

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 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:

The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:37 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 28, 2000, at 2:22 P.M., the Supplemental Agenda posted on January 28, 2000, at 2:21 P.M., and the Supplemental Agenda posted on January 28, 2000, at 3:23 P.M.:

(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.

The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Valencia moved that the following Minutes of the Regular Meetings be approved, subject to the corrections on the Minutes of December 14, 1999, Agenda Item No. 14:

December 14, 1999;

December 21, 1999;

December 28, 1999;

January 4, 2000; and

January 11, 2000.

The motion was seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Cascos, Valencia and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioners Benavides, as to the Minutes of December 21, 1999, and Commissioner Matz, as to the Minutes of December 14, 1999.

**(4) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT
CLERK-S OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER MONTHLY FEE AND FINES REPORT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the District Clerk-s October, November and December Monthly Fee and Fines Report be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

(5) **PRESENTATION BY TERESA BAIRE, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, ON THE 2000 AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

At this time, Ms. Teresa Baires, County Extension Agent, presented the following 2000 Americorps Members and explained the functions and projects performed by the Program:

Ms. Monica Almazan;

Mr. Lydia Hernandez;

Mr. Steve Chavez;

Mr. Rudy Garcia; and

Mr. Mario Hernandez.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Teresa Baires, County Extension Agent, on the 2000 Americorps Members was acknowledged.

(6) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE JULY 7, 1998, SHOOTINGS IN RIO HONDO**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution honoring the Law Enforcement Officers who responded to the July 7, 1998, shootings in Rio Hondo be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(7) **AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TAXES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the following taxes were refunded:

- a) Cameron County, in the amount of \$1,179.14, Delete Account;
- b) Cameron County, in the amount of \$550.71, Change Value;
- c) Cameron County, in the amount of \$1,236.22, Payment in error;
- d) Bank of America, in the amount of \$1,073.66, Delete Account;
- e) Bank of America, in the amount of \$696.48, Delete Account; and
- f) Harlingen Country Club, Incorporated, in the amount of \$1,667.37, Change Value.

(8) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN INTEREST BEARING, NOW ACCOUNT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Interest Bearing, Now Account for Tony Yzaguirre, Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector, Cameron County Vehicle Inventory Tax (VIT) 2000, be opened with First National Bank.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

**(9) AUTHORIZATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
GROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY BY CAMERON
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

At this time, Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Director, explained that the Project allowed high school students to be placed within the County Departments and added that the students followed (shadowed) the Department Heads throughout the day, in order to observe the functions and operations of the job.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Cameron County Departments participate in the Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(10) DESIGNATION OF A COUNTY COURT A LAW JUDGE TO SERVE ON THE CAMERON COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE SECTION 1704.053(4)

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the designation of Judge Elia Cornejo Lopez, County Court at Law No. 2, to serve on the Cameron County Bail Bond Board, pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code Section 1704.053(4), was approved.

(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL FOR THE DANCY BUILDING

At this time, Mr. Robert Ruiz, Project Architect, stated that there were certain areas of the building that needed to be addressed, which were not included in the original specifications submitted by the Project Architect and explained that the previous contractor had utilized concrete to replace some of the damaged terra cotta. He briefly highlighted the areas of concern and stated that the problems had been discovered as a result of the scaffolding and water blasting process. He noted that there would be long term problems with the building if the areas were not addressed, and requested that additional funding be allocated to repair the areas.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether there would be additional problems that would arise during the process and suggested that the areas of concern should be examined, in order to determine how much the project would be over the budget.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Project Architect had been hired to examine the work performed by the previous contractor and to determine the problem areas of the building.

Commissioner Matz stated that the Dancy Building Project was a major renovation project, which consisted of a three story building and was not comparable to the construction of a one story building. He expressed gratitude to the Project Architect for advising the Court of the areas of concern and questioned how competitive the bids were from the company that was going to perform the job.

Mr. Ruiz explained that in the bid process, a dollar amount of the cost of the terra cotta had been established, which was a unit cost, and added that the unit cost had been taken into account during the bidding process, making the bid competitive. He explained that there were several areas of the building that had not been addressed by the previous contractor and added that many of the areas of concern had been discovered in the restoration process.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the problems would have to be addressed regardless of the time they were discovered and that due to the work by the previous contractor, many of the areas had been overlooked. He stated that the Court had previously made a decision to hold a firm responsible regarding a change order in a similar situation and noted that if the

Commissioners were consistent on Policy, the Project Architect would also be held responsible for the problems areas uncovered after the original specifications were submitted. He added that the Project Architect should not be held responsible for the funding of the issues and pointed out that, based on the previous work done on the building; it was difficult to detect the problems at an early stage.

Commissioner Valencia stated that the Project Architect had been given ample time to examine the building and added that the Project Architect should be held responsible for the problems areas not identified in the original examination of the building.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Change Order for the Dancy Building be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioner Cascos, Benavides and Matz

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Valencia.

(12) **AUTHORIZATION FOR MATA-VILLARREAL
DESIGN GROUP TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
SERVICES FOR REQUIRED SURVEY AND
SUBDIVISION OF NEW ADULT PROBATION SAN
BENITO PROJECT**

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that the lab testing and the platting of the building had not been included in the original Contract with the Mata-Villarreal Design Group and added that the additional services were necessary to subdivide the land.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that the tract of land laid within the San Benito City limits, but noted that the Armory and the Boot Camp were outside the city limits. He stated that, in order to obtain separate electric metering, the City required a separate plat to be subdivided.

Commissioner Matz suggested that the issues should be addressed up front, in order to avoid sole source providers and to obtain competitive bidding for said issues.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that surveying services should be performed in-house and that the costs of contracting outside surveyors should be compared to having an in-house surveyor.

Commissioner Valencia moved that Mata-Villarreal Design Group provide additional services for the required survey and subdivision of the new Adult Probation San Benito Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(13) **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABANDONMENT OF THE UNUSED ROAD GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FIRST STREET FROM THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STREET WESTWARD A DISTANCE OF SEVENTY-FIVE FEET, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWNSITE OF LOS FRESNOS RECORDED IN VOLUME NO. 4, PAGE NO. 1 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ABANDONMENT OF THE PORTION OF THE EIGHTEEN FEET WIDE ALLEY WITHIN BLOCK NO. 9, FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR FIRST STREET SOUTHWARD A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWNSITE OF LOS FRESNOS, RECORDED IN VOLUME NO. 4, PAGE NO. 1, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Hearing was opened for public comment at 10:27 A.M.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners= Court Legal Counsel, advised the Court of a pending lawsuit regarding Missouri Street and recommended that the closing or any matter concerning Missouri Street should not be considered.

Mr. Jim E. Rose, Mejia and Rose, Incorporated, highlighted the areas to be abandoned and noted that the abandonment was not near Missouri Street. He noted that the easements had not been utilized and added that there had not been public access within the last three (3) years.

Hearing and sensing no further comments, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed at 10:35 A.M.



- (14) **APPROVAL OF ABANDONMENT OF THE UNUSED ROAD GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FIRST STREET FROM THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STREET WESTWARD A DISTANCE OF SEVENTY-FIVE FEET, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWNSITE OF LOS FRESNOS RECORDED IN VOLUME NO. 4, PAGE NO. 1 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ABANDONMENT OF THE PORTION OF THE EIGHTEEN FEET WIDE ALLEY WITHIN BLOCK NO. 9, FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR FIRST STREET SOUTHWARD, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWNSITE OF LOS FRESNOS, RECORDED IN VOLUME NO. 4, PAGE NO. 1, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the unused road, generally described as First Street from the West Right-of-Way Line of Illinois Street Westward, a distance of seventy-five (75) feet, as shown on the map of the Townsite of Los Fresnos, recorded in Volume No. 4, Page No. 1, of the Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, and the portion of the eighteen (18) feet wide alley within Block No. 9, from the South Line of the Right-of-Way Line for First Street Southward, a distance of one hundred (100) feet, as shown on the map of the Townsite of Los Fresnos, recorded in Volume No. 4, Page No. 1 of the Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, were abandoned.

- (15) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, TITLE V, DELINQUENCY PREVENTION FUND FOR THE UNIDOS PODEMOS - BROWNSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES GRANT**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division, Title V, Delinquency Prevention Fund for the Unidos Podemos - Brownsville Comprehensive Strategy for Youth and Families Grant, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(16) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ROBERT AUTREY, PHARMACIST, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2000, THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2001

At this time, Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Administrator, stated that the Maternal and Child Services utilized the pharmacist for the family planning and well child medications in the case of outbreaks and noted that a log was retained to track the pharmacist's hours of service.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the term of the Contract should be on a month-to-month basis, with a thirty (30) out clause and that Request for Proposals be advertised for said services.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Contract between the Cameron County Health Department and Robert Autrey, Pharmacist, for the period of February 1, 2000, through February 1, 2001, was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

**(17) APPROVAL OF THE LONG DISTANCE PUBLIC
AND INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY
AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Long Distance Public and Inmate Telephone Service Agreement between Cameron County and Public Communication Services be approved, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(18) APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITY
OF BROWNSVILLE TO ALLOW PRISONERS
FROM BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
TO BE HELD IN THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and the City of Brownsville be approved, in order to allow prisoners from the Brownsville Police Department to be held in the Cameron County Jail, subject to the Legal interpretation as to the compensation to the County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(19) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT HANGER ROOF REPAIRS TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED BY FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

At this time, Judge Hinojosa questioned why only a portion of the repairs were being paid by FEMA and Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that FEMA funded seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost.

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, stated that the matching twenty-five percent funding by the County was available and added that Request for Proposals would be solicited for the repairs.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the solicitation of Bids for the Cameron County Airport Hanger roof repairs, to be partially funded by a FEMA reimbursement, were approved.

(20) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SECOND YEAR FUNDING FOR THE EL PROTECTOR GRANT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATION OF SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH

(21) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR SECOND YEAR FUNDING FOR THE SAFE AND SOBER GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE REQUIRED MATCH

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolutions authorizing the Sheriff-s Department to apply for second year funding for the El Protector Grant Program and the Safe and Sober Grant, from the Texas Department of Transportation be adopted and the designation of the funding source for the required matched be budgeted in the following year-s budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Resolutions are as follow:

(22) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO SELF-HELP CENTER CONTRACT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 716003)

Commissioner Valencia moved that Amendment No. 6 to Self-Help Center Contract, that being the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 716003, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(23) IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE OF HP K580 USING REGION IV FOR \$93,996.45 (TABLED)

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the County was committed to purchase the entire package, in the amount of \$487,425.40, once the HP K580 was purchase for \$93,996.45.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that the package would be purchased as directed by the Court and added that there was a cost savings to the County if the purchase of the equipment was approved.

Commissioner Cascos stated that a finance plan should be implemented if the equipment was purchased, in order to avoid increasing the tax rate in the next budget cycle.

Commissioner Matz expressed concern as to the cost of hiring two new positions along with the equipment and Mr. Yates responded that two (2) programmers would be hired on a temporary basis, in order to train existing staff.

Mr. Rudy Juarez, Chief Information Officer, noted that the only permanent position to be retained would be for a Web Coordinator which would be a long term service for the County and added that there was a great need by the Departments for the Web Service. He stated that the intent had been made to develop the program in-house and added that flexible software was necessary for the changing needs of the Departments. Mr. Juarez reported that a meeting had been held with the Departments to be the most impacted and added that the majority of the Departments did not have the funding available for said project.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the amount of funds invested for the preparation of the Year 2000 and Mr. Yates stated that approximately \$600,000 had been invested for equipment such as Personal Computers and the manpower to rewrite the necessary codes.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the funds utilized for the preparation of Y2K could have been used for said project and Mr. Juarez replied that the issues were entirely different matters, noting that the preparations for Y2K would apply to the new system.

Mr. Yates noted that the Elections Administrator was reviewing Elections software and added that the Elections software could be written in with said Program. He stated that if the entire package was purchased all at once, there

could be a probability that the entire program would not be useful in the future; therefore he suggested that the program be purchased as it was needed each year.

Commissioner Matz questioned when the County would be committed to the remaining expenditures once the purchase was made and Mr. Juarez responded that the expenditures would need to be made within six to eight weeks.

Mr. Juarez stated that authorization was given by the Court to solicit Request for Proposals for the software, but noted that the effort was deferred until the funding was identified.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the matter be Tabled until the mid-year review, in order to determine the County's budget. He stated that a financing plan be created, in order to determine the amount of funds to be allocated each year for the program.

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

(24) **IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
VOTER PARTICIPATION IN CAMERON COUNTY
(REJECTED)**

At this time, Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, stated that the proposal to increase voter participation in Cameron County had been implemented as requested by the Elections Commission.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his opposition to the plan to increase voter participation and stated that the amount of \$16,000 was too high.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera, Brownsville resident, expressed his opposition as to proposal to increase voter participation in Cameron County and noted that the residents should have the discretion to exercise their right to vote.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the proposal to increase voter participation in Cameron County be rejected.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(25) **IN THE MATTER OF THE NON-BUDGETED
EXPENDITURES TO ENHANCE ELECTION
OPERATIONS (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, stated that partitions were necessary to designate areas in the Courthouse lobby for early voting days and election night and added that voting signs were also necessary to direct voters to the appropriate voting and parking locations.

Judge Hinojosa stated that it was his understanding that the Central Jury Room had built in partitions which would be utilized for Democratic Primary purposes. He added that the Courthouse coffee shop would be used for the Republican Primary and that the Courthouse lobby would be designated for the media. Judge Hinojosa noted that the

first and second items of the Elections Administrator-s request had been discussed with the Elections Commission and added that the issues had been previously been resolved. He stated that the vans requested could be loaned by the Departments which had vans and trucks and added that the signs for directions and traffic could be printed in-house. Judge Hinojosa stated that the compact and lighted voting booths to accommodate handicap voters be discussed with the Building Superintendent, in order to construct the booths in-house and added that the separate entrance at the warehouse be addressed at a later date.

At this time, there was some discussion as to the number of extra-help employees, the amount needed to fund the positions and the allocation of Lapsed Salaries for said expenditures.

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

(26) **ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTINUING GRANT APPLICATION AND GRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S OFFICE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Continuing Grant Application and the Grant Award for Fiscal Year 2000 Budget for the Cameron County District Attorney-s Office was accepted.

(27) **APPROVAL OF A SUBCONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AND CENTRO CULTURAL DE EDUCACION Y ASISTENCIA DE CAMERON PARK**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Subcontract between the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and Centro Cultural de Educacion Asistencia de Cameron Park be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Matz moved that the 1999 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 99-61, and the 2000 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2000-14, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments are as follow:

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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the

AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

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

- a) Constable Precinct No. 3 and two (2) Deputies to attend a ATwenty Hour Civil Process Seminar® in Austin, Texas, on February 27, 2000, through March 1, 2000;
- b) Two (2) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the A13th Annual Juvenile Law Conference® in Austin, Texas, on February 15-18, 2000;
- c) Two (2) Constable Precinct No. 6 Deputies to attend the ACivil Process Training® in Austin, Texas, on February 15-18, 2000;
- d) Two (2) Parks System employees to attend the ASouth Texas Professional Grounds Maintenance Conference® in Portland, Texas, on February 1-2, 2000;
- e) County Court at Law No. 2 Judge and Administrator to attend the ATexas College of Probate Judges® in San Antonio, Texas, on March 8-10, 2000;
- f) County Agent to attend the AObesity Weighing the Facts Conference® in College Station, Texas, on February 3-4, 2000;
- g) County Extension Agent to attend a ASeminar on Supporting Under-Represented Students in the Quest to Finish High School® and go on to post secondary education at the Texas A&M University, in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 10, 2000;
- h) Two (2) Tax Office employees to attend the ABoard of Tax Professional Examiners Examination® in McAllen , Texas, on February 24, 2000; and
- I) County Health employee to attend a AHealth Services District Task Force Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on February 3, 2000.

(29) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 3

Resaca de Carricitos Subdivision - being a 16.655 acre tract of land, more or less, being 10-908 acres out of Block No. 220, 5.747 acres out of Block No. 221, San Benito Land and Water Company;

b) Precinct No. 3

The Villegas Subdivision - being 1.45 acre of land of the Southwest 10.0 acres of Block No. 207, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision;

c) Precinct No. 3

Laureles South Subdivision - being a Resubdivision of 32.601 acres, comprised of 20.229 acres out of Block No. 106, 11.308 acres of Block No. 107, Fresno Land and Irrigation Company; and

d) Precinct No. 3

Tierra Subdivision - being a Resubdivision of 19.17 acres of land being all of Block No. 2, except East 180 feet, out of Thompson Tract in Share No. 22, of the Espiritu Santo Grant.

(30) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 3

West Country Green Acres Unit No. 2 Subdivision - being a 32.152 acre tract of land out of Block No. 104 of the Wilson Tract Subdivision.

(31) OPEN BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) ROAD MACHINERY: RENTAL - ANNUAL BID NO. 1710;**
- b) ROAD MATERIALS: CONCRETE - READY MIX - ANNUAL BID NO. 2510;**
- c) ROAD MATERIALS: DRAINAGE - ANNUAL BID NO. 2520;**
- d) ROAD MATERIALS: EMULSION OILS - ANNUAL BID NO. 2540;**
- e) ROAD MATERIALS: FLEXIBLE BASE - ANNUAL BID NO. 2560;**
- f) ROAD MATERIALS: COLD PATCH - ANNUAL BID NO. 2566;**
- g) ROAD MATERIALS: SURFACING - ANNUAL BID NO. 2580; AND**
- h) ROAD MATERIALS: STABILIZER LIQUID - ANNUAL BID NO. 2574.**

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

- (32) **OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 00-01-01 FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN - HIGHWAY 100 - FM 803 AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT AND ALABAMA - ARKANSAS ROAD WATER PROJECT**
- (33) **REJECT ANNUAL BID NO. 2640 - TONER CARTRIDGES FOR COPIERS AND UTILIZE GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION - STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT LEASE RENTAL OPTION FOR COPIERS - MAINTENANCE - SUPPLIES**

(34) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:35 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding 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;
- b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible lease of office space at 700 Levee Street with Pesa, Incorporated, for the Juvenile Probation Department and associated Juvenile Programs; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c) In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of the following legal descriptions: 51.194 acres, being the Western half of a 102.388 acre tract in Share No. 22, out of Espiritu Santo Grant, comprised of part of Block No. 56, and part of Block No. 57 and part of Block No. 58, out of the Palo Alto Groves Subdivision and part of Block No. 58, out of the Palo Alto Groves Subdivision and part of Blocks No. 15, No. 16 and No. 17, out of Rincon Subdivision in Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**
- d) Deliberation regarding prospective gift or donation concerning the possible acceptance of all improvements located upon San Benito - San Benito Land and Water Company, Point Block No. 148 and Point Lot No. 1, Block No. 174, 2.21 acres (Building only); pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.073;
- e) In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Abstract No. 2 - El Jardin, Lot No. 6, Block No. 104, 13.9000 acres, ; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)**
- f) In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Abstract No. 2 - El Jardin, Lot No. 1, Block No. 104, 13.2500 acres; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)** and

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible approval of a License Agreement involving the Town of South Padre Island's use of the Convention Centre property; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 12:55 P.M.

(35) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Deliberation regarding 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 the Property Management Coordinator was acknowledged, regarding the Real Property concerning Schlitterbahn Lease and other property issues at Isla Blanca Park.

- b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible lease of office space at 700 Levee Street with Pesa, Incorporated, for the Juvenile Probation Department and associated Juvenile Programs.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator be acknowledged, regarding the Real Property concerning the possible lease of office space at 700 Levee Street with Pesa, Incorporated, for the Juvenile Probation Department and associated Juvenile Programs.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- c) In the matter of the possible purchase of the following legal descriptions: 51.194 acres, being the Western half of a 102.388 acre tract in Share No. 22, out of Espiritu Santo Grant, comprised of part of Block No. 56, and part of Block No. 57 and part of Block No. 58, out of the Palo Alto Groves Subdivision and part of Block No. 58, out of the Palo Alto Groves Subdivision and part of Blocks No. 15, No. 16 and No. 17, out of Rincon Subdivision in Cameron County, Texas. (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

- d) Deliberation regarding prospective gift or donation concerning the possible acceptance of all improvements located upon San Benito - San Benito Land and Water Company, Point Block No. 148 and Point Lot No. 1, Block No. 174, 2.21 acres (building only).**

Commissioner Benavides moved that County Counsel be directed to prepare an acceptance of the donation from Mr. Wiley Young, in the amount of \$30,000.00, noting that Mr. Young did not have a legal claim to the property, but that the donation was accepted, in order to avoid litigation since improvements had been made on County property.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- e) **In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Abstract No. 2 - El Jardin, Lot No. 6, Block No. 104, 13.9000 acres; (TABLED) and**
- f) **In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Abstract No. 2 - El Jardin, Lot No. 1, Block No. 104, 13.2500 acres. (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, these

Items were **TABLED**.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(1) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible approval of a License Agreement involving the Town of South Padre Island's use of the Convention Centre property.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to contact the Mayor of South Padre Island, add a provision concerning maintenance of the licensed property and option on the part of the County, to require removal of the property back to the original condition as stated in the License Agreement.

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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 1:00 P.M.

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APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2000.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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