

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 8th day of AUGUST, 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 "TIVIE" 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 9:38 A.M. He then asked Father Joseph O'Bell, Good Samaritan Center, 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 August 4, 2000, at 1:39 P.M.:

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed concern as to Warrant No. 40070, payable to Jay Oday, Incorporated, which was for decks of playing cards for the County Jail inmates and the suggestion was made that the funds be allocated from the Commissary Funds.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the County Claims be approved, as presented by the County Auditor.

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. 40078, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$151.66.

**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. 2000-38, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments are as follow:**

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2000,  
REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 1, 2000, at 9:30 A.M., were approved.

**(8) IN THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE  
OLMITO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO  
PROVIDE WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICE FOR  
THE CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY  
AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (TABLED)**

**(9) IN THE MATTER OF THE RECOMMENDATION  
OF S&B INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE  
SELECTION OF UTILITY PROVIDER FOR WATER  
AND SEWAGE FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY  
DETENTION FACILITY AND SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, reported that issues regarding flow and pressure of the water remained unsolved and the placement of a circular system, as opposed to an above ground tank, noting that the tanks would be constructed in the second phase of the project.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Engineers provide a certified letter reflecting that the water pressure from the water tower is not necessary and that adequate water pressure will be provided on the opening day of the facility. He stated that the Agreement could be modified if the water tower was necessary for the expansion of the additional 650 beds and requested that the matters be resolved by 5:00 P.M.

Mr. James Elium, Olmito Water Supply Corporation General Manager, stated that it would be difficult to resolve the issues within hours, but stated that the issues could be resolved by the following meeting.

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

**(7) DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUEST FROM  
RESIDENTS OF TARA ESTATES REGARDING  
THE PLACEMENT OF A FOUR WAY STOP AT  
THE INTERSECTION OF GARRETT ROAD AND  
ALTAS PALMAS**

At this time, Mr. Tom Clifford, Tara Estates resident, explained that the County had placed a two-way stop at Garrett Road, but stated that the stop signs were ignored. He reported that there had been several accidents and added that the four-way stop sign would force all traffic to make a stop at the intersection.

Commissioner Cascos explained that there were several procedures the County Engineering Department had to perform before placing the stop signs and added that the stop sign issues existed throughout the County. He stated that

the City of Brownsville had been successful at placing speed bumps throughout the city and questioned why the County could not do the same. He suggested that the County Engineer should provide a written document explaining why the County could not place speed bumps, in order to inform the public why the speeds bumps could not be placed by the County.

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, explained that by Law, the City could place ordinances, which allowed the placing of the speed bumps.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the issue concerned subjecting the County to liability and explained that the City had determined that the speed bumps were much more subject to cause damage to a vehicle than a speed hump, noting that either one could be subject to liability if found as unreasonable conduct on the part of the City.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that signage including speed, lights and stop signs had been discussed in the past and recommended that the placement of the signs should be based on the Uniform Traffic Control Manual and the Engineer's recommendation.

Commissioner Benavides confirmed that the speed humps were less dangerous to the vehicles than speed bumps and added that the speed humps would slow down the vehicles.

Commissioner Valencia expressed support in placing the four-way stop at said intersection and that based on the need for stop signs at the different locations, the matters should be addressed on a case by case basis.

Mr. Bernal stated that based on a traffic study performed on the area, a four-way stop would not be the best solution for the intersection and added that the recommendation had been made that the stop signs not be placed.

At this time, there was some discussion as to the County's discretion to place the four-way stop signs at the intersection and Judge Hinojosa stated that the County would be held liable if the decision was not based on the Engineer's recommendation.

Mr. Wright stated that if the four stop signs were placed at the discretion of the County, and the signs disappeared for any reason, the County would be accountable if an accident occurred.

Judge Hinojosa questioned whether the speed humps could be placed, as opposed to the four-way stop signs and Mr. Wright responded that the speed humps could be placed, based on the recommendation of the Engineer.

Commissioner Cascos stated that a written document should be provided to the Court, if the speed humps could not be placed on the roads.

Mr. Wright stated that the rules for the City differed from the County; whereas, the City could take actions necessary to ensure the public safety and had the discretion, as long as the State did not deny the City to perform such

actions. He added that the County could not place the speed humps unless the State Statutes reflected that it was appropriate for the County to place them.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Traffic Study performed on the area be further analyzed and that the Commissioner for the area be informed of the factors involved, in order to make the determination of the four-way stop.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the discussion regarding the request from residents of Tara Estates concerning the placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of Garrett Road and Altas Palmas was acknowledged.

(10) **APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER AND SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, INCLUDING ADDENDUMS 1 THROUGH 8**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Final Plans and Specifications of the County Detention Center and Sheriff's Administration Building, including Addendums 1 through 8, be approved.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Valencia

**NAY:** Commissioner Matz.

**The Addendums are as follow:**

(17) **ACTION ON PROPERTY OWNER PETITION REQUESTING THAT CERTAIN PRIVATE ROAD(S)**

**IN THE GREEN VALLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION  
BE ACCEPTED INTO THE COUNTY ROAD  
SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that a specific policy had been adopted by the Court; whereas, the finding had to be determined based upon the public safety or the need to provide access and on the ability of the Public Works Department to fund the projects. He questioned whether the funding was available to perform the work on Amigo Lane and Cactus Lane and Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, responded that the funds would not be available until the next Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Valencia questioned the amount of funds to work on the two roads and Mr. Bernal replied that the amount was estimated at \$150,000.00.

Commissioner Matz stated that the amount of \$100,000.00 would be allocated from Grant Funds from the next year's funding cycle for the construction of the roads.

Commissioner Valencia suggested that the roads be maintained prior to acceptance into the County Road System and expressed his opposition as to the amount of \$150,000.00, being allocated to an illegal subdivision.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the subdivision was created at the time when regulations prohibiting the creation of the subdivision did not exist and clarified that the Green Valley Farms was not an illegal subdivision. He explained that the subdivision simply did not comply with certain current Subdivision Standards and added that the roads were not dedicated to the County when the subdivision was created, noting that the roads were currently private roads. Judge Hinojosa stated that based on the fifty-one percent (51%) of the residents petition, the roads could be accepted into the public road system, but could not be accepted into the County Road System, unless the County complied with the proposed Policy adopted by the Court. He explained that there were several requests concerning the allocation of the Community Development Discretionary Grant Funds and added that the Court had unanimously decided to request that the State Fund the Colonia Application for the Tierra Bonita Subdivision through the application to be submitted jointly with the North Alamo Water Supply Corporation. Judge Hinojosa added that the Planning Grant was also requested for the El Jardin Water Supply Corporation to expand the services to the area and noted that the Discretionary Funds, which was part of the Gentlemen's Agreement, in the amount of \$318,000.00, was to be distributed towards a Sheriff's Substation in Cameron Park, the construction of roads in Green Valley Farms and for the Application for the North Alamo Water Supply Corporation to connect water utilities to La Torre Subdivision. He added that funds, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for the construction of the three (3) miles of roads in Green Valley Farms would be allocated from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Discretionary Grant and that the balance would be funded by the Road and Bridge Department.

Commissioner Matz stated that it was his understanding that all the roads would be accepted under the new Policy adopted by the Court, but added that the County would focus on the two roads, utilizing the \$100,000.00. He stated that the petition was required to be submitted to the Court, in order to accept the roads into the County Road System and added that Amigo Lane and Cactus Lane were being improved, due to the service which would be terminated by the Postal and School District based on the conditions of the roads. Commissioner Matz stated that the remaining roads would be maintained and that the Green Valley Farms Land Owners Association would assist in providing funds to purchase the caliche, noting that grading the roads was necessary to provide access in and out of the subdivision.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that it was his understanding that the Court would accept only the roads that the County could fix and maintain and that the seven and a half mile petition would have to be renewed for the additional roads.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, clarified that the majority of the Court had elected to accept the roads into the County Road System, but noted that the County would focus the grant funds on Amigo Lane and Cactus Lane, based on the residents' testimony.

Commissioner Cascos questioned how the County would define "fixing" the roads and expressed his support to accept the 7.2 miles of roads, as long as the focus was on the three miles of roads. He stated that it would be difficult to maintain the remaining miles to allow the postal service and school district access to the roads, if the 7.2 miles were not accepted. Commissioner Cascos stated that if the 7.2 miles of roads were accepted, the County would not be obligated to perform major improvements on the roads, but could merely grade the roads to make them passable for school buses and the postal carrier.

Judge Hinojosa stated that if all the roads were accepted into the County Road System, the residents would demand the County to fix the roads. He stated that the manpower was not available to take on additional roads and that the County should only accept the roads, based on the available funding and manpower.

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that prior to accepting the roads into the County Road System, the Court had to make the finding that the petition by the residents was adequate, based on the recommendation by the Program Development and Management Director.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the petitions were adequate, as recommended by the Program Development and Management Director and that the petition would be accepted by the Court. He added that the petition then be examined by the County Engineer and that a recommendation be made as to the roads that can be maintained, based on the availability of funds and manpower.

At this time, Ms. Rosie DeLeija, Green Valley Farms resident, clarified that Green Valley Farms was a legal subdivision and added that petition did not have a time limits regarding the Court addressing the roads.



Mr. Wright explained that if ownership of the properties changed, the individuals who did purchase the properties had the right to be notified of the issues.

Ms. DeLeija stated that the residents would have to be addressing the Court every year and emphasized that it was necessary for all the roads to be accepted, in order to allow passage way for school buses and emergency vehicles. She stated that the County would be responsible if an accident occurred concerning the children walking to the paved roads to load the school buses and added that the County should focus on the children's safety.

Commissioner Valencia stated that his concern was to be able to maintain the existing roads without accepting additional roads and added that it was unfair for residents who purchased their properties at a more expensive price in other parts of the County. He stated that the property owners were aware of the issues before purchasing the land and added that the children's safety should have been considered by the residents before purchasing the properties.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the matter would be forwarded to the County Engineer to make a recommendation and added that the recommendation would be based on the County Road Policy. He stated that the personal attacks should not be made towards the members of the Court and added the determination of the roads to be addressed would not be based on the personal attacks. Judge Hinojosa reiterated that the petition would be accepted and that the County Engineer would then examine the items contained in the Policy, submit the recommendation to the Court, and the determination would then be made as to whether or not to accept the roads.

Commissioner Valencia stated that Precinct No. 4 contained the most roads in the County, which totaled 367 miles of roads and that Precinct No. 3 contained 267 miles of roads. He added that there were 168 miles of roads in Precinct No. 2 and 168 miles in Precinct No. 1.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Property Owner Petition requesting that certain private road(s) in the Green Valley Farms Subdivision be accepted into the County Road System for maintenance was accepted.

**(18) APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND CORNETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE LOMAX-MEYERS ROAD AND GRAN TESORO SECTION III, SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, INCLUSIVE OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, REDUCING THE CONTRACT PRICE TO \$470,957.08 (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 718045)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Construction Contract between Cameron County and Cornett Construction Company was approved for the Lomax-Meyers Road and Gran Tesoro Section III, Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project, inclusive of Change Order No. 1,

reducing the contract price to \$470,957.08, that being the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 718045.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(36) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 10:48 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning Sea Ranch Marina Concession, involving matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of 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);
- b) Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations with the Brownsville Economic Development Corporation; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.086(1)(2);
- c) In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible assignment of the remainder of the concession interest from Kerlew Club, Incorporated, to NB Development, doing business as Schlitterbahn at South Padre Island; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)**
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning land issues at Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- e) Confer with County Counsel regarding Cause No. 99-07-2912-A, Cameron County vs. International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A); and
- f) Confer with County Counsel regarding the case styled Edward Alcala vs. Alex Perez, et. al., Civil Action No. B-96-203, in the United States District Court-Brownsville, for discussion and authorization of settlement and plaintiff's attorneys fees; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A)(B).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:53 A.M.

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

- a) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning Sea Ranch Marina Concession, involving matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding Sea Ranch Marina Concession, involving matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body, under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

- b) **Deliberation regarding Economic Development negotiations with the Brownsville Economic Development Corporation.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding Economic Development negotiations with the Brownsville Economic Development Corporation.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- c) **In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible assignment of the remainder of the concession interest from Kerlew Club, Incorporated, to NB Development, doing business as Schlitterbahn at South Padre Island. (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**, noting that there was no discussion regarding said matter.

- d) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning land issues at Isla Blanca Park.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator be acknowledged regarding the Real Property concerning land issues at Isla Blanca Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- e) **Confer with County Council regarding Cause No. 99-07-2912-A, Cameron County vs. International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by outside Counsel be acknowledged regarding Cause No. 99-07-2912-A, Cameron County vs. International Bank of Commerce, Brownsville, noting that Judge Hinojosa was not present during the discussion of this matter.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Hinojosa.

- f) **Confer with County Council regarding the case styled Edward Alcala vs. Alex Perez, et. al., Civil Action No. B-96-203, in the United States District Court-Brownsville, for discussion and authorization of settlement and plaintiff's attorneys fees.**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the case styled Edward Alcala vs. Alex Perez, et. al., Civil Action No. B-96-203, in the United States District Court - Brownsville.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.



**(4) ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF  
JULY 15, 2000, AUCTION PROCEEDS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the July 15, 2000, auction proceeds be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Report is as follows:**

**(5) ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
SOCIAL SECURITY AND DECLARING AUGUST  
14, 2000, AS "SOCIAL SECURITY DAY" IN  
CAMERON COUNTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Proclamation recognizing the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Social Security was adopted and August 14, 2000, was declared as "Social Security Day" in Cameron County.

**(11) IN THE MATTER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE TO  
ISSUE LETTER OF INTENT REGARDING THE  
GRANTING OF A TAX ABATEMENT IN  
RELATION TO PROJECT STAR AS REQUESTED  
BY THE BROWNSVILLE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TABLED)**

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

**(12) APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING AND ALTERNATE  
COUNTY ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2000-2001  
TERM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS  
ELECTION CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 32.002**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Presiding and Alternate County Election Judges for the 2000-2001 term, was approved in accordance with the Texas Election Code Annotated, Section 32.002.

**The List is as follows:**

**(13) IN THE MATTER OF THE SELECTION OF LEGAL FIRM TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE CAMERON COUNTY REDISTRICTING (TABLED)**

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

**(14) [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY TITLE COMPANY AND THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE TO LINK UP WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE COUNTY COMPUTER TAX SYSTEM TO ACCESS PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Cameron County Title Company and the Real Property Tax Service link up with the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office County Computer Tax System to access Property Tax information.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(15) [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE EXPEDITION VEHICLE YEAR 2000 FROM HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the purchase of one Expedition Vehicle Year 2000 from Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments-Interlocal Purchasing Agreement was approved, said funding to be allocated from Fund No. 90.

**(16) [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A FIFTEEN (15) PASSENGER VAN (IN STOCK) AND A PICK-UP CREW CAB (IN STOCK) FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Advertisement for Bids for a fifteen (15) passenger van (in stock) and pick-up crew cab (in stock) for the Sheriff's Department be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(19) APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMERON**

**COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS  
SERVICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
CANOPIES AT GATEWAY, FREE TRADE BRIDGE  
AND THE VETERANS BRIDGE ON COUNTY  
OWNED PROPERTY**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County and the United States Customs Service for the construction of canopies at Gateway, Free Trade Bridge and the Veterans Bridge on County owned property be approved, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**



**(20) APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and the Texas Department of Public Safety regarding Failure to Appear Program was approved.

**(21) [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR'S PERMIT V5 TO CHRISTINA TORRES, DOING BUSINESS AS CRISTY MOBILE UNIT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Renewal Mobile Vendor's Permit V5 be issued to Christina Torres, doing business as Cristy Mobile Unit.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**(22) [REDACTED] ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HEALTH BUILDING IN SAN BENITO AND JAIL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the selection of Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Brownsville, Texas, for Architectural Services for roof repairs of the Cameron County Courthouse, Health Building and Jail was approved.

**(23) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00, TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE UNIDOS  
PODEMOS-BROWNSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE  
STRATEGY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT IN  
ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE  
APPLICATION**

- (24) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION,  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,000.00, TO THE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE UNIDOS  
PODEMOS-BROWNSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE  
STRATEGY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES AND  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT IN  
ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE  
APPLICATION**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolutions be adopted authorizing the submission of Grant Applications, in the amount of \$60,000.00, and \$290,000.00, to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for the Unidos Podemos-Brownsville Comprehensive Strategy for Youth and Families and authorizing the County Judge to act in all matters pertaining to the applications.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Resolutions are as follow:**

**(25) APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TO DEVELOP A PRACTICAL MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTATION, MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF A VIOLENCE/SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County and the Research Development Institute was approved to develop a practical model for Implementation, Management and Evaluation of Violence/Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(26) APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
CAMERON COUNTY AND KBCT-TV  
BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY TELEVISION FOR  
THE PRODUCTION OF PRESENTATION VIDEOS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Contract between Cameron County and KBCT-TV Brownsville Community Television for the production of presentation videos be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(27) ACTION REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL NO. 18, BEING ALL OF LOTS NO. 8 AND NO. 9, SUNLITE ACRES SUBDIVISION, FOR FM/509 RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the acquisition of Parcel No. 18, being all of Lots No. 8 and No. 9, Sunlite Acres Subdivision, for FM/509 Right-of-Way was approved.

**(28) ACCEPTANCE OF SIOUX FALLS AVENUE, PIERRE AVENUE, MITCHELL AVENUE AND FARGO AVENUE, PRECINCT NO. 1, IN DAKOTA ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK SECTION 1 SUBDIVISION, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

Commissioner Valencia moved that Sioux Falls Avenue, Pierre Avenue, Mitchell Avenue and Fargo Avenue, Precinct No. 1, in Dakota Estates Mobile Home Park Section No. 1 Subdivision, be accepted into the County Road System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(29) ACCEPTANCE OF MESQUITE BEANS DRIVE, PRECINCT NO. 3, LOCATED IN LA BRECHA PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, Mesquite Beans Drive, Precinct No. 3, located in La Brecha Phase 3 Subdivision, was accepted into the County Road System.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

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

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the lodging for Item 30 "g" for the District Attorney and sixteen (16) Assistant District Attorneys attending the conference in South Padre Island, Texas.

Judge Hinojosa stated one (1) suite would be allowed for meeting purposes if necessary, due to the District Attorney's involvement with the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, but added that the funding for the hotel rooms would not be approved for purposes of lodging.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow, noting that approval funding for Item 30 "g", concerning lodging, be limited to one (1) hotel suite for meeting purposes and Item No. 33 "a" and "b" was **Tabled** for one (1) week.

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

- a) International Bridge Systems Director to attend the "Institute of Transportation Engineer's Annual Meeting" in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 5-7, 2000;
- b) Program Development and Management employee to attend the "Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Professional Advisory Review Panel Meeting" in Weslaco, Texas, on August 9, 2000;
- c) Nine (9) Health Department employees to attend the "Texas Association of Counties 2000 Regional Loss Control Workshop" in South Padre Island, Texas, on August 15, 2000;
- d) Assistant County Auditor to attend a "Free Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) Workshop" in Weslaco, Texas, on August 9, 2000;
- e) District Attorney to attend a "Southwest Border Prosecutor Meeting" in Dallas, Texas, on August 9, 2000;
- f) Two (2) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the "Crimes Against Children Conference" in Dallas, Texas, on August 20-24, 2000;
- g) District Attorney and sixteen (16) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the "TDCAA Annual Criminal and Civil Law Update Conference" in South Padre Island, Texas, on September 20-22, 2000;
- h) County Extension Agent-FCS to attend the "Extension Association of Family Consumer Sciences State Meeting and the Family Consumer Science Institute 2000" in Austin, Texas, on September 25-29, 2000;
- I) County Extension Agent-FCS to attend a "TTVN Training for the Better Living for Texans" in Weslaco, Texas, on August 9, 2000;
- j) Environmental Health Director to attend the "Colonia Information Forum" in Weslaco, Texas, on August 16, 2000;
- k) Juvenile Probation LVN to attend the "2000 Texas Nursing Law Seminar" in McAllen, Texas, on August 29, 2000;
- l) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Director to attend the "HIDTA Executive Committee Meeting" in San Antonio, Texas, on July 31, 2000, through August 2, 2000;
- m) Task Force Commander to attend a "Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Meeting" in McAllen, Texas, on July 31, 2000, through August 1, 2000;
- n) Sheriff and Major to attend a "Meeting with Landmark Organization, Incorporated, and the Jail Standards Commission" in Austin, Texas, on August 2-4, 2000;
- o) Health Department employee to attend a "Texas Association of Local WIC Directors Regional Meeting" in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 24, 2000; and
- p) Law Enforcement Safety Officer to attend the "National Safety Council, TSA's Defensive Driving Course" in San Antonio, Texas, on August 22-24, 2000.

[REDACTED]

(31) **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

a) **Precinct No. 4**

Vista Del Sol No. 3 Subdivision, being the North 15.12 acres out of Block No. 159, Adams Gardens Subdivision "C".

(32) **AWARD BID**

a) TAX STATEMENTS LASER PRINTING- ANNUAL BID NO. 1640

E Z ACCESS - McAllen, Texas

Description	U/M	Cost
Tax Statements (130-150 M)	PR/M	\$109.00
Compact Disc with Software	PR/DISC	\$400.00
Tax Roll Microfiche	PR/MSTR	\$0.95
Microfiche Duplicates	PR/DUP	\$0.06
Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notices (60-70 M) PR/M		\$109.00
33.07 Mailing in May (30-35 M)	PR/M	\$109.00
Additional Inserts PR/M		\$4.00
Software/Services	Total	\$2,000.00

(33) IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (TABLED)

a) PHARMACIST CONSULTANT SERVICES - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1605-000301

b) PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES - PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1610-000304

(34) REJECT BIDS AS RECEIVED

a) TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING - ANNUAL BID NO. 1880

(35) PURCHASE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER TO ELECTIONS SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE AND THE BROWNSVILLE HERALD FOR ELECTION RELATED SERVICES

[REDACTED]

(6) **IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING IN CAMERON COUNTY, DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS (TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:33 P.M.

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APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

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GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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