

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 2nd day of APRIL 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 Hinojosa at 5:45 P.M. He then asked Reverend Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and he led 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 March 28, 2002, at 3:51 P.M.:

ACTION ITEMS

(1) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, noted that the County Auditor was requesting that the Budget Amendment regarding the Extra Help and the Daily Entrance Fee of the Public Beaches be deferred for one (1) week.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the 2002 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2002-16 be approved, with exception of the Public Beaches Account No. 830-6640, in the amount of \$9,600.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendments are as follow:

[REDACTED]

(2) **IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2002.
(TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

(3) **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 Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

[REDACTED]

(4) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CAMERON
COUNTY AND CITIES CHALLENGING CENSUS
2000 COUNT AND ISSUES RELATED THERETO
(TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

(5) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING SELECTION
PROJECTS FOR ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS
TO THE 2002 TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TABLED)**

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

[REDACTED]

(6) **IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF
CONTRACT BETWEEN LANDMARK, INC., AND
CAMERON COUNTY CONCERNING
DISBURSEMENT OF THE RETAINAGE (NO
ACTION TAKEN)**

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, explained that the issue of substantial completion had been resolved, and suggested that the Item be passed, and to consider Item No. 7.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Amendment of Contract between Landmark, Inc., and Cameron County concerning disbursement of the retainage be approved.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned the significance of the Amendment.

Mr. Wright explained that the issue considered the previous week was whether or not the Certificate of Substantial Completion would be signed, that being Item No. 7, and those issues had been resolved; therefore, the issues of the contract amendment were moot.

[REDACTED]

(7) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR THE CARRIZALEZ-RUCKER CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, explained that he had received a letter from Landmark Organization in which they agreed to the County Engineer's recommendations to hold the fifty percent (50%) of the Retainage Fee, subject to the completion of the pending items.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that the information needed in order to issue a check had just been received, and questioned whether the check for the fifty percent (50%) Retainage Fee should be drafted or delayed until Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Mr. Wright noted that it was the intent that the release of the check be authorized for the fifty percent (50%) Retainage Fee.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the issuance of Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Carrizalez-Rucker Cameron County Detention Center, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

At this time, Commissioner Garza questioned the time line for the items pending completion.

Mr. Wright replied that the time line for the items pending completion was for thirty (30) days, and that either the waiver from the State regarding the objections was received or Landmark Inc., would satisfy the requirements.

Mr. Randy Hass, Landmark Organization, explained some of the objections and the need for a waiver from the State.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the issuance of Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Carrizalez-Rucker Cameron County Detention Center, was approved.

Mr. Wright clarified that the motion approved the issuance of the check for the fifty percent (50%) Retainage Fee, and authorized the County Judge to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Carrizalez-Rucker Cameron County Detention Center.

At this time, Commissioner Garza noted that the Agenda Item concerned the issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion and not the issuance of the check.

Mr. Wright explained that the approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion obligated the County to pay the Retainage Fee, and added that the Certificate was modified to authorize the payment of the fifty percent (50%) retainage fee.

The Certificate and Letter are as follow:

(6) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON
AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT BETWEEN
LANDMARK, INC., AND CAMERON COUNTY
CONCERNING DISBURSEMENT OF THE
RETAINAGE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Amendment of Contract between Landmark, Inc., and Cameron County concerning the disbursement of retainage fee be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

Commissioner Garza questioned the need to amend the Contract, upon the issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, explained that the Certificate of Substantial Completion amended the contract.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Amendment of Contract between Landmark, Inc., and Cameron County concerning the disbursement of the retainage fee was approved, pursuant to the action on Item No. 7.

The Amendment is as follows:

(8) AUTHORIZATION FOR REQUEST OF REPORT FROM MR. JOSEPH ARDITO, PROPERTY MANAGER, ON HOW MANY SQUARE FEET OF USABLE OFFICE SPACE AND STORAGE SPACE THE COUNTY HAS IN THE OLD SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF SPACE AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE AND OFFICE USE IN THE DETENTION CENTER THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ONCE THE MOVE OCCURS

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, presented a sketch of the office space available at the old Sheriff's Department. He noted that the front space was being used by the Elections Department for Early Voting, and the break room and Dispatch Offices were being used as storage.

Judge Hinojosa explained that the Sheriff was planning to establish a General Administration Office at the Old Sheriff's Department to support the three (3) jail locations, in order to market the bed space available to different governmental entities. He added that Constable Precinct No. 2, the Automobile Task Force, the Adult Probation Department and the Substance Drug Abuse Program had requested the use of space at the Old Sheriff's Department.

There was some discussion concerning establishing a permanent location for the Emergency Meeting Room, but due to space constraints, the Commissioners' Courtroom was the most appropriate location to serve in the event of severe weather.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that a floor plan of the 4,000 square feet available be designed to accommodate the requests of the different departments.

At this time, Captain Robert Lopez, Sheriff's Department, explained that the relocation to the new Sheriff's Building was not complete, and noted the lack of office space at the new jail facility, the conversion of storage space into office space, and the need for staff to remain housed at the Old Sheriff's Department.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that proposals be submitted within thirty (30) days indicating the amount of space needed, the number of staff and the funding source for the renovations.

Commissioner Garza noted the importance that the Court be aware of the use of space at the Old Sheriff's Department and that it be utilized in the most effective manner.

Commissioner Valdez moved that proposals be submitted within thirty (30) days, including the square footage of space needed, the number of staff and the funding source for the renovations regarding the Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, concerning the square feet of usable Office Space and Storage Space in the Old Sheriff's Office, as well as the space available at the Detention Center.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

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(9) **AUTHORIZATION FOR REQUEST OF LISTING FROM MR. JOSEPH ARDITO, PROPERTY MANAGER, ON ALL STORAGE SPACE AND OFFICE SPACE THAT IS LEASED BY CAMERON COUNTY, LOCATED WITHIN CAMERON COUNTY. REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE: COST PER SQUARE FOOT, TERMS OF LEASE, AND LENGTH AND EXPIRATION DATE OF EACH CONTRACT**

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, stated that the Report contained the storage and office spaces recorded through his office, and that additional information might be available through other Offices.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, regarding all storage and office space leased and located within Cameron County, including: cost per square foot, terms of lease, and length and expiration date of each contract, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Mr. Ardito stated that the total cost to the County was in the amount of \$25,000.00 per month for all the storage and office spaces leased.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, regarding all storage and office spaces leased and located within Cameron County, including: cost per square foot, terms of lease, and length and expiration date of each contract, was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

(10) IN THE MATTER REGARDING TRANSFER OF LAPSED SALARIES FROM FUND 10-425, SLOT NO. 3, TO EXTRA HELP, FUND NO. 10-425 (TABLED)

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, requested the transfer of the savings accumulated in Lapsed Salaries in Fund No. 10-425, to Extra Help, in order to hire high school and college students to do records clean-up work by September 1, 2002.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the Lapsed Salaries were committed during the budget process.

Mr. Rivera stated that one (1) of the commitments was to the County Clerk's Office, noting that during the budget process, no Department was to receive extra help, yet the County Clerk was the only department left with no extra help for the Court System.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, explained that \$300,000.00 of Lapsed Salaries was reserved from the General Fund in order to balance the Budget at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. He reported the Lapsed Salaries to be estimated at \$432,000.00 and that the Workers Compensation Premium had doubled, to the total amount of \$700,000.00, since last year; therefore, the need for Lapsed Salaries.

Judge Hinojosa noted the need to review the matter with the Budget Officer since the high Workers Compensation Premium was not anticipated, and questioned whether Items No. 11, and No. 12 required allocation from the General Fund.

At this time, Mrs. Aurora de La Garza, District Clerk, stated that the funding source for Items No. 11, and No. 12, would be from the ten percent (10%) interest earned from the Investment Accounts.

Mr. Villarreal noted that the Lapsed Salaries being addressed pertained to a vacant slot, and suggested that the slot be reduced and the funds transferred to Extra Help.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Budget Revenues be reviewed with the County Auditor, and questioned why the increases in Workers Compensation Premiums were not foreseen.

Mr. Villarreal stated that the Budgeting cycle took place during the months of June through September and the premium, based on a three (3) year average, was received in January. He added that the premium continued to be affected from prior years but should decrease in the future.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, reported that three (3) sources of revenues were being observed; that being: 1) the reduction of the tax levy affecting the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund, in the amount of \$124,000.00; 2) Criminal Alliance Assistant (SCAT) Program, budgeted in the amount of \$542,000.00, but \$452,000.00 were obtained, resulting in a shortfall of \$90,000.00; and 3) Housing Federal Inmates, with an additional amount of \$130,000.00 budgeted.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that a comparison of the budgeted revenues versus the actual revenues obtained within the past six (6) months should be reviewed.

Mr. Yates stated that he had discussed reviewing the budgeted revenue sources and the actual revenues for the past six (6) months with the Budget Officer, noting that the Report should be completed by late April 2002, adding that the District Clerk's Fees were budgeted at the beginning of the year.

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



- (11) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE INCREASE OF THE HOURS OF SLOT NO. 26 IN THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE FROM A 32 HOUR PER WEEK POSITION TO A 40 HOUR PER WEEK POSITION (TABLED)**
- (12) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE CREATION OF A NEW EMPLOYEE POSITION (CRIMINAL FILING CLERK) IN THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE (TABLED)**

Mr. Eric Garza, District Clerk's Office, reported that the new Criminal Filing Clerk position would be funded with the ten percent (10%) interest earned from the closing of Trust Accounts for minors. He reported that interest earned was not budgeted, and that the amount of \$56,000.00 had been collected since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the reason for the revenues not being budgeted and whether the funds applied to the General Fund.

Mrs. Aurora De La Garza, District Clerk, responded that the acquired revenues applied to Special Accounts of the District Clerk's Office and not to the General Fund.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that the revenues were budgeted, based on trends of past activity of the ten percent (10%) interest earned, within the General Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, these Items were **TABLED**.



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(13) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO TERMINATE EXISTING BALLOT PRINTING AGREEMENT WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE AND REPLACE WITH AN ALTERNATE VENDOR

At this time, Mr. Robert Mendoza, Elections Administrator, recommended that the existing Ballot Printing Agreement be terminated, and requested direction from the Court regarding the alternate vendor, noting that two (2) certified vendors were available within the State of Texas.

At this time, there was discussion concerning the experience with the Hart Intercivic and the improvements accomplished by that vendor.

Mr. Joe Rivera, County Clerk, suggested to re-bid the ballot printing services, in order to obtain the best rate and stated that the bad experience with the Election Systems and Software, was due to late changes made by the Elections Division.

Commissioner Cascos noted the time constraints associated with the run-off Election and suggested that the re-bidding process be done for the 2002 November Elections.

Commissioner Garza moved that the existing Ballot Printing Agreement with the Election Systems and Software be terminated and an alternate vendor be obtained for the May Elections, and that the bidding process for ballot printing services for the 2002 November Elections, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(14) IN THE MATTER REGARDING TO BRIDGE MR. CRISPIN SALAZAR'S FOUR MONTH BREAK OF SERVICE WITH CAMERON COUNTY (TABLED)

Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, reported that according to the Personnel Director, Mr. Crispin Salazar, Sheriff's Department, had ended sixteen (16) years of employment with the County in January 2001, but had returned four (4) months later, and requested to buy back the retirement benefits.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the Policy addressing the ability to buy back retirement benefits.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that no Policy existed to buy back retirement benefits, and noted the need to conduct a buy back study for qualifying employees.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that the Policy as to Longevity Pay was adopted and suggested the similar process for a buy back retirement Policy be developed.

Mr. Yates advised that the funds equaling the four (4) months was a small amount compared to the significant expenses that could follow. He noted that the Buy Back Retirement Policies, set by the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) were available, and suggested to conduct the Buy Back study.

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

**(15) ACTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE CAMERON
COUNTY COMMUNITY PARKS**

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Amendment of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architect Services to be hired for the Laguna Heights Park was included in the Consent Items, and that the construction would be postponed until the design and the plans were available.

Mr. Marcelino Ibarra, County Carpenter, reported that after reviewing the proposed land site for the playground construction within the City of Santa Rosa, it was determined that the space available was not sufficient.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Santa Rosa Independent School District had donated the property adjacent to the County Park for expansion purposes. He recommended that the construction of the playground equipment be approved, with the stipulation that the City of Santa Rosa deed sufficient property adjacent to the County Park, to permit the construction of the playground equipment.

Commissioner Valdez moved that the construction of playground equipment at the Cameron County Parks be approved that being 1) the Laguna Heights Park, upon the completion of the design by the Architect Firm that would ultimately be hired for the Browne Park Project; and 2) Santa Rosa Park, contingent upon the deeding of sufficient property by the City of Santa Rosa to Cameron County, of land adjacent to the current Cameron County Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, noted that marketable titles were needed for the two (2) properties.

Ms. Emma Perez, Brownsville Herald, questioned the need for Architect Services to design the Laguna Heights Park.

Judge Hinojosa explained that the Architect would design the location of the different types of equipment intended for the Laguna Heights Park, in order to utilize the available space in the most efficient manner and in accordance to the water issues due to the property being adjacent to the laguna. He clarified that the constructions would be funded through the Capital Improvements Fund, and stated that according to Mr. Joe Vega, Assistant Parks System Director, different Corporations might assist with additional funding.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Valdez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the construction of playground equipment at the Cameron County Parks were approved, that being 1) the Laguna Heights Park, upon the completion of the design by the Architect Firm that would ultimately be hired for the Browne Park Project; and 2) Santa Rosa Park, contingent upon the deeding of sufficient property by the City of Santa Rosa to Cameron County, of land adjacent to the current Cameron County Park.

CONSENT ITEMS

ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 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. 27: Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, requested that Item No. 27 be tabled and explained the need to visit the area and to determine the cost associated with the preparation of the land.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the following “Consent and Travel Items” be approved, and that Item No. 27 be **TABLED**.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Garza, and Valdez,

NAY: None,

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Southwest Key Program La Esperanza, Warrant No. 00073538, in the amount of \$43,080.64.

- (16) **APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS;
The Affidavit follows:**
- (17) **ADVERTISEMENT OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 020401 FOR TELEVISION BROADCASTING-COMMISSIONERS’ COURT MEETINGS;**
- (18) **AMENDMENT TO ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP’S) FOR BROWNE ROAD PARK;**
- (19) **CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOMEN INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM AND VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE WIC BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT SERVICES;
The Contract follows:**
- (20) **UTILIZATION OF STATE OF TEXAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK REGION IV INTER-LOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN (13) COMPUTERS AND ONE (1) PRINTER;**
- (21) **COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN A CELL PHONE TO BE USED BY WEED AND SEED COORDINATOR AND STAFF PRIMARILY FOR BRIDGE DETAIL;**

- (22) **APPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL PIMENTEL TO THE CAMERON COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD;**
The Resolution follows:
- (23) **REJECTION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 0350-010801 FOR DEFIBRILLATORS;**
- (24) **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE COLONIA LA TORRE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;**
- (25) **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2002, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN CAMERON COUNTY;**
The Resolution follows:
- (26) **CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING BRIDGES: IOWA GARDEN ROAD AT DRAIN DITCH, ORTEGA ROAD AT SAN VICENTE DRAIN, AND NO NAME ROAD AT SAN VICENTE DRAIN;**
The Agreement follows:
- (27) **IN THE MATTER OF THE RELOCATION OF THE COUNTY RECORDS WAREHOUSE BUILDING TO THE BROWNE ROAD PARK SITE; (TABLED)**
- (28) **FINAL APPROVAL:**
A) **PRECINCT NO. 3 - HEATHER SUBDIVISION - A 20.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE WEST ONE HALF OF BLOCK NO. 336 SAN BENITO IRRIGATION COMPANY.**
- (29) **PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL:**
A) **PRECINCT NO. 4 - CANO ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2 - BEING A SUBDIVISION OF 15.88 ACRES LAND BEING ALL OF BLOCK NO. 75, OF THE HOOKS AND HODGES SUBDIVISION NO. 1.**
- (30) **AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
A) **TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES - ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 1890-010601:**
TRANS COR, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.12 per mile.

The Tabulation follows:

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) District Attorney employee to attend the "Texas District and Counties Association Board Member Meeting", in Austin, Texas, March 8, 2002;
- (b) District Clerk Civil Department Manager to attend the "County and District Clerks' Legal Education Conference", in Austin, Texas, April 10-12, 2002;
- (c) Sheriff's Department employee to attend the "Cruelty to Animal Training Seminar", in New Braunfels, Texas, April 27-30, 2002;
- (d) Sheriff's Department employee to attend the "Technology Transfer Program", in Orlando, Florida, April 24-26, 2002;

- (e) Two (2) Sheriff's Department employees to attend the "Crime Stoppers Conference", in South Padre Island, Texas, May 13-14, 2002;
- (f) Three (3) Juvenile Department employees to attend the "Weed and Seed Strategy Development and Implementation Workshop", in St. Louis, Missouri, April 22-25, 2002;
- (g) County Judge Community Outreach Coordinator to attend the "Texas Community Development Program's 2002 Housing Infrastructure Fund Meeting", in Austin, Texas, April 18-19, 2002;



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

- (19) CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOMEN INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM AND VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE WIC BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT SERVICES.
The Contract is as follows:**

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The Agreement is as follows:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

(32) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:55 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible Concession Agreement between Cameron County and Northware Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Brady's Duty Free; 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 7:10 P.M.

[REDACTED]

NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

(33) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible Concession Agreement between Cameron County and Northware Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Brady's Duty Free.**

Commissioner Garza moved that Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, be authorized to enter into the Concession Agreement between Cameron County and Northware Ventures, Inc., d/b/a Brady's Duty Free, as directed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Valdez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:12 P.M.

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APPROVED this 30th day of April 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.