, approved by the Commissioners' Court on September 10, 1996, to be effective October 1, 1996.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos.

At this time, the following individuals appealed to the Court to consider the need of the communities and the need for the Constables' in the respective areas.

Mr. Charles Steele, Outdoor Resort,

Constable Mike Barbarena, Precinct No. 1, and

Judge Sallie Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6-1, presented the following Memorandum:

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident,

Judge Bennie Ochoa, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, and

Mr. Conrado Cantu, Brownsville resident.

Commissioner Cascos clarified his comments made regarding the revenues of the Justices of the Peace in Brownsville, Texas, and added that his comments were made to make a point concerning the inequities County wide regarding the revenues generated and the compensation of the Justices of the Peace.

Commissioner Matz suggested that the hiring of the eight (8) Sheriff's Deputies should be deferred until January 1, 1997, which could provide additional funds in the interim, in order to review the proposed increases.

Upon motion duly made by Judge Hinojosa that the following Amendments be adopted to the Adopted Budget approved by the Commissioners' Court on September 10, 1996, to be effective October 1, 1996.

- a) **Budget Amendment 1-A** - Reallocation of position funds in Amendment No. 6, of the adopted Budget from the County Clerk to Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 and Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6-1;
- b) **Budget Amendment 1-B** - Reallocation of position funds in Amendment No. 15 of the adopted Budget from Constable Precinct No. 1 to Constable Precinct No. 2, effective January 1, 1997;
- c) **Budget Amendment 1-C** - Provide increases to Annual Auto allowances for Constables and Deputy Constables in Constables Precinct No. 4 and Constable Precinct No. 7; and
- d) **Budget Amendment 1-D** - Fund a Deputy Constable Position in Constable Precinct No. 8 and Constable Precinct No. 7.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioner Matz

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Peña. (Due to Alternate Funding Mechanisms available).

(4) AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO PLACE MANAGEMENT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE OPERATION EXPENSES AND MATERIALS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A ROAD SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that the Committee to set the criteria for the qualifications and selection of the Road Superintendent would take effect immediately.

Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management, stated that the required number of signatures had been met for the consolidation of the Road and Bridge System, in order for the Item to be placed on the Ballot in the November Election.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the funding be allocated for the Precincts in a "pro-rata" Share, for the Consolidation of the Road and Bridge Program to begin on January 1, 1997, and that a Plan be developed, in order for the Consolidation to be implemented.

Commissioner Matz highlighted the Proposed Cameron County Road Consolidation Plan and suggested that the concepts listed should be considered in developing and implementing said Project.

Commissioner Cascos stated that January 1, 1997 should be a target date to implement the Consolidation assuming that the concepts of the Proposed Cameron County Road Consolidation Plan was followed and questioned whether the Statute stated that said Plan had to be implemented within a certain period of time after it was elected.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that a Plan be developed and implemented to place the Management of Road and Bridge Operation Expenses and Materials under the supervision of a Road Superintendent effective January 1, 1997, incorporating the Proposed Cameron County Road Consolidation Plan.

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

AYE Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, and Matz

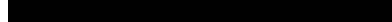
NAY: Commissioner Peña.

The Plan is as follows:

(5) IN THE MATTER OF A COMMITTEE TO SET THE CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND SELECTION OF A ROAD SUPERINTENDENT (TABLED)

There was some discussion regarding the qualifications of the Road Superintendent requiring a Professional Engineering License, and setting the Job Description and the suggestion was made that the Item be Tabled until a County Engineer was hired and until additional information was gathered in order to implement the search Committee.

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



(6) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Javier Mendez, County Building Official, be appointed as Acting Administrator for the Cameron County Engineering Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.



(7) ACTION IN ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION COUNTY WIDE WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution, in support of the Consolidation of Property Tax Collection County wide with the Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, was adopted.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that the Resolution was an attempt to coordinate the formal statements endorsing the idea of Consolidated Tax Collections in order to streamline the operation for efficiency and effectiveness in the service provided.

Mr. Eliseo Vega, Port Isabel resident, expressed concerns regarding improvements to the Port Isabel Tax Office and suggested that the County entities in the Laguna Madre area should be consolidated into one County Building.

Mr. Yates stated that the assistance of the local leaders was needed in order to generate more revenues for larger County facilities in order to consolidate and provide better services to the County.

The Resolution is as follows:

**(8) APPOINTMENT TO CAMERON COUNTY
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 BOARD TO FILL
UNEXPIRED TERM**

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Mr. Ronnie Garcia, San Benito, Texas, be appointed to the Cameron County Drainage District No. 3 Board, to fill the unexpired term.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum.

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that the San Benito Drainage District had notified him that his appointment, Mr. Henry Thomae, had resigned for health reasons and recommended that the Court appoint Mr. Michael Scaief, San Benito, Texas.

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, stated that the Drainage District was in poor condition and suggested that the Court should Table the issue in order examine the experience and credentials of the individuals being appointed.

There was some concern regarding whether the appointed individuals should be made by the individual members of the Court and Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, clarified that the Statute stated that, " the Commissioners' Court, as a body, shall appoint three (3) Directors".

Upon motion duly made by Judge Hinojosa to appoint Mr. Ronnie Garcia, San Benito, Texas, to the Cameron County Drainage District No. 3 Board, to fill the unexpired term.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioners Matz and Peña.

**(9) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN ACCOUNTS WITH
INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Adult Probation Contract Monitor Fund No. 93, be opened with the International Bank of Commerce.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz, and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Contract is as follows:

(10) ACTION APPOINTING A CONSULTANT REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE CAMERON PARK RECREATION PROJECT

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, recommended that the appointment to the Consultant Review Committee should be approved.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the following individuals be appointed to the Consultant Review Committee for the Cameron Park Recreation Project:

Mr. Eduardo Campirano, County Parks Board,
Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director,
Mr. Javier Mendez, County Engineering,
Mr. Kermit Black, Texas A & M,
Ms. Gloria Moreno, Cameron Park Center, and
Mr. Ralph Cowen, Brownsville Boys and Girls Club.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

(11) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSALS FOR THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMERON PARK RECREATION PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Planning, Development and Management Department was authorized to request Engineering/Architectural Proposals for the Design and Development of the Cameron Park Recreation Project.

(12) ACTION TO ACCEPT A \$75,000.00 GRANT AWARD FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY FOR THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE CORRIDOR

Commissioner Peña moved that the Grant Award, in the amount of \$75,000.00, be accepted from the Economic Development Administration to develop a Planning and Development Study for the Free Trade Bridge Corridor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(13) IN THE MATTER OF A VARIANCE ON ONE (1) ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON KILGORE ROAD IN THE SAN BENITO AREA (TABLED)

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

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:

(14) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:

- a) Two (2) Juvenile employees to attend "Training on Focusing on Delinquent Behavior" in Austin, Texas, on September 11-13, 1996'
- b) Two (2) Juvenile employees to attend the "Criminal Justice Applications Technical Assistance Workshop" in McAllen, Texas, on September 16, 1996;
- c) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the "Sam Houston State University Chief Probation Officers Annual Conference" in Huntsville, Texas, on October 20-23, 1996;
- d) Planning, Development and Management Director to attend the "Grantsmanship Workshop" in Austin, Texas, on October 2-3, 1996;
- e) Sheriff's Department CID Sergeant to attend the "Criminal Justice Applications Technical Assistance Workshop" in McAllen, Texas, on September 16, 1996;
- f) Three (3) County Extension Agents to attend the "Annual Scheduling and Training Sessions" in Laredo, Texas, on September 24-26, 1996;
- g) Tax Assessor-Collector and two (2) Chief Deputies to attend the "38th Institute on Property Taxation/18th Annual State Comptroller's Property Tax Division Conference" in Austin, Texas, on September 23-24, 1996;
- h) Solid Waste Enforcement Litter Abatement Officer to attend the "Fall 1996 Criminal Environmental Law Enforcement Training Conference" on October 1-3, 1996;
- I) Two (2) Planning, Development and Management Staff to attend the "1998 Criminal Justice Applications Workshop" in McAllen, Texas, on September 16, 1996; and

- j) Parks System Director to meet with "TRAPS Member to Formulate a 1997 Legislative Platform" in Austin, Texas, on September 19, 1996.



(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

- a) **PERSONAL COMPUTERS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-08-01-0240**
- b) **LASER PRINTERS - BID NO. 0240**
- c) **DIETARY SUPPLIES MISCELLANEOUS - QUARTERLY BIDS NO. 2050-96-4 (OCTOBER-DECEMBER)**
- d) **FOOD - SPICES - QUARTERLY BIDS NO. 2210-96-4 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)**
- e) **FURNITURE II BIDS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**
- f) **BEACHFRONT RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-11**

The Bids/Request for Proposals follow:

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ANNUAL BIDS DURING THE 1996/1997 FISCAL YEAR

(17) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR:

- a) **ANNUAL BIDS - COPIER TONER/DEVELOPER**

CORPORATE EXPRESS - Brownsville, Texas

Item	Description	Cost
a)	Monroe	\$1,647.90
c)	Sharp	\$2,397.60
d)	Canon	\$15,600.00

COPIERS BY PETER - Brownsville, Texas

b)	Minolta	\$1,137.00
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O.R.C. - San Antonio, Texas

e)	Savin	\$1,123.32
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- b) **ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-03 - BULLET PROOF VESTS**

FAMOUS UNIFORMS - Corpus Christi, Texas

M/F - 38.20 over-size - IV Gen - \$382.00

(18) AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR WITH ALL PRICING AND TERMS REMAINING CONSTANT

- a) **ANNUAL BIDS - SAFETY SHOES**

REDWING SHOES - McAllen, Texas

Safety Shoes - \$602.25

- b) **ANNUAL BID - VOTING SUPPLIES**

TEXAS COUNTY PRINTING - Ft. Worth, Texas

\$107.31

HART FORMS - Austin, Texas
\$15,673.67

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

a) PERSONAL COMPUTERS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-08-01-0240

The Request for Proposal is as follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

b) LASER PRINTERS - BID NO. 0240

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

- c) DIETARY SUPPLIES
 MISCELLANEOUS - QUARTERLY
 BIDS NO. 2050-96-4**

The Bids received and opened follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

- d) FOOD - SPICES - QUARTERLY BIDS
NO. 2210-26-4 (OCTOBER-
DECEMBER)**

The Bids received and opened follow:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:

e) FURNITURE II BIDS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(19) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the status and settlement in the case styled Balderas vs. Cameron County, Case No. M-95-092, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A&B);
- b) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding restoration of the Dancy Building; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1) and (2);
- c) Confer with County Counsel on the condemnation case concerning FM/1419 for Parcels Nos. 39 and 78; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A);
- d) Discuss acquisition of a certain tract of land in the Cameron Park Subdivision; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- e) Confer with County Counsel on Agreement with the Brownsville Irrigation and Drainage District for relocation of the irrigation pipe along Parcel Nos. 74 and 75 of FM/1419 Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.073.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M.



(20) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the status of case and settlement in the case styled Balderas vs. Cameron County, Case No. M-95-092, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel and settlement in the case styled Balderas vs. Cameron County, Case No. M-95-092, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division was acknowledged.

- b) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding restoration of the Dancy Building.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, and the County Auditor should be authorized to negotiate with the Consulting Architect and that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, and the County Auditor be authorized to negotiate with for the Consulting Architect and that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the restoration of the Dancy Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel on the condemnation case concerning the FM/1419 for Parcels Nos. 39 and 78.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that a Resolution to declare the public need for condemnation and to authorize the commencement of the condemnation actions should be approved.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution to declare the public need for condemnation and to commence the condemnation actions were approved.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding a certain tract of land in the Cameron Park Subdivision.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel on the Agreement with the Brownsville Irrigation and Drainage District for the relocation of the irrigation pipe along Parcel Nos. 74 and 75 of the FM/1419 Project.

Commissioner Cascos recommended that the County Engineer should be authorized to proceed to relocate the pipe of said location.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Engineer was authorized to relocated the irrigation pipe along Parcel Nos. 74 and 75 of the FM/1419 Project regarding the Agreement with the Brownsville Irrigation and Drainage District.



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

APPROVED this **8th** day of **October, 1996**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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