

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 22nd day of AUGUST, 1999, there was conducted a EMERGENCY 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:

4:35 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Cascos.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 22, 1999, at 2:39 P.M.:

(1) **ACTION ON ALL MATTERS IN ORDER TO PROTECT HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE AND PROPERTY OF CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, reported that a Weather Service Bulletin indicated that Hurricane Bret was expected to make landfall between Port Mansfield and Baffin Bay within an hour or an hour and a half. He stated that the intensity of Hurricane Bret had decreased, but that the expected rain level would be between eight (8) to twelve (12) inches. Mr. Garza reported that the Hurricane warnings would remain through Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Director, reported on the status of the shelters and added that a shelter had been opened in the Pharr San Juan Alamo area, and noted that of the fifteen (15) shelters opened five (5) had been filled.

Dr. Victor Gonzalez, Cameron County Health Authority, added that he had advised area Hospitals to send patients with minor symptoms home, in order to have more rooms available, and that the public was encouraged to proceed to the emergency room only during life threatening situations.

Mr. Garza added that Judge Hinojosa had published a press release stating that the Courthouse would be closed on Monday and only emergency personnel would report to work.

Commissioner Benavides moved that action be taken on all matters, in order to protect health, safety and welfare of the people and property of Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Matz , seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the meeting recessed until Tuesday, August 24, 1999, at 9:30 A.M.

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APPROVED this 7th day of **September, 1999**.

**GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE**

ATTEST:

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