

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 24th day of JULY, 2001, 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:

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

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

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD "TIVIE" VALENCIA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Inelda Garcia Deputy Clerk
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Carlos H. Cascos, C.P.A., at 5:35 P.M. He then asked Mr. Joseph O'Bell, Brownsville resident, for the invocation, and Commissioner Benavides 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 July 20, 2001, at 4:18 P. M.:

PRESENTATION ITEMS

- (1) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE PRESENTATION BY MS. CARMEN MARTINEZ OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (TABLED)**

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

ACTION ITEMS

- (3) **APPROVAL OF 2001 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS NO. 2001-31 AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the 2001 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments No. 2001-31, be approved as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments are as follows:

[REDACTED]

(11) POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST OF SOUTHMOST SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 319, FOR A CONTRIBUTION

At this time, Mr. Rick Guerrero, Board of Director, requested financial support for the Southmost Soil and Water Conservation District No. 319. He stated that the District provided assistance to agriculture, ranchers and land owners, and that the financial assistance needed was for administrative work.

Commissioner Cascos noted that the financial support requested was the amount of \$10,000.00, and questioned the legal and the budgetary issues, and whether it would be for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Andy Garza, State Office, explained that the State Soil and Water Conservation Board allocated State funding to 215 local districts and noted that the Southmost District received \$3,300.00 yearly for technical assistance. He added that the District raised funds and the State matched those funds, noting that the State allocated approximately \$47,000.00 for a Water Quality Program for agriculture in Cameron County.

Mr. Guerrero stated that the Southmost Soil and Water Conservation District No. 319, was not a taxing authority, and that in the past five (5) years they had raised approximately 2.8 million dollars, which were matched by the State, spending close to 5 million dollars in Cameron County. He noted that the federal funding had been decreasing annually and thus the need for financial assistance.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the amount of \$5,000.00 was allocated for a Drought Management Plan and suggested that it could be redirected to provide assistance, and that the additional amount be allocated in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Commissioner Garza questioned if an Interlocal Agreement would be needed.

Commissioner Cascos suggested to allocate the unencumbered \$5,000.00 from the 2001 Fiscal Year Budget and to allocate the other \$5,000.00, in the 2002 Fiscal Year Budget subject to Legal Counsel and Budget Officer.

Commissioner Garza moved that \$5,000.00 be obligated to the Southmost Soil and Water Conservation District No. 319, subject to Legal to provide the legal documentation needed to deal with another political subdivision, and to consider the other \$5,000.00 in the next fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioner's Court Legal Counsel, explained that a similar issue had recently been researched and that as long as it was a governmental function, it was authorized by legislation, and he recommended that an Interlocal Agreement be executed.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the allocation of the \$5,000.00 to the Southmost Soil and Water Conservation District No. 319, was approved, subject to legal to provide the Legal documentation needed to deal with another political subdivision, and that the other \$5,000.00 be considered in the next fiscal year.

(2) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. GEORGE MCSHAN, HARLINGEN RESIDENT, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution honoring Mr. George McShan, Harlingen resident, on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas State Technical College, was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

[REDACTED]

(4) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2001-
SPECIAL MEETING**

At this time, Commissioner Garza stated that he was satisfied with the modifications he had requested regarding the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 10, 2001, and again expressed his concern regarding an Item that was not placed for discussion on the present Agenda, as indicated in the Minutes that it would be.

Commissioner Cascos clarified that the Item concerned the loss of interest for County Funds.

Commissioner Garza moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 10, 2001, be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, and Garza,

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Valencia.

[REDACTED]

(5) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING MODIFICATIONS,
ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS AT THE
CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY AND
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ISSUES RELATED
THERE TO (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, this item was **TABLED**.

[REDACTED]

(6) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CAMERON
COUNTY AND CITIES CHALLENGING CENSUS
2000 COUNTS AND ISSUES RELATED THERE TO
(TABLED)**

Commissioner Garza stated that he had requested a map of the new Commissioners' Precincts, because the map provided by counsel was not legible and questioned when it would be provided.

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant Administrator, explained that the issue had been noted and that the requested information was being processed.

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

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(7) **AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
TO ESTABLISH ROAD NAME CHANGES AND/OR
SPEED LIMITS WITHIN CAMERON COUNTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Hearing concerning road name changes and speed limits within Cameron County, was opened for public comment.

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineering/Public Works Director, presented a listing of road name changes and speed limits that needed to be established within Cameron County.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the residents had been notified of the changes of names to the County Roads and if any objections had been expressed.

Mr. Bernal stated that the residents had been notified and that no objections had been presented.

Hearing and sensing no further comments, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

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(8) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER
ESTABLISHING ROAD NAME CHANGES AND/OR
SPEED LIMITS WITHIN CAMERON COUNTY**

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Order establishing road name changes and speed limit within Cameron County, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Commissioner Valencia noted that a correction needed to be made, that being the street name of J. C. Zamora be corrected to A.C. Zamora.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the order establishing road name changes and speed limits within Cameron County, was adopted.

The Order is as follows:

[REDACTED]

(10) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, TEXAS RECREATION AND PARKS ACCOUNT GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PROPOSED PRECINCT NO. 1 PARK**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, requested authorization to submit a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Recreation and Parks Account Grant Program, for the proposed Precinct No. 1 Park. He added that out of 104 acres, the application addressed 58 acres, because of the funding restriction of \$1,000,000.00.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos questioned whether the City of Brownsville had been contacted regarding their plans about a park in that area, and the Parks Director responded that he had met with the Planning Director and presented the conceptual plans, and noted that he understood that the Judge's Office had met with the City Officials.

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, noted that he had met with City of Brownsville Representatives and that they were in favor of re-locating the Teen /Senior Center and requested that the County draft an Interlocal Agreement. He noted that the Library Advisory Board had asked if the County would be interested in having a Brownsville City Annex Library at the Precinct No. 1 Park, and that the Texas Migrant Counsel and the Boys and Girls Club had shown interest in placing facilities at the Park.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the Project included parking lots.

Mr. Jim Carillo, Half Associates, explained that the application process was very competitive and that grant monies were awarded based on a point rated system by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He noted that the Phase I application maximized the recreational facilities, such as the soccer fields, softball field, playground, and water based facilities, in order to receive higher scoring, to increase the odds of obtaining the grant monies and that the parking lot would be addressed by the County.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos questioned how the parking lots and future facilities would be funded, and whether the total cost to maintain the Park on an annual basis had been calculated and requested information on said matter.

Mr. Mendez suggested that Public Works Department provide the labor to construct the base of the parking area and that the most significant cost would be the electricity for the field lights.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the County Parks System to submit a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Texas Recreation and Parks Account Grant Program for the proposed Precinct No. 1 Park, was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

[REDACTED]

(12) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING EXCESS FUNDS
REMAINING IN 2000 LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

(13) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING AUTHORIZATION
TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION FOR
SECTION IRC 125 AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING
ACCOUNT SPECIFICATIONS-DENTAL AND
VISION PLANS ONLY (TABLED)**

Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Department, explained that the Cafeteria Plan would have to be renewed on September 1, 2001, and that the County had not solicited bids since 1995. He added that it would be a good opportunity to move the renewal date to coincide with the County's budget cycle. He requested that the Committee be appointed to review the proposals when received.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the Cafeteria Plan would be effective October 1, 2001, and if it would provide enough time for the County employees to enroll.

Mr. Villarreal responded that the entire month of August would be used to review the bid proposals and that the enrollment of employees would be conducted in September, to be effective October 1, 2001.

There was some discussion concerning the Health plan coinciding with the Cafeteria Plan, and the legal issues regarding the contracts and coverages to be provided, the need for Third Party Administrators and the suggestion was made to table the matter to resolve some of the issues.

At this time, Commissioner Garza explained that the Cafeteria Plan, a benefit to County employees, allowed pre-taxed dollars be used to obtain health care and child care.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa suggested that instead of addressing two health concerns at the same time, that Personnel should deal with the Cafeteria Plan, and that the Health insurance could be dealt with next year. He recommended that the Personnel Department prepare the Request for Proposals that would give flexibility to vendors to apply on either an open or closed plan.

Commissioner Garza moved that Personnel Department prepare Request for Proposal that would give flexibility to the vendor to bid on either an open or closed plan, and that an Evaluation Committee be appointed.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Personnel Department prepare the Request for Proposals, and reserve the advertisement space.

Commissioner Garza recommended that the appointment of the Evaluation Committee be placed on the Agenda for the following week.

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

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(9) **APPROVAL OF THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2001 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION**

Commissioner Cascos explained that the Elections Administrator had presented additional options for the Early Voting Sites for the November 2001 General Election and it would be an additional \$20,000.00, for the four (4) additional voting polls.

Judge Hinojosa noted that each additional voting poll would cost \$4,000.00 and emphasized the importance of the November election, because another Referendum would be included that would allow the use of Bonds for the funding of highway construction. He noted that Cameron County would benefit and it was worth the investment to get the people to vote.

Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, clarified that the law stipulated that the voting polling sites could not be more than double from another Precinct and that the listing was to select the voting polling site (s).

Judge Hinojosa recommended changing the Wal-Mart Super Center for Cameron Park Community Center and the 802 HEB to the HEB on Central Boulevard for Precinct No. 2; HEB, Port Isabel and San Benito Tax Office, Goolsby Building for Precinct No. 3; and the Harlingen County Building and La Feria Fire Station for Precinct No. 4.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the cost of the election and the funding source.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the selection of the Early Voting Polling Sites for the November 2001 Constitutional Amendment Election were approved.

The List is as follows:

CONSENT ITEMS

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM NO. 14 - Commissioner Garza expressed his concern regarding the numerous phone bills that were over the budgeted amount, the excess purchases of brooms, and questioned whether any concerns had been expressed regarding the Firestone tires being purchased, and the County Auditor responded that no concerns had been expressed.

Commissioner Valencia questioned Page 10, Cellular Phones, noting that the name reflected was of Mr. Andy Cavazos, no longer employed by the County, and questioned the person using the phone.

ITEM NO. 15 - Commissioner Garza, as to the release of Security, questioned the amount of money that remained at First National Bank.

Mr. Eddie Gonzalez, County Treasurer, responded that as of close of business the day before, that being July 23, 2001, the amount of \$20,488,000.00 had been transferred to Lone Star Bank, and the amount of \$10,300,000.00 remained at First National Bank.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the release of the \$8,000,000.00 in securities would result in lack of coverage for the remaining amount, and the County Treasurer responded that the letter from the Bank addressed the collateral, after the Release, of approximately 147% to actual balances and clarified that the release would not compromise the deposits.

ITEM NO. 16 - Commissioner Garza referred to Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel mention of supplies not being received as required.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, noted that their Department was concerned whether all the supplies had been provided as required, and noted that the Bank pledged securities to comply and protect the money, and the County Treasurer responded that all the requested items had been complied.

At this time, Commissioner Garza questioned why not all the monies were transferred to Lone Star Bank, if the supplies were delivered, and expressed his concern as to monies that were not earning interest.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that of the amount of \$10,300,000.00 remaining at First National Bank was costing approximately \$1,000.00 a day, in interest earned.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his concerns regarding Item No. 15 and Item No. 16, and the amount of the money that had not been transferred and the loss of interest earned, and questioned whether the matter was not going to be considered. He added that the item regarding what course of action would take place was supposed to be considered in

Executive Session, but was not being discussed, and question the direction the Court was going to take from legal regarding the loss of interest in the amount of \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Judge Hinojosa responded that he did not know that the County had lost that money and that the matter was currently being discussed.

Commissioner Garza noted that he had presented an Item for the Agenda to the Administrative Assistant, in order to discuss the Item next week.

ITEM NO. 36 - Judge Hinojosa stated that Mr. Donald S. Elbert was elected by the Cameron County Child Welfare Board and that the appointment was to a vacant position on the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Garza and Valencia,

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Laguna Madre Water District, Warrant No. 00059633, in the amount of \$20,940.88.

**(14) Approval of County Claims;
The Affidavit is as follows:**

(15) Authorization to release a Security to First National Bank for a total of \$8,110,000.00, at PAR, from the collateral package securing the deposits of the County;

(16) Authorization to release a cashier's check in the amount of \$612,408.88 to Lone Star National Bank that was used to secure a Good Faith Guarantee against the County Depository Process;

**(17) Acknowledgment of the District Clerk's April, May & June's Monthly Fee and Fines Report;
The Report is as follows:**

(18) Authorization to purchase furniture for the Sheriff's Department utilizing the Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network Region IV Interlocal Purchasing Agreement;

(19) Acceptance of a 1988 International Harvester, S 1700, bus donated by Defense Logistics Agency;

(20) Acceptance of Laguna Seca Road, Laguna Escondida Road and Lago Road located at Hacienda Del Norte Subdivision, Section III, Precinct No. 2, into the County Road System;

(21) Acceptance of Quail Drive located at Resaca Paloma No. 2 Subdivision, Precinct No. 4, into the County Road System;

**(22) Preliminary approval :
C.G.P. Subdivision, within Precinct No. 4, being a subdivision of 1.9055 acres of land comprised of a 0.948 acre out of lot No. 4, and 0.975 acre out of Lot No. 5, Block B, COE Subdivision;**

- (23) **Final approval:
Pleasant Acres Subdivision, within Precinct No. 4, being a re-subdivision of 2.50 acres of land comprised of rectangular tract of land 660 feet, north and south, and 165 feet, east and west, out of Block No. 69, Adams Gardens Subdivision "B";**
- (24) **Authorization to continue participation in the State of Texas-General Service Commission:
A) General Services Commission-Purchasing Cooperative Agreement;
B) Qualified Information Services Vendor-catalog Purchasing Program;
C) TexAn 2000-State of Texas Technology Procurement Program;
D) State Travel Management Program; and
E) State Purchasing Card Program Contract.**
- (25) **Authorization to continue participation in the Texas Correctional Industries Purchasing Agreement;**
- (26) **Authorization to continue participation in the Houston/Galveston Area Council of Governments-Interlocal Purchasing Agreement;**
- (27) **Authorization to continue participation in the Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped Purchasing Agreement;**
- (28) **Authorization to renew the award of Annual Bid No. 2280 (Fuel) for One (1) additional year:
DISCOUNT OILS, Pharr, Texas**
- (29) **Authorization to establish Purchase Order Cut off Date on August 31, 2001, for this Fiscal Year, with the exception of emergencies as approved by the County Auditor;**
- (30) **Authorization to participate in the Texas CUC Aggregation for Counties and Political Subdivisions Electricity Purchasing Agreement;**
- (31) **Authorization to renew participation in the Region IV-Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network Education Service Center Interlocal Purchasing Agreement;**
- (32) **Authorization to continue participation in the Region I-Education Service Center Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement;**
- (33) **Authorization to continue participation in the Texas Procurement Center Cooperative Purchasing Agreement;**
- (34) **Authorization to continue participation in the Region II-Texas Association of School Boards Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement;**
- (35) **Authorization to advertise for the following annual Bid/proposals Fiscal Year 2001and 2002:and
Attachment follows:**
- (36) **Appointment of Mr. Donald S. Elbert, to the Cameron County Child Welfare Board.**



TRAVEL ITEMS

(37) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):

- a) Commissioner Precinct No. 2 to attend the "Texas Association of Counties 2001 Post Legislative Session", in Austin, Texas, August 15-17, 2001;
- b) Three (3) employees from the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place 1, to attend the "77th Legislative Session Update Seminar", in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 30, 2001;
- c) Two (2) Speed Officers from the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place 1, to attend the "77th Legislative Session Update Seminar", in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 30, 2001;
- d) Two (2) Deputy Constables from Precinct No. 1, to attend the "77th Legislative Session Update Seminar", in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 29-30, 2001;
- e) Two (2) Deputy Sheriff's to attend the "Basic Crime Stoppers Course", in McAllen, Texas, August 9, 2001;
- f) One (1) Health Department Employee to attend the "Texas Nurse Practitioners 13th Annual Conference", in Houston, Texas, September 20-23, 2001;
- g) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the "Improving the Quality of Health Care in Prisons, Jails and Juvenile Facilities: Translating Standards into Actions and Positive Outcomes Seminar", in Victoria, Texas, August 8- 9, 2001;
- h) One Health Department employee to accompany inmate to the Dominguez Unit in San Antonio, Texas, July 17, 2001;
- i) Two (2) Boot Camp employees to attend the "Texas Department of Juvenile Probation Commission's Handle With Care Instructor Certification Program", in Austin, Texas, August 13-17, 2001;
- j) County Extension Agent-AG to attend the "2001 Texas County Agricultural Agents Association Meeting", in Abilene, Texas, July 29- August 01, 2001;
- k) Five (5) Tax Office employees to attend the "2001 Comptroller of Public Accounts Truth in Taxation/New Legislation Seminar", in Edinburg, Texas, August 2, 2001;
- l) Two (2) County Extension Agents to accompany County Youth to the 4-H Education and Leadership Retreat, in Kingsville, Texas, July 18-19, 2001; and
- m) Unit Director to attend the "Southwest Border RISS Connectivity Planning Conference", in San Antonio, Texas, August 13-15, 2001.

**(14) Approval of County Claims;
The Affidavit is as follows:**

- (17) **Acknowledgment of the District Clerk's
April, May & June's
Monthly Fee and Fines Report;
The Report is as follows:**

**(35) Authorization to advertise for the following annual
Bid/proposals Fiscal Year 2001and 2002: and
Attachment follows:**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

38) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning right-of-way acquisition for Old Alice Road, Parcels Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the property Tax foreclosure of 44.10 acres more or less, out of Tahuachalito Blanco No. 7, being out of a 53.10 acre tract more particularly described in Volume, Page 775, Deed Records of Cameron County, Texas, Account No. 71-0070-0070-0000-00; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (A) and (B), and 551.071; and
- c) To deliberate the appointment of the Cameron County Airport Manager; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.074.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 8:14 P.M.

39) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning right-of-way acquisition for Old Alice Road, Parcels Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the County Engineer was authorized to conduct further negotiations for the right-of-way acquisition for Parcels Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 for Old Alice Road.

- b) **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the property tax foreclosure of 44.10 acres, more or less, out of Tahuachalito Blanco No. 7, being out of a 53.10 acre tract more particularly described in Volume, Page 775, Deed Records of Cameron County, Texas, Account No. 71-0070-0070-0000-00.**

Commissioner Valencia moved that Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel be directed to contact the law firm representing the County on tax matters and express the Commissioners' Court desire to settle the issue.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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c) **To deliberate the appointment of the Cameron County Airport Manager.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, be appointed as the permanent Cameron County Airport Manager, effective now, with a salary rate of \$5,000.00 annually, and that the Budget Officer be authorized to submit an Agenda Request for the acquisition of a pick-up, to be allocated from the Airport Funds.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:17P.M.

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APPROVED this 7th day of **AUGUST, 2001.**
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GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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