

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of APRIL, 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 APETE@ BENAVIDES  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

JAMES R. MATZ

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:40 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 April 14, 2000, at 12:29 P.M.:

(5) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING ATTORNEY FEES AWARDED IN GUARDIAN CASES FOR THE INDIGENT AND COURT COSTS FOR CAMERON COUNTY RESIDENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH CASES HEARD IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Judge Daniel T. Robles, County Court at Law No. 3, stated that the Attorneys Fees billed by other Counties for indigent residents of Cameron County were being allocated from the County Courts at Law Budgets and noted that there was not a separate line item in the Courts= Budgets to fund said fees. He explained that the indigent residents were not identified until the end of the hearings. Judge Robles stated that there were Probate Cases, whereas there were Guardianships filed by County residents, noting that there were indigent clients and the County Courts had to pay the court costs and appoint an Attorney Ad-Litem.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the County Clerk=s Office should identify and inform the Courts once the Pauper=s Affidavits were filed in the cases at the County Clerk=s Office and suggested that the Appointed Attorney for the Mental Commitments should also handle the guardianship cases.

At this time, there was some discussion as to the Pauper=s Affidavit not filed with the Petitions, which were filed at the beginning of the case and the suggestion was made that a Court Rule be implemented for the Affidavits to be submitted at the time of filing of the case.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that budgetary issues occurred due to the changing trends in a department at the beginning term of a new Elected Official, but added that funds in the County Courts=budgets had been reallocated for increases in salaries for staff and the Court Appointed Attorneys, noting that there was limited room for adjustments and contingencies.

Judge Robles clarified that the County Court at Law No. 3 Budget for the Court Appointed Attorneys had been decreased in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000, but noted that the Court was paying more for court costs.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that budget re-allocations for salaries had been allocated from the Attorney=s Fees Line Item, with the understanding that said line item would not be increased at a later date and noted that the matter was a separate allocation of funds for a different issue.

Mr. Yates stated the County Court at Law style of operations differed each time new Judges began a term and noted that it was difficult to trend a budget with the new activity and style of management.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the budgets of the new Elected Officials should be monitored more effectively, in order to avoid any overages and/or shortages throughout the fiscal year and that changing conditions should be projected for the year.

Mr. Yates stated that a Budget Officer was necessary to work with the different Departments to monitor and assist in budgeting the funds within the Departments. He stated that full participation of the Court Collections Process was necessary, in order to maximize the collections as the arrears were reduced and noted that the revenues could be re-allocated for additional appropriations for the offices.

Judge Elia Cornejo-Lopez, County Court at Law No. 2, clarified that the collections concerned the Mental Hearings and stated that the fees had not been collected. She reported that there were approximately \$45,000.00 outstanding, noting that most of the amounts owed were from Hidalgo County, and added that the different Departments had been approached to collect the funds. Judge Lopez requested that the fees be paid from the General Fund, as opposed to the County Courts at Law budgets.

Commissioner Cascos clarified that the County Courts at Law budgets were part of the General Fund and expressed opposition to the matter.

Mr. Yates suggested that the normal appropriations, based on the past trends, be taken out of the County Courts at Law budgets and placed in the General Administration budgets. He stated that allocating the appropriations into the General Administration budget might create a problem with the Annual Reports of Law Enforcement and General Government to the State. Mr. Yates stated that the Law Enforcement appropriations would be reduced and would not reflect the correct amount of funds spent in the Judicial Process.

Judge Robles clarified that the fees were for the Cameron County residents, as opposed to County Court fees and stated that the funds should not be taken out of the County Courts at Law budgets.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the fees continue to be funded through the County Courts-at Law budgets and that the funds be replenished if necessary.

Mr. Yates stated that the Auditor-s Office had continuously worked with the Departments to address shortages and problems in their budgets and noted that Court Costs for mental patients outside of Cameron County were beyond the control of the administrator of the budget. He stated that when said issues occurred, the Auditor-s Office worked with the Departments on an individual basis and added that if there were significant changes in the mental commitments, the Auditor-s Office would address the matter with the Courts.



**(6) IN THE MATTER OF THE INTRODUCTION OF  
LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY OFFICER  
RONALD K. SAENZ (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa presented Mr. Ronald K. Saenz, who was selected by Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Director, as the Law Enforcement Safety Officer for the Law Enforcement environment of the County.

**(9) PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON  
CENSUS 2000**

At this time, Mr. Guillermo Chapa, Census 2000 Partnership Specialist, highlighted the status of the County's response rate for the March mailings and reported that as of April 11, 2000, the response rate was at forty-nine percent (49%). He stated that a new promotion "Because You Count" would be implemented; whereas, Census employees would visit over 128,000 households in the Valley, which had not returned the mailed forms.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his gratitude towards the efforts being made concerning the Census count, but noted that the County was still behind percentage wise. He explained that it was important for the County to have an accurate count, in order to receive the appropriate funding allocations for schools, roads and the community needs.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the residents needed to be informed as to the funds that would be lost, due to a low count in the County and added that there had been complaints as to the personal questions in the long forms mailed out to the residents. He stated that many people were not informed that they were not required to fill out the entire form and added that many of the forms would be thrown away due to the intrusive questions. Commissioner Cascos emphasized that the residents should be informed that the County was only at a forty-nine percentage (49%) rate, which was not even half and that the public should know that the County is behind in the count.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to the residents in the rural areas who had not received the Census Forms in the mail and suggested that a billboard should be placed along the freeway displaying a 1-800 number to call requesting a form.

At this time, Mr. Silvestre "Silver" Garcia, County Census Coordinator, reported that forms were being distributed to the small cities and businesses, which displayed the numbers to call both in English and Spanish to request the Census forms.

Commissioner Benavides questioned how the information was obtained from individuals residing in illegal homes, who were afraid of being reported if their questionnaires were submitted and Mr. Chapa responded that the information could also be retrieved from a third party, such as a neighbor.

Mr. Chapa stated that the next step was to address the non-response follow up by promoting the ABecause You Count logo and noted that Census workers were still needed, noting that process would continue until July 7, 2000. He noted that bilingual speaking was not a requirement to be a Census worker and added that the testing was offered in English and Spanish.

Judge Hinojosa expressed the Court's gratitude for the time and efforts given by Mr. Chapa and Census Workers and commended the outstanding job performed by Census employees.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation of Status Report on Census 2000, by Mr. Guillermo Chapa, Census 2000 Partnership Specialist, was acknowledged.

(20) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 10:38 A.M. to discuss the following matter:

- a) Confer with County Counsel concerning Sea Ranch Marina Concession involving matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:05 A.M.

(21) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **In the matter of the Sea Ranch Marina Concession involving matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act. (TABLED)**

(7) **IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CONCESSIONAIRE (LEWISVILLE 9/4 [JOHN ARBOGAST AND DARRELL GOLDEN]) FOR SEA RANCH MARINA OPERATION (TABLED)**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that two (2) members of the Court were not present and noted that the Court was not prepared to take action regarding said matter. He stated that the presentation be made explaining why it would be beneficial to the County to approve the proposed concession.

Mr. Randy Whittington, Attorney at Law, explained that Mr. John Arbogast and Mr. Darrel Golden, proposers, had met with the American Bank of Texas regarding the possible purchase of the concession of the Lewisville 9/4, which was a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Bank of Texas. He stated that Mr. Arbogast and Mr. Golden were

interested in purchasing the stock in Lewisville 9/4 from the bank and noted that the two (2) gentlemen were very familiar with South Padre Island. Mr. Whittington stated that a thorough due diligence had been done, based on the books of record of the existing concession under the prior concessionaire and added that an agreement had been made with the bank to purchase the stock for the amount of \$1,250,000.00, which would be financed by the bank. He stated that there were modifications to be made to the Agreement prior to purchasing the stock and added that the existing marina was losing money, noting that it would continue to lose money under the present conditions. Mr. Whittington stated that the deal would be closed with the bank, subject to approval by the Commissioners= Court, and noted that the revised Agreement had been provided to the Commissioners=Court Legal Counsel. He stated that the purchase of the concession would bring the marina back into a profitable basis and would increase the rentals for the County. Mr. Whittington explained that the marina was currently not generating revenues and added that there would be much work to be done to improve the situation. He stated that the proposers were aware of the existing situation at the marina, but noted that their intent was to improve the current situation. Mr. Whittington briefly highlighted the activity of the marina tracts and added that the County could either take back Tract No. 3 or waive the rent for a couple of years, in order to allow the conditions to improve.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa requested background information on Mr. John Arbogast and Mr. Darrell Golden.

Mr. Darrel Golden, South Padre Island resident, stated that Mr. Arbogast was a retired businessman currently residing in Grand Prairie, Texas. Mr. Golden stated that he had been a car dealer for thirty-nine years and added that although he had never been involved in marinas, he was involved with boat sales. He stated that they had been approached by Mr. Brian Mantis regarding the purchase of the marina, prior to filing for bankruptcy and added that he and Mr. Arbogast then discussed negotiations with the bank.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Concession Agreement was binding for twenty-five years, but noted that the County was not in the business to run marinas. He stated that the County=s intent was to provide quality marina services for the public and added that the marina provided Cameron County with fair revenue on the County owned land. Judge Hinojosa stated that some of the proposals had been discussed and could be negotiated based on the financial issues. He added that a counter proposal would be offered and would involve significant changes which would be fair for the County and added that negotiations would continue until an agreement was reached. Judge Hinojosa stated that the marina should generate revenues to compensate the County owned land and the loss of revenues. He explained that the County Parks System was self sufficient and that the Parks System operated from the Concessions and tolls collected at the parks. Judge Hinojosa stated that the Parks System was budgeted on a yearly basis, based on the estimated concessions and toll revenues and noted that if the revenues were not received, the County was unable to budget at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Whittington noted that the proposal would benefit the County and that any information requested by the Court, would be provided, in order for the Court to make a determination concerning the purchase of the marina. He noted that the bank was pressuring the closing of the deal and emphasized that the proposal would bring the marina to a break even point, working towards a profitable business for the both the County and the Concessionaires.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the matter be discussed with the County Auditor and added that the matter would continue to be reviewed.

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



**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the County had submitted an application for the second appropriation of Tobacco Funds Reimbursement, which were based on the percentage of the un-reimbursed medical and health care costs and added that the County had submitted 3.949 million dollars of un-reimbursed medical and associated costs to the State in the calendar year of 1999. He stated that a notice was received reflecting that each entity would receive nine percent (9%) on each dollar as a reimbursement and added that the County would receive approximately \$355,000.00, in reimbursements, noting that the funds were not included in the revenue projections for the current fiscal year. Mr. Yates stated that there had been discussions as to how the funds had to be spent and noted that there had been some discussions that there would be ~~no~~ strings attached to the reimbursements.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the limitation of the reimbursed funds should be determined and clarified, in order to utilize the funds appropriately.

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**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the Personnel Department Salary Schedule included the Law Enforcement Coordinator at a salary of \$35,000.00, effective April 17, 2000, and stated that 10% would be deducted from each Law Enforcement's Workers' Compensation budget. He explained that the position was created to reduce the Workers' Compensation costs and that the position was funded through the projected savings. Mr. Yates

noted that there was an additional salary increase in Slot No. 2, in the Personnel Department which was requested by the Personnel Director.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the additional salary increase of Slot No. 2 should be deferred and should be processed through the Personnel Review Committee.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the postage allowance, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for Commissioner Precinct No. 4, noting that the Commissioners did not have a postage allowance within their budgets and added that a portion of the funds had been transferred to increase the travel budget.

Mr. Yates stated that the postage allowance was an error and added that the travel item was last minute issue, noting that the trip to the conference had already been taken.

Commissioner Cascos explained that the Travel Policy reflected that travel expenses be approved, subject to the availability of funds within the Department's budget and noted that there was no other line item with available funds to cover the \$4,000.00 increase in the travel budget.

Mr. Yates stated that the funds would have to be allocated from the Road and Bridge Road Materials budget, since the individual had already attended the hurricane conference.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the Budget Amendment in the Maintenance Department for the Building Superintendent to attend the hurricane conference.

Mr. Yates responded that the County changed its operations, whereas, only one or two County Officials attended the hurricane conferences and added that more County Officials had attended the conferences in the current fiscal year.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the County was well organized during Hurricane Bret and added that the training of County Officials reduced glitches in preparation of the hurricane. He stated that it was imperative for the Building Superintendent to attend the conferences, due to the number of County Buildings which should be hurricane proof.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the training conferences should have been anticipated and budgeted, in order to avoid budget amendments throughout the fiscal year.

Mr. Yates suggested that a listing of the regular annual travel for the County Judge and Commissioners should be submitted to the Auditor's Office at the beginning of the budget cycles.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the 2000 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2000-24, and the Salary Schedules for Personnel/Safety Risk, Fund No. 100-4020, be approved, excluding the salary increase in the Personnel Department for Slot No. 2 and Budget Amendment for Precinct No. 4.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follow:**



**(3) IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2000, AND MARCH 28, 2000 (TABLED)**

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

**(4) IN THE MATTER OF BRINGING A PORTION OF OLD CARMEN AVENUE INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM (TABLED)**

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

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that the matter was Tabled, until the new policy was created concerning the County acceptance of roads that were not in compliance with the County Road Standards and added that if said road met the policy guidelines, a determination would be made on acceptance of the portion of Old Carmen Avenue.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that the issue was a result of a farmer plowing his property to the end of the road which had created an inconvenience for the residents traveling on the public road.

**(8) PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM**

At this time, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Jr., Bridge Systems Director, highlighted the bridge crossings at the Gateway International Bridge at Brownsville, the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios and the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Second Quarterly Report for the International Bridge Systems was acknowledged.

**The Reports are as follow:**

**(10) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNOR-S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE PRECINCT NO. 5 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE-S STUDENTS-PARENTS EXTENDED EDUCATION DIVISION GRANT AND DESIGNATING THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution be adopted authorizing the renewal of a Grant Contract with the Governor-s Office Criminal Justice Division for the Precinct No. 5 Justice of the Peace and Constable-s Students-Parents Extended Education Division Grant, said funding source to be included as an appropriation in the next year-s budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(11) APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND MULTI-MINI STORAGE FOR RECORDS STORAGE FOR THE SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Agreement between Cameron County and Multi-Mini Storage for records storage for the Sheriff-s Department was approved.

**(12) AUTHORIZATION FOR UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE TO SELL SPECIALIZED VEHICLE TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY TASK-FORCE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force sell a specialized vehicle to the Hidalgo County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task-Force.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(13) IN THE MATTER OF THE RENTAL LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE BETWEEN MR. PAUL GONZALES, SAN BENITO, TEXAS, AND CAMERON COUNTY (TABLED)**

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

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

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

- a) International Bridge Systems Supervisor to attend the AExcelling as a First Time Supervisor Seminar® in McAllen, Texas, on May 22, 2000;
- b) Two (2) County Extension Agents to attend the AWeed Science Training School® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 8-9, 2000;
- c) County Extension Agent to attend and participate in the ADistrict 4-H Round-Up® in Kingsville, Texas, on April 15, 2000;
- d) Health Department employee to attend the ALower Rio Grande Valley - Public Health Advisory Planning Group Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on April 19, 2000;

- e) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ABuilding Bridges with Young Men and Fathers to Support Fragile Families Workshop@in Brownsville, Texas, on April 27, 2000;
- f) Five (5) Health Department employees to attend the ACounty Indigent Health Care Staff Meeting@in McAllen, Texas, on April 19-20, 2000;
- g) Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Probation Officer to attend the ACurriculum Assessment Training@in Edinburg, Texas, on May 4-5, 2000;
- h) Program Development and Management Director to attend the ASouthwestern Regional Developers=Conference on Affordable Housing@in Austin, Texas, on May 10-12, 2000;
- I) Program Development and Management employee to attend the ALower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Professional Advisory Review Panel Meeting@ in Weslaco, Texas, on April 12, 2000;
- j) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Agent to attend the ASpanish Language Immersion-Intermediate Course@in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 15-26, 2000;
- k) Two (2) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the ATrain the Trainer Conference@in Houston, Texas, on May 7-11, 2000;
- l) Two (2) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the AFalse Allegations of Child Abuse Seminar@in Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 25, 2000;
- m) Assistant District Attorney to attend the ATexas Juvenile Probation Commission Meeting@in Austin, Texas, on April 27-28, 2000;
- n) District Attorney Crime Victim Coordinator and Crime Victims Advocate to attend the ANational Sexual Violence Prevention Conference@in Dallas, Texas, on May 16-19, 2000;
- o) Six (6) Sheriff=s Deputies to attend the AWeight Registration and CDL Law Training@in Laredo, Texas, on May 7-13, 2000;
- p) Six (6) Sheriff=s Deputies to attend the AIntoxilyzer Operator Course@ in San Antonio, Texas, on May 22-26, 2000; and
- q) County Auditor and Seven (7) Assistants to attend the ATexas Association of Counties Auditor=s Institute@in Austin, Texas, on May 16-19, 2000.



**(15) REJECT AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

- a) **PICK-UP TRUCKS - (IN STOCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY) - PARKS SYSTEM**

**(16) AWARD BID**

- a) **UNIFORMS - PATROL, GUARDS, INMATE - SHERIFF=S DEPARTMENT AND JAIL - ANNUAL BID NO. 2660**

**DIRECT ACTION UNIFORMS - San Antonio, Texas**

**Patrol Uniforms - Total \$21,252.00**

**Bike Patrol - Total \$7,440.16**

**Jail Guards - Total \$15,237.60**

**ROBINSON TEXTILES - Gardena, California**

**Inmate Sandals - Total \$4,140.00**

**HAMILTON UNIFORMS - Crosswicks, New Jersey**

**Inmate Coveralls and Uniforms - Total \$11,541.58**

**(17) AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

- a) **FINANCING FOR EQUIPMENT - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1420-000102, SUBJECT TO COMMISSIONERS= COURT APPROVAL OF CONTRACT**

**BANK ONE - Corsicana, Texas**

**Total \$30,091.91**

**(18) AWARD BIDS**

- a) **DUMP TRUCK - 1 2 TON - 10' - BOCA CHICA BEACH CLEANING**

**TIP-O-TEX - Brownsville, Texas**

**Total \$25,361.18**

- b) **TRACTOR - 4 X 4 - WITH LOADER - BOCA CHICA CLEANING**

**HARLINGEN IMPLEMENT - Harlingen, Texas**

**Total \$39,848.95**

**(19) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 3**

**Puente Cantu Subdivision - being 5.00 acre of land out of the West 10.0 acres of the North 20 acres of Block No. 93, San Benito Irrigation Company.**

At this time, Mr. Gabriel Martinez, Harlingen resident, stated that he had worked as an Election Official in the regular election and added that two (2) other individuals had also assisted in the election. He stated that there had been some confusion as to the time sheets which were submitted to the Elections Administration Office and added that as a result, there had been delays in issuance of compensation checks to the workers.

Judge Hinojosa stated that recruiting individuals to work at the elections was difficult and requested that the Auditor's Office address the matter immediately.

Ms. Juanita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, commended the Commissioners and County Engineer on completion of replacing the low water bridge located Highway 106 and FM1846 and added that the replacement of the bridge made it accessible for residents to travel in the area.

**(20) EXECUTIVE SESSION**


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

Court met in Executive Session at 12:16 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- b) Confer with County Counsel concerning possible litigation against the Federal Government to reimburse costs incurred by Cameron County related to illegal immigration and to authorize Legal Representation for Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 91)(A);
- c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible beach re-nourishment of the Children-s Beach at Isla Blanca and other land issues; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible land donation of Abstract No. 2 - Valley Sound Lot No. 189, Block No. 3, 5.540 acres; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.073;
- e) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the proposals received for the possible development of 3.826 acres, located at Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- f) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the Port Isabel - Cameron County Airport Fixed Base Operator, PSA Engineering and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Land Based improvements at the airport; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- g) In the matter of the evaluation of the Elections Administrator; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.074. **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

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

Court reconvened in Regular Session at 12:45 P.M.



(21) **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- b) Confer with County Council concerning possible litigation against the Federal Government to reimburse costs incurred by Cameron County related to illegal immigration and to authorize Legal Representation for Cameron County.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by County Council and the District Attorney's Office be acknowledged concerning the possible litigation against the Federal Government to reimburse costs incurred by Cameron County related to illegal immigration and authorization of Legal Representation for Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible beach re-nourishment of the Children's Beach at Isla Blanca and other land issues.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator was acknowledged regarding the possible beach re-nourishment of the Children's Beach at Isla Blanca and other land issues.

- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible land donation of Abstract No. 2 - Valley Sound Lot No. 189, Block No. 3, 5.540 acres.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the land donation of Abstract No. 2 - Valley Sound Lot no. 189, Block No. 3, 5.540 acres, be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- e) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the proposals received for the possible development of 3.826 acres, located at Isla Blanca Park.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the proposal by NB Development for the development of 3.826 acres, located at Isla Blanca Park be accepted and that County Council be directed to negotiate the Concession Agreement.

- f) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the Port Isabel - Cameron County Airport Fixed Base Operator, PSA Engineering and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Land Based improvements at the airport.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator be acknowledged concerning the Port Isabel - Cameron County Airport Fixed Base Operator, PSA Engineering and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Land Based improvements at the airport.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- g) In the matter of the evaluation of the Elections Administrator. (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:47 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

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**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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