

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of JANUARY, 2000, 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 ATIVIE@ VALENCIA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:35 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 January 14, 2000, at 3:01 P.M.:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the Contract regarding Trust Fund Accounts in the County and District Clerk's Office were currently being researched and that a report would be submitted to the Court within a few weeks.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to Warrant No. 26397, payable to Joe King, Jr. Printer, Incorporated, for printing services of County certificates and business cards.

Mr. Yates explained that the County's procedure was to request outside printing services if the Reproduction Department was unable to provide the services in-house and added that the matter would be researched.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the reimbursement, in the amount of \$457.00, for office supplies to County Court at Law Judge No. 2 and Mr. Yates replied that the issue would be reviewed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, 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 Cascos moved that the Salary Schedule for Planning and Inspection, Fund No. 150-6230, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Salary Schedule is as follows:

(3) **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 1999, DECEMBER 21, 1999, AND DECEMBER 28, 1999 (TABLED)**

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

(4) **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF 1999 CAMERON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Presentation of the 1999 Cameron County Historical Commission Annual Report be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

(5) **PRESENTATION OF DELINQUENT TAX REPORT FROM THE LAW FIRM OF LINEBARGER, HEARD, GOGGAN, BLAIR, GRAHAM, PEÑA AND SAMPSON ON THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES**

At this time, Mr. Juan Peña, Linebarger, Heard, Goggan, Blair, Graham, Peña and Sampson, summarized the Cameron County Delinquent Tax Collections Report and noted that the Tax Assessor-Collector had requested that the annual mailings be sent within five (5) days. He stated that five (5) days would place time constraints on the firm and requested that additional time be allotted for the mailings, in order to ensure accuracy of the notices.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Report from the Law Firm of Linebarger, Heard, Goggan, Blair, Graham, Peña and Sampson on the collection of ad-valorem taxes was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

**(6) PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST QUARTER
REPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
SYSTEM**

At this time, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Bridge Systems Director, highlighted the 2000 First Quarterly Report for Gateway International Bridge at Brownsville, the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios and the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates. He noted that the attempt had been made to have the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates opened for an additional two hours, but reported that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) did not have the staff and resources available to operate the additional hours.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the INS and the United States Border Patrol, in order to address the assistance of Border Patrol Agents at the Bridge and noted that there were twelve hundred officers stationed in the Brownsville area who should be able to provide assistance.

Mr. Sepulveda reported that the Bridge Systems= staff and resources were available for twenty-four (24) hour operations and suggested that political pressure should be placed on the agencies for their assistance.

Commissioner Cascos reiterated that there was an overabundance of Border Patrol Officers in the Brownsville area and suggested that the officers be cross trained to assist at the bridge.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the expansion of the hours was critical for the economic activity, once the Sunrise Mall was opened for business.

Mr. Sepulveda reported that the overpass on International Boulevard would be completed by April 2000 and that the mall would operational by Summer 2000.

Commissioner Matz questioned the crossings and low revenues at the Veterans Bridge and Mr. Sepulveda responded that the truck crossings were low for the first three months, until the Diplomatic Note was exchanged with the State and the Mexican Officials. He noted that the trucks crossing Gateway International Bridge and B&M Bridge were empty and added that the revenues would increase in the month of January, due to the loaded trucks crossing exclusively at the Veterans Bridge.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to the 6th and 7th Streets Overpass Project and questioned whether the City was committed to eliminating and rerouting all trucks to the Veterans= Bridge.

Mr. Sepulveda responded in the affirmative and reported that the overpass would be constructed to exclusively accommodate vehicular traffic and not truck traffic.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Port of Brownsville was proposing to construct a railroad bridge at the Port to redirect all rail traffic to the Port of Brownsville and added that if the Port of Brownsville did not execute the project, the County would address the issue. He reported that the City of Brownsville and the Texas Department of Transportation

(TxDOT) was proposing to build an overpass over a railroad switching yard, which might not exist within five to ten years and noted that the overpass might not be necessary. Judge Hinojosa stated that a large portion of the funds allocated to the Rio Grande Valley was being utilized for the overpass project at the switching yard.

Mr. Sepulveda reported that proposals had been discussed regarding the expansion of the East Loop to be connected to downtown Brownsville, which would connect the Gateway Bridge with the Veterans= Bridge.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the funds should be allocated to the East Loop Expansion Project, as opposed to the 6th and 7th Streets Overpass Project, and noted that the railroad tracks and the Amigoland Mall would not exist once the Sunrise Mall was completed.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia reported that the crossings at the Free Trade Bridge had increased and commended the Bridge Systems Director=s Report on the County=s International Bridges.

Judge Hinojosa acknowledged and commended Mr. Sepulveda for his efforts and hard work at the County International Bridges.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Presentation of the First Quarter Report for the International Bridge System be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

(7) **PRESENTATION BY LORI HUNNICUTT, SAFETY DEPARTMENT TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, REGARDING WORKERS-COMPENSATION PREMIUMS DISCOUNT AND ACTION REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY-S PARTICIPATION IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM**

At this time, Ms. Lori Hunnicutt, Texas Association of Counties, reported that the County-s Workers-Compensation claims had increased primarily in the Sheriff-s Department and requested the Court-s assistance in implementing a plan to decrease the number of claims. She noted that the claims in the Road and Bridge Department had decreased, as a result of the Accident Prevention Program implemented in the Department, and presented a check in the amount of \$38,232.00 awarded to the County for passing the Audit Program.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Accident Prevention Program had not been implemented in the Sheriff-s Department and recommended that the Personal Safety/Risk Director implement a full-time Safety Risk Coordinator in the Department to address the issues and a full-time Safety Risk Coordinator for the entire County concerning Defensive Driving.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Ms. Lori Hunnicutt, Safety Department Texas Association of Counties, regarding Workers-Compensation premiums discount was acknowledged and the Resolution regarding Cameron County-s participation in accident prevention program was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

(8) ACTION DESIGNATING A SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF NINE PUBLIC MEMBERS, PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 152.014 (A)

Commissioner Cascos moved that the designation of the Salary Grievance Committee composed of nine public members, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 152.014 (A) be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(9) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. RAFAEL R. RANGEL, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, TEXAS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE AND CAMERON COUNTY

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution honoring Mr. Rafael R. Rangel, Regional Director, Texas Commission for the Blind, on the occasion of his retirement after thirty years of dedicated service to the State and Cameron County, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(10) ADOPTION OF AN ORDER GRANTING CERTAIN TAX EXEMPTIONS TO CERTAIN HISTORIC SITES UNDER THE 1999 HERITAGE PLAN

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Order granting certain tax exemptions to certain historic sites under the 1999 Heritage Plan be adopted.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Matz

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa, as to 622 E. St. Charles Street;
Commissioner Cascos, as to 647 E. St. Charles Street;
Commissioner Benavides, as to 205 E. Elizabeth Street; and
Commissioner Valencia.

(11) APPROVAL OF CHECK PAYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Check Payment Contract between Cameron County and First National Bank be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(12) AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL COUNTY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS (QUOTATIONS) FROM \$15,000 TO \$25,000 FOR THE ARROYO COLORADO SELF-HELP SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS PROJECT (TDHCA CONTRACT NO. 718096)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Informal County Bidding Requirements (quotations) were increased from the amount of \$15,000 to \$25,000 for the Arroyo Colorado Self-Help Sanitary Sewer Connections Project, that being the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Contract No. 718096.

(13) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO HOME FUNDED CONTRACT FOR DEED CONVERSION PROGRAM (HOME CONTRACT NO. 537058)

Commissioner Cascos moved that Amendment No. 2 to the Home Funded Contract for Deed Conversion Program, that being the Home Contract No. 537058, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**(14) PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT ON
A REVISION TO THE CAMERON COUNTY
WASTE WATER SURVEILLANCE ORDER**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing to allow public input on a revision to the Cameron County Waste Water Surveillance Order was opened for public comment at 10:55 A.M.

At this time, Mr. Ray Rodriguez, Chief Sanitarian, stated that changes were being made as per the State's changes in the rules and regulations and reported that the proper procedures had been taken as advised by County Counsel, noting that the changes had been posted in the Brownsville Herald.

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, expressed her concerns as to the changes in the Order and requested that the matter be deferred, in order to review the changes.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel, stated that the changes were being made to comply with the Administrative Rules of the State and added that the County was required to comply with the State=s Rules and Regulations.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the matter be deferred for one (1) week, in order to allow the public to review the changes and allow public comment.

Hearing and sensing no further comment, upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the public hearing was closed at 11:00 A.M.

**(15) IN THE MATTER OF THE REVISED WASTE
WATER SURVEILLANCE ORDER, PURSUANT TO
TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION
COMMISSION (TNRCC) GUIDELINES (TABLED)**

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

(16) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MARCH OF DIMES AND CAMERON COUNTY TO PROVIDE A FOLIC ACID INITIATIVE IN CAMERON COUNTY

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Contract between the March of Dimes and Cameron County to provide a Folic Acid Initiative in Cameron County be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(17) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CAMERON COUNTY TO PROVIDE IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Contract between the Department of Health and Cameron County to provide Immunization Services in Cameron County was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

(18) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CAMERON COUNTY TO PROVIDE TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Contract between the Texas Department of Health and Cameron County to provide Tuberculosis Services in Cameron County be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(19) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1745-990803-1 FOR LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

(20) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1690-990804-1 FOR RADIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Request for Proposal No. 1745-990803-1 for Laboratory Diagnostic Services was awarded to Dynacare and Request for Proposal No. 1690-990804-1 for Radiological Diagnostic Services was awarded to Rio Mobile X-Ray, Incorporated, as recommended by the Evaluation Committee.

(21) **APPROVAL OF POSITION, JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, explained that a new Purchasing Agent Slot would be created in the Public Works Department and added that the funding would be allocated from the Road Materials Budget.

Commissioner Valencia stated that the salaries of the Road and Bridge personnel working on the roads should be addressed and added that the majority of the funding was being allocated to the Road and Bridge Office Staff. He noted that there were many complaints from the residents as to the lack of work being done on the rural roads.

Mr. Bernal noted that the work orders in Precinct No. 4 were up to date and were being addressed in an orderly manner.

Commissioner Cascos explained that most of the problems in addressing the roads were due to the delays in obtaining equipment and added that the new position would address and eliminate the problems.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the position, job description and salary for an Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Matz

NAY: Commissioner Valencia.

The Job Description is as follows:

(22) APPROVAL TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH DMG MAXIMUS TO INCLUDE THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN FOR CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Amendment to the existing Contract with DMG Maximus, to include the Cost Allocation Plan for Cameron County Juvenile Probation was approved, subject to Legal review.

The Contract is as follows:

(23) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTINUATION APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT-S PURCHASE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVES GRANT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution, authorizing the submission of a Continuation Application to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division for the Juvenile Probation Department-s purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternatives Grant, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(24) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT-S TEEN COURT PROGRAM-BROWNSVILLE GRANT

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Resolution was adopted authorizing the submission of an application to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division for the Juvenile Probation Department-s Teen Court Program - Brownsville Grant.

The Resolution is as follows:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT THE SERVICES OF CARTER AND BURGESS, INCORPORATED, TO PREPARE T.P.W.D. GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the solicitation of services of Carter and Burgess, Incorporated, to prepare the Texas Parks and Wildlife (T.P.W.D.) Grant Application for the County Parks System, was approved.

(26) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT V2 TO FRANCISCO TORRES, DOING BUSINESS AS EL REY DEL ELOTE NO. 3

Commissioner Matz moved that the Mobile Vendor-s Permit V2 for Francisco Torres, doing business as El Rey Del Elote No. 3, be renewed.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(27) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES MASTER PLAN AND NEED ASSESSMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution on the Cameron County Parks System, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan and Need Assessment was adopted.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa commended Carter and Burgess, Incorporated, for the development of the Plan and added that the Plan would enhance the County Parks System to qualify for Grant Funds from the State.

Commissioner Valencia stated that the Plan had been discussed with the community of La Feria and reported that the community was willing to cooperate with the County.

Commissioner Benavides questioned the steps to be taken for the park in Precinct No. 1 and whether the owners of the proposed site had been contacted.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there was some uncertainty as to whether Boca Chica Beach or the Community Park would be addressed first and noted that the acquisition of the property for the Community Park and the application for matching funds for Boca Chica Beach would be prioritized.

The Resolution is as follows:

(28) AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATEWIDE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the participation in the Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with Texas Local Government Statewide Purchasing Cooperative, in conjunction with the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Counties, was approved.

(29) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1780-991001 FOR INMATE AND PAY TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE SERVICE AND BASED UPON COMMISSIONERS= COURT APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Request for Proposal No. 1780-991001 for Inmate and Pay Phone Long Distance Services, based upon Commissioners= Court approval of the Contract, be awarded to Public Communication Services, Los Angeles, California.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(30) APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS FOR THE MARCH 2000 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Early Voting locations for the March 2000 Primary Elections were approved.

The List is as follows:

(31) APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS ON THE MOBILE IDENTIFICATION TRACKING SYSTEM FOR THE SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Proposals on the Mobile Identification Tracking System for the Sheriff-s Department be advertised.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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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:

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

- a) Juvenile Program Coordinator of the Weed and Seed Grant to attend the ACoordinator Conference, Defining Roles of the Weed and Seed Coordinator® in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 23-25, 2000;
- b) 357th District Court employee to attend the AExtreme Seminar® in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 18-21, 2000;
- c) Tax Assessor-Collector to attend the ATAAD 19th Annual Conference® in Dallas, Texas, on February 19-24, 2000;
- d) Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Deputy to attend the A32nd Annual TAAO Region 5 Tip-O-Tex Conference® in McAllen, Texas, on February 23-26, 2000;
- e) Four (4) Fax Office employees to attend the AEducational Course 7: Texas Property Tax Law® in San Benito, Texas, on February 2-4, 2000;
- f) Bridge Systems Computer Technician to attend the AMicrosoft Windows 2000 Presentation® in Brownsville, Texas, on January 25, 2000;
- g) County Extension Agent to participate in the AExtension General Session of the Attorney General Program Conference® in College Station, Texas, on January 10-11, 2000;
- h) Tax Assessor-Collector and Deputy Investigator to attend the ATexas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Annual Conference® in San Antonio, Texas, on March 12-16, 2000;
- I) Deputy Sheriff to attend the ATTPOA Conference 2000" in Houston, Texas, on January 28, 2000, through February 2, 2000;
- j) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATexas Birth Defects 2000 Conference® in Houston, Texas, on January 20-22, 2000;

- k) Engineering Permit Clerk and Receptionist to attend a Seminar on How to Handle People with Tact and Skill in McAllen, Texas, on January 29, 2000;
- l) Assistant County Engineer, Building Official and Engineer-in-Training to attend a Meeting regarding Colonias in McAllen, Texas, on January 27, 2000;
- m) UNIT Systems Manager to attend the Troubleshooting, Maintaining and Upgrading PCS Course in McAllen, Texas, on February 14-15, 2000;
- n) UNIT Tactical Intelligence Agent to attend the Intelligence and Link Analysis Course in San Antonio, Texas, on February 7-11, 2000;
- o) UNIT Director and Assistant Director to attend the HIDTA ISC-JDIG-NIN Managers Meeting in Denver, Colorado, on February 29, 2000, through March 3, 2000;
- p) UNIT Assistant Director to exchange County Leased Vehicle in San Antonio, Texas, on January 5-6, 2000;
- q) Emergency Management Director to attend the State Emergency Management Conference in Austin, Texas, on February 19-23, 2000;
- r) Health Department employees to attend the TMCA Annual Spring Meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 23-24, 2000;
- s) County Extension Agent to attend and participate in the 2000 Orientation and Training for the South Texas Americorp Initiative Program in Sandia, Texas, on January 5, 2000;
- t) District Clerk and two (2) Deputies to attend the County and District Clerks Legal Education Conference in Austin, Texas, on January 11, 2000;
- u) Juvenile Detention Superintendent to attend the Interim Board of Directors Meeting for the Newly formed Juvenile Justice Association of Texas in Austin, Texas, on January 26, 2000;
- v) Elections Administrator and four (4) employees to attend the Texas Association of Elections Administrators Annual Winter Meeting in South Padre Island, Texas, on January 20-21, 2000; and
- w) County Commissioners and employee to the 42nd Annual County Judges and Commissioners Education Conference in College Station, Texas, on February 7-11, 2000.

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(33) PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER FOR ALAMO ENVIRONMENTAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,170.25, FOR MERCURY CHEMICAL CLEANUP

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(34) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Pecina Estates Subdivision - being 2.8278 acres out of Lot No. 1 and No. 2, Flo-Ra Subdivision; and

b) Precinct No. 4

White Ranch Estates Subdivision - being all of Lots No. 10 and No. 11, and comprising of 40.00 acres of land out of Beakley Subdivision.

(35) FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Bixby Canal Estates No. 2 Subdivision - being a resubdivision of 8.15 acres of land comprised of 1.96 acres out of the Bixby Townsite of the Bixby Subdivision.

(36) REJECT PROPOSALS FOR BULLETPROOF VESTS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1040-990901 AND UTILIZE STATE OF TEXAS GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT

(37) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:18 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel on the Bankruptcy case filed by Dan Miller Investments Company, Incorporated, to discuss Case No 98-10381-B-1; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A);
- b) In the matter of the Real Property concerning possible acquisition of land adjacent to the new County Jail Facility; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)**
- c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning Schlitterbahn Lease and other property issues at Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- d) In the matter of Economic Development negotiations with Highland Supply Corporation; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.086 (1)(2). **(TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 12:02 P.M.

(38) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Confer with County Counsel on the bankruptcy case filed by Dan Miller Investments Company, Incorporated, to discuss Case No. 98-10381-B-1.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged on Case No. 98-10381-B-1 regarding the bankruptcy case filed by Dan Miller Investments Company, Incorporated.

b) In the matter of the Real Property concerning possible acquisition of land adjacent to the new County Jail Facility. (TABLED)

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

c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning Schlitterbahn Lease and other property issues at Isla Blanca Park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the Real Property concerning Schlitterbahn Lease and other property issues at Isla Blanca Park.

d) In the matter of Economic Development negotiations with Highland Supply Corporation. (TABLED)

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

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at **12:03 P.M.**

APPROVED this **8th** day of **February, 2000**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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