

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 16th day of MARCH, 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:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:30 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 March 12, 1999, at 2:49 P.M., and the Supplemental Agenda filed on March 12, 1999, at 5:06 P.M.:

At this time, Judge Hinojosa referred to an article in the newspaper concerning a warehouse space being constructed in Northeast Brownsville and noted that Cameron County was experiencing a great increase in growth. He stated that the positive growth in the County would provide many jobs and a better way of life for the residents of Cameron County. Judge Hinojosa stated that the momentum initiated by the County should continue, in order to provide better living conditions and a better quality of life for the residents.



(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved, as presented by the County Auditor.



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

Commissioner Matz moved that the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 99-21, and the Salary Schedules for Personnel/Safety Risk, Fund No. 100-4020, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments and the Salary Schedules are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS HELD JANUARY 26, 1999, FEBRUARY 2, 1999, REGULAR, FEBRUARY 9, 1999, AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 1999

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the following Minutes were approved, subject to the correction of the typographical error noted on the Minutes of February 9, 1999:

- Regular Meeting held January 26, 1999, at 9:30 A.M.;
- Regular Meeting held February 2, 1999, at 9:30 A.M.;
- Regular Meeting held February 9, 1999, at 9:30 A.M.; and
- Special Meeting held February 11, 1999, at 9:30 A.M.

(4) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MS. MAMIE SOLIS AGUIRRE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY AND DECLARING MARCH 20, 1999, AS MAMIE SOLIS AGUIRRE DAY® IN CAMERON COUNTY

Commissioner Cascos moved that Resolution recognizing Ms. Mamie Solis Aguirre, on the occasion of her 90th birthday, be adopted and that March 20, 1999, be declared as M Mamie Solis Aguirre Day® in Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(5) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF MS. ANN GANN AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Resolution in memory of Ms. Ann Gann, Attorney at Law, and her years of service to Cameron County was adopted.

**(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING
CAMERON COUNTY CITIZENS,
MUNICIPALITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
AND IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS
TO PREPARE FOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS
AND ENACTMENT OF WATER CONSERVATION
MEASURES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted requesting Cameron County Citizens, Municipalities, Local Governments and Irrigation and Drainage Districts to prepare for drought conditions and enact water conservation measures.

At this time, Commissioner Matz presented the Integrated Water Resource Plan Executive Summary Technical Report which included useful information regarding said matter.

The Resolution and Report are as follow:

(7) **IN THE MATTER OF A PROJECT FOR THE 1999 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (TABLED)**

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

(8) **ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1999 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA CONSTRUCTION FUND**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recommended that the 1999 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Construction Fund allocate a joint Project consisting of the Olmito Water Supply Corporation and El Jardin Water Supply Corporation. He stated that the joint Project would be focused on the Colonias they served and the expansion of water lines and any necessary improvements.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, explained that the projects would be placed on a priority list if the County applied for A1st Time Water and Sewer® and noted that the Olmito Water Supply Corporation would be applying for the A1st Time Sewer®, which would require half of the grant fund.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the El Jardin Water Supply Corporation was experiencing many problems concerning water pressure and access and added that the La Feria area would be addressed in the next application for the Colonia Construction Grant.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Olmito Water Supply Corporation and the El Jardin Water Supply Corporation Joint Project be selected for the 1999 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Construction Fund.

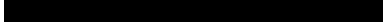
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that Item No. 7 was Tabled, in order to obtain a schedule of time and cost from the Public Works Department to complete the four (4) miles of highway in the Cameron Park Subdivision and to discuss a possible solution for the Laguna Heights drainage issues with the Empowerment Zone. He stated that the matter would require one (1) week, in order to resolve the logistics and discuss the matter with the community.

Ms. Rosie De Lejia, Green Valley Farms resident, expressed her concerns regarding the issues in the Green Valley Farms Subdivision and noted that the subdivision had been placed on a priority list.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Community Development Discretionary Block Fund was not sufficient for the Green Valley Farms Subdivision and added that a concrete plan with the available resources needed to be determined

before correcting the drainage problem. He stated that there was a commitment by the County to begin improving the roads in Green Valley Farms.



(9) IN THE MATTER OF A PROJECT FOR THE 1999 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (TABLED)

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



(10) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1999 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA AREA PLANNING FUND

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that County should request Planning Funds for the La Torre Subdivision, Precinct No. 4, which was an illegal subdivision, but noted that the subdivision needed water and sewer. He stated that the subdivision needed to be legalized before the County could apply for Community Development or Colonia Construction Funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, La Torre Subdivision was selected as the Project for the 1999 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Area Planning Fund.



(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL-S OFFICE TO LINK UP WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR-S OFFICE COUNTY COMPUTER TAX SYSTEM TO ACCESS PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Attorney General-s Office link up with the Tax Assessor-Collector-s Office County Computer Tax System to access property tax information.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



(12) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR-S OFFICE TO LINK UP WITH OFICINA COORDINADORA DE RIESGOS ASEGURADOS, S.C. (O.C.R.A.) AND SEGUROS IMBURSA FROM MEXICO VIA INTERNET FOR STOLEN VEHICLE INFORMATION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Tax Assessor-Collector-s Office was authorized to link up with Oficina Coordinadora De Riesgos Asegurados, S.C. (O.C.R.A.) and Seguros Imbursa from Mexico via Internet for stolen vehicle information.

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE COURT RECORDS COORDINATOR TO SERVE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW NO. 1 AND NO. 3

At this time, Judge Daniel T. Robles, County Court at Law No. 3, requested that the Court Records Coordinator be created for County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3 and stated that County Court at Law No. 2 currently was provided with a Court Clerk by the County Clerk-s Office to maintain the criminal cases. He stated that the County Clerk-s Office was overloaded with work and could not provide the assistance and added that the Court Records Coordinator would provide the duties as those provided by the Court Clerk.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the production and disposing of cases in the two County Courts had surpassed the anticipated amount and added that the revenue would be more than what was budgeted for the two Courts. He stated that the former County Court at Law No. 2 Judge had suggested that a Court Clerk be placed in the County Court-s Office, in order to control the files in a timely manner and to allow the Courts to increase the files to be handled. Judge Hinojosa noted that a proposal had been made for the 1998-1999 Fiscal Year to implement the Court System in each Court and explained that County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3 suggested that the Court Records Coordinator position be created, as opposed to implementing two (2) Court Clerks. He stated that the Judges had committed to go back to the same Court Clerk System and salary range in County Court at Law No. 2 if the two (2) Court Clerks were necessary in the County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3. Judge Hinojosa stated that the new position would provide the services of two (2) Clerks which would save up to \$10,000.00 to \$14,000.00 and added that it would increase the revenues for the two (2) Courts. He stated that the County Court Judges had agreed upon an annual salary of \$23,000.00, as opposed to \$21,600.00 and recommended that the salary be set at \$23,000.00.

Commissioner Matz suggested that the issue be presented at the Personnel Evaluation Review Committee and that a recommendation be made by the Committee, in order to determine the impact on the Budget.

Commissioner Cascos stated that it was his understanding that an agreement had been made to have the same number of slots in the three County Courts and questioned whether the creation of the position would add a slot to the Court at Law No. 3 Budget.

Judge Robles stated that the creation of the slot would be an addition to the County Court's Budget, but noted that all three County Courts utilized one (1) Court Interpreter.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the difference between the Courts, was that County Court at Law No. 2 was provided with a Clerk from the County Clerk's Office which was created two (2) years ago.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the matter had been discussed with Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, to provide the clerks from the County Clerk's Office and stated that he would discuss the issue with Mr. Rivera as to why the clerks could not be assigned to facilitate the duties. He stated that if the County Clerk's Office was unable to provide the clerks, due to the number of staff members, he would support the matter.

Judge Hinojosa stated that Mr. Rivera had mentioned that he did not have the adequate number of staff members to handle the workload in the office and that two (2) additional Deputy Clerk slots should be created and assigned to each Court at the same salary of the current Court Clerk.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that space was a critical issue and added that the Courthouse did not have the additional space for additional personnel.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia expressed his support regarding the creation of the Court Records Coordinator and added that the matter should be considered based on the County Courts work performance.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the amount of revenues which had been collected within the last eight-five days and Mr. Yates responded that two of the three Courts did not have significant activity in January and the month of February was too recent to assess the revenues.

Mr. Yates stated that the revenues would match or exceed last year's budget once the County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3 joined the Collections Program.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the position be approved as a temporary slot until the position was presented to the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Yates recommended that the slot be assigned to the County Courts and that the slot continue to be funded through the Computer Center's Budget, until the matter was presented to the Personnel Committee.

Commissioner Cascos reiterated that the issue would be discussed with Mr. Rivera to determine whether the clerks could be provided by the County Clerk's Office with the existing available resources.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** until the matter was reviewed by the Personnel Committee, noting that the slot would continue to be funded from the Computer Center-s Budget.

(13) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL BEACH TOWING PERMIT NO. T-3 TO EDWARD DUNN, DOING BUSINESS AS, BEACH RESCUE (FORMERLY BAY AREA TOWING)

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Renewal Beach Towing Permit No. T-3 be issued to Edward Dunn, doing business as, Beach Rescue, formerly known as, Bay Area Towing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. T-2 TO ROBERT RAMIREZ, DOING BUSINESS AS, E-Z TOW SERVICE

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Renewal Mobile Vendor-s Permit No. T-2 was issued to Robert Ramirez, doing business as, E-Z Tow Service.

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. T-1 TO ROBERT RAMIREZ, DOING BUSINESS AS, E-Z TOW SERVICE

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Renewal Mobile Vendor-s Permit No. T-1 be issued to Robert Ramirez, doing business as, E-Z Tow Service.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT TO RAYMOND MILLER, DOING BUSINESS AS, RAY-TEL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, explained that Ray-Tel Communications provided portable pay phones and added that the services would only be provided for the month of March.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the temporary Mobile Vendor-s Permit was issued to Raymond Miller, doing business as, Ray-Tel Communications.

(17) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO G&T PAVING FOR THE ABELARDO ROAD PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Bid for the Abelardo Road Paving Improvements Project be awarded to G&T Paving, Brownsville, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(18) AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY A 25' X 25' EASEMENT AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was granted a 25' x 25' easement at the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates.

(19) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO S&B INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE MASTER PLANNING OF THE CAMERON COUNTY FACILITIES COMPLEX

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Contract for the Master Planning of the Cameron County Facilities Complex be awarded to S&B Infrastructure, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(20) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF LOS INDIOS TO PICK UP DEBRIS AND PROVIDE MOWING SERVICES

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Los Indios to pick up debris and provide mowing services was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(21) IN THE MATTER OF THE RESERVE DEPUTY
CONSTABLE RAY SALINAS, FOR PRECINCT
NO. 6 (DENIED)**

At this time, Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel Director, stated that Constable Juan Mendoza, Precinct No. 6, had requested the matter be Tabled and noted that Mr. Salinas possessed two (2) certifications. He stated that the individual was currently employed by the United States Border Patrol and that there were certain regulations concerning the possession of two (2) certifications.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to hiring Reserve Deputy Constables who are currently employed by a different law enforcement agency. He stated that the County's exposure would increase and that there would be a higher possibility of law suits against the County. Judge Hinojosa stated that as a matter of Policy, any similar situations should be rejected.

Commissioner Cascos stated that if the issues currently existed, the County was exposed to potential litigations and/or lawsuits.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this Item was **DENIED**.



**(22) APPROVAL OF RESERVE DEPUTY
CONSTABLES MICHAEL J. SIMMONS AND
GABRIEL PEDRAZA FOR CONSTABLE
PRECINCT NO. 2**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Reserve Deputy Constables Michael J. Simmons and Gabriel Pedraza be approved for Constable Precinct No. 2.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Bonds are as follow:

(23) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL CAMERON COUNTY, INCORPORATED

At this time, Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel Director, explained that the Community in School Cameron County, Incorporated, provided college bound students to work for the County for six (6) weeks during the summer and noted that the compensations were fully funded by said entity.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County and Communities in School Cameron County, Incorporated, was approved.



(24) AUTHORIZATION TO RECLASSIFY SLOT NO. 4 AND NO. 5 (GRANT 270-6290 TITLE V A) TO ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER

Commissioner Cascos moved that Slot No. 4 and No. 5 (Grant 270-6290 Title V A) to Advanced Nurse Practitioner be reclassified.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



At this time, Mr. David Garza, El Norte Subdivision resident, referred to Item No. 7 and expressed concern as to the reconstruction of the roads and whether the roads had been accepted into the County Road System.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that a proposal had been submitted for the Community Development Funds for reconstruction of the roads and noted that there were concerns as to whether the roads had been accepted into the County Road System. He stated that Mr. Garza was requesting funds to improve the roads and that the Court initiate the process to accept the roads into the County Road System.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the Empowerment Zone, the Mayor of Laguna Vista, and all the interested entities, in order to address the drainage and road issues.

Commissioner Matz stated that an in depth analysis had been performed concerning the problems and the cost to rectify the issues in the area and added that a Special Assessment Policy had been adopted, but noted that the participation by the entities was lacking to initiate the Project.

Judge Hinojosa stated that El Norte Subdivision was adjacent to Laguna Vista and suggested that County should execute an Agreement with the Town of Laguna Vista, whereas the County would assist with the improvements and the subdivision would be incorporated into the Town of Laguna Vista.



(26) IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING VEHICLE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1, TO THE COUNTY CLERK-S OFFICE FOR USE BY THE COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT-S WARRANT OFFICER (TABLED)

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

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF AGATEKEEPER® MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN THE BROWNSVILLE AND HARLINGEN SERVICE AREAS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Texas Department of Health was proposing a plan to the Legislature concerning Indigent Health Care and explained that a Health Services Non-taxing District consisting of four (4) counties would be created. He stated that the funds associated with the South Texas Hospital and the County-s Indigent Health Care Program would be allocated to the District and the District would control the Indigent Health Care Program for the four (4) County area. Mr. Yates stated that the District would be in a development phase in the next two (2) years and added that a meeting had been scheduled for input by the County.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Professional Services for the provision of AGatekeeper® Medical Services for the Cameron County Indigent Health Care Program in the Brownsville and Harlingen Service Areas be advertised.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(28) AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT TO FERNANDO M. GALVAN FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE JUVENILE COURT

At this time, Commissioner Cascos stated that discussions had been held concerning the development of a Public Defender-s Office and added that the issue should be addressed, in order to incorporate the costs into the next Fiscal Year-s Budget.

Judge Hinojosa stated that a Rural Legal Aid Report reflected that the County was violating the people-s constitutional rights with the current system of Court Appointed Attorneys and recommended that the County implement the Public Defender-s Program. He stated that the matter had not been pursued due to the high costs of the

Program, but added that the County Courts= activity had increased and was close to the cost of retaining a Public Defender-s Office.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that a Workshop be scheduled within the sixty (60) days, in order to discuss the Program and the availability of space at the Courthouse to house the Program.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Program should be timed based on the construction of the County-s Building Annex and that the matter be planned concerning budgets and related issues.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the payment to Mr. Fernando M. Galvan, Attorney at Law, for Professional Services as Public Defender for the Juvenile Court was approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(1) **ACTION ON APPLICATION BY WESTER GULF OIL AND GAS, INCORPORATED, FOR AN OVERWEIGHT PERMIT ON THE PUBLIC BEACHES NORTH OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS**

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel, recommended that the Permit be issued for a period of (3) weeks based on the safety of the public and added that the Permit require the company to notify the Parks System Director or the Chief Parks Ranger prior to the transportation on the beach by the overweight vehicles. He stated that the Permit would be effective March 17, 1999, and added that the company should notify the Court if additional time was necessary. Mr. Wright reiterated that the Permit be issued effective March 17, 1999, for a period of three (3) weeks and that the company was required, prior to transportation on the beach, to notify the County for escort by the Park Rangers during low use time of the beach, noting that the Officers= time be paid by Western Gulf Oil and Gas, Incorporated.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the overweight permit was issued for the public beach North of South Padre Island, Texas, to Western Gulf Oil and Gas, Incorporated, effective March 17, 1999, for a period of three (3) weeks, subject to the notification by the company to the Parks System Director or Chief Park Ranger for escort assistance prior to transportation on the beach, noting that the officers= time would be paid by Western Gulf Oil and Gas, Incorporated.

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:

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the

AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

(29) TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET AND ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES:

- a) Three (3) Computer Center employees to attend the AComprehensive Two Day Workshop on Windows NT 4.0" in McAllen, Texas, on April 27-28, 1999, and two (2) employees to attend a AOne Day Advanced Windows NT 4.0 Clinic® in Dallas, Texas, on June 30, 1999;
- b) Five (5) County Extension Agents to attend the ATraining on Existing Better Living for Texas Programming Efforts Throughout Cameron County® in Alice, Texas, on March 9, 1999;
- c) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, Place No. 2 to attend the A1998-1999 Twenty Hour Seminar for Justices of the Peace® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 5-8, 1999;
- d) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the A12th Annual Texas HIV/STD Conference Sponsored by Texas Department of Health® in Austin, Texas, on April 5-9, 1999;
- e) Health Department employee to attend the AMonthly Meeting of the Tobacco-Free Valley Coalition® in Weslaco, Texas, on March 24, 1999;
- f) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATexas Department of Health Quality Assurance Workshop® in Houston, Texas, on May 5-7, 1999;
- g) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a ATDH Quality Assurance Workshop® in Houston, Texas, on May 5-7, 1999;
- h) Deputy Constable Precinct No. 6 to attend the ACrime Prevention Training® in Kerrville, Texas, on April 12-15, 1999;
- I) County Treasurer to attend the AAnnual County Treasurers-Continuing Education Seminar® in College Station, Texas, on April 11-16, 1999;
- j) South Texas Juvenile Boot Camp Administrator and employee to purchase material and supplies needed for the Boot Camp in San Antonio, Texas, on March 3, 1999;
- k) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place No. 2, to attend the ATwenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 5-8, 1999;
- l) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Director to attend the ABasic Analytical Methodologies Course® in New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 27-30, 1999;

- m) Four (4) Tax Office employees to attend the ATax Association of Assessing Officers Course No. 1 - Introduction to the Texas Property Tax System® in San Benito, Texas, on April 12-16, 1999;
- n) Program Development and Management Community Development Coordinator to attend an AApplication Review Committee Meeting with the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone® in Mercedes, Texas, on March 11, 1999;
- o) Reproduction Director and employee to attend the ASouthwestern Graphic Seminar® in Dallas, Texas, on April 22-25, 1999; and
- p) Personnel/Benefit Specialist to attend a ATexas Labor Seminar on Managing a Workforce in 1999" in Austin, Texas, on April 5-6, 1999.

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(30) PURCHASE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER

- a) GRAYS WHOLESALE, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,463.50 - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT;
- b) SOUTHERN BUILDING CODE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130.00 - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT;
- c) RIO RADIO SUPPLY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202.00 - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE; AND
- d) OFFICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413.75 - AUDITOR-S OFFICE.

(31) OPEN BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) QUARTERLY BIDS NO. 2050-2 DIETARY SUPPLIES: MISCELLANEOUS;
- b) QUARTERLY BIDS NO. 2165-2 FOOD: FROZEN;
- c) QUARTERLY BIDS NO. 2170-2 FOOD: MEATS;
- d) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2210-2 FOODS: SPICES;
- e) LA PALOMA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, TCDP NO. 717045; AND
- f) TIERRA BONITA/GRANDE ACRES COLONIAS - WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS TCDP NO. 717045.

The Bids and/or Request for Proposals are as follow:

(32) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Bixby Canal Estates Subdivision - being a Resubdivision of 20.671 acres of land comprised of 19.9168 acres out of Blocks No. 1 and No. 12, Bixby Subdivision, recorded in Volume No. 2, Page No. 42, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, and 0.7542 acres of land out of Lot No. 10, Block No. 4, American Rio Grande Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision; and

b) Precinct No. 4

Country Estates North Subdivision II, Phase I - being a 10.118 acres tract of land, more or less out of the South one half Survey No. 35, Cameron County, Texas, said Survey No. 35 being an approximately 182 acre tract of land surveyed for Francisco Brevino B. Vituro of Application No. 22, filed in the Office of County Surveyor or Cameron County.

(33) FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 3

Villegas Family Subdivision - being 6.054 acre tract comprising 0.758 acres of land out of Lot No. 15 and 5.396 acres of land out of Lot No. 16, Block No. 207, San Benito Land and Water Company.



(34) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:08 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning 14.9 acres adjacent to Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- b) Confer with County Counsel concerning the construction of the new Jail Facility; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:59 A.M.



(35) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Possible action concerning deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning 14.9 acres adjacent to Isla Blanca Park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the 14.9 acres adjacent to Isla Blanca Park.

b) Confer with County Counsel concerning the construction of the new Jail Facility.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged concerning the construction of the new Jail Facility.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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 12:00 P.M.

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APPROVED this **14th** day of **April, 1999**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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