

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 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

Mary Robles Deputy Clerk  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Hinojosa at 5:42 P.M. He then asked Rev. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation, and Commissioner Cascos to lead 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 December 7, 2001, at 3:16 P. M. and a Supplemental Agenda on December 8, 2001, at 4:43 P.M.:

# **PRESENTATION**

## **NOT ON AGENDA**

Judge Hinojosa noted the presence of County residents requesting the repair of certain County roads, and explained that the Court could not take action because the item was not on the Agenda; however, they could have the opportunity to briefly explain the problems. He noted that the matter had been discussed and assured the residents that a response would be provided by Friday, December 14, 2001, as to whether the County could assist, and, if needed, it would be placed on the Commissioners' Court Agenda.

Commissioner Garza explained that he had invited Mr. Aguirre to attend the Commissioners' Court Meeting to present his concerns, but apologized that he did not understand that Mr. Aguirre wanted the matter as an Agenda Item. He introduced Mr. Aguirre to Commissioner Cascos as the respective Commissioner, and recognized the presence of the residents from the area.

At this time, Mr. Daniel Aguirre, County resident, expressed the concerns of the residents of the area, noting that the deteriorating condition of Old Alice, Melon, Papaya and Limon Roads affected the vehicles and the children's school transportation, and requested that the matter be placed on the Agenda.

Ms. Marisela Velasquez, County resident, noted that Old Alice Road was the only emergency access for approximately 170 families.

There was some discussion as to the contacts made to the County Engineering Department, the need to discuss the concerns with the County Engineer in order to develop a plan, and to schedule the repairs as soon as possible, and the suggestion was made that the matter be considered for action at the next Meeting.

(1) **ANNOUNCEMENT BY COUNTY JUDGE  
GILBERTO HINOJOSA REGARDING THE  
RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
PRECINCT NO. 4 AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
SUCCESSOR**

Judge Hinojosa announced that he had appointed Mr. Richard Valdez, Attorney/Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), as Cameron County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, and that he would take his oath of Office on Thursday, December 13, 2001, at 6:00 P.M., at the Rio Alto Theater, in Harlingen, Texas.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the announcement by County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa regarding the resignation of County Commissioner Precinct No. 4 and the appointment of a successor, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried unanimously, the following Salary Schedules were approved:

County Jail/Detention Center Department, Fund No. 100-5120;

Road and Bridge Engineering Department, Fund No. 150-6220;

County Court at Law No. 2 Department, Fund No. 100-4270; and

Constable Precinct No. 1 Department, Fund No. 10-551.

**The Salary Schedules are as follow:**

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

(4) **ACTION REGARDING CURRENT COUNTY JAIL INMATE POPULATION**

Mr. Richard Burst, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, reported that the Texas Commission of Jail Standards had conducted the inspection of the new Jail Facility, and that the report issued indicated that the facility had passed inspection, with the exception of the overcrowding. He noted that the Jail's design capacity was of 738 inmates and that it had been operating consistently over the capacity level, adding that the Federal Court Order stated that the Jail was to be maintained at a ninety (90) percent of the designed capacity level, that being 664 inmates, until the new Jail Facility was in operation. He reported that the Jail was currently housing forty-nine (49) inmates above the design capacity.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that there were over 110 inmates over the ninety (90) percent capacity land.

Mr. Burst stated that the numbers fluctuated daily, but that the operation was running over the capacity for some time. He stated that the 1993 litigation resulted in the final District Court Order that would be in place until the new jail was constructed. Mr. Burst stated that the Order provided jail reduction provisions and that it was his understanding that the Sheriff's Department was doing all that could be done to comply. He noted that one (1) of the problems was that State was not processing paper ready transfers, and the second (2) was that the prisoners were not being processed fast enough, adding that fifty-five (55) of the current inmates were paper ready inmates were pending transfers, according to a report provided to him.

Captain Robert Lopez, Sheriff's Department, stated that it took approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks to transfer inmates, and noted that the State picked-up inmates on Wednesdays, adding that the inmates could possibly be transferred on December 12, 2001.

Mr. Burst stated that according to the figures presented there were "one hundred and forty-three (143) felony arrests unindicted, those being 54 between 0-29 days, 44 between 30-59 days, 22 between 60-89 days, and 23 between 90-140 days."

Judge Hinojosa clarified that there were forty-five (45) unindicted inmates between 60-140 days and questioned whether the days were from the arrest dates.

Mr. Burst stated that the Eagle System reflected the date jailed and that it could reflect the day the inmates arrived at the County Jail. He stated that he did not have recommendations, other than to advise the Court that the Jail was over the capacity level and that the County was in violation of the Federal Court Order.

Judge Hinojosa asked the District Attorney's Office representative the cause for the delays of over sixty (60) days in processing the indictments, adding that it should not take so long to obtain the paperwork from the Police Departments and to present the cases to the Grand Jury.

Ms. Karen Fischer, Assistant District Attorney, stated that the delays were caused because the Police Agencies could not be forced to present the reports to the District Attorney's Office, and that without the complaints, the cases could not be presented to the Grand Jury.

Judge Hinojosa questioned why the Police Agencies could not be advised that the inmates would be released if they had been in the County Jail for over thirty (30) days, if the paperwork was not received.

Ms. Fischer stated that frequently the cases had to be determined on a case by case basis, noting that many of the inmates were child molesters or repeat offenders, and that inmates would not be released unless it was permitted by law, noting that by law they were eligible for Personal Recognizance Bond in ninety (90) days but not entitled to it. She stated that the District Attorney's Office was following the Code of Criminal Procedures and intended to move the inmates. Ms. Fischer stated that according to the daily list provided by the Jail, she could only find ten (10) inmates that had been housed for over ninety (90) days, and requested a copy of the report presented by Mr. Burst.

Captain Lopez explained that the difference in count could be between the inmates that had been filed for indictment and the unindicted inmates.

Judge Hinojosa questioned the length of time needed for the indictment process to be completed.

Ms. Fischer responded that it could be up to two (2) weeks or longer, and noted that it was part of the system involving the Courts, adding that even with the complete indictment, the inmates would not be released; therefore, the Jail inmate over population would persist.

Judge Hinojosa noted that without the indictments the inmates could not be processed by the District Judges, and that once the indictments were completed the inmates could be moved, adding that he could not understand why the cases were not submitted for indictment within the sixty (60) day period.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether a time line was set for the paperwork to be made available, prior to the release of the inmates.

Ms. Fischer stated that the inmate list was reviewed every Monday and that the District Attorney's Office was concerned with the sixty (60) day time period, adding that the federal rule called for the cases to be submitted to the

District Attorney's Office within ten (10) days, but said rule was no longer being observed. She stated that according to the law the felony inmates were eligible for a Personal Recognizance Bond after the ninety (90) days.

Mr. Burst explained that the list was provided by the Sheriff's Department and was available from the Eagle System, which the District Attorney's Office had access. He stated that it was never intended for the Sheriff's Department to contact the District Attorney's Office regarding the inmate population. Mr. Burst added that the Federal Order was still effective, and that the time line indicated by the Order called "for dismissal of a felony, if an offense report was not submitted to the District Attorney's Office within five (5) days, and ten (10) days for an aggravated sexual assault and/or a homicide."

Commissioner Garza noted that there was an indication that the County should not house over six hundred-sixty four (664) inmates.

Mr. Burst stated that the back-log of unindicted inmates resulted in the 1993 federal case, and added that the conditions were the same at this time. He noted that the indictments were not being processed fast enough and that he had met with the District Attorney, and revised the Order in 1994, resulting in the current "effective" Order. He explained that the District Attorney's Office was required to file for dismissal of the cases if the offense reports were not presented within five (5) days of the arrest in a felony and ten (10) days for an aggravated sexual assault and/or a homicide. He noted that the District Attorney's Office had been assigned two (2) attorneys to do full-time felony intakes, in order to process the indictments within a twenty-eight (28) day period.

Ms. Fischer stated that according to her report she could only find ten (10) inmates housed over ninety (90) days, consisting of lack of an offense report from the police agencies; therefore, the cases could not be presented to the Grand Jury.

Judge Hinojosa asked whether the District Attorney's Office was in compliance with the listings indicated in the Order that were agreed to by the District Attorney.

Ms. Fischer responded that to her knowledge the Federal Court Order was no longer in "effect".

Mr. Burst responded that the Order continued to be "effective". He stated that the Final Order was not different from the 1997 Order and that some provisions were deleted, but that the Order remained effective, until the new Jail Facility was operational. He stated that the reason for the Federal Judge's direction that the County dismiss the cases if the reports were not received was because the various municipalities were not part of the law suit and could not be ordered to do anything.

Ms. Fischer stated that the District Attorney's Office worked closely with the Jail to move the inmates that could be moved, but that there had been no indication from the Jail of over population since September, 2001.

Judge Hinojosa noted that he did not know what the public policy issues were for the District Attorney, but noted that the problem was that the District Attorney's Office needed to comply, to avoid contempt of Court.

Commissioner Garza asked when the Jail was scheduled to be operational.

Judge Hinojosa responded that it was scheduled for completion late in January and stated that the District Attorney's Office needed to persuade the Departments involved to present the offense reports in a timely manner, because of the added expenses presented to the County.

Ms. Fischer stated that the goal of the District Attorney's Office was to comply with the Order and to maintain the overall Jail population.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the issue was not the Grand Jury, but rather the paperwork that the District Attorney's Office needed to monitor, adding that in the past, when the five (5) days and ten (10) days were in effect, nobody was released and that the Police Departments were presenting the paperwork on time. He pointed that "if it was done in the past, it could be done now, noting that it cost the County forty (40) dollars per day to house an inmate."

Ms. Fischer disagreed that the cases were not being moved and noted that there was a lack of communication between the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department.

Judge Hinojosa noted that there was no question that the District Attorney's Office was in violation of the Federal Court Order and the need for the problem to be resolved.

Ms. Fischer stated that District Attorney's Office was not made aware of the over population numbers. She stated that they were in compliance because she could only identify ten (10) inmates being over the ninety (90) days period, because of the lack of paperwork.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the ninety (90) day period was in compliance with State Law, but that even with the thirty (30) day period, the District Attorney's Office was not in compliance with the Federal Court Order.

At this time, there was a lengthy discussion concerning the number of cases not being processed because of the lack of paperwork, the overcrowding being a violation of the Federal Court Order, the differences between the reports obtained by the District Attorney, the grand jury information, and the number of inmates indicted, but not released.

Judge Hinojosa pointed that the problem needed to be resolved and that if the cases were not being indicted because of lack of paperwork, then it needed to be obtained. He added that the matter was not only of the jail over crowding population, but the cost to the County, noting that the cost would be the same even when the new Jail Facility opened. He stated that the County had the six (6) District Judges and that they could move the cases rapidly.

Commissioner Garza moved that the matter regarding the current County Jail Inmate Population, be acknowledged, and requested that the information be made available prior to the meeting, in order to be better prepared.

Mr. Burst stated that he had received the numbers earlier in the day.

Commissioner Garza requested that the issue be placed on the Agenda in thirty (30) days for follow-up.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the matter regarding the current County Jail Inmate Population was acknowledged.

**(5) APPROVAL OF FY 2001-2002 ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT LIST**

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer-Public Works Director, stated that the items listed on the Equipment List were the minimum needed by Road and Bridge Department for the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Cascos noted that the total consisted of \$581,000.00 and questioned whether it was to be financed over a five (5) year period.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, responded that the pick-up trucks would be financed over a three (3) year period and the other equipment would be financed over a four (4) to five (5) year period.

Commissioner Cascos noted that the County Engineer was not aware of the seriousness of the Road and Bridge Surplus Fund, as to having 1.4 million dollars versus the 3 million dollars two (2) years ago, and with the added cost, in addition to the equipment list, and salary adjustments, and requested that a six (6) month plan be prepared in anticipation of the budget.

Mr. Villarreal responded in the affirmative and noted that it was his understanding that the equipment listed were all replacements.

Commissioner Garza recommended that the equipment list be approved and suggested that the Hump Program be postponed until a six (6) month report was presented.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he did not agree with the suggestion, noting that the Hump Program was needed.

Commissioner Garza noted the need to repair County roads and stated that the Hump Program would cost \$300,000.00 in equipment plus four (4) employees, adding that the current projects were not being adequately maintained.

Mr. Bernal noted that the Court had requested the Hump Program about two (2) years ago.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Hump Program was first discussed when the Road and Bridge Surplus was 3.6 million dollars and that he believed that the Program was important, and should be prioritized.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Hump Program was needed in various school roads and that he would not agree to eliminate or delay the project.

Mr. Bernal stated that forty (40) to fifty (50) locations were already identified for the Hump Program, and would take between two (2) to three (3) per day to complete, for a total of one hundred and fifty (150) days, noting that the list was the minimum that was required.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the list was the minimum and noted that thirty-five (35) miles per year were being paved, and that residents were complaining because they were aware of other roads being repaired. He stated that the County would be obtaining ten (10) million dollars out of the first fifty (50) million dollars allocated for the paving of Colonia roads and Colonia access roads. He stated that many of the budget issues would be resolved and that the shortfall would be picked-up by focusing on the paving of Colonia roads with the allocated funds.

Commissioner Garza moved that the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Road and Bridge Equipment List, be approved.

At this time, there was discussion of the rules that applied to the funds available for the Colonia road paving, the requirement of a consultant, the distribution of fifty (50) percent of funds according to the population and fifty (50) percent to be granted on a competitive basis, the fact that the County qualified for thirty-five (35) million dollars and the possibility to obtain the maximum.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Road and Bridge Equipment List, was approved.

**The Equipment List is as follows:**

**(6) APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOLLOWING THE QUEEN ISABELLA CAUSEWAY COLLAPSE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the payment to the City of Port Isabel for services rendered following the Queen Isabella Causeway collapse, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Commissioner Garza asked whether the Report of County's expenses were submitted for reimbursement, and whether the hours worked by the County Deputies had been submitted.

Mr. Jared Hockema, County Judge's Office, stated that the Judge's Office, Civil Division, and the Auditor's Office had met and requested that the invoices be prepared and that the Auditor's Office would submit them to TxDOT for reimbursement.

Commissioner Garza asked if the Court would approve the invoices.

Mr. Hockema explained that the need for approval was due to the County acting on behalf of TxDOT and that because they were sent by the County the assumption was that they were legitimate expenses.

Commissioner Cascos requested that the matter be followed-up and that the Court be informed.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the payment to the City of Port Isabel for services rendered following the Queen Isabella Causeway collapse was approved.

**The Invoice and Report are as follow:**

(7) **ACTION REGARDING THE NETWORKING OF ALL CAMERON COUNTY TAX AND COUNTY CLERK OFFICES' FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROJECT**

(8) **ACTION REGARDING THE ADDITION OF EQUIPMENT TO FY 2001-2002 LIST FOR THE COUNTY ANNEX IN LA FERIA AND FOR THE TAX ASSESSORS-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, reported that the County Tax Collector and the County Clerk's Office planned to provide the citizens of San Benito, La Feria, and Harlingen with the public information from the Tax Office, the Appraisal District and the County Clerk's Office as provided by the Brownsville Office. He stated that the net-working process would require three (3) computers and three (3) laser printers and that the Computer Center would work with the Departments to implement the network systems in the three (3) locations, resulting in a cost of \$9,930.00.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the time frame conveyed to the Project, since other offices were pending to be included in the network.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that the Project would be in place once the equipment was obtained, and the La Feria Annex Building was completed, adding that access to the network was available at the San Benito Building, and that the Harlingen location would be connected within a month or two (2).

Commissioner Cascos moved that the networking of all the Cameron County Tax and County Clerk Offices' for a Public Information Project, be approved as recommended by the Computer Center Director.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the time frame for completion on all projects.

Mr. Villarreal noted that the Computer Center Director had indicated that it would take a year for completion.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the addition of equipment to Fiscal Year 2001-2002 List for the County Annex in La Feria and for the Tax Assessors-Collector's Office was approved, based on the recommendation of the Computer Center Director.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Networking of all the Cameron County Tax and County Clerk Offices' for a Public Information Project was approved, as recommended by the Computer Center Director.

**The equipment list is as follows:**

(9) **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION(S) TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 1074**

**NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA STEPPED OUT, AT THIS TIME.**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Grant Applications be submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety for funds to purchase video and audio equipment, in accordance with Senate Bill 1074.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Applications are as follows:**

[REDACTED]

(10) **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Parks System was authorized to be a sponsor for the Valley Proud Environmental Council.

[REDACTED]

(11) **ACTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, reported that a Deputy Director position was approved a year ago, but was not presented formally to the Court.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the two (2) Construction Repair positions were not needed.

Mr. Mendez responded that they were not needed because the work was shared.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the creation of a Deputy Director position for the Parks System, be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Commissioner Garza questioned why the position was needed, noting that the description identified the duties of the Parks System Director.

Mr. Mendez explained that the Deputy Director's position was needed to replace him when he attended meetings and to supervise the parks, adding that the job description would be modified to include grant writing experience.

**NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA JOINED THE MEETING, AT THIS TIME.**

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the creation of Deputy Director Position for the Parks System was authorized.

**The Job Description is as follows:**

(12) **APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR SECOND YEAR FUNDING FOR THE SAFE AND SOBER GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE REQUIRED MATCH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Department to apply for second year funding for the Safe and Sober Grant from the Texas Department of Public Transportation, and designation of funding source for the required match was approved.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(13) APPOINTMENT OF MR. JUAN M. AGUILAR, AS A DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 5, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 86.011 AND 86.012**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Juan M. Aguilar, be appointed as Deputy Constable, Precinct No. 5, in compliance with the State of Texas Civil Statute 86.011 and 86.012, based on the finding of need, clear record check, and the appointment be up to the end of the fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**(14) APPOINTMENT OF MR. SERGIO JAVIER VASQUEZ AS A DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 2 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 86.011 AND 86.012**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Sergio Javier Vasquez, be appointed as Deputy Constable, Precinct No. 2, in compliance with the State of Texas Civil Statute 86.011 and 86.012, based on the finding of need, clear record check, and the appointment be up to the end of the fiscal year.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cascos clarified that slots were available.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION WAS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WAS CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the "Consent" items be approved as follow, with a correction to Item No. 27-"b" to: read to "Austin, Texas, January 29-31, 2002".

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Garza,

NAY: None,

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa, as to Laguna Madre Water District, Warrant No. 00067160, in the amount of \$189.77.

**(15) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS;  
The Affidavit follows:**

**(16) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
(a) Regular Meeting- November 13, 2001.**

- (17) **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MS. MARY P. BOLADO, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE;**  
The Resolution follows:
- (18) **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HARLINGEN PAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION LADIES AUXILIARY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY;**  
The Resolution follows:
- (19) **ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE WET LANDS AREA LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTRE FOR THE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF WILD BIRDING CENTER;**
- (20) **ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE VACANT LAND AND A 400 SQUARE FT. BUILDING LOCATED AT THE LOS INDIOS FREE TRADE BRIDGE;**
- (21) **CONTRACT (RENEWAL) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE DETENTION OF JUVENILES FROM WILLACY COUNTY AT THE DARRELL B. HESTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER;**  
The Contract follows:
- (22) **ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY EMPOWERMENT ZONE CORPORATION FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;**  
The Addendum follows:
- (23) **CONTRACT (RENEWAL) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR JUVENILES AND THEIR FAMILIES;**  
The Contract follows:
- (24) **AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS:**  
(a) **Janitorial Supplies: Paper and Liners - Annual Bid No. 2300-2;**  
**GULF COAST PAPER, Brownsville, Texas - \$50,580.94**  
(b) **Police Supplies- Annual Bid No. 2505.**  
**G.T. DISTRIBUTORS, Austin, Texas - \$3,536.52**
- (25) **OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS:**  
(a) **Food: Meat - Quarterly Bid No. 2170-1.**
- (26) **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL:**  
(a) **Precinct No. 4 - Plantation Hill Estates Subdivision, Being a Subdivision of 15.00 acres of land comprised of all Blocks No. 26, 27, and 53, Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey No. 295.**

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

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

- (a) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 3, Place No. 2 to attend the "Justice of the Peace 2001-2002 Academic Year Educational Seminar", in Corpus Christi, Texas, January 4, 2002;
- (b) Tax Assessor Collector, Project Coordinator and Chief of Investigations and Enforcement to attend the "Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grantee Advisory Committee and Board Meeting", in Dallas, Texas, January 29-31, 2002;
- (c) Personnel Coordinator to attend the "Two Day Seminar on State and Federal Personnel Law in Texas", in Corpus Christi, Texas, January 30-31, 2002;
- (d) Eleven (11) Sheriff Deputies to attend the "Texas Tactical Police Officers Association Annual Conference", in Dallas, Texas, January 26-31, 2002;
- (e) Sheriff Deputy to attend the "American Correctional Association's 2002 Winter Conference", in San Antonio, Texas, January 11-16, 2002;
- (f) Three (3) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force employees to attend the "Combating Surviving Terrorism Seminars", in South Padre Island, Texas, December 11-12, 2001;
- (g) Criminal Investigator to attend a "DEA Training Course", in El Paso, Texas, December 2-7, 2001; and
- (h) Courthouse Security Officer to attend the "Terrorism Training Seminar", in San Antonio, Texas, December 12-20, 2001.

- (15) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**  
**The Affidavit is as follows:**

- (17) **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MS. MARY P. BOLADO, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (18) **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HARLINGEN PAN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION LADIES AUXILIARY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (21) **CONTRACT (RENEWAL) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE DETENTION OF JUVENILES FROM WILLACY COUNTY AT THE DARRELL B. HESTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.**  
The Contract is as follows:

- (22) **ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY EMPOWERMENT ZONE CORPORATION FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**  
The Addendum is as follows:

- (23) **CONTRACT (RENEWAL) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR JUVENILES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**  
**The Contract is as follows:**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM**

(1) **APPROVAL OF STATUTORILY REQUIRED BOND  
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4;  
PURSUANT TO VERNON TEXAS CODE  
ANNOTATED (V.T.C.A.) LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE 81.002**

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that the Bond for Commissioner Precinct No. 4 was to be approved by the County Judge and suggested that the item be acknowledged by the Court.

Judge Hinojosa noted his approval of the Bond for County Commissioner Precinct No. 4, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Local Government Code 81002.

**The Bond is as follows:**

[REDACTED]

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**(28) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning approximately 7.1 acres of Cameron County owned land at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 7:25 P.M.

[REDACTED]

**(29) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a) **In the matter regarding the deliberation regarding Real Property concerning approximately 7.1 acres of Cameron County owned land at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios, Texas. (TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

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 7:27 P. M.

[REDACTED]

**APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of **January, 2002**.

[REDACTED]

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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.**