

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of June 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 5:39 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 June 14, 2002, at 1:06 P.M.:

PRESENTATION

Mr. Francisco Sinfuentes - "Judge, can I take a few times of the Commissioners' Court, please. Good afternoon I want to thank you for allowing me this time. My name is Francisco Sifuentes. I'm a resident and tax payer of this District, and I want to start by reminding you, before I want to start my brief Presentation, that I am the City of Brownsville, I am Cameron County, and I am We the People. And that I have inalienable rights and this is one of them, to speak my mind, if you allow me to do so. Every time something happens in Cameron County it affects all of us that live in Cameron County either in a positive or a negative way. Today I want to inform this Court that there have been some injustices and abuses in the behavior of some Officers that work for Cameron County. I myself, personally, had the misfortune of going to the Tax Assessor Collector's Office a few months ago to request some information and I was not treated very fair. And I told the gentleman to call his supervisor and he denied to do so, there were no supervisors who came and talked to me at all. Also you know very well, and you all know me, that I am a community-oriented person. I do a lot of work for the community. Recently, I was called by a lot of the car lot owners for two reasons, one of them that were being citation by the City of Brownsville, which was illegal, because I had to do research and found out that there was no ordinance against them unloading their vehicles and they were issued about \$500.00 to \$700.00 tickets illegally. And so, the City stopped doing that and I had to take charge of that. Another item was that they were being abused when they were approached by this Task Force from the County Tax Assessor Collector and they were treated very unfairly. They were pushed into the walls and they were mistreated regularly. And I did receive the calls. I read the articles in the papers. I am not a fan of Mr. Cantu and I am not a fan of anybody, but I stand for justice. And I am not defending anybody, but I know what happened, what has been happening lately and want to set the record straight. These Officers have acted in a manner that is not appropriate for any Law Enforcement authority. They must do it with professionalism at all times, be ethical about it, and have respect for the community, for everybody, not only the car lot owners, for everybody. And I demand that everyone in this County respect the community as they deserve. Thank you very much".

(1) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BORDER PATROL AGENTS FRANK RODRIGUEZ AND JAIME SALAZAR, AND COUNTY DETENTION OFFICER RAFAEL PERALES, AND MR. JESUS CANTU, MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Resolution be adopted and presented during a ceremony to be held at a later time.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Resolution recognizing Border Patrol Agents Frank Rodriguez and Jaime Salazar, County Detention Officer Rafael Perales, and Mr. Jesus Cantu, Maintenance Department, for their outstanding service to Cameron County and the Sheriff's Department was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

(2) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH RIO VALLEY CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTS DCW, INC. TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL 4,500 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AND CONSTRUCT REQUIRED PARKING AT THE DARRELL B. HESTER JUVENILE PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

Mrs. Joan G. Macrum, Juvenile Probation, stated that the Resolution authorizing that the information be presented to the Court was approved by the Juvenile Board on April 19, 2002. She stated that in the early 1990's the Darrel B. Hester Juvenile Probation Administrative Building was designed for the Brownsville area and that no issue was at the time the decision was made to construct the facility in San Benito. Mrs. Macrum stated that the Juvenile Department moved into the facility in 1995, and described the design of the Office Space available.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Court was aware of the need for additional Office Space regardless of the design, adding that the Darrel B. Hester Juvenile Probation Administrative Building had outgrown the County population. He stated that the issues needing consideration were the construction of the additional 4,500 square feet, how the number of square feet was determined, the funding source, and the construction mechanism to be used. Judge Hinojosa questioned who had designed the 4,500 square feet.

Mrs. Macrum stated that the Architect Firm of DCW Inc., had designed the 4,500 square feet at no cost, based on the needs.

Judge Hinojosa questioned if the County Auditor had reviewed the design.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the 4,500 square feet averaged a cost of approximately \$100.00 per square foot and funds were available. He stated that the \$23.85 million were allocated for three (3) projects; the Dancy Building, the New Jail and Sheriff's Facility, and the Darrel B. Hester Juvenile Probation Administrative Building. He added that the allocation did not specify the dollar amount and that the project was eligible for funding from said allocation. Mr. Yates reported that the New Jail and the Sheriff's Facility were substantially complete and that he had reserved some funds that might be needed for completion of some small projects.

Judge Hinojosa questioned if funds were reserved for the closing of an entry area at the New Jail Facility.

Mr. Yates responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Garza questioned if funds were reserved for the Vehicle Maintenance Barn.

Mr. Yates stated that \$285,000.00 were needed for a Vehicle Maintenance Barn and that funds were accumulating from remaining funds from other projects. He added that the County could be making a trade-off between immediately relocating the Vehicle Maintenance Barn to the Olmito site versus leaving it at the current location or addressing a more immediate need. Mr. Yates stated that the Court needed to determine the most immediate need, and suggested that a fueling station be built at the Vehicle Maintenance Barn.

Judge Hinojosa noted the need to discuss the matter with Mr. Lee Lozano, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. Yates stated that \$420,000.00 were available to fund little projects, including the metal building. He clarified that the balance of \$420,000.00 would remain after the retainage cost and would be used to fund the metal building and any unanticipated changes.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the \$592,333.00 allocated for the Darrel B. Hester Building were inclusive of the \$420,000.00 retainage cost.

Mr. Yates responded in the affirmative, and explained that two (2) amounts of \$420,000.00 were included in the schedule, and that the Vehicle Maintenance Barn and the fueling site projects were estimated at \$285,000.00, but due to the increased cost for the warehouse, a higher cost for the Vehicle Maintenance Barn was anticipated. Mr. Yates highlighted the schedule at this time.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the schedule was followed would it result in the \$592,333.00 being available and could it be applied to the renovation of the Darrel B. Hester Building.

Mr. Yates responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the cost of \$100.00 per square foot.

Mrs. Macrum stated that the estimated cost of \$100.00 per square foot included the parking lot.

Judge Hinojosa stated that \$534,000.00 out of the \$592,333.00 would be spent for the Darrel B. Hester Administrative Building, and noted that he had not reviewed the proposal for the square footage, how much was needed, what part of the project could be done by the County Carpenter, and the impact on the total cost. Judge Hinojosa suggested that \$350,000.00 be used to fund as much additional office space as possible at the Darrel B. Hester Administrative Building, and that \$240,000.00 plus \$10,000.00 from reserves be allocated for construction of the Vehicle Maintenance Barn or perhaps the \$285,000.00.

Mr. Yates stated that the \$285,000.00 were intended for a fueling site, and it was possible to work a deal, in the Ruche Bid, with the Contractor in placing the equipment at the Vehicle Maintenance Barn to be paid on a per gallon basis.

Commissioner Cascos stated that he was uncomfortable with not obtaining bids for the project.

Commissioner Garza questioned why bids were not being obtained.

Commissioner Cascos stated that according to how the item was presented, there was no need for bids because the cost was within 25% of the total cost of the contract. He suggested that bids be requested for the two (2) projects, and noted that he was uncomfortable awarding the Contract without looking at a competitive summary.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a Change Order, including the additional office space be done with the existing Contractor, and expressed his concern with the proposed number of square feet. He suggested that the parking lot be constructed in-house, to construct as much office space as possible with the \$350,000.00 budget. He suggested that the price be negotiated with the current Contractor and that if the price was not satisfactory that bids be obtained, and that \$250,000.00 be allocated for the construction of a New Vehicle Maintenance Barn.

Mr. Yates questioned the cost per square foot if the Public Works Department would construct the parking lot.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, stated that the cost of the parking lot could be \$3.50 per square foot.

Judge Hinojosa noted the need for a new Vehicle Maintenance Barn and proposed that all County vehicle maintenance and equipment be under Mr. Lozano including the Public Works Department, which could justify using the Public Work's funds.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his concern as to the how it was known if the best price was being obtained without a comparison of prices.

Mr. Bernal stated that prices already available from other projects could be reviewed and if discrepancies were observed with the proposal it could be brought to the Court's attention.

Commissioner Garza moved that the \$350,000.00 allocation to be the total price for the additional office space needed at the Darrell B. Hester Juvenile Probation Administrative Building, be approved, that the remaining balance from the \$592,333.00 be used for the Vehicle Maintenance Barn, and that the Architectural Firm of DCW, Inc., be hired to prepare the designs.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that only the Architect was being selected and that a Contractor would be selected based on the recommendation presented by the County Engineer at a later time.

The Report is as follows:

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(3) IN THE MATTER REGARDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE USE AND SALE OF AERIAL FIREWORKS DURING THE JULY 4TH SEASON (TABLED)

Judge Hinojosa stated that he was uncertain if enough information was available to determine whether or not to limit the use of fireworks.

Mr. Jarred Hockema, County Judge's Office, clarified that the Resolution would appeal to the public to voluntarily not use the fireworks because of the drought condition and that it was not an Ordinance.

Commissioner Garza noted that he disagreed with the last two (2) paragraphs based on the fact that fireworks being an American tradition.

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

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(4) IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE COUNTY ANNEX IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, reported that he would address related items during Executive Session.

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(5) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A BEACH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Beach Cleaning and Maintenance Agreement with the Texas General Land Office for State Financial Assistance for Fiscal Year 2003 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(6) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH FOREMOST
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND CONSTABLE
PRECINCT NO. 2 COMMUNITY NETWORK
CENTER AT CAMERON PARK**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Change Order No. 1 to Contract with Foremost Construction for the Cameron County Sheriff's Department and Constable Precinct No. 2 Community Network Center at Cameron Park was approved.

Commissioner Garza noted that no change in cost was being approved, but rather changes to the date.

The Change Order is as follows:

[REDACTED]

(7) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING AUTHORIZATION
TO INCLUDE ILLUMINATION ON TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
AT US 83 AND US 77/83(TABLED)**

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, reported that there was a request from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to provide illumination to areas that belong to the County. He recommended that the request be denied.

Judge Hinojosa stated that according to the United States Supreme Court, the County could be held liable.

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

[REDACTED]

(8) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO
ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF LAGUNA VISTA FOR ROAD
REPAIRS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Laguna Vista for Road Repairs be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

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(9) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6 FLAT RATE ASSESSMENT FEES FOR CAMERON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES (TABLED)**

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, reported that Cameron County Irrigation District No. 6 had involved an Attorney.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if by law the County was allowed to not pay the assessment fees.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that he was unable to find anything that would indicate that the County was ever challenged. He stated that the water was not being used and that the County did not benefit from the Irrigation District No. 6. Mr. Wright noted that upon approval there were other County properties from which other Irrigation Districts could want to do the same.

Commissioner Garza questioned if the listed years represented when the County owned the properties.

Mr. Ardito responded in the affirmative and added that some of the properties still belonged to the County.

Commissioner Garza suggested to negotiate an agreement with the entity where the water rights could be declined.

Mr. Yates stated that he was uncertain if the water rights were purchased with the property.

Commissioner Garza stated that the water right was obtained when the Irrigation Land was purchased.

Mr. John Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, stated that the water rights belonged to the Irrigation District and that the property could be excluded from the Irrigation District, if the water was not used.

Commissioner Garza moved that the Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel be authorized to negotiate the waiving of the water rights with Irrigation District No. 6.

Judge Hinojosa stated that if the water rights were waived at the time the properties were sold, they would have to be sold without the water rights.

Mr. Wright stated that he would review the matter with the Irrigation District's Legal Counsel and would present a Report to the Court.

Commissioner Garza withdrew his motion.

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

(10) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF
A SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION FOR DANIEL
BRYANT d/b/a SEA RANCH
MARINA/BREAKAWAY CRUISES**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, explained that a roof would be constructed above the existing roof and that business letters would be painted over the roof.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the Parks Advisory Board had approved the request.

Mr. Mendez responded in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Sign Permit Application for Daniel Bryant d/b/a Sea Ranch Marina/Breakaway Cruises was approved.

The Application is as follows:

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. 14: Mr. Manuel Villarreal, Personnel/Safety Risk Management Supervisor, reported that Constable Precinct No. 7 had requested that Item No. 14 be TABLED.

ITEM NO. 18-j: Commissioner Valdez stated that the travel was dated June 4-5, 2002, and asked if the request was for reimbursement. Mr. Frank Martinez, Assistant District Attorney, explained that the travel was for Oral Arguments and had already taken place.

ITEM NO. 18-a & b: Commissioner Cascos noted that the Budget Officer had not marked the Items. Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, explained that Item No. 18 "a" was in accordance to the Travel Policy and that additional information regarding Item No. 18 "b" was needed. He stated that some individuals that were traveling had already attended other trips and that the number of required hours were unknown. Commissioner Cascos stated that the Travel Policy was adopted in order to keep the travel cost down. Mr. Villarreal stated that he wanted to define how much of the training pertained to the Child Support, since it was being funded through the Child Support Fund. Commissioner Cascos stated that Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel had provided information that indicated that the Court did have the authority as to how some discretionary funds were expended. He clarified that the Budget Officer had not signed off on the Item. Mr. Villarreal stated that he had some questions concerning this Item. Commissioner Garza questioned if the Budget Officer was recommending approval of the Item. Mr. Villarreal stated that he had tried to contact the District Clerk and her Assistant but was unsuccessful. Judge Hinojosa questioned if some of the employees would qualify for the travel. Mr. Villarreal stated that there was one (1) employee who had not attended any travel and the District Clerk. Judge Hinojosa recommended that travel Item No. 18 "b" be approved for the District Clerk and any employee that the Budget Officer determined by Friday 21, 2002, after the additional information was presented and would qualify based on the Mandatory Training Requirements.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items" be approved, and that Item No.

18 "b" be approved subject to the Budget Officer, and that Item No. 14 be **TABLED**.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, and Valdez

NAY: None,

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garza as to Warrant No. 00077884, as to the Medicine Shoppee, in the amount of \$3,950.10.

- (11) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS;**
The affidavit follows:
- (12) **AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON JULY 4, 2002, BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. FOR A JULY 4TH PARADE;**
- (13) **CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR AED/CPR TRAINING;**
The Contract follows:
- (14) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS DAVILA III AND HECTOR ZUÑIGA FOR POSITION OF RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 7 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 85.011 AND 86.012; (TABLED)**
- (15) **AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BID FOR:**
A. FOOD: MEATS - QUARTERLY BID NO. 2170-3.
The Tabulation follows:
- (16) **AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BID FOR:**
A. BUILDING SUPPLIES: CARPENTRY MATERIALS - ANNUAL BID NO. 2000.
The Tabulation follows:
- (17) **AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AWARD OF THE FOLLOWING BID FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR:**
(A) SAFETY SUPPLIES - ANNUAL BID NO. 2600; AND
(B) SAFETY GLASSES - ANNUAL BID NO. 2610.

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (18) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
 - (a) Two (2) Computer Center employees to attend the "Data Base Development with Borland Interbase 6.5 Course", in Scotts Valley, California, August 11-17, 2002;
 - (b) District Clerk and four (4) employees to attend the "107th Annual Conference of the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas", Lubbock, Texas, June 22-28, 2002;
 - (c) Tax Automobile Crimes Enforcement Task Force Agent to attend the "Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board Meeting and Grant Review", in Austin, Texas, June 26-28, 2002;
 - (d) Elections Administrator and three (3) employees to attend the "20th Annual Election Laws Seminar for County Clerks/Elections Administrators", in Austin, Texas, July 22-25, 2002;
 - (e) Nine (9) County Drug Enforcement Task Force Officers to attend the "Department of Public Safety Cleris Training", in Austin, Texas, June 17-20, 2002, and June 24-27, 2002;
 - (f) International Bridge System Director to meet with State Department, Senator Hutchison's staff and City Lobbyists, in Washington, D.C., June 11-13, 2002;
 - (g) Cameron County Sheriff to attend the "National Institute of Corrections Training", in Longmont, Colorado, September 22- October 4, 2002;
 - (h) Four (4) Sheriff's Department employees to attend the "Texas Gang Investigation Association (TGIA) Seminar", in San Antonio, Texas, June 23-28, 2002;

- (i) Five (5) County Drug Enforcement Agents to attend the "C.O.P.'s Training School", in McAllen, Texas, July 22-26, 2002;
- (j) Assistant District Attorney to attend "Oral Arguments", in Austin, Texas, June 4-5, 2002;
- (k) District Attorney to attend the "28th Annual Advanced Criminal Law Course", in Houston, Texas, July 22-25, 2002;
- (l) Two (2) County Extension Agents to attend the "District 12 Leadership Lab", in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 19-21, 2002;
- (m) Four (4) County Extension Agents to attend the "District 12 Recordbook Judging and 4-H Election Convention", Kingsville, Texas, July 18, 2002;
- (n) County Extension Agent to attend the "Texas 4-H Roundup and to Advise Cameron County 4-H Members as they attend the competitions", in College Station, Texas, June 11-13, 2002;
- (o) Commissioner Precinct No. 4 to attend the "South Texas County Judge's and Commissioners' Association 68th Annual Conference", Corpus Christi, Texas, June 18-21, 2002; and
- (p) Constable Deputy, Precinct No. 6, to attend the "Domestic Violence Training Seminar", in San Antonio, Texas, July 14-16, 2002.



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

- (13) CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR AED/CPR
TRAINING.**

The Contract is as follows:

- (15) AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BID:**
(A) FOOD: MEATS - QUARTERLY BID NO. 2170-3.
The Tabulation is as follows:

- (16) AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING BID FOR:**
(A) BUILDING SUPPLIES: CARPENTRY MATERIALS - ANNUAL BID NO. 2000.
The Tabulation is as follows:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

(18) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:29 P.M., to discuss the following matters:

- (a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible Lease of 7,200 square feet of concrete tarmac and build a 7,200 square foot Airport Hanger Building at the Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport by the Ecological Services International, Inc.; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- (b) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the discussion of the possible acquisition of various properties located in Harlingen, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valdez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 6:48 P.M.

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(19) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (b) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible acquisition of various properties located in Harlingen, Texas.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, regarding Real Property concerning the possible acquisition of various properties located in Harlingen, Texas, was acknowledged.

[REDACTED]

(4) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY ANNEX IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Commissioner Cascos moved that the County constructs a new Harlingen Annex in Harlingen, Texas, Precinct No. 5, at a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million, which includes the land acquisition, and the sale of the Harlingen Annex be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

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- (a) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible Lease of 7,200 square feet of concrete tarmac and build a 7,200 square foot Airport Hanger Building at the Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport by the Ecological Services International, Inc.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, was authorized to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the possible Lease of 7,200 square feet of concrete tarmac and build a 7,200 square foot Airport Hanger Building at the Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport by the Ecological Services International, Inc.

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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 7:50 P.M.

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APPROVED this 18th day of **July 2002**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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