

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 14th day of NOVEMBER, 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 9:40 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 November 9, 2000, at 2:18 P.M.:

At this time, Mr. Dagoberto Barrera, Brownsville resident, congratulated Commissioner Benavides on his re-election victory and commended Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, for a job well done during the November 2000 Election.

(1) **APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented an additional late claim as to Warrant No. 45700, payable to the United States Postmaster, in the amount of \$231.00.

Commissioner Cascos questioned Warrant No. 45412, payable to Mel Brown Associates and Warrant No. 45594, payable to Joe King, Jr. Printer, Incorporated.

Mr. Yates responded that the Warrant No. 45412 was for a Juvenile Probation Department Grant which would be researched and that Warrant No. 45412 was for printing services which could not be performed in-house.

Judge Hinojosa stated that in the past, the Jurors Certificates were printed in-house and requested that the Warrant be held until the matter was researched.

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Claims be approved, as presented by the County Auditor, and that Warrant No. 45412, payable to Joe King Jr. Printing, Incorporated, be **Tabled**.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa, as to the following Warrants:

Warrant No. 45130, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$122.62;

Warrant No. 45467, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$16.48; and

Warrant No. 45597, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$12.56.

The Affidavits are as follow:

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

Commissioner Cascos moved that the 2001 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2001-03, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments are as follow:

(3) **IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 31, 2000, REGULAR MEETING
(TABLED)**

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

(5) **PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON THE
LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT BY CEC CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
INCORPORATED**

At this time, Mr. Orlando Cruz, CEC Consulting Engineers, Incorporated, stated that the Laguna Heights Project was at a stand still, but noted that studies were being performed to redirect the water into the Laguna Larga, in order to prevent dust from blowing into the Laguna Heights area.

Judge Hinijosa stated that discussions were held by the United States Fish and Wildlife and Texas Department of Transportation as to making a cut from the ship channel going under Highway 48 for the salt water to drain into the basin and questioned why a study was being done.

Mr. Cruz responded that the matter was being considered since the decision had not been made whether the basin would consist of salt or fresh water but noted that the Firm would proceed with the environmental portion of the Project.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, explained that the Empowerment Zone would consider an additional extension based on the progress of the Project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Presentation of the Status Report on the Laguna Heights Drainage Improvement Project by CEC Consulting Engineers, Incorporated, was acknowledged.

(7) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT
CLERK-S JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER-S
MONTHLY FEE AND FINES REPORTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the District Clerk-s July, August and September-s Monthly Fee and Fines Reports were acknowledged.

The Reports are as follow:

(8) **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FOUR (4) SECURITIES FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,950,000.00, AT PAR, IN COLLATERAL, TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

Commissioner Cascos moved that four (4) Securities for a total of \$6,950,000.00, at Par, in Collateral, be released to First National Bank.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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

At this time, Ms. Dora Corona, County Treasurer-s Office, clarified that the interest bearing Now Account to be opened with First National Bank would be a non-interest bearing account.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, explained that certain reimbursement grants did not allow the funds to gain interest and noted that the bank would earn the interest as opposed to the program.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Non-Interest Bearing Now Account for Harris Tract Fund No. 360, was opened with First National Bank.

(10) **IN THE MATTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2001 EQUIPMENT LIST (TABLED)**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned the amounts granted to the Departments as opposed to the amounts requested, and whether there would be an additional equipment list.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that the list submitted was the first part of the total equipment list and another list would follow.

Commissioner Matz noted that the new Commissioner for Precicnt No. 3, David Garza, would need new equipment for the office and suggested that the Budget Officer review the equipment list with him.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this item was **Tabled**.

**(11) APPROVAL OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (JJAEP)
CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND
SOUTHWEST KEY PROGRAM, INCORPORATED**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Contract between Cameron County and Southwest Key Program, Incorporated, be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Contract is as follows:

(12) APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the following individuals were appointed and reappointed to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board:

County Sheriff,

Mr. John Blaylock, Chief Felony Prosecutor,

Ms. Linda Salazar, Court Coordinator,

Ms. Grace Salinas, Friendship of Women Board Member,

Mr. Michael Pimentel, Chief of Police,

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant County Administrator,

Mr. Robert Lopez, Constable, Precinct No. 5, and

Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector or representative.

**(13) [REDACTED]
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR THE HARRIS TRACT COLONIA AREA STUDY (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 720025)**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Engineering Proposals be requested for the Harris Tract Colonia Area Study, that being the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 720025.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(14) [REDACTED]
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL JARDIN WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO SERVE ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE HARRIS TRACT COLONIA STUDY (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 720025)**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Board of Directors of the El Jardin Water Supply Corporation serve on the Request for Proposal Review Committee for the Harris Tract Colonia Study, that being the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 720025.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(15) APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY EMPOWERMENT ZONE CORPORATION FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Time Extension Addendum to the Contract between Cameron County and the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corporation for the Laguna Heights Drainage Improvement Project was approved.

(16) APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FINSA/HARVEST II, LIMITED, AT THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE REGIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONE

Commissioner Matz moved that the Tax Abatement Agreement with Finsa/Harvest II, Ltd., at the Free Trade Bridge Regional Enterprise Zone be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE THE COUNTY
PARKS ENTRANCE FEE FOR MOTORCYCLES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Parks Entrance Fee for motorcycles was reduced from \$4.00 to \$2.00.



**(18) APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION
I, ITEM AF® OF THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS
SYSTEM RECREATIONAL VEHICLES POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH
REGISTRATION LATE FEES FOR PARK GUESTS**

At this time, Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, stated that the Parks Advisory Board had approved a penalty for the late check out, recommending that the fee be \$15.00.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Amendment to Section I, Item AF® of the Cameron County Parks System Recreational Vehicles (R.V.) Policies and Procedures be approved to establish Registration Late Fees for park guests.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Amendment is as follows:

(19) APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEED AND SEED

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County Juvenile Probation Department and Brownsville Independent School District Weed and Seed was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(20) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
CAMERON COUNTY AND Y&S PHARMACY
SERVICES TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION AND
OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Contract between Cameron County and Y&S Pharmacy Services be approved to provide prescription and over the counter medications.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(21) **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF HIV AND STD PREVENTION TO IMPLEMENT THE ENHANCED BEHAVIORAL SURVEILLANCE PROJECT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County Health Department and the Texas Department of Health Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention, to implement the Enhanced Behavioral Surveillance Project, was approved.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that the County had previously approved a Joint Trash Dumping Education Dumping Program with Hidalgo County and added that the County had been led to believe that Cameron County would be able to staff the program. He reported that the terms of the Agreement were not clarified and that the matter would be presented to the Court for review.

The Contract is as follows:

**(22) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
CAMERON COUNTY AND RIO HONDO
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RENT
SPACE FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County and Rio Hondo Independent School District to rent space for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Services was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

**(23) APPROVAL OF THE LEASE CONTRACT
(RENEWAL) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND
ASIM ZAMIR, M.D., TO RENT SPACE FOR WIC
PROGRAM SERVICES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Lease Contract Renewal between Cameron County and Asim Zamir, M.D., to rent space for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Services be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(24) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TWO (2) PICKUP TRUCKS FOR THE PLANNING AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bids for two (2) pickup trucks be advertised for the Planning and Inspection Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

(25) IN THE MATTER OF THE NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER CORRECTING A STREET NAME TO FLORES ROAD AND ELIMINATING EBONY ROAD FROM THE PLAT OF QUINTANA SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN THE COUNTY CLERK-S OFFICE UNDER CABINET 1, PAGE NO. 580-A (TABLED)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this item was **Tabled**.

(26) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ABEL GONZALEZ, DOING BUSINESS AS G&T PAVING COMPANY, AND CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE ANAQUITOS ESTATES PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 3, LOS FRESNOS, TEXAS

Commissioner Matz moved that the Contract between Abel Gonzalez, doing business as G&T Paving Company, and Cameron County be approved for the Anaquitos Estates Paving Improvements Project, located in Precinct No. 3, Los Fresnos, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(27) **IN THE MATTER OF THE AWARD BIDS FOR THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICE IN SAN BENITO TO MORECO (TABLED)**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned the identity of the Firm Moreco, and whether the furniture was included in the base bid for the Project.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to the agreement with the Firm and the bid specification that were outlined, and whether they were going to be met. Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Firm be reviewed for reliability. He noted that since the cost of getting peers and filling had increased the bid amount, the option of building on another location had been considered but the costs were about equal. Judge Hinojosa added that if the furniture was made by the Maintenance Department the bid cost would be lowered.

Mr. Richard Santellana, Director of Community Probation Department, noted that the security system could be leased from the Federal Government; thereby, lowering, the cost by fifty or sixty thousand dollars.

Ms. Juanita Brodocky, Rio Hondo resident, stated that the building on peers and the need for land fill would create structure difficulties, and that it would be better to search for another location.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, this item was **Tabled**.

(28) **ACTION REGARDING STREET NAME SIGN INSTALLATION ON NON-COUNTY ROAD(S)**

At this time, Juan Bernal, County Engineering Department, explained the need to install signs on non-county roads and public roads.

Ms. Annette Foster, Brownsville Resident, complained that she was unable to receive any mail from the Post Office or be serviced by the 911 System due to the name and signs not being consistent.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern on the naming of roads and the installation of signs. He added that he would like for signs to be put on all non-county and public roads, in order to help the public in case an emergency occurred and 911 was needed.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners- Court Legal Counsel, explained the liability of putting signs on roads that are public or non-county, and added that the County would not be in any violation, but would be responsible for the maintenance.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the installation of street name sign on non-County Road(s) be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

**(29) APPROVAL FOR HIDTA UNIFIED NARCOTICS
INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE CONTRACTUAL
EMPLOYEE CONTRACT(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR
2001**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the HIDTA Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Contractual Employee Contracts for Fiscal Year 2001 were approved.

The Contracts are as follow:

**(30) APPROVAL FOR SOUTH TEXAS HIDTA
CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2001**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the South Texas HIDTA Contractual Employee Contracts for Fiscal Year 2001 were approved.

The Contracts are as follow:

**(31) AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO TDPS
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT A
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Commissioner Cascos moved that a Hazard Mitigation Grant Application be submitted to Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) Division of Emergency Management.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(32) AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTINE
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FUNDS
(RAMP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Application for Texas Department of Transportation Routine Airport Maintenance Program Funds (RAMP) for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 was approved.

**(33) APPROVAL FOR UNIDOS PODEMOS TO SUBMIT
A TITLE V DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE
GOVERNOR-S OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE
UNIDOS PODEMOS GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$378,788.00, FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Unidos Podemos submit a Title V Delinquency Prevention Program Grant Application to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor-s Office in support of the Unidos Podemos Grant, in the amount of \$378,788.00, for the Year 2001-2002.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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 Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the

AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

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

- a) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the AJuvenile Justice Association of Texas Meeting® in Austin, Texas, on November 15-16, 2000;
- b) District Attorney to attend the ASouth Texas HIDTA Executive Committee Meeting® in Washington, D.C., on December 3-6, 2000;
- c) Two (2) Parks System Managers to attend the ATRAPS Region 7 Workshop® in San Antonio, Texas, on November 2-3, 2000;
- d) Parks System Director to attend the ATexas Shore and Beach Association Technical Conference® in Houston, Texas, on November 15-17, 2000;
- e) Assistant County Auditor to attend the ACriminal Justice Division Workshop® in Austin, Texas, on October 29-31, 2000;
- f) 103rd Court Coordinator to attend the ATexas Association for Court Administration Education Conference® in Austin, Texas, on November 5-8,2000;
- g) District Attorney and HIDTA Director to attend the AHIDTA Executive Committee Meeting® in San Antonio, Texas, on November 20-21, 2000;
- h) Four (4) Environmental Health employees to attend the Animal Cruelty Continuing Education Program, hosted by the City of Brownsville Department of Public Health® in Brownsville, Texas, on November 27, 2000;
- I) County Clerk and Collections Manager to attend the ACourt Collections Training Workshop® in Dallas, Texas, on November 14-15, 2000;
- j) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend a ATexas Department of Health Local Health Department Meeting® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on November 17, 2000;
- k) Assistant District Attorney to be an instructor for the AProsecutor Faculty Development Course, also known as ATrain the Trainer® in New Bern, North Carolina, on November 5-9, 2000;
- l) Two (2) Juvenile Probation Officers to attend the AJuvenile Detention Intake Procedures and Policies Training® in Austin, Texas, on November 3-4, 2000;
- m) Assistant District Attorney to attend the ATrail Advocacy I Course® in Columbia, South Carolina, on December 10-15, 2000;

- n) County Automobile Crimes Enforcement Task-Force Project Coordinator and Lieutenant to attend the ASouth Texas Crime Prevention Association Training Conference@ in Eagle Pass, Texas, on November 15-18, 2000;
- o) International Bridge Systems Director to attend the ABorder Trade Alliance Regional Meeting@ in McAllen, Texas, on November 8, 2000;
- p) Four (4) County Extension Agents to attend the AFall District Faculty Meeting@ in Weslaco, Texas, on November 14-16, 2000;
- q) Program Development and Management Director to attend the AGrant Administration Meeting for the Texas Historical Commission@ in Austin, Texas, on November 20-21, 2000;
- r) Program Development and Management employees to attend the ALower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Criminal Justice Technical Assistance Workshop@ in Weslaco, Texas, on November 17, 2000; and
- s) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATuberculosis Program Managers Meeting at Texas Center for Infectious Disease Training Center@ in San Antonio, Texas, on November 27-30, 2000;



(35) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Suzie-Q Subdivision - being a resubdivision of the South 5.0 acres of land out of Block No. 28, Dougherty - Paillet Subdivision.

(36) FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

B.G.R. Villarreal Subdivision - being a resubdivision of the South 3.99 acres of land out of Block No. 59, Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey No. 40.

(37) RENEW AWARD OF BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR

a) TIRES: VEHICLE AND PATROL - ANNUAL BID NO. 1997

FIRESTONE - Harlingen, Texas

Total \$28,500.00

b) TIRES: OFF ROAD AND HEAVY TRUCKS - ANNUAL BID NO. 1998

FIRESTONE - Brownsville, Texas

Total \$13,890.05

c) LIGHT BULBS AND BALLASTS - ANNUAL BID NO. 2004

WARREN ELECTRIC - Harlingen, Texas

Total \$8,065.75

(38) OPEN BIDS AND/OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- a) **CONSTRUCTION OF LA FERIA: TAX DEPARTMENT, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE OFFICE**
- b) **HARLINGEN MAIN ANNEX BUILDING: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ADDITION AND REMODELING - REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 001002**
- c) **TRUANCY REDUCTION IMPACT PROGRAM - UNIDOS PODEMOS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 001001**

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

(6) PRESENTATION OF THE STATUS REPORT ON THE COUNTY JAIL PROJECT BY MR. KAMAL ARISS

At this time, Mr. Kamal Ariss, representative of Landmark Organization, explained that the location of the jail included part of Cameron County and Hidalgo County boundaries, and added that all contract work was being done locally.

Mr. Randy Hass, Project Manager, reviewed the progress report and the sections that would be finished by the end of the year.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that Mr. Roger Ortiz, Maintenance Superintendent, be included in the committee meetings regarding this Project, in order to review the plans for the maintenance of the building.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Presentation of the Status Report on the County Jail Project by Mr. Kamal Ariss be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(4) APPROVAL TO CANVASS THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2000

At this time, Mr. Robert Mendoza, Election Administrator, presented the results of the General Election 2000 and the number of votes cast by Precincts.

(39) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:08 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel concerning 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 attorney-s fees; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A)(B)
- b) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning possible land donation to Cameron County of Real Property, known as Abstract No. 2 - Del Mar Heights Lot No. 27, Block No. 3, Property Tax Identification No. 74-5600-0030-0270-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

- c) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning County Leased Land to UETA of Texas, known as 0.7315 acre tract of land, more or less, being the remainder of Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block No. 61, including that portion of 20 feet alley, City of Brownsville Original Townsite recorded in Volume No. 5, Page No. 13, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning Right-of-Way acquisition for Old Alice Road from FM/511 to Expressway 77/83; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- e) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible lease of Cameron County land, known as a portion of Park Land out of Andy Bowie Park Entrance and/or Exit No. 2; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- f) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Cameron Park Recreation Center Subdivision Lot No. 1, 1.136 acres, Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- g) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible renewal of Concession Lease for Jeremiah's River Ride; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:40 A.M.

(40) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Confer with County Counsel concerning 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 attorney's fees.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, County Counsel was authorized to negotiate the settlement and plaintiff's attorney's fees as discussed in Executive Session, regarding the case styled Edward Alcala vs. Alex Perez, et. al., Civil Action No. B-96-203, in the United States District Court - Brownsville.

- b) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning possible land donation to Cameron County of Real Property, known as Abstract No. 2 - Del Mar Heights Lot No. 27, Block No. 3, Property Tax Identification No. 74-5600-0030-0270-00.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the possible land donation of the Real Property known as Abstract No. 2 - Del Mar Heights Lot no. 27, Block No. 3, Property Tax Identification No. 74-5600-0030-270-00, be accepted and the taxes be paid.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

- c) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning County Leased Land to UETA of Texas, known as 0.7315 acre tract of land, more or less, being the remainder of Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block No. 61, including that portion of 20 feet alley, City of Brownsville Original Townsite recorded in Volume No. 5, Page No. 13, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator concerning the County Leased Land to UETA of Texas, known as 0.7315 acre tract of land, more or less, being the remainder of Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block No. 61, including portion of 20 feet alley, City of Brownsville Original Townsite recorded in Volume No. 5, Page No. 13, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, was acknowledged.

- d) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning Right-of-Way acquisition for Old Alice Road from FM/511 to Expressway 77/83.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Counsel be authorized to negotiate Right-of-Way acquisition for Old Alice Road from FM/511 to Expressway 77/83.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- e) **In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible lease of Cameron County land, known as a portion of Park Land out of Andy Bowie Park Entrance and/or Exit No. 2. (TABLED).**

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

- f) **Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible purchase of Cameron Park Recreation Center Subdivision Lot No. 1, 1.136 acres, Cameron County.**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by the Property Management Coordinator regarding the purchase of Cameron Park Recreation Center Subdivision Lot No. 1, 1.136 acres, Cameron County, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- g) **In the matter of the Real Property concerning the possible renewal of Concession Lease for Jeremiah's River Ride. (TABLED).**

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



(4) APPROVAL TO CANVASS THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2000

At this time Mr. Robert Mendoza, Election Administrator, presented the complete results of the General Election 2000 for canvassing.

Commissioner Benavides moved that Canvassing of the official results of the General Election for November 7, 2000, be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Cascos, and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Matz

Th Results are as follow:

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 **11:52** P.M.

APPROVED this **28th** day of **November, 2000**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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