

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1999, there was conducted a SPECIAL 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:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Hinojosa at 9:40 A.M.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on February 19, 1999, at 2:28 P.M.

(1) **AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHING A LOAD LIMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BEACH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was opened for public comment.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the testimonies of the Public Hearing setting the weight limits at Boca Chica Beach held February 1, 1999, be offered for the record.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel, recommended that the Court should consider all the public comments and the Report submitted by Mr. John Hudson, Traffic Engineers Incorporated, at the public hearing held February 11, 1999. He stated that the Report by Mr. Hudson was consistent from a safety stand point and that the recommendations were based on the protection of the recreational public. Mr. Wright suggested that Mr. Hudson's recommendation concerning proper signing and weight limits on South Padre Island be considered by the Court.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Court would take into consideration all the information and testimonies provided to the Commissioners= Court at the public hearing held February 11, 1999.

Mr. Wright informed the Court that the County became aware, the prior week that there were two (2) gas producing wells at the South Padre Island beach and added that the Parks System Director had taken photographs and found two (2) large pieces of equipment on the beach. He added that the Company had agreed to contact the County as the large vehicles would go through the beach and stated that the County Park Rangers would escort the vehicles through the beach, in order to protect the public.

Mr. Javier Mendez, County Parks Director, stated that the Company serviced the wells every two (2) years or as necessary and explained that there were no dunes on the path taken by the company to arrive at the well site.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa clarified that the ordinance restricted the weight over ten tons beginning from the first access point to the end of the County line.

Mr. Wright stated that the ordinance applied to vehicular traffic at the beach which included Beach Access No. 5 to the Jetties.

Judge Hinojosa questioned whether the conditions regarding the beach use by beach goers at said area was

the same type of recreational use as Boca Chica Public Beach and Mr. Mendez replied in the affirmative.

Judge Hinojosa questioned whether the same type of rationale for providing a weight limit at Boca Chica Beach existed for South Padre Island Beach and Mr. Mendez responded in the affirmative.

Hearing and sensing no further public comments, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed at 9:48 A.M.

The Photographs are as follow:

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recommended that the testimonies, statements and information provided at the public hearing held February 11, 1999, be included as part of the record.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the testimonies, statements and information provided at the public hearing held February 11, 1999, were included as part of the record.

The Documents are as follow:

(2) **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE ORDER
ESTABLISHING A LOAD LIMIT FOR MOTOR
VEHICLES TRAVELING ON SOUTH PADRE
ISLAND BEACH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Order establishing a load limit for motor vehicles traveling on South Padre Island Beach was approved.

The Order is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:49 A.M.



APPROVED this 30th day of **March, 1999**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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