

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2002, 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

**RICHARD VALDEZ**  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

**JOE G. RIVERA**  
COUNTY CLERK

**Mary Robles** Deputy 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 Reverend Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Mr. Joe E. Vega, Parks System Deputy Director, 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 February 8, 2002, at 3:49 P.M., and the Supplemental Agenda on February 8, 2002, at 3:55 P.M.:

# **ACTION ITEMS**

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

### **(3) REQUEST BY VALLEY INTERFAITH FOR A PRESENTATION BY CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

At this time, the following Valley Interfaith members and parents presented their concerns regarding health issues affecting their children due to the mold in the Brownsville Independent School District's (BISD) Schools, and requested the Court's assistance to address the matter:

Ms. Alicia Montoya;

Ms. Neida Ortado; and

Ms. Judy Vera.

Judge Hinojosa explained that the mold health issues were a of the County matter because it was found at a County facility and affected County residents, and reported that an expert was invited to visit the County to explain the potential dangers to prolonged exposure to the mold.

Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Department Director, stated that Dr. Andrew W. Campbell, M.D., Houston, had agreed to give his opinion, and requested that travel expenses, in the approximate amount of \$700.00 be paid by the County.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether the School District had considered acquiring an expert, as being proposed by the County.

Ms. Vera stated that the request was presented, but the response was that federal monies or tax monies could not be used.

Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, noted that Federal Funds obtained by the School Systems entities differed from the monies provided to the County because of the Health Department.

At this time, there was discussion regarding the roles of the Cameron County Health Department, the lack of participation of the Brownsville School Board, and the need to provide education to concerned parents, and the County's physicians of the symptoms associated with the mold exposure.

Ms. Vera stated that the treatment was the next step to be addressed.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the presentation would be held at Christ the King Parish Hall on February 18,2002.

At this time, Unidos Podemos volunteered to tape the meeting as a public service.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the request by Valley Interfaith for a presentation by the Cameron County Health Department was approved.

**The Report is as follows:**

(1) **BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the 2002 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2002-10 and the Salary Schedule for the Bail Security Department, Fund No. 890-4150 were approved.

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

(2) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING 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**.

(4) **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
YOUNGER AND ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Agreement between the Cameron County Sheriff's Department and  
Younger and Associates, L.L.C., be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

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(5) **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
AND U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE FOR  
TRANSPORTATION OF FEDERAL INMATES**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Interlocal Agreement between, Cameron County Sheriff's Department and the U. S. Marshal's Office for Transportation of Federal Inmates, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

Commissioner Garza asked whether mileage would be reimbursed.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that the Federal Government would reimburse \$.36 per mile and added that the cost for two (2) new positions would be between \$32,000.00 and \$34,000.00 per Deputy plus the possible purchase of a vehicle. He noted that three (3) or four (4) positions would be needed to cover vacation and/or sick leave.

Commissioner Garza questioned the County's objective to enter into said Agreement.

Captain Robert Lopez, Sheriff's Department, stated that a "Verbal" agreement was in place with the Sheriff's Department prior to the new administration, noting that the request was for two (2) Deputy Sheriffs, and that the U.S. Marshal's Office had assured reimbursement for the time used.

Commissioner Garza clarified that funds were not budgeted.

Mr. Yates noted that the County would pay for the time off, equaling 22 days, for two (2) positions.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that positions be hired as part-time positions.

At this time, there was discussion regarding the Personnel Policy, and benefits, and clarification was made that the U.S. Marshal's Office would be billed \$22.00 per hour per deputy.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between the Cameron County Sheriff's Department and U. S. Marshal's Office for Transportation of Federal Inmates was approved.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

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(6) **AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADDING NEW COLONIAS TO THE CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Public Hearing to consider adding new Colonias to the Cameron and Willacy Counties Colonia Self-Help Center be opened for public comment.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, reported that State mandated that a Public Hearing be held prior to amending a Contract, adding that Commissioner Valdez recommended a change within Precinct No. 4 of the four (4) Colonias recommended in November 2001.

Commissioner Valdez suggested that Villa Cavazos be substituted by La Encantada because since it was the initial recommendation some applications had already been submitted.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing to consider adding new Colonias to the Cameron and Willacy Counties Colonia Self-Help Center was closed.

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(7) **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, ADDING NEW COLONIA AREAS TO THE CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER AND DEALING WITH RELATED MATTERS**

Commissioner Valdez moved that the Resolution of the Commissioners' Court of the County of Cameron, Texas, adding the following four Colonia areas to the Cameron and Willacy Counties Colonia Self-Help Center and dealing with related matters be adopted, with the amendment substituting La Encantada for Villa Cavazos:

Precinct No. 1 - Alabama/Arkansas;

Precinct No. 2 - Olmito;

Precinct No. 3 - Arroyo Colorado Estates; and

Precinct No. 4 - La Encantada.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**[REDACTED]**

**(8) AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE INDIGENT CLIENT ATTORNEY SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH MS. ANGELA NIX, MR. PETER C. GILMAN, AND MR. ARTURO MCDONALD AT \$1,700.00 PER MONTH FROM 1/1/02 UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY IN WRITING**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Indigent Client Attorney Services contracts, be approved with Ms. Angela Nix, Mr. Peter C. Gilman, and Mr. Arturo McDonald at \$1,700.00 per month, from January 1, 2002, until terminated by either party in writing.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the funds were available, adding that the cost could exceed the budgeted amount by the end of the year. He explained that once the Court ordered the Indigent Client Attorney Services required by the Judge, it would have to be honored.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the anticipated future cost.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that sufficient funds were available for 2002 Fiscal Year, noting that the appointment of additional attorneys could affect the budget.

Commissioner Garza moved that the Indigent Client Attorney Services Contracts with Ms. Angela Nix, Mr. Peter C. Gilman, and Mr. Arturo McDonald at \$1,700.00 per month, from January 1, 2002, until it is terminated by either party in writing, be approved.

At this time there was discussion regarding the possibility of providing a Public Defenders Office to cost approximately \$1 million versus current related expenditures between \$650,000.00 and \$700,000.00.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Indigent Client Attorney Services contracts were approved with Ms. Angela Nix, Mr. Peter C. Gilman, and Mr. Arturo McDonald at \$1,700.00 per month, from January 1, 2002, until terminated by either party in writing.

**The Contracts are as follow:**

# **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.**

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

## **ITEM NO. 12:**

Commissioner Garza questioned the Texas Department of Public Safety's need to access the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office County Computer Tax System.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Texas Department of Public Safety could be seeking access to different data based information to assist their investigations.

## **ITEM NO. 13:**

Commissioner Garza questioned the average number of Willacy County's detainees housed at the Amador R. Rodriguez Juvenile Boot Camp and Educational Center.

The Juvenile Department representative responded that two (2) individuals were currently housed.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the fee of \$79.95 per detainee per day covered the housing expenses.

Mr. Yates stated that the fee of \$79.95 was an average and that the fee for a high risk detainee would be reviewed and provided to the Court the following week, adding that the Contract might need approval from the Juvenile Board.

## **ITEMS NO. 16 AND 17:**

Commissioner Cascos clarified that the Contracts should read January 31, 2002, rather than January 1, 2002.

Commissioner Valdez asked whether Ms. Norma and Mr. Clifford Benedict, d/b/a Oasis I and Oasis II, were up to date on scheduled payments.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, responded that the account for Isla Blanca Oasis II location was up to date on late fees and a month behind on rent.

Commissioner Valdez moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items" be approved, inclusive of the late claim as to Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations, Warrant No. 00070366, in the amount of \$810.00.

The motion seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioner Valdez,

NAY: None



ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Laguna Madre Water District, Warrant No. 00070246, in the amount of \$154.94, Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, and Garza as to Item No. 10 "a".

9) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

The affidavit follows:

10) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a) **JANUARY 29, 2002-REGULAR.**

11) **THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER MONTHLY FEE AND FINES REPORT;**

The Report follows:

12) **THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO LINK WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE COUNTY COMPUTER TAX SYSTEM TO ACCESS PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION;**

13) **THE NEW RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN WILLACY COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AMADOR R. RODRIGUEZ JUVENILE BOOT CAMP AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER;**

The Contract follows:

14) **LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND TEMPLO BETHEL FOR THE USE OF DANCY PARK DURING CHARRO DAYS FESTIVITIES;**

The Agreement follows:

15) **LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND TEMPLO SHEKINA FOR THE USE OF DANCY PARK DURING CHARRO DAYS FESTIVITIES;**

The Agreement follows:

16) **RENEWAL OF A CONCESSIONAIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND NORMA AND CLIFFORD BENEDICT, d/b/a OASIS II;**

The Agreement follows:

17) **RENEWAL OF A CONCESSIONAIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND NORMA AND CLIFFORD BENEDICT, d/b/a OASIS I;**

The Agreement follows:

18) **SUBMISSION OF A GRANT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR \$58,400.00 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, IN SUPPORT OF UNIDOS PODEMOS DATA GRANT AND EVALUATION CENTER FOR THE YEAR 2002 TO 2003;**

The Application follows:

19) **THE CHARGE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) PER DAY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BROWNSVILLE POLICE ACADEMY FOR THE USE OF THE PORT ISABEL-CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT'S TARMAC AREA;**

The Agreement follows:

20) **THE CHARGE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) PER DAY TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE FOR THE USE OF THE PORT ISABEL-CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT'S TARMAC AREA;**

The Agreement follows:

- 21) UTILIZATION OF THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (HGAC) INTERLOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BUS - 43 PASSENGER (NEW) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL INMATES;
- 22) PURCHASE OF A MOBILE PHONE FOR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER;
- 23) ACCEPTANCE OF TOR-MON COURT IN TAMM LANE NO. 3 SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM;
- 24) ACCEPTANCE OF COLONY COURT IN COLONY ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM;
- 25) ACCEPTANCE OF ARRINGTON DRIVE IN ALTAS PALMAS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 4, AREA IN TO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM;
- 26) ACCEPTANCE OF LAS PALMAS CIRCLE SOUTH, LAS PALMAS CIRCLE EAST, LAS PALMAS CIRCLE NORTH AND SABLE DRIVE IN VILLA LAS PALMAS PHASE II SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 4, AREA INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM;
- 27) UTILIZATION OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (TASB)-REGION II BUY BOARD- INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BACKHOE;
- 28) WORKSITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND CAMERON WORKS, INC., WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT-YOUTH FUNDING;  
The Agreement follows:
- 29) FINAL APPROVAL:
  - a) Precinct No. 3 - Amended Plat of Block No. 1 Autumn Wood Subdivision - being a 3.406 acre tract of land, more or less, Block No. 1 of Autumn Wood Subdivision.
- 30) AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS:
  - (a) ROAD MATERIALS: Cold Patch - Annual Bid No. 2566;  
BALLINGER, San Benito, Texas, \$72.00
  - (b) ROAD MATERIALS: Stabilizer Liquid - Annual Bid No. 2574:  
Category A: ROADBOND USA, Granbury, Texas, \$58.00;and  
Category B: ROAD BOND USA, Granbury, Texas, \$1.93.
  - (c) ROAD MATERIALS: Rental - Annual Bid No. 1710:  
Category A: ROMCO, La Feria, Texas, \$6,534.00;  
Category B: ROMCO, La Feria, Texas, \$3,270.00; and  
Category C: ROMCO, La Feria, Texas, \$9,960.00.
  - (d) ROAD MATERIALS: Concrete - Annual Bid No. 2510:  
Category A: TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE, Edinburg, Texas, \$268.00;  
Category B: TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE, Edinburg, Texas, \$276.00;and  
Category C: TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE, Edinburg, Texas, \$286.00.
  - (e) ROAD MATERIALS: Fill-dirt, Sand, Lime-Annual Bid No. 2515:  
Category A: RUBIO BROS., Brownsville, Texas, \$25.03;  
Category B: RUBIO BROS., Brownsville, Texas, \$26.49; and

Category C: CHEMICAL LINE, New Braunfels, Texas, \$499.68.

- (f) **ROAD MATERIALS: Drainage - Annual Bid No. 2520:**  
Category A: CONTECH CONSTRUCTION, San Antonio, Texas, \$783.62  
Category B: W.T. LISTON, La Feria, Texas, \$137.97;  
Category C: W.T. LISTON, La Feria, Texas, \$393.75;  
Category D: VARMICON, Harlingen, Texas, \$3,120.00;  
Category E: RIO VALLEY PIPE, Mission, Texas, \$5,397.00; and  
Category F: VARMICON, Harlingen, Texas\$ 18,985.00.
- (g) **ROAD MATERIALS: Emulsion Oils - Annual Bid No. 2540:**  
EAGLE ASPHALT PRODUCTS, Corpus Christi, Texas, \$5.60
- (h) **ROAD MATERIALS: Flexible Base - Annual Bid No. 2560:**  
Category A: MARTIN MARIETTA, Corpus Christi, Texas, \$49.03  
Category B: MARTIN MARIETTA, Corpus Christi, Texas, \$55.37  
Category D: GLOBAL STONE, Brownsville, Texas, \$103.58
- (i) **ROAD MATERIALS: Surfacing - Annual Bid No. 2580:**  
Category A: VULCAN MATERIALS, San Antonio, Texas, \$30.00;  
Category B: FRONTERA MATERIALS, Weslaco, Texas, \$160.92;  
Category C: FRONTERA MATERIALS, Weslaco, Texas, \$137.14;  
Category D: SMYTH MINES, Uvalde, Texas, \$635.26;  
Category E: SMYTH MINES, Uvalde, Texas, \$557.07;and  
Category F: SMYTH MINES, Uvalde, Texas, \$557.07.
- (j) **UNIFORMS NEW: Sheriff's, Jail-guard and Inmate Annual Bid No. 2660:**  
Category A: DIRECT ACTION UNIFORMS, Houston, Texas, \$21,651.00;  
Category B: NARDIS INC., Kilgore, Texas, \$23,332.00;  
Category C: UNIFORM MRF. INC., Scottsdale, Arizona, \$10,859.70; and  
Category D: LESLIE SCOTT, Ogden, Utah, \$3,240.00.

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

- (31) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
- (a) 197<sup>th</sup> District Court employee to attend the "15<sup>th</sup> Annual Juvenile Law Conference", in Austin, Texas, February 26, - March 1, 2002;
- (b) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, Place No. 2, to attend the "Texas Justice Court Training Center Seminar", in San Antonio, Texas, March 24-27, 2002;
- (c) Program Development and Management Coordinator to attend the "LRGVDC Professional Advisory Review Panel (PARP) Meeting", in Weslaco, Texas, February 13, 2002;
- (d) Two (2) County Extension Agents to meet with State Officials to Develop a Saltwater Program with the Texas Parks and Wild Life in Falfurrias, Texas, February 5, 2002;
- (e) County Extension Agent to attend the "Training On Upcoming Youth Program and Volunteer Requirements", in Weslaco, Texas, January 22, 2002;



- (9) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:  
The affidavit is as follows:**

- (11) **THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER MONTHLY FEE AND FINES REPORT;**  
**The Report is as follows:**

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**The Agreement is as follows:**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM**

**(1) CONTRACT WITH MS. EILEEN BARRY,  
SCULPTOR, FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND  
INSTALLATION OF SARGENT JOSE M. LOPEZ  
STATUE AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL  
BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES**

Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, reported that the Sculptor requested that the six (6) phases of the Contract be dated, added language for copyright protection, that a plaque with her name be placed and that proper maintenance and protection from vandalism be provided, noting that the Court could stop the project during the phases. He noted the payment schedule was included, based on the need and suggested that the Contract be approved subject to Legal review.

Commissioner Valdez moved that the Contract with Ms. Eileen Barry, Sculptor, for design, construction, and installation of Sergeant Jose M. Lopez Statue at the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates, be approved, subject to legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**



## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **(32) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:39 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

#### **NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.**

- (a) Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County owned property known as Palo Alto Groves Subdivision No. 1, a portion of Block No. 46 (20 acres); pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- (b) Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible development of Tract No. 3 at Sea Ranch Marina; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- (c) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel regarding the possible litigation relating to the Father Joseph O'Brien Clinic; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A);
- (d) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel to discuss claim of Mr. Larry Lee Colvin and Settlement or response; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A) & (B); and
- (e) Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible purchase or lease of warehouse space for the Cameron County Clerks Department; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 7:40 P.M.

### **(34) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (a) **Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County owned property known as Palo Alto Groves Subdivision No. 1, a portion of Block No. 46 (20 acres).**

Commissioner Garza moved that the County Engineer be authorized to prepare a Master Plan for the Cameron County owned property known, as Palo Alto Groves Subdivision No. 1, a portion of Block No. 46 (20 acres) as expediently as possible.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

**[REDACTED]**

**b) Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible development of Tract No. 3 at Sea Ranch Marina.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to execute the Contract concerning the development of Tract No. 3 at Sea Ranch Marina.

**The Contract is as follows:**

- [REDACTED]
- c) **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel regarding the possible litigation relating to the Father Joseph O'Brien Clinic.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel regarding the possible litigation relating to the Father Joseph O'Brien Clinic was acknowledged.

- [REDACTED]
- d) **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel to discuss claim of Mr. Larry Lee Colvin and settlement or response.**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the claim of Mr. Larry Lee Colvin, be denied.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- [REDACTED]
- e) Deliberation regarding real property concerning the possible purchase or lease of warehouse space for the Cameron County Clerks Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, in collaboration with the County Clerk, was authorized to negotiate a six (6) month lease of warehouse space for the Cameron County Clerk's Department, said lease to be funded from the Records Management Fund.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:43 P.M.

**APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of **March, 2002**.

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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.**