

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 22nd 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 ATIVIE@ VALENCIA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa at 9:55 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 August 18, 2000, at 2:17 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.

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

Commissioner Cascos moved that the 2000 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2000-40, and the Salary Schedule for Tax Assessor-Collector ATPA Grant, Fund No. 100-4980, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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

**(3) IN THE MATTER OF THE AUGUST 8, 2000,  
REGULAR MEETING, AND AUGUST 14, 2000,  
EMERGENCY MEETING (TABLED)**

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

**(7) APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ASKING THE  
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE TO EXTEND FOREIGN  
TRADE ZONE NO. 62 TO THE FREE TRADE  
BRIDGE AREA**

At this time, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Bridge Systems Director, requested that the Court adopt the Resolution to support the efforts of the Cities of San Benito and Harlingen to obtain approval from their respective City Commissions and that the Port of Brownsville would be requested that the Foreign Trade Zone No. 62 be extended to the Free Trade Bridge area.

Mr. Elude Garcia, San Benito City Manager, requested the Court's support for the extension of the Foreign Trade Zone No. 62 to the area around Los Indios Bridge for the future expansion of the northern corridor of FM/509 in the area of San Benito. He stated that the purpose of the Foreign Trade Zone was to stimulate economic activity in the community consistent with the Policy and added that the Zone also created employment for the community.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Resolution requesting that the Port of Brownsville extend Foreign Trade Zone No. 62 to the Free Trade Bridge area was adopted.

At this time, Commissioner Iris Martinez, City of Harlingen, noted that the revenues from the Bridge were allocated to the Road and Bridge Budgets and requested the Court's support for the resolution which would benefit the community.

Commissioner Jesse Robles, City of Harlingen, requested the Court's support to extend the Foreign Trade Zone to the Free Trade Bridge area and added that the efforts would also assist the development on the Mexican side.

**(21) ACCEPTANCE OF AMIGO LANE, CACTUS LANE AND CRAB HOLE LANE ROADS, LOCATED WITHIN GREEN VALLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT NO. 3, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that there had been concerns and opposition by residents from Precinct No. 4 as to the paving of the roads and amount of funds being allocated to assist the Green Valley Farms Subdivision.

Commissioner Valencia stated that he had received several calls early in the morning and added that the residents had requested that the matter be Tabled until they were present, in order to address the Court.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, informed the Court that the application for the Community Development Funds was due this week and that the application should reflect the roads as County Roads, as opposed to private roads.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Item regarding said matter had been discussed at three (3) Commissioners-Court Meetings and noted that this was the first opposition that was expressed regarding the issue. He stated that the Court had already made the commitment to apply for the funds and allocate a certain amount of funds to begin the project. He noted that the Agenda Item reflected the 3.08 miles of roads be accepted into the County Road System and that 3.4 miles remained. He noted that it was his understanding that all the roads would be accepted in the County Road System, that the 3.08 miles would be paved and that the remaining roads would be maintained passable for school buses and/or postal services.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the three (3) miles of roads would be accepted and paved in Green Valley Acres and that there were no statements and/or votes by the Court to accept the entire six (6) roads.

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant County Administrator, explained that the tapes of the meetings concerning Green Valley Farms had been reviewed and that Commissioner Matz had questioned how many miles were in the Green Valley Farms. He stated that a member of the audience had responded that there were approximately three (3) miles of roads and that the Court had then acted on the three (3) miles of roads.

Commissioner Cascos noted that the three (3) miles of roads remained and that families and children resided at the roads, which contained the same type of problems. He stated that the Green Valley Farms Subdivision residents had been informed that if the Court accepted all the roads, there would be no guarantees and/or promises that major improvements would be made to the roads. Commissioner Cascos stated that the roads would be maintained and kept passable and the County could assist in grading the roads, if the residents were willing to purchase the materials.

Commissioner Valencia questioned what the County would consider Apassable® and Commissioner Matz responded that the work on the roads would be limited to maintenance work by the County.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the roads were not passable if school buses and/or postal services were unable to go through the roads because of the danger of the buses slipping into the ditches, due to rain. He stated that the maintenance of the roads by the County would be limited to grading and leveling the roads to keep them passable for the safety of the residents.

At this time, Ms. Rosie DeLeija, Green Valley Farms resident, stated that only three (3) members of the Court, that being Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Matz, were honoring their word and added that it was the understanding of the residents that the remaining roads would be made passable, as opposed to paving of the roads.

Commissioner Cascos stated that there were only three (3) roads for consideration on the Agenda Item and suggested that the remaining roads be placed on a separate Agenda Item for the possibility of accepting the roads to make them passable.

Commissioner Benavides expressed his support as to the commitment by the County to accept and improve the roads and emphasized that the children's safety was a major factor.

Judge Hinojosa stated that it was very unfair to accuse the County Judge of not being a person of his word and noted that the tapes of the last Commissioners' Court Meeting specifically reflected three (3) miles of roads. He stated that the Court did not misrepresent the number of miles to be addressed and added that it was not favorable for the Green Valley Farms residents for Ms. DeLeija to accuse the County Judge of making misrepresentations. Judge Hinojosa emphasized that it was his recommendation to allocate the amount of \$100,000.00 towards the construction of the roads in the Green Valley Farms Subdivision and added that he had supported the improvements to the main subdivision lane. He further added that he implemented the proposal to fix the drain in the subdivision and had the Drainage District commit the funds towards the drainage.

Commissioner Matz moved that Amigo Lane, Cactus Lane and Crab Hole Lane, located within Green Valley Farms Subdivision, Precinct No. 3, be accepted into the County Road System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

At this time, Commissioner Valencia suggested that the residents opposing the matter should be allowed to address the Court and clarified that Judge Hinojosa and he had approached the Drainage District in San Benito to obtain \$400,000.00 towards the drainage project in Green Valley Farms. He stated that the Court was not against the residents of Green Valley Farms, but noted that it was the Court's obligation to listen to all the constituents in the County.

Upon motion duly made, Commissioner Matz moved that Amigo Lane, Cactus Lane and Crab Hole Lane, located within Green Valley Farms Subdivision, Precinct No. 3, be accepted into the County Road System.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Judge Hinojosa

**NAY:** Commissioner Valencia.

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, questioned whether remaining roads would be placed on the Agenda for consideration and Judge Hinojosa responded that the roads should not be brought back to the Court if the Road and Bridge Department could not maintain said roads and the current roads with the available resources.

Judge Hinojosa stated that three (3) additional roads should not be accepted into the County Road System, if the current roads could not be maintained with the available funding and clarified that the three (3) roads were accepted because the County was receiving \$100,000.00, from the State. He stated that the funds were not available for the remaining roads and added that Precinct No. 4 residents had also expressed concerns as to the roads which needed to be addressed. Judge Hinojosa clarified that due to the recommendation by the Program Development and Management Director regarding the time constraints of the application, the Court was unable to delay the matter, in order to allow the Precinct No. 4 residents to voice their concerns.

At this time, there was some discussion as to the work to be performed for the driveways on the three (3) roads in Green Valley Farms and Mr. Bernal clarified that the residents were required to purchase the culverts and pipes necessary for the driveways.

Commissioner Cascos requested that the County Engineer submit an estimated amount to maintain the additional three (3) roads in Green Valley Farms on an annual basis.



(12) **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIMERA ROAD, LINE 17 ROAD, TURNER/YOST ROAD, HAINE ROAD, STUART PLACE ROAD AND 77/83 SOUTH PARALLEL CORRIDOR AS THE OFFICIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUTES FOR CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Mr. Roy Rodriguez, City of Harlingen Interim City Manager, requested that Haine Road Project be deferred until further notice, but that the road remain as part of the Project.

Commissioner Valencia moved that Primera Road, Line 17 Road, Turner/Yost Road, Haine Road, Stuart Place Road and 77/83 South Parallel Corridor be accepted as the Official Right-of-Way Routes for Cameron County, noting that Haine Road be deferred until further notice.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(15) **POSSIBLE ACTION OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN PERTAINING TO FM/801**

At this time, Mr. Roy Rodriguez, City of Harlingen Interim City Manager, stated that an Interlocal Agreement had been approved in 1990 and explained that the Interlocal Agreement was for right-of-way acquisition. He stated that the County had agreed to acquire the necessary right-of-way within the jurisdiction up to the city limit line at the time the Agreement was signed in 1990 and added that the project included the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) which would begin construction in the next year.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the number of times the acquisitions had been made since the Interlocal Agreement was approved in 1990 and Mr. Rodriguez responded that the Agreement had been dormant for eight or nine years on the part of the County.

Commissioner Cascos noted that the city had annexed areas and extended the city limits since 1990 and added that the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement did not reflect the current specifications.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there was limited resources and there were many roads to build in the County, including the purchase of right-of-way, and suggested that the city should budget for the right-of-way, as opposed to the County acquiring right-of-way within the city limits.

Commissioner Matz clarified that the County could not cooperate with the city due to the lack of resources, as opposed to a lack of interest and added that the time and efforts going into FM/509 were enormous. He added that the County would also need to address FM/106 and suggested that the city should contract with subcontractors.

Commissioner Jesse Robles, City of Harlingen, noted that due to the support by the City of Harlingen for the County's efforts concerning the FM/509 Corridor Study, the City had to annex and extend the city limit which was going to cost the city.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Interlocal Agreement be re-drafted to specify the County participation as a result of annexation by the City.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the County Judge's Office was authorized to submit a thirty (30) written notice to terminate the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Cameron County and the City of Harlingen pertaining to FM/801.

(4) **PRESENTATION BY BROWNSVILLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL REGARDING OPEN HOUSE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS**

At this time, Captain Wayne Wells, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, briefly highlighted the role of the Civil Air Patrol and extended an invitation to the Emergency Management Coordinator, the Court and public to attend the Open House to be held on September 9, 2000, concerning the services offered by the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Desi Najera, Emergency Management Coordinator, expressed gratitude for the assistance provided by the Civil Air Patrol concerning incidents throughout the County.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Presentation by Brownsville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol regarding Open House for Emergency Management Coordinators be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(5) **PRESENTATION BY MR. ALEJANDRO CORONADO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HOUSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES**

(6) **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

At this time, Mr. Alejandro Coronado, Executive Director of the Cameron County Housing Authority, stated that the Federal Legislation required that an individual receiving assistance from the Housing Authority be appointed to the Board of Directors and noted that the Client/Consumer Council consisting of residents could recommend an individual, noting that the recommendation would be submitted to the Court for approval. He noted that the Board of Directors was



limited to five (5) members and that the selection of an individual could not be limited to certain areas of the County, as per Federal Guidelines.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Mr. Alejandro Coronado, Executive Director of the Cameron County Housing Authority regarding current status of Board of Directors and Housing Authority activities was acknowledged and the Client/Consumer Council was authorized to recommend a member for the Cameron County Housing Authority Board of Directors.

**(8) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE TEXAS SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Resolution in support of the Texas Solid Waste Grants Program be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (9) **PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL THROUGH JUNE OF 2000, AS REQUIRED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 114.026**
  
- (10) **PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2000, ON INVESTMENTS OF COUNTY FUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE 2256 - THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT**

At this time, Mr. Eddie Gonzalez, County Treasurer, briefly highlighted and summarized the Monthly Reports for the months of April through June of 2000, and the Quarterly Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2000, on investments of County Funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentations of the Summary of Monthly Reports for the months of April through June of 2000, as required by Local Government Code Section 114.026, and the Quarterly Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2000, on investments of County Funds, in accordance with Government Code 2256 - the Public Funds Investment Act were acknowledged.

**The Reports are as follow:**

**(11) DESIGNATION OF CAMERON COUNTY-S REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INCORPORATED, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the designation of Commissioner Valencia, Cameron County-s Representative, and Commissioner Benavides as alternate to serve on the Amigos Del Valle, Incorporated, Board of Directors be approved.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Cascos.

**(13) APPROVAL OF DUNE PROTECTION PERMIT FOR NBGS**

**(14) APPROVAL FOR A BEACH FRONT CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE FOR NBGS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Dune Protection Permit and the Beach Front Construction Certificate for NBGS be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Permits are as follow:**

**(16) APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF RIO HONDO FOR THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Intergovernmental Agreement between Cameron County and the City of Rio Hondo for the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes be approved.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Judge Hinojosa.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

- (17) **APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000, GENERAL ELECTION**
- (18) **APPOINTMENT OF A CENTRAL COUNTING STATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000, GENERAL ELECTION**
- (19) **APPROVAL OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000, GENERAL ELECTION**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the revised Budget for the Elections Administration related to said items and whether the polling places were the minimum required by Law. He expressed concern as to the cost for the ARock the Vote® Project and whether the project was a requirement.

Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, responded that a minimum of twelve (12) Early Voting Polling Places was required and noted that the polling places were the same as the primary election. He noted that the four days of mobile voting had changed, in order to provide better access to individuals who were in hospitals and high schools and added that the churches had been removed from the list, due to low voter turnout.

Judge Hinojosa stated that conducting the mobile voting at the high schools encouraged the youth to vote at an early age and developed the attitude in the younger generation for voter participation.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the funds would be available from the revised budget for the following Fiscal Year and Mr. Mendoza responded that he was unaware of the revisions to the budget submitted to the Auditor's Office.

Mr. Javier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that there were changes to the Elections Budget and added that the budget was pending, due to the Extra-Help and the Printing and Binding Line Items.

Commissioner Benavides expressed concern as to the polling place at the main County Courthouse lobby and as to the voters having to go through the metal detectors at the entrance of the Courthouse.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Elections Commission had discussed the issue to request that temporary walls be placed in the lobby by the Building Superintendent, in order to allow the voters to enter the polling place through the alternate front entrance of the Courthouse without having to go through the metal detectors. He stated that the Sheriff's Department would be requested to assist in securing the area, to eliminate voters going into the Courthouse through the temporary polling place wall.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Early Voting Polling Places, the Central Counting Stations and the Election Day Polling Places for the November 7, 2000, General Election were approved, subject to availability of funds.

**The Lists are as follow:**

**(20) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION STATING THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO REUSE THE 1912 CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR COUNTY OFFICES AND TO RE-DESIGNATE THE BUILDING AS THE MAIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE UPON ITS RESTORATION AND OCCUPANCY**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution be adopted stating the County's intent to reuse the 1912 Cameron County Courthouse for County Offices and to re-designate the building as the main County Courthouse upon its restoration and occupancy.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(22) ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF  
AUDIT FIRM FOR COUNTY AUDIT SERVICES**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the firm of Long Shilton, Brownsville, Texas, be selected as the Audit Firm for County Audit Services.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Cascos.

**(23) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
CAMERON COUNTY AND OUR HEAVENLY  
FATHER CHURCH TO RENT SPACE TO PROVIDE  
WIC PROGRAM SERVICES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Contract between Cameron County and Our Heavenly Father Church be approved to rent space to provide Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Services.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**



**(24) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION, STATE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (STMP) CONTRACTS FOR REDUCED AIRLINE FARES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SHERIFF, DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution be adopted authorizing the participation in the State of Texas General Services Commission, State Travel Management Program (STMP) Contracts for reduced airline fares for County Officers and employees, including the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs and Juvenile Probation Officers.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(25) **ACTION REGARDING WACKENHUT CORPORATION'S NOTIFICATION OF THE DISCONTINUING OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recommended that in the interim, the County Sheriff should assign a detail at the Courthouse entrance and that the funds allocated for Wackenhut Corporation's Security Services be utilized if necessary. He suggested that a meeting be scheduled with representatives from District Judges, the County Court at Law Judges, the District and County Clerk's Office, the Sheriff's and the County Judge's Office to discuss a plan for the future and added that the Security Services should be performed in-house.

Upon motion by Judge Hinojosa, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Wackenhut Corporation's Notification of the discontinuing of Security Services at the County Courthouse was acknowledged and that a meeting be scheduled with the Judicial Courthouse Departments, the Sheriff's Department and the County Judge's Office.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR A 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 Item 26 Aa@ regarding airfare for two (2) Veterans Office staff and as to the transportation and airport parking.

Mr. Salvador Salinas, Veterans Service Officer, explained that a travel request in the previous year had been canceled, noting that the airline ticket was non-refundable and added the airline ticket would be utilized for this travel. He stated that a rental vehicle was necessary to attend the meetings at the different hospitals throughout San Antonio and that the vehicle to get to the airport would be left at the airport parking lot.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that one (1) staff member should utilize the airline ticket and that the two (2) staff members should drive to the conference, which would eliminate the costs of two (2) airfare tickets, the rental car and the airport parking.

At this time, Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, noted the high amount of travel for the Health Department and expressed concern as to Item No. 26 Ai@ regarding the purpose of two (2) Health Department employees attending the Breast-Feeding Summit.

Commissioner Cascos stated that a Policy had been drafted and forwarded to the departments regarding the purpose of the travel and noted that the County Auditor had cut back travel funds in many of the budgets.

Mr. Oscar Buitron, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Director, explained that there were many issues associated with breast-feeding babies and that the WIC Clinic counseled and encouraged mothers to properly breast-feed the infants, noting that the State required the Breast-feeding Coordinators to attend the seminars.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his support for the program and added that breast-feeding and nutrition should be encouraged for healthier and stronger children.

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

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

- a) Veteran=s Service Officer and two (2) Staff members to attend the A53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Statewide Conference@ in San Antonio, Texas, on September 25-29, 2000;
- b) Cameron County Judge and International Bridge Systems Director to meet with Mexican Officials regarding the Rail Road Relocation Project in Mexico City, Mexico, on August 17, 2000;
- c) Task Force Commander and Filed Supervisor to attend the ATNCP Leadership Conference@ in Austin, Texas, on September 5-8, 2000;
- d) District Attorney to attend the ATexas Association Counties Policy Analysis Group Meeting@ in Austin, Texas, on August 24-25, 2000;
- e) Two (2) County Extension Agents - AG and Program Assistant to participate in the Cameron County 4-H Enviro Camp@ in Rio Grande City, Texas, on August 8-9, 2000;
- f) County Extension Agent-FCS to attend and participate in the A6<sup>th</sup> Annual Star County Child Care Providers Conference@ in Roma, Texas, on August 5, 2000;
- g) County Extension Agent-AG to attend the ADossier Training and Workshop@ in Falfurrias, Texas, on August 11, 2000;
- h) Environmental Health Director to attend the Arboviral Strategic Planning Session (West Nile, St. Louis, Eastern Equine, Western Equine, etc.)@ sponsored by the Texas Department of Health in Austin, Texas, on August 24-25, 2000;
- I) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the A3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Breast-feeding Summit@ in Houston, Texas, on October 12-14, 2000;
- j) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a APeer Counselor Trainer Workshop@ in Austin, Texas, on September 11-14, 2000; and
- k) Three (3) Health Department employees to attend a ATitle V, Title X, Title XX Meeting@ in Edinburg, Texas, on August 30, 2000.

**(27) AWARD BID**

- a) **PEST CONTROL SERVICES - ANNUAL BID NO. 1600**  
**BUG OFF PEST - McAllen, Texas**

**Total \$15,755.00**

**(28) AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

- a) **PHARMACIST CONSULTING SERVICES - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 1605-000301**

**ROBERT AUTREY**

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

**Y & S PHARMACY - Baltimore, Maryland**

**(29) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 4**

B.G.R. Villarreal Subdivision, being a re-subdivision of the South 3.72 acres of land out of Block No. 59, Stuart Place Subdivision Survey No. 40;

- b) **Precinct No. 4**

Ruiz Acres Subdivision, being a 17.713 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block No. 92, Hooks and Hodges Subdivision; and

- c) **Precinct No. 4**

Lobitas estates Subdivision, being a 6.54 acres of land comprised of 2.71 acres out of Block No. 1, 2.38 acres out of Block No. 2 and 1.45 acres out of Block No. 3, E.E. Evans Subdivision.

**(30) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:20 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) In the matter of the 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 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); **(TABLED)** and
- b) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the Schlitterbahn 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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:30 A.M.

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

- a) **In the matter of the 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 Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act. (TABLED)**

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

- b) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the Schlitterbahn 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.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by the Parks Systems Director and County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the Real Property concerning the Schlitterbahn 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.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at **11:32 P.M.**

**APPROVED** this **29th** day of **August, 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.**