

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 30th 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:

3:00 P.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 3:07 P.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 26, 1999, at 2:26 P.M.:

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

At this time, Mr. Jack Brown, Martin, Brown and Perez, explained that the same Proposal which was presented in the previous year was being submitted with several modifications to the Plan and briefly highlighted the changes. He stated that the Project would cost the estimated amount of \$398,000.00.

Mr. Don Carrell, Drainage District No. 3 Manager, stated that the Drainage District would work together with the County on the Green Valley Farms Project and added that the Drainage District No. 3 would contribute up to \$200,000.00 for the Project.

Mr. Brown stated that the Project was only a partial cure for Green Valley Farms and clarified that the improvements would not stop the floods from occurring.

Commissioner Cascos stated that there was a potential amount of \$515,000.00 to invest to alleviate the problem and questioned what percentage of the area would be solved.

Mr. Brown responded that the additional internal drainage could be improved with the amount of \$515,000.00 which alleviate thirty-five percent (35%) to forty percent (40%) of the problem, but reiterated that the proposed improvements would not cure the problem.

Commissioner Benavides expressed concern as to whether the improvements to the drainage issue would make a significant impact or as to whether it would be remain the same if heavy rains occurred.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his gratitude to the Drainage District No. 3 for the funding commitment for the Project and suggested that a solution be discussed with the Drainage District, in order to locate funding to work on the issue. He stated that the improvements would only address the small moderate floods.

At this time, Ms. Rosie De Lejia, Green Valley Farms resident, expressed her concerns regarding the flooding and drainage issues in the Green Valley Farms Subdivision.

Judge Hinojosa explained that Drainage District No. 3 had committed the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Green Valley Farms Project and recommended that the County and the Drainage District should discuss the improvements to be made with the combined funds, consisting of the Drainage District's contribution and resources from the County. He stated that the Grants funds should be utilized to complete the Drainage Project in the Laguna Heights area and reiterated that the improvements to be made to Green Valley Farms would not completely resolve the drainage issues. Judge Hinojosa explained that if the Community Development Grant Funds were utilized for the Green Valley Farms Project, the Drainage District would only contribute the matching amount of \$80,000.00, and

noted that \$120,000.00 to be utilized for the drainage problem would be lost. He suggested that the Community Development Funds be utilized for the Laguna Heights area and that the improvements to the Cameron Park roads be completed. Judge Hinojosa recommended that the funds be located within the County for the Green Valley Farms Project, in order to address all three projects.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the \$80,000.00 figure from Drainage District No. 3 was accurate and Mr. Brown responded that only \$80,000.00 would be contributed if the Project was limited to a certain cost.

At this time, there was some discussion regarding the funding source for the Green Valley Farms Project and Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that there was an estimated amount of \$154,000.00 in the Contingency Fund, but noted that there were several line items to address which would be allocated from the Contingency Fund.

Ms. De Lejia expressed concern as to whether the Tobacco Settlement funds which were awarded to the County could be designated as the funding source for the Green Valley Farms Project.

Commissioner Cascos explained that the Court had committed to utilize the Tobacco Settlement funds for infrastructure including buildings, but added that the funds could be utilized for the Project at the discretion of the Court.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Grant Funds be utilized for the Laguna Heights Project, subject to the commitment and consensus by the Court to locate the matching amount of \$200,000.00, within the County and noted that said proposal would allow the improvements in Green Valley Farms to begin immediately, as opposed to waiting a year.

Commissioner Valencia expressed concern as to the time frame to begin the improvements at Green Valley Farms and Mr. Carrell responded that the Project would be addressed immediately.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the motion would consist of the approval to submit the Application for the 1999 Texas Community Development Program Community Development Fund for the Laguna Heights area, subject to the funding from the Empowerment Zone, in the amount of one million dollars for the Project and added that the County would enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Drainage District No. 3 to provide \$200,000.00. He stated the County would provide the balance to complete the drainage improvements illustrated in the map presented by the Firm of Martin, Brown and Perez.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned who would be responsible for the maintenance and Mr. Carrell responded that Drainage District No. 3 would maintain the facilities within the District.

Mr. Carrell stated that one (1) area in the Green Valley Farms area was not within the District and added that the County would be responsible for the maintenance of said area.

Commissioner Matz moved that Application for the 1999 Texas Community Development Program Community Development Fund be submitted for the Laguna Heights area, subject to the funding from the Empowerment Zone, in the amount of one million dollars and that the County enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Drainage District No. 3 to provide \$200,000.00, noting that the County would provide the balance to complete the drainage improvements illustrated in the map presented by the Firm of Martin, Brown and Perez.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Report and the Map are as follow:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

Warrant No. 11142, payable to Dr. Paul A. Lenz, in the amount of \$8,982.00;

Warrant No. 11140, payable to Frontera Materials, in the amount of \$48,051.07; and

Warrant No. 1141, payable to Sysco Foods, in the amount of \$8,670.49.

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

Warrant No. 11142, payable to Dr. Paul A. Lenz, in the amount of \$8,982.00;

Warrant No. 11140, payable to Frontera Materials, in the amount of \$48,051.07; and

Warrant No. 1141, payable to Sysco Foods, in the amount of \$8,670.49.

The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:

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

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following Salary Schedules which were presented to the Personnel Review Committee:

County Auditor - Fund No. 100-4950;

District Trial Courts - Fund No. 100-4350;

County Court at Law No. 1 - Fund No. 100-4260;

County Court at Law No. 3 - Fund No. 100-4280; and

Planning and Inspection - Fund No. 150-6230.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the Court Records Coordinator Position being created in County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3, and noted that Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, did not have an opportunity to submit a presentation to the Personnel Review Committee. He explained that there would be two (2) slots created in the County Clerk's Office funded from the Records Management Fund, which could be utilized for the two (2) County Courts and expressed concern as to why the position was being created in the County Courts if the two (2) slots from the County Clerk's Office could perform the same function.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the Personnel Review Committee had recommended the County Court at Law Judges' request and that the slots in the County Clerk's Office was a separate matter.

At this time, Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that a problem existed in the County Clerk's Office due to a computer glitch which impacted a thousand cases and added that the County Clerk's Office was responsible for the finished product. He stated that the County Clerk's Judicial Section Staff was working additional hours to correct the errors and noted that the creation of the Court Records Coordinator would not improve the situation in the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Rivera stated that the creation of the two (2) slots would alleviate the help in the County Clerk's Office and emphasized that the County Clerk's Office assisted all three (3) County Courts.

Judge Hinojosa reiterated that his understanding was that the County Clerk's and the County Courts at Law Nos. 1 and 3 were two (2) different matters.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the position in the County Courts and the positions in the County Clerk's Office would provide the same service and whether the two (2) proposed slots would assist the County Clerk's Office and the County Courts.

Mr. Rivera reiterated that the County Court slot would not help the County Clerk's Office, but it would assist the County Courts and added that the County Clerk's Office was responsible for producing the finished products.

Mr. Yates stated that his understanding was that the County Clerk and the County Court at Law No. 1 and No. 3 Judges were addressing two (2) different problems and noted that the County Clerk's Office currently provided a clerk to assist County Court at Law No. 2.

Commissioner Matz questioned whether the County Auditor recommended that the Court Records Coordinator Slot be created.

Mr. Yates explained that the three (3) new County Court at Law Judges began on January 1, 1999, with a staff that did not have any County Court at Law experience and added that the individual to be hired as the Court Records Coordinator was currently under the Computer Center's Budget. He stated that the individual was assigned to fill the position of the County Court Administrator, due to maternity leave matters and that the individual had demonstrated a greater ability to manage the County Courts than the existing staff. Mr. Yates clarified that the County Court Judges were focusing on retaining the individual's expertise in the Court and added that the expertise was necessary for the Court.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the Court Records Coordinator would perform the duties in two (2) Courts in the same manner that one (1) clerk provided for County Court at Law No. 2. He stated that the position would increase the caseload and increase the revenues for the County, based on the caseload.

Mr. Yates stated that it would cost the County the amount of \$10,000.00 more to hire two (2) employees for the County Courts.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the funds would be allocated from the Records Management Fund, as opposed to the General Fund.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there was an understanding among the County Court at Law Judges that if at anytime the individual currently being assigned as the Court Records Coordinator, left the position, the position would then go back to the County Clerk's System at the same salary as the Court Clerk being paid in County Court at Law No. 2.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the County Clerk's Office could reasonably assist the County Courts with the creation of the two (2) new slots which would be funded from the Records Management Fund and expressed his opposition to the creation of the position in the County Courts.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 99-23, and the following Salary Schedules be approved:

County Auditor - Fund No. 100-4950;

District Trial Courts - Fund No. 100-4350;

County Court at Law No. 1 - Fund No. 100-4260;

County Court at Law No. 3 - Fund No. 100-4280; and

Planning and Inspection - Fund No. 150-6230.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Commissioner Matz moved that the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 99-23, and the following Salary Schedules be approved and that the creation of the Court Records Coordinator for County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 3 be **Tabled**.

County Auditor - Fund No. 100-4950;

District Trial Courts - Fund No. 100-4350;

Planning and Inspection - Fund No. 150-6230.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and the vote is as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Matz and Cascos

NAY: Judge Hinojosa, Commissioners Benavides and Valencia.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 99-23, and the following Salary Schedules be approved:

County Auditor - Fund No. 100-4950;

District Trial Courts - Fund No. 100-4350;

County Court at Law No. 1 - Fund No. 100-4260;

County Court at Law No. 3 - Fund No. 100-4280; and

Planning and Inspection - Fund No. 150-6230.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Valencia

NAY: Commissioner Cascos.

The Budget Amendments and the Salary Schedules are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 1999, FEBRUARY 24, 1999, MARCH 2, 1999, MARCH 8, 1999, AND MARCH 9, 1999

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the following Minutes were approved, subject to the typographical error being corrected on the Minutes of March 2, 1999:

February 23, 1999, Regular Meeting;

February 24, 1999, Special Meeting;

March 2, 1999, Regular Meeting;

March 8, 1999, Special Meeting; and

March 9, 1999, Regular Meeting.

(4) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUIRED MANDATORY COMMISSIONERS-CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLETED BY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Required Mandatory Commissioners-Continuing Education completed by Commissioner Precinct No. 3 be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Certificate is as follows:

(7) AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TAXES

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

Taxes were refunded to the following entities:

- a) Southern Texas Title, in the amount of \$872.02 - erroneous payment;
- b) Office Depot, in the amount of \$3,489.74 - change value; and
- c) Columbia Valley Healthcare, in the amount of \$6,102.21 - apply AG-use value.



**(8) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
G&T PAVING COMPANY AND CAMERON
COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
ABELARDO ROAD PAVING IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Contract between G&T Paving Company and Cameron County for the construction of Abelardo Road Paving Improvements Project be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(9) **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 FOR THE LOS TOMATES TOLL AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, explained that the Change Order consisted of an Emergency Generator that was not included in the initial plan for the Project and added that the item was not budgeted and would require additional funding from the County.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that Emergency Generators and Alarm Systems should be required for all new County Buildings and added that the Port Isabel Health Clinic should be addressed on the same issue.

Mr. Juan Bernal stated that the roofs of the toll booth had not been constructed to accommodate air conditioning units and recommended that Kell Muñoz Wigodsky, Incorporated, should incur the costs of the additional construction.

At this time, Mr. Manuel Hinojosa, Kell Muñoz Wigodsky, Incorporated, stated that the toll booths had been designed with metal roofs and added that the additional modifications were necessary, due to unknown conditions.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to why the County Engineer was recommending that the architects pay for the additional changes and as to whether the County would have had to pay the costs, if the matter was included in the original design.

Mr. Bernal stated that the matter should have been included in the original design and added that the County would have paid for the original design, but noted that the Contingency funds were not available for the additional costs.

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed concern as to whether a problem existed with the reflection pond at the Los Tomates Bridge and as to whether the matter was not included in the original plan.

Mr. Hinojosa stated that the necessary equipment for the reflection pond had not been included in the original plan and added that the County would have paid the costs of the equipment if they would have been included in the initial plan.

Commissioner Matz moved that Change Order No. 6 for the Los Tomates Toll and Administration Building be approved, inclusive of the recommendation by the County Engineer that Kell Muñoz Wigodsky, Incorporated would incur the costs of the toll booth roofs.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

(10) ACTION TO AWARD LOW BID FOR THE TIERRA BONITA-GRANDE ACRES WATER PROJECT TO THE 5125 COMPANY AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 717045)

Commissioner Valencia moved that the low bid for the Tierra Bonita-Grande Acres Water Project be awarded to the 5125 Company and that the Construction Contract, that being Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 717045, be negotiated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(11) AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE FOR THE 1999-2001 COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER

Commissioner Matz moved that the Service Provider Contract be negotiated with the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville for the 1999-2001 Colonia Self-Help Center.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(12) AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the advertisement for Engineering Proposals for the Laguna Heights Drainage Improvement Project was approved.

(13) ACTION TO AWARD THE LOW BID FOR THE LA PALOMA CUT-OFF SANITARY SEWER PROJECT TO JIMMY CLOSNER AND SONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 717045)

Commissioner Matz moved that the low Bid for the La Paloma Cut-Off Sanitary Sewer Project be awarded to Jimmy Closner and Sons and that the Construction Contract, that being the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 717045, be negotiated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE MOBILE PHONE AND PHONE SERVICES FOR THE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the purchase of a mobile phone and Mobile Phone Services for the Program Development and Management Director was approved.

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 Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

- (15) TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET AND ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES:**
- a) County Extension Agent to attend the ARio Grande Livestock Show® in Mercedes, Texas, on March 16-21, 1999;
 - b) Two (2) Computer employees to attend a AComprehensive One Day Workshop on Management Problems of the Technical Person in a Leadership Role® in McAllen, Texas, on April 27, 1999;
 - c) County Judge and International Bridge Systems Director to attend the A1999 Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala® in Austin, Texas, on March 29-30, 1999;
 - d) Five (5) Health Department employees to attend the ATexas Health Steps Adolescent Assessment Training Program® in Harlingen, Texas, on April 15-16, 1999;
 - e) Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program Supervisor to attend the A11th Annual ISP Institute Annual Conference and Training Institute® in San Antonio, Texas, on April 12-16, 1999;
 - f) 107th District Judge to attend the ACivil Discovery Under the New Rules Conference® in Houston, Texas, on April 16, 1999;
 - g) Building Maintenance Superintendent to attend the APreventive Maintenance Seminar® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 8-9, 1999;
 - h) Two (2) Program Development and Management employees to attend an AAutomobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant Application Workshop® in Austin, Texas, on April 6, 1999; and
 - I) Health Department employee to attend a AVista In-Service Training Camp® in Navasota, Texas, on April 13-15, 1999.

(16) OPEN BIDS FOR THE TELLER DRIVE-UP REMOTE TRANSACTION SYSTEM FOR THE TAX DEPARTMENT

The Bids opened and received are as follow

(17) RENEWAL OF THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL BIDS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR

- a) ANNUAL BID NO. 2250 - DRINKING WATER;
- b) ANNUAL BID NO. 1970 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - PARKS DEPARTMENT;
- c) ANNUAL BID NO. 2010 - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - SHOES;
- d) ANNUAL BID NO. 2018 - COMMISSARY SUPPLIES - UNDERWEAR; AND
- e) ANNUAL BID NO. 1180 - ARMORED CAR SERVICES.

(18) AWARD THE FOLLOWING QUARTERLY BIDS

- a) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2050-2 - DIETARY SUPPLIES;
- b) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2165-2 - FOOD: FROZEN;
- c) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2170-2 - FOOD: MEATS; AND
- d) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2210-2 - FOOD: SPICES.

(19) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 4:25 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel concerning the possible litigation over the feeding of confined individuals in the Harlingen City Jail and the claim in the amount of \$1,332.00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A&B);
- b) 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;
- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning the method of construction for the new Jail Facility; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); and
- d) Confer with County Counsel concerning the case styled Keith Brown vs. Cameron County, to discuss threatened litigation and authorize settlement; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A&B).

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 5:13 P.M.

(20) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel concerning the possible litigation over the feeding of confined individuals in the Harlingen City Jail and claim of \$1,332.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the County Auditor was directed to substantiate the claims presented to the County for feeding of confined individuals placed in the Harlingen City Jail by Cameron County Authorities.

b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning 14.9 acres adjacent to Isla Blanca Park.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the publication for request of sealed bids for a Concession on a parcel of land in Isla Blanca Park consisting of 15.775 acres, be advertise, pursuant to Section 263.007.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

c) Confer with County Counsel concerning the method of construction for the new Jail Facility.

(6) APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR THE NEW COUNTY JAIL OF EITHER ARCHITECT/CONTRACTOR OR DESIGN BUILD METHOD

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the method of Design Build for the construction of the new Jail Facility had been preferred by the Court and requested input on behalf of the Sheriff-s Department.

Major Gus Reyna, Sheriff-s Department, expressed his support for the Design Build Method, on behalf of the County Sheriff and stated that the Sheriff-s Department should be allowed to have input during the construction of the new Jail Facility, noting that the County Sheriff was not available at the current time to express his concerns.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the support on behalf of the Sheriff would be considered, unless Sheriff Omar Lucio, County Sheriff, noted otherwise.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Design Build Method was selected for the construction of the new Jail Facility , noting the Sheriff-s support regarding said matter.

d) Confer with County Counsel concerning the case styled Keith Brown vs. Cameron County, to discuss threatened litigation and authorize settlement.

Commissioner Matz moved that Counsel be directed to settle and release the check on the case styled Keith Brown vs. Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, the meeting was **ADJOURNED.**

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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.