

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 19th day of JANUARY, 1999, 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:

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD "TIVIE" VALENCIA  
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 at 9:35 A.M. 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 January 15, 1999, at 11:14 A.M., and the Supplemental Agenda posted on January 15, 1999, at 2:23 P.M.

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented a draft Travel Policy which included modifications and requested that the Court review the Policy for any changes, additions or deletions.

Commissioner Matz expressed concern as to the process for travel to South Padre Island which had created issues in the past regarding hotel expenses.

Mr. Yates stated that South Padre Island was considered as a seminar location and added that the County honored the per diem rate, noting that South Padre Island was the only exception for travel of one hundred miles or less which was considered a one (1) day trip.

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

Warrant No. 8114, as to the City of San Benito, in the amount of \$10,020.00;

Warrant No. 8113, as to the City of Harlingen, in the amount of \$10,020.00; and

Warrant No. 8112, as to Salvador Cabrera, in the amount of \$85.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved, as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the following late claims:

Warrant No. 8114, in the amount of \$10,020.00;

Warrant No. 8113, in the amount of \$10,020.00; and

Warrant No. 8112, in the amount of \$85.00.

**The Policy is as follows:**

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

Commissioner Matz moved that the 1998 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 98-34 and the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Amendment No. 99-14 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments are as follow:**

**(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 1998, DECEMBER 15, 1998, DECEMBER 22, 1998, AND DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Commissioner Matz moved that Minutes of the Regular Meetings held December 8, 1998, December 15, 1998, December 22, 1998, at 9:30 A.M., and the Special Meeting held on December 31, 1998, at 10:00 A.M., be approved.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Matz

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Valencia.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos referred to the Minutes of December 8, 1998, and clarified that it was the Court's understanding that the supplemental information submitted by Commissioner Matz, as to the canvassing of the November Election Votes, would be included as a part of the Minutes of November 10, 1998. He added that the County Auditor had commented as to a mechanism which would be implemented in the Jail System to monitor the jail activity concerning the Medical Provider Contracts.

Mr. Yates confirmed that the Program to track the Jail System had been implemented on December 1, 1998, and added that the Program included databases to track the number of treatments and costs at the jail infirmary.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to who would follow up the recommendations of the County Auditor to locate local providers to form a local coalition.

Mr. Yates stated that he had attempted to schedule meetings with certain local providers, but noted that the County Judge's Office should initiate the specific dialogue and provide a structure of the process to locate the local provider.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the current method of delivering services was the least expensive, but noted that the services to be provided with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston had changed based on the co-pay amount. He suggested that alternative issues should be addressed and noted that UTMB had increased their co-pay with the assumption that the funds from the Tobacco settlements would be available for the co-pay amount.

Mr. Yates stated that all interested parties would be contacted, in order to schedule a meeting within thirty (30) days to discuss said matters.

Commissioner Cascos stated that there had been some confusion regarding the instructions by the Court to the Personnel Director regarding background checks and referred to the Minutes of December 15, 1998, which reflected

that Judge Hinojosa had clarified that the Court directed the Personnel Director to request the Sheriff's Department to run the background checks.

At this time, Commissioner Matz referred to the Minutes of December 8, 1998, regarding a Warrant payable to David Garza, for CP&L reimbursements and expressed concern as to the status of the Warrants which were being reviewed by County Counsel.

Mr. Yates responded that the issues regarding the Justices of the Peace were being reviewed by Ms. Dylbia J. Vega, County Counsel, and reported that Ms. Vega would submit the status report to the Court.

Judge Hinojosa requested a clarification as to whether the Minutes Agenda Items would be utilized in the future to discuss matters which were not listed on the Agenda and noted that the discussions would be time consuming. He clarified that approving the Minutes should be based on whether the discussions and actions were accurate and added that it was not appropriate to discuss policy issues during the context of approving the Minutes.

**[REDACTED]**

(4) **PRESENTATION BY MS. TERESA BAIREs,  
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, OF THE 1999  
AMERICORP MEMBERS**

At this time, Ms. Teresa Baires, County Extension Agent, presented the following 1999 Americorp Members and highlighted the goals to be accomplished within their 1700 hours of service to the community, in order to receive an educational scholarship:

Mr. Rudy Garcia, III, Harlingen, Texas,

Mr. Mario Hernandez, Harlingen, Texas,

Mr. William J. Gulow, Brownsville, Texas, and

Mr. Juan B. Flores, Jr., Brownsville, Texas.

Commissioner Matz moved that the presentation by Ms. Teresa Baires, County Extension Agent, of the 1999 Americorp Members be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(10) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND AND/OR  
MODIFY THE CAMERON COUNTY  
SUBDIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS,  
SECTION 3.5**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that Section 3.5 of the Cameron County Subdivision Rules and Regulations required that a certain amount of land be dedicated for a park in the respective subdivisions and noted that the provision had never been enforced. He stated that the Advisory Committee had agree to delete the section two (2) years ago since it was never enforced and added that a system to maintain the parks did not exist either through the subdividers, owners or the County. Judge Hinojosa stated that there were concerns by subdevelopers as to the provision continuing to exist in the Rules and Regulations and added that the subdevelopers and the County would be subject to liability.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Cameron County Subdivision Rules and Regulations be modified by the deletion of Section 3.5.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz.

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that it would be impossible to enforce the provision and added that retaining the provision would add confusion to existing situations in the County.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the Engineering Department was enforcing the regulation and whether it was the recommendation of the County Engineer to delete Section 3.5 from the Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, responded that the provision had never been enforced by the County, due to the lack of resources of maintaining the parks and recommended that the Section be eliminated from the rules and regulations.

At this time, Mr. Mike Tidwell, Brownsville resident, expressed his opposition as to the elimination of Section 3.5 and explained that due to the Railroad Relocation Project, a railroad yard had expanded too close to a subdivision where the provision should be enforced, due to hazardous materials from the yard.

Judge Hinojosa stated that if the provision was enforced in said subdivision, a park would need to be built on the required ten percent (10%) buffer adjacent to the railroad yard, which would endanger the lives of children. He added that enforcing the provision and endangering the lives of children would result in lawsuits against the County.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to why the Subdivision Rules and Regulations were adopted including Section 3.5 and as to why the provision had never been enforced.

Judge Hinojosa explained that the Committee, along with developers and County Officials, had agreed upon the Subdivision Rules and Regulations, but stated that Section 3.5 was not originally included. He stated that the former County Engineer had included the Section in the final document, but did not inform the Committee or the Court. Judge Hinojosa explained that the Section was immediately detected following the adoption of the document and that the matter should have been corrected by the former County Engineer. He stated that the issue was never addressed due to the County Engineer's termination of employment with Cameron County.

Upon motion duly made, Judge Hinojosa moved that Section 3.5 be deleted from the Cameron County Rules and Regulations.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Valencia

**NAY:** Commissioner Cascos.

(34) **AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ROLANDO OLVERA FOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY JAIL INFIRMARY**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that the County had the Contract for emergency prescriptions for the County Jail with Mr. Rolando Olvera, Lindale Pharmacy, prior to bidding out the Contract to a California firm and added that Dr. Gustavo Stern, County Jail Doctor, had expressed concern as to the County having to depend on the California firm to decide upon the issuance of emergency prescriptions. He explained that certain medications were purchased at wholesale price, but noted that the medications not ordered at wholesale were contracted with the California firm. Judge Hinojosa added that the California firm would then contract with a local pharmacy to obtain the emergency prescriptions and stated that the process was probably more expensive for the County. He stated that the County should be allowed to contract with local providers, in order for the local providers to determine the emergency prescriptions needed by the County Jail and recommended that the County should continue to contract with the local providers for the emergency prescriptions.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, clarified that the local vendors had not been precluded from participating in the bid process and explained that Contracting with the California Firm allowed the County to purchase the medications at a discounted price, as opposed to the regular retail price from the local pharmacies.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the California Firm would contract directly with Mr. Olvera and added that based on the Contract, the firm would contract with any pharmacy directed by the Court.

Mr. Rolando Olvera, Lindale Pharmacy, stated that the inventory control of expired medications and purchases were difficult to monitor due to the County contracting with outside firms and added that emergency medications were often ordered without purchase orders which resulted in late or no payments to Lindale Pharmacy.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the County should discuss the matter with California firm prior to awarding the Contract, in order to ensure that the firm would contract with Lindale Pharmacy which was the emergency prescriptions provider.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Health Administrator discuss the matter with the California firm and Mr. Olvera in order to agree upon the delivery of pharmaceutical services and that the Status Report regarding said matter be submitted to the Court in one (1) week.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Professional Services Contract be negotiated with the Cameron County Health Administrator, the California Firm and Mr. Rolando Olvera for emergency prescriptions for the County Jail Infirmiry and that the Status Report regarding said matter be submitted to the Court in one (1) week.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.



**(38) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 10:50 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning 11.85 acres of land located at the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning a Concession at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible Memorial donation to the Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:17 A.M.





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

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning 11.85 acres of land located at the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios.

Commissioner Valencia moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, be authorized to negotiate with El Siete International concerning the 11.85 acres of land, located at the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning a Concession at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged concerning the Concession at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.



**(5) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE REQUIRED MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLETED BY JOE G. RIVERA, COUNTY CLERK, IN 1998**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the required mandatory Continuing Education completed by Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, in 1998, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Certificate is as follows:**

**(6) PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY  
REPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE  
SYSTEM**

At this time, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Bridge Systems Director, highlighted the 1999 First Quarterly Reports on the Gateway International Bridge at Brownsville and the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the presentation of the First Quarterly Report for the International Bridge System was acknowledged.

**The Reports are as follow:**

**(7) ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 1999, AS  
AGROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY® IN  
CAMERON COUNTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Proclamation declaring February 2, 1999, as AGroundhog Job Shadow Day® in Cameron County was adopted.

**The Proclamation is as follows:**

**(8) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
PRECINCT NO. 5 CONSTABLE AND JUSTICE OF  
THE PEACE TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-S  
OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR A  
STUDENTS-PARENTS EXTENDED EDUCATION  
DIVISION GRANT AND DESIGNATION OF  
FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE REQUIRED  
MATCH**

At this time, Mr. Raymond Coronado, Deputy Constable Precinct No. 5, explained that the County's first year match would be in the amount of \$6,912.00, which would increase throughout the following years and added that the Government would provide one hundred percent of funding for salaries and equipment. He stated that the funding source would be generated from Truancy Court Costs through the Precinct and noted that the Program would begin in the next Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution be adopted authorizing Precinct No. 5 Constable and Justice of the Peace to apply to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division for a Students-Parents Extended Education Division Grant and that the funding source for the required match be designated as the revenues generated from Truancy Courts Costs, subject to availability of funds in the next budget cycle.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(9) SELECTION OF THE PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 152.014 (A) AND SECTION 152.015**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the selection of Public Members for the Cameron County Grievance Committee in compliance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 152.014(A) and Section 152.015 was approved, noting that the members would be selected the following week.



**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE GARAGE LIABILITY AND GARAGE KEEPERS INSURANCE FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES SEIZED BY THE CAMERON COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE AT THE COUNTY BARN**

Commissioner Benavides moved that Garage Liability and Garage Keepers Insurance be acquired for storage of vehicles seized by the Cameron County Drug Enforcement Task Force at the County Barn.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.



**(12) APPROVAL TO PURCHASE MOBILE PHONE AND SERVICES FOR A WARRANT OFFICER IN THE COUNTY CLERK-S OFFICE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that a mobile phone and services be purchased for a Warrant Officer in the County Clerk-s Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



**(13) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK-S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-D PROGRAM WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COURT COSTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Cooperative Agreement for Title IV-D Program with the Office of the Attorney General and the District Clerk-s Office for reimbursement of Court Costs was approved.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(14) APPOINTMENT OF THE CAMERON COUNTY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the appointment of the Cameron County Historical Commission Members was approved.

**The List is as follows:**

- (15) **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND DR. JAMES A. FREEBERG TO PROVIDE COUNTY INFIRMARY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
- (16) **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND DR. ERNESTO S. DAVILA, TO PROVIDE INFIRMARY DENTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
- (17) **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND MS. PAT LOPEZ FOR INFIRMARY DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Agreements between Cameron County and Dr. James A. Freeberg to provide County Infirmary Mental Health Services, Dr. Ernesto S. Davila, to provide Infirmary Dental Professional Services and Ms. Pat Lopez for Infirmary Dietician/Nutritional Professional Services were approved, noting that the payments be made at the end of the month.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Agreements are as follow:**

**(18) APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (TDHS) FOR TWO (2) HALF TIME TDHS WORK ADVISORS TO BE STATIONED AT THE CLINICS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Agreement was approved between Cameron County and the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) for two (2) half time TDHS Work Advisors to be stationed at the clinics.

**The Agreement is as follows:**



**(19) AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR AN ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Request for Proposals be advertised for an Engineering Company to provide Traffic Engineering Studies for the Road and Bridge Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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**(20) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NW PARKING LOT, BLOCK 173, OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF BROWNSVILLE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the bids for the construction of the County Courthouse NW Parking Lot, Block No. 173, of Original Townsite of Brownsville be advertised.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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**(21) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PREPARE ENGINEERING PLANS FOR THREE (3) BRIDGE STRUCTURES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to prepare engineering plans for three (3) bridge structures be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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**(22) AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE JOB TITLE FOR SLOT NO. 46 FROM FOREMAN TO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Job Title for Slot No. 46 was changed from Foreman to Equipment Operator.

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**(23) AUTHORIZATION TO SELECT A BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW ADULT PROBATION PROJECT IN SAN BENITO**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the following individuals be selected to the Committee for the New Adult Probation Project in San Benito be approved:

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge,

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director,

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, and

Mr. Richard Santellana, Adult Probation Director.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(24) **APPROVAL OF NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER  
CORRECTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THAT  
PORTION OF A ROAD CLOSED FROM THE  
MISTAKEN DESCRIPTION TO THE CORRECT  
DESCRIPTION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Nunc Pro Tunc Order correcting the description of that portion of a road closed from the mistaken description to the correct description be approved.

**The Order is as follows:**

- (25) **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT (RENEWAL) FOR THE PURCHASE OF PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES FOR JUVENILES AND THEIR FAMILIES BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE MARIPOSA THERAPY CENTER, L.L.C.**
  
- (27) **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT (RENEWAL) WITH STOP CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, INCORPORATED, EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER (SCAN) FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
  
- (28) **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT (RENEWAL) WITH DR. XAVIER AJAY@MARTINEZ FOR THE PURCHASE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS SERVICES FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contracts were renewed between Cameron County and the Mariposa Therapy Center, L.L.C., for the purchase of Psychotherapy Services for Juveniles and their families, Stop Child Abuse and Neglect, Incorporated, Emergency Youth Shelter (SCAN) for Emergency Shelter Services and Dr. Xavier AJay@ Martinez for the purchase of Psychological Evaluations Services for the Juvenile Probation Department.

**The Contracts are as follow:**

**(26) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT (RENEWAL)  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALIEN  
COORDINATOR SERVICES FOR JUVENILE  
ILLEGAL ALIENS BETWEEN CAMERON  
COUNTY AND THE ALIEN COORDINATOR**

Commissioner Matz moved that the renewal Contract be approved for the purchase of Alien Coordinator Services for Juvenile Illegal Aliens between Cameron County and the Alien Coordinator.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(29) APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY SHELTER  
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BY THE VALLEY  
COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE  
TO SIGN THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Emergency Shelter Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs by the Valley Coalition for the Homeless was approved and the County Judge was authorized to sign the required certifications.

**The Application is as follows:**

**(30) ACTION TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SUMMIT CONTRACTING FOR THE VALLE ESCONDIDO/VALLE HERMOSO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that Valle Escondido Construction Project was \$150,000.00 short and recommended that the funding be allocated from the Tobacco money.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, clarified that the construction budget, including the Alternate 1" for the road relocation work was over budgeted, by the amount of \$136,759.00, but noted that the total Project was over budgeted, by the amount of \$163,000.00.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Construction Contract be executed with Summit Contracting for the Valle Escondido/Valle Hermoso Drainage Improvement Project, said funding to be allocated from the Tobacco monies.

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

**AYE:** Commissioner Benavides, Cascos and Valencia

**NAY:** Commissioner Matz.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(31) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A STATIONARY  
VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. V1 TO SHIRLEY  
BLACKSTEAD, DOING BUSINESS AS, CHUCK  
WAGON EXPRESS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Stationary Vendor-s Permit No. V1 was issued to Shirley Blackstead, doing business as, Chuck Wagon Express.

**(32) APPROVAL OF JORGE ALANIZ AND CARLOS  
GONZALEZ AS RESERVE DEPUTIES FOR  
CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 6**

Commissioner Valencia moved that Mr. Jorge Alaniz and Mr. Carlos Gonzalez be approved as Reserve Deputies for Constable Precinct No. 6.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Bonds are as follow:**

**(33) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MOBILE PHONE AND SERVICES FOR THE VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

At this time, Mr. Salvador Salinas, Veterans Service Officer, explained that the mobile phone was necessary because he conducted many home visits and missed calls from clients at the main office, noting that the funds were within the budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the purchase of a mobile phone and services for the Veteran Service Officer was approved, subject to the availability of funds.

**(35) APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET AND ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the following Travel and/or travel expenses were approved, subject to funds in their Budget and all applicable County Policies, with the exception of the hotel expense for Item 35 Ar@.

- a) Parks System Interim Director, Construction Repair Foreman and Fleet Maintenance Manager to inspect and purchase surplus equipment in San Antonio, Texas, on January 20, 1999;
- b) Parks System Chief Park Ranger to attend the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series Seminar@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 1-5, 1999;
- c) UNIT Staff (2) to attend the ASouthwest Chapter NATIA Meeting and Workshop@ in San Antonio, Texas, on January 27-30, 1999;
- d) HIDTA Director to attend the AOperation COBIJA Meeting@ in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on January 26-29, 1999;
- e) UNIT Intelligence Agent to attend the ASWB-CA Border Alliance Group HIDTA Training@ in El Centro, California, on February 2-5, 1999;
- f) UNIT Administrative Secretary to attend the ANCIC/TCIC, Texas Department of Public Safety Course@ in Hidalgo, Texas, on February 8-12, 1999;
- g) HIDTA Director to attend a ASouth Texas HIDTA Executive Committee Meeting@ in San Antonio, Texas, on February 22-24, 1999;
- h) Community Development Coordinator to attend the A1999 Texas Community Development Program Application Workshop@ in Laredo, Texas, on February 2-3, 1999;
- I) Elections Administrator to attend the ATexas Association of Elections Administrators Mid-Winter Conference@ in Fort Worth, Texas, on January 21-23, 1999;



- j) Personnel/Safety Risk Director to attend the ACOBRA, HIPAA and FMLA Seminar® in San Antonio, Texas, on February 16-18, 1999;
- k) Two (2) Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, Place No. 1, Clerks to attend the A18 Hour Court Personnel Seminar® in Austin, Texas, on February 15-17, 1999;
- l) Five (5) County Extension Agents to attend the ATexas Community Futures Forum® in Weslaco, Texas, on February 1-2, 1999;
- m) Twelve (12) Health Department employees to attend the ARole of the Public Health Nursing Leader in Relation to Population Health® Harlingen, Texas, on January 29, 1999;
- n) Elections Administrator and employee to visit the Nueces County Elections/Voter Registration Office in Corpus Christi, Texas, on January 15, 1999;
- o) Four (4) Juvenile employees to attend the A12<sup>th</sup> Annual Juvenile Law Conference® in Austin, Texas, on February 17-19, 1999;
- p) Two (2) Constable Precinct No. 7 Deputies to attend the AInvestigation Course® in Houston, Texas, on February 9-12, 1999;
- q) Seven (7) Sheriff-s Department Deputies to attend the ABasic S.W.A.T. School® in Bayview, Texas, on January 17-22, 1999;
- r) Tax Assessor-Collector and two (2) Chief Deputies to attend the A31<sup>st</sup> Annual TAAO Region 5 Tip-O-Texas Conference® in McAllen, Texas, on February 25-27, 1999; and
- s) Tax Assessor-Collector to attend the ATexas Association of Appraisal Districts Conference® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 7-10, 1999.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ACONSENT® AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:**

**(36) FINAL APPROVAL**

Commissioner Matz moved that the following Item be approved:

**a) Precinct No. 4**

Vento Subdivision - being the West 2.50 acres of land of the East 5.00 acres out of West 10 acres out of Block No. 187, Adams Gardens Subdivision.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(37) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

**a) Precinct No. 4**

In the matter of Reyes Place Subdivision - being the South 6.63 acres of the South 13.26 acres of Block No. 32, F.Z. Bishop Subdivision of the Conception De Carricitos Grant. **(TABLED)**

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

**(37) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

Commissioner Matz moved that the following Subdivision be approved:

**b) Precinct No. 3**

CNDO Subdivision - being 5.00 acres of land being the so called Southerly one half of Lot No. 4, out 800.00 acre tract in Block No. 201, San Benito Land and Water Subdivision.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



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

**c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible Memorial donation to the Isla Blanca Park.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Memorial donation to the Isla Blanca Park was acknowledged and County Counsel was directed to negotiate the placement of the memorial.



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**(1) ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRE-PLANNING FOR POST HURRICANE DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SELECTED FIRM**

At this time, Mr. Desi Najera, Emergency Management Director, stated that the Request for Qualifications had been advertised and that Shiner Mosely and Associates, Incorporated, had been the only entity to respond.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the funds for said Project were not available, but suggested that the project should be funded through the Road and Bridge Department's Budget since the project was qualified as Road and Bridge activity.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the project could be joint ventured between the County and other municipalities.

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, stated that the Proposal allowed for other municipalities and governmental entities to buy into the Contract once it was final.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Pre-Planning for Post Hurricane Disaster Recovery Operations be negotiated with Shiner Mosely and Associates, Incorporated, as recommended by the Evaluation Committee and that a formal letter be drafted to the municipalities regarding a joint venture project.

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At this time, Commissioner Matz suggested that the Deputy County Clerk should note the follow up Items on the Agenda for future references.

Commissioner Cascos stated that his understanding of Approval of the Minutes was that the discussions would refresh the Court's memories and that follow up discussions were essential, in order to determine if the issues were being executed.

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, suggested that the County Judge's Office would review the Minutes and would draft memorandums to the Departments which required follow up procedures.

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

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**APPROVED** this **9th** day of **February, 1998**.

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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.**