

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of MARCH, 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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

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:

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:48 A.M.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk  
on March 15, 1999, 9:14 A.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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing establishing a load limit for motor vehicles traveling on South Padre Island Beach was opened for public comment.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel, recommended that the Court should incorporate the minutes of the three (3) previous public hearings, including the Report by Mr. John Hudson, Traffic Engineers, Incorporated.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the County Clerk-s Office was directed to include the Minutes of the three (3) previous Public Hearings.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the implementation of the load limit was based on the safety of the public-s recreational use of the beach and explained that the heavy load caused the vehicles difficulty in halting for children in the area. He stated that the overweight vehicles limited the access of the public, due to damage by the overweight vehicles of the road utilized by the public.

Hearing and sensing no further comment, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

**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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Order establishing a load limit for motor vehicles traveling on South Padre Island Beach was adopted.

**The Order is as follows:**

At this time, Commissioner Matz presented a Report regarding concerns by a Port Isabel resident as to the problem of riptide conditions which currently existed at the beach and requested that warning signs be posted regarding said matter. He stated that the Texas Department of Transportation and the County Parks System would be notified and noted that a local youth had saved the lives of five (5) individuals due to the riptide situation.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the County Judge's Office would prepare a press release and forward it to the two (2) local television stations and local newspapers warning the public of the situation.

**The Report 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 9:55 A.M.

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**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 1999**.

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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.**