

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 30th day of MAY, 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 9:30 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 May 26, 2000, at 10:13 A.M., and the Supplemental Agenda filed and posted on May 26, 2000, at 12:13 P.M.:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

Warrant No. 35755, as to Jaime Diez, in the amount of \$2,100.00; and

Warrant No. 35756, as to Jim Solis, in the amount of \$500.00.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the County Claims be approved, as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the following late claims:

Warrant No. 35755, in the amount of \$2,100.00; and

Warrant No. 35756, in the amount of \$500.00.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa, as to Warrant No. 35573, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$14,806.85.

The Affidavit is as follows:

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

Commissioner Valencia moved that the 2000 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2000-30, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments are as follow:

(3) IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2000 (TABLED)

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

(17) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 9:54 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) In the matter of the Plan of Finance for the Jail Facility Project, 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 this Chapter; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2). **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 10:18 A.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

- (1) APPROVAL OF AN ORDER GRANTING AN EXEMPTION, UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 262.024(A)(2), FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 271.054 AND 262.023(A) TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY, ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS AN ITEM NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OR PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY**

At this time, the Court convened into a Court Proceeding as referenced in the following transcripts provided by Wilson, Cavazos and Liles Reporting Services, and Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, presented Exhibits Nos. 1 through 6.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Order be adopted granting exemption, under Texas Local Government Code Section 262-024(A)(2), from the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Texas Local Government Code Section 271.054 and 262.023(A), to the Contract for the construction of a County Detention Facility, on the basis that it is an item necessary to preserve or protect the safety of the residents of the County.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Valencia and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Matz.

The Order, Transcript and Exhibits are as follow:

(4) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT ROUTES PRESENTED BY COUNTY ENGINEER FOR FM/1732, FM/3068, FM/511, SH/4, CENTRAL AVENUE AND EAST LOOP AS THE OFFICIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUTES FOR CAMERON COUNTY

At this time, Judge Hinojosa expressed his opposition as to the FM/1732 and Central Avenue Proposal and requested that the remaining routes be authorized, noting that the FM/1732 and Central Avenue be Tabled. He noted that the City of Brownsville was responsible for the Central Avenue proposal, but noted that the FM/1732 would be further reviewed and discussed with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the routes presented by the County Engineer for FM/3068, FM/511, SH/4 and the East Loop were accepted and the routes for FM/1732 and Central Avenue were **Tabled**.

(5) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE VETERANS BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES MAP AS THE OFFICIAL AREA LAND DISTRIBUTION MAP

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Veterans Bridge at Los Tomates Map as the official Area Land Distribution Map be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(6) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MUÑOZ AVENUE AND ELIAS CIRCLE EAST, IN PRECINCT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE GLORIA CANAL SUBDIVISION, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Muñoz Avenue and Elias Circle East, in Precinct No. 4, located in the Gloria Canal Subdivision Subdivision, were accepted into the County Road System.

(7) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT VALENCIA DRIVE, VALENCIA CIRCLE EAST, VALENCIA CIRCLE SOUTH, VALENCIA CIRCLE WEST AND VALENCIA CIRCLE NORTH, IN PRECINCT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE GROVE SUBDIVISION, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

Commissioner Valencia moved that the following roads in Precinct No. 4, located in the Grove Subdivision, be accepted into the County Road System:

Valencia Drive,

Valencia Circle East,

Valencia Circle South,

Valencia Circle West, and

Valencia Circle North.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(8) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGES WITHIN PRECINCTS NO. 3 AND NO. 4

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the advertisement for the proposed road name changes within Precincts No. 3 and No. 4, was approved.

(9) APPROVAL OF THE EQUIPMENT LIST FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Equipment List for the Public Works Department was approved and the Financing Options for the purpose consisting of a payment scheme over five (5) years, at approximately \$275,000.00, per year, was acknowledged.

The List is as follows:

**(10) AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST BIDS (IN STOCK)
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK FOR
THE PLANNING AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that Bids (in stock) be requested for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Planning and Inspection Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(11) REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. RUBEN GALLEGOS TO
THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE
CORPORATION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Dr. Ruben Gallegos, Brownsville resident, was reappointed to the Cameron County Housing Finance Corporation.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ACONSENT® AND WERE
EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR
AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:**

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

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

- a) Health Department employee to attend the ARio Grande Valley HSD Steering Committee Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on June 13, 2000;
- b) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a AWIC Clinic Grand Opening® in Progreso, Texas, on June 2, 2000;
- c) Health Department employee to attend the AWomen, Children and Addiction Seminar® in Houston, Texas, on June 8-10, 2000;
- d) Constable Precinct No. 1 to attend the AAnnual JPCA Convention® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 20-25, 2000;
- e) County Clerk Deputy to attend a AOne Day Seminar on Texas Notary Law and Procedures® in Harlingen, Texas, on June 13, 2000;
- f) Assistant District Attorney to meet with Bexar County Assistant District Attorneys and Bail Bond Administrator in San Antonio, Texas, on June 6-7, 2000;
- g) Thirteen (13) Juvenile Probation employees to attend the AManagement Training® in Harlingen, Texas, on June 5-7, 2000;
- h) Juvenile Probation Superintendent to attend the ABoard Meeting® in San Antonio, Texas, on May 30-31, 2000;

- I) Juvenile Probation employee to attend AIssues and Answers About Employee Leave of Absence® in McAllen, Texas, on June 15, 2000;
- j) Juvenile Department employee to attend the AEducational Training on AEvery Move Counts® in Edinburg, Texas, on May 4, 2000;
- k) County Court at Law No. 1 Judge to attend the AFamily Law Seminar® in Houston, Texas, on May 3-6, 2000;
- l) Four (4) County Extension Agents and three (3) Secretaries to attend the AWebpage Training® in Weslaco, Texas, on May 30, 2000, through June 1, 2000; and
- m) UNIT Tactical Intelligence Agent to attend the ASpanish Language Immersion Course® in San Antonio, Texas, on June 4-17, 2000.



(13) AWARD BIDS

- a) COMMISSARY: SHOES - ANNUAL BID NO. 2010

BOB BARKER COMPANY - Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Total \$1,445.50
- b) COMMISSARY: UNDERWEAR - ANNUAL BID NO. 2018

BOB BARKER - Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Total \$14,867.53
- c) FOOD: DRINKING WATER - ANNUAL BID NO. 2250

VALLEY BOTTLE WATER - Harlingen, Texas
Gallon Size \$0.50
5 Gallon Size \$10.25

(14) REJECT BIDS AS RECEIVED FOR HOTEL/MOTEL ROOMS - ANNUAL BID NO. 1450

(15) AWARD BIDS

- a) ROAD MATERIALS: DIRT, SAND, LIME - ANNUAL BID NO. 2515

RUBIO BROTHERS - Brownsville, Texas
Total \$53.09 per cy

CHEMICAL LIME - New Braunsfels, Texas
Total \$470.00 per ton
- b) PICK-UP TRUCKS - PARKS SYSTEM

TIPTON FORD - Brownsville, Texas
Total \$50,964.70

(16) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

- a) Precinct No. 3

Molano Subdivision - being 5.43 acres of land out of Block No. 44, Fresno Land and Irrigation Company;

b) Precinct No. 4

La Gloria Canal Phase No. 2 Subdivision - being a 30.16 acres, more or less, tract of land situated in and being a part of Abstract No. 10, Tract G of the La Gloria Tract in the La Feria Grant, Cameron County, Texas, said 30.16 acres being part of a 206.56 acre tract of land situated in said La Gloria Tract and is described by Deed of Record in Volume No. 1090, Page No. 841; and

c) Precinct No. 3

Tamm Lane North No. 3 Subdivision - being a 16.765 acre tract comprised of 3.825 acres out of Block No. 174 and 12.94 acres out of Block No. 175, Adams Gardens Subdivision AC.®

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

- (2) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO LEASE THE CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT HANGER AND ITS DESIGNATED AREA**
- (3) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AIRPORT MANAGEMENT AT THE CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the advertisements of Request for Proposals to lease the Cameron County Airport Hanger and its designated area and for Airport Management at the Cameron County Airport be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos presented and read the following letter dated May 30, 2000, to the Court:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at **11:20** A.M.

APPROVED this 20th day of **June, 2000**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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