

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 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 Cascos, C.P.A., at 5:32 P.M. He then asked Mr. Joseph O'Bell, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Mr. Frank Rodriguez, Border Patrol Agent, 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 June 28, 2002, at 3:33 P.M.:

# **PRESENTATION**

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

Cameron County Sheriff Conrado Cantu stated that an inmate had escaped from Detention Center No. 1, through the roof by jumping over the barb wire on the side of Harrison Street. He stated that Mr. Frank Rodriguez and Mr. Jaime Salazar, Border Patrol Agents, Mr. Rafael Perales, Detention Officer, and Mr. Jesus Cantu, Maintenance employee, had assisted in the capturing of the escapee; therefore, were being recognized at this time.

Judge Hinojosa read the Resolution and expressed his appreciation for the gentlemen's contribution to the community, and added that the gentlemen had assisted not only during the escape but during hurricanes and during the causeway collapse as well.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(21) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GOMEZ, MENDEZ AND SAENZ TO PREPARE THE DESIGN FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER FOR BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT**

(22) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HALFF AND ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT DESIGN SERVICES FOR BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks System Director, stated that the Contracts for the two (2) Architectural Firms of Gomez, Mendez, and Saenz, and Halff and Associates, were prepared and in order. He stated that Gomez, Mendez, and Saenz would charge six (6) percent of the total estimated cost, and that Halff and Associates would charge a flat fee in the amount of \$62,500.00 for the basic services, adding that the flat fee excluded optional or additional service, of which construction administration service and bidding assistance would be needed. Mr. Mendez suggested that the Engineering Department assist with the preparation of the survey and the design in order to minimize the \$3,500.00 cost, adding that the Geotechnical Services would be paid by the County.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the projected construction cost provided by the Architectural Firm of Halff and Associates.

Mr. Mendez responded that the cost was estimated at about \$850,000.00.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the six (6) percent construction cost presented by the Architectural Firm of Gomez, Mendez, and Saenz.

Mr. Mendez explained that the construction cost, in the amount of \$1.5 million, presented by the Architectural Firm of Gomez, Mendez, and Saenz,, included the construction of the facility to house the Women Infant and Children (WIC) Program, the Nino's Headstart, and the Teen and Senior Center. He stated that funding was expected from the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Commissioner Benavides questioned the scheduled time for construction and the size of the park.

Mr. Mendez stated that Halff and Associates would begin constructing the Recreational Park Project in July 2002, and that the ground breaking would be scheduled by March 2003. He stated that a 20' deep ditch surrounded the 60 acre park and that a resaca was located around the back.

Mr. Mendez clarified that the total cost was \$2.3 million; 1.5 million for the facility portion of the project and that \$850,000.00 were allocated for the park portion of the project.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the total cost was assuming a grant and the other potential funding being received.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his concern with approving the Item contingent upon receiving the funds, and on why a percentage fee was not done on the other project. He suggested that a six (6) percent across the board be negotiated for both projects.

Mr. Mendez stated that the eight (8) percent construction cost was reduced by about \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Garza asked if the \$850,000.00 were already committed to the park project.

Mr. Mendez responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the two (2) Architectural Firms would coordinate the continuity of esthetics of the building and the park.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the motion be made contingent upon the two (2) firms working together to ensure proper coordination between both projects.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Agreements with Gomez, Mendez and Saenz to prepare the design for the Social Service Center for the Browne Road Regional Park Development be approved and that the Agreement with Halff and Associates to prepare the design Services for Browne Road Regional Park Development be approved, contingent upon the two (2) firms working together to ensure proper coordination between the two (2) projects.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Agreements are as follow:**



Mr. Treviño stated that an unsuccessful attempt was made to address the problem within the Town of South Padre Island.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that Mr. Treviño's Office be contacted should there be a need and that some type of notice be included in the Lease Agreements.

Mr. Treviño stated that he would continue to work with the Parks System.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Town of South Padre Island be questioned as to their efforts to notify the public and that input be requested from TxDOT.

Mr. Mendez suggested that the Radio Station broadcast a warning notice concerning the wildlife.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Report by Mr. David Treviño, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Services, regarding the Coyote Situation at Isla Blanca Park was acknowledged.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **(3) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the 2002-Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2002-27 and the Salary Schedules be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments and the Salary Schedules are as follow:**

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**(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS HELD MAY 21, 2002, MAY 28, 2002, JUNE 4, 2002, AND JUNE 11, 2002**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held May 21, 2002, May 28, 2002, June 4, 2002, and June 11, 2002 be approved, inclusive of the correction as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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**(5) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE GSA/SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 DIGITAL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE RECORDS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE HIDTA DEPARTMENT**

**(6) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THUNDERWORKS MOBILE ENGINEERING/SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF RADIO SURVEILLANCE VEHICLES, REMOTE RECEIVER PACKAGES AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE HIDTA DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the utilization of Thunderworks Mobile Engineering/Sole Source Contract for the purchase of radio surveillance vehicles, remote receiver packages and supporting equipment and the utilization of GSA/Sole Source Contract for the purchase of two (2) digital video surveillance records and accessories for the HIDTA Department be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, clarified that the GSA and Thunderworks Mobile Engineering Contracts were Sole Sources.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the utilization of Thunderworks Mobile Engineering/Sole Source Contract for the purchase of radio surveillance vehicles, remote receiver packages and supporting equipment and the utilization of GSA/Sole Source Contract for the purchase of two (2) digital video surveillance records and accessories for the HIDTA Department were authorized.

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(7) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION  
REGARDING TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD'S  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VETERANS  
HOME SITE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Texas Veterans Land Board's Request for Proposals (RFP) for Veteran's Home Site be approved, and questioned the relevant Travel Item.

Mr. Jared Hockema, County Judge's Office, requested that the following individuals be appointed to the Evaluation Committee instead of the individuals originally proposed:

- Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer;
- Mr. Luis Lucio, Veteran, President of the Veterans of Foreign War;
- Mr. Luis Perez; Veteran;
- Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager;
- Mrs. Yvette Salinas, Health Department Director;
- Mr. Salvador Salinas, VA Office; and
- A Representative of the County Judge's Office.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the exclusion of Mr. Salvador Salinas, VA Office.

Mr. Hockema stated that other Veterans were involved and that Mr. Salinas had many other ongoing efforts to help the Veterans.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that Mr. Salinas be included in the Evaluation Committee, and explained that he was not involved in any of the preparation of the application.

Commissioner Cascos stated that it would be more appropriate that Mr. Salinas attend the Workshop on the Texas Veterans Home Request for Proposal (RFP) to be held in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Hockema stated that he would be attending the workshop because the County Judge's Office would prepare the Application and explained that the meeting was a session put on by the Veterans Land Board to clarify and expand the requirements for the sight set up in the Request for Proposal (RFP), adding that it was an opportunity to view other Counties' proposals to assure that the Application had a good chance of succeeding.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the deadline for the Application.

Mr. Hockema responded that the Application was due by October 1, 2002.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his concern with Mr. Hockema not being present on October 1, 2002.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Application would be prepared by his Office regardless.



Commissioner Cascos suggested that someone with more contiguity attend the Workshop.

Mr. Hockema stated that the Application should be prepared by the time he left.

Judge Hinojosa proposed that the submission of an Application for a Nursing Home adjacent to the Health Services District Clinic, in Harlingen, be considered in the future.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Texas Veterans Land Board's Request for Proposals (RFP) for Veterans Home Site was approved and the following members were appointed to the evaluation committee:

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer;

Mr. Luis Lucio, Veteran, President of the Veterans of Foreign War;

Mr. Luis Perez; Veteran;

Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager;

Mrs. Yvette Salinas, Health Department Director;

Mr. Salvador Salinas, VA Office; and

A Representative of the County Judge's Office.

**(8) IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE RELEASE OF  
RETAINAGE TO LANDMARK ORGANIZATION,  
INC. (TABLED)**

Commissioner Benavides moved that this Item be **TABLED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

Commissioner Cascos requested that the Court be kept informed and questioned the amount of retainage.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, replied that the retainage was in the amount of \$448,000.00.

Judge Hinojosa stated that a formal report would be presented on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, and that the meeting with Landmark Organization, Inc., had taken place, adding that a Plan of Action should be completed by Friday, July 5, 2002, and that dead bolt locks were being installed at this time.

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



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(10) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BAYVIEW AND  
CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE COLLECTION OF  
AD VALOREM TAXES**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Bayview and Cameron County for the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**[REDACTED]**

(11) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO SUBMIT A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECT AND DESIGNATION OF SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH**

Judge Hinojosa questioned when the required match would take effect.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management Coordinator, stated that the match would take effect as of September 2002, through August 2003, adding that sufficient funding was available for the current fiscal year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing Cameron County to submit a Continuation Grant Application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Project and designation of source for Required Match was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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(12) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE  
CONVERSION OF A PATROL UNIT TO AN  
UNMARKED UNIT FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT  
NO. 6 (TABLED)**

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

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(13) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR  
CHANGE ORDER FOR THE RECORDS BUILDING  
WAREHOUSE**

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, stated that the original proposal was underestimated and requested the approval of the Change Order.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the status concerning the verification of the percentage required for Change Orders.

Mr. Bernal stated that the City of Brownsville's request to install the sprinkler system, at a cost of \$30,000.00, had exceeded the twenty-five (25) percent.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the County was allowed to exceed the twenty-five (25) percent.

Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, stated that he had addressed the question to the State Comptroller's Office, at the Purchasing Conference, held on South Padre Island, and had reviewed it with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel. He stated that the Purchasing Director from Travis County had indicated that they closed the matter through their Legal Division and that the twenty-five (25) percent was exceeded only upon Commissioners' Court approval.

Commissioner Cascos stated that he believed that there was a Law or Statute that allowed Change Orders of up to twenty-five (25) percent, and that he had raised the question concerning what would happen if the twenty-five (25) percent was exceeded during the Conference.

Mr. Forbes explained that the answer was that if the Court approved the Change Order the Engineering and Accounting Departments must justify part of the twenty-five (25) percent to the Court, adding that exceeding the twenty-five (25) percent mandates made by a governmental entity were beyond the County's control.

Commissioner Cascos questioned why the City of Brownsville's guidelines were unknown.

Mr. Bernal stated that a meeting was held with the City of Brownsville to discuss the inclusion of the sprinkler system to the entire design of the building at a later date, and that they disagreed even though the building would be empty.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the meeting was prior to the initial process or after the project was awarded.

Mr. Bernal stated that the meeting was held after the Request for Proposal (RFP) was prepared.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that a meeting was held with the City Planning Permit Department before the Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised.

Mr. Forbes stated that the City Planning Permit Department indicated that the bidding process could take place and requested to be informed when the bids were submitted in order to meet again to evaluate the status. He added that they instructed that the bids be awarded, and thereafter, the City of Brownsville came up with the new requirements.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the materials were already purchased.

Mr. Bernal clarified that the sprinkler system issue came after meeting with the Building Inspector for the first time, and that after the bid was awarded the City indicated that a sprinkler system must be in place, which raised the price by \$36,000.00.

Commissioner Cascos questioned what prevented from bidding out the sprinkler system.

Mr. Bernal stated that the bid had already been awarded to the Contractor.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Change Order was another Change Order which exceeded the twenty-five (25) percent.

Commissioner Garza questioned the foundation being requested.

Mr. Bernal stated that it was the recommendation from the soil testing lab.

Judge Hinojosa stated that on previous constructions on the same property the special foundations were required due to the nature of the land.

Mr. Bernal stated that the estimate equaled 2/3 of the Lab's recommendation.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Change Order would exceed the twenty-five (25) percent, and expressed his concern with supporting the matter without rebidding. He stated that somebody had not exercised due diligence when determining the amount of dirt needed.

Mr. Bernal stated that the amount of dirt was determined before the Report was available.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Change Order exceeded the twenty-five (25) percent as a result of what a governmental entity mandated. He stated that the bid was already awarded, and that the Contractor was not at fault nor was the County. Judge Hinojosa stated that neither an architect or engineer were hired to design the building; therefore, the County did not have the benefits of a Geotechnical Analysis as part of the Engineering and Architectural Studies, adding that in order to assure due diligence in the actual construction, the Geotechnical Firm that provided the different estimate for the foundation was hired.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the problem was that the foundation was not mandated by a governmental entity as was the sprinkler system.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the combination exceeded the twenty-five (25) percent.

Commissioner Garza stated that the County was the governmental entity mandating the change.

Mr. Bernal stated that the restoration of the building remained pending.

Commissioner Valdez questioned the funding source.

Mr. Yates stated that funds were reserved in anticipation of the problem.

Commissioner Garza requested recommendation from Legal Counsel.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, recommended that they go back and re-bid the whole project, and stated that Commissioner Cascos was raising a serious question as to why these things were not thought of before. Mr. Wright stated that there was no clear law that allowed the Court to approve of the matter. He stated that the County was at the point of construction, and that from a practical stand point it was common sense that the building had to be constructed. Mr. Wright stated that there was clear Statutory Authority to go up to the twenty-five (25) percent, but there was no authority to go over the twenty-five (25) percent. He stated that exceeding the twenty-five (25) percent was justified when mandated by a governmental entity, and that the problem was that a governmental entity was not obligating the County at this time.

Commissioner Garza stated that the County was the governmental entity.

Mr. Wright stated that based on the total investment, the County did not want to risk having a weak foundation that would cause the entire building to have problems.

Commissioner Valdez stated that the sprinkler system was mandated by the governmental entity causing the Change Order to exceed the twenty-five (25) percent.

Mr. Wright stated that the Change Order for the sprinkler system was a fixed cost already approved.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Garza that the Change Order for the Records Building Warehouse be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Garza, Valdez, and Judge Hinojosa,

NAY: None,

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Cascos.



**(14) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO TRANSFER TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION A 17.53 ACRE TRACT FOR U.S. 77/83 EXPRESSWAY EXTENSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, Cameron County was authorized to transfer a 17.53 acre tract for U.S. 77/83 Expressway Extension to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

**The Deed is as follows:**



**[REDACTED]**

(15) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING ACTION RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF AN ENGINEERING COMPANY AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, AND AERIAL SURVEYS FOR THE WEST RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT (TABLED)**

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, stated that according to a letter from the County Auditor there was no unanimous agreement by the Evaluation Committee on the selection of an Engineering Company. He noted that when the County Auditor indicated that “his decision was based upon the proposal submitted and his experience” it was believed that when he referred to “his” he was referring to Mr. Bernal. Mr. Bernal stated that he believed the letter should read “based on their experience with International Bridges”, as discussed during the meeting.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that if the evaluation committee had a split vote to have the two (2) firms make presentations before the Court in order to be able to analyze and decide.

Commissioner Cascos questioned the number of committee members and the votes.

Mr. Bernal responded that the committee consisted of four (4) members, and the County Auditor was absent during the interviews.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the County Auditor had participated in the proposal process.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, responded that he did participate in the entire proposal process, but was not present during the individual presentations, adding that his recommendation was based on the documentation submitted.

Commissioner Cascos stated that he understood if the Court should decide because of a two (2) to two (2) vote, but that there was a clear three (3) to one (1) vote from the evaluation committee.

Mr. Bernal stated that this was not quite correct.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the high scores and the low scores be discarded in order to avoid any potential skewing. He stated that the committee made a joint recommendation and that the Commissioners’ Court should be the committee at all times in order to not waste staff’s time.

Judge Hinojosa reminded Commissioner Cascos that he had voted against the committee’s recommendation in more than one (1) occasion, and that it was not unusual for the Court to decide against the committee’s recommendations, and that he could list projects where members of the Court have not followed the committee’s recommendations. He clarified that he was not proposing to go against the committee’s recommendations without hearing the firm, and that his position was to allow the two (2) firms to make presentations to enable the Court to decide.

Commissioner Cascos stated that his nay vote on certain recommendations had never cost the County any money, and suggested that the choices be narrowed down to two (2) and to then bring those two (2) choices before the Court, instead of going through the interviewing process.

Commissioner Garza stated that the recommendations needed to be based on the firm's experience.

Mr. Bernal stated that his recommendation was based on their experience with International Bridges.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reimbursement would be jeopardized by the process.

Mr. Bernal stated that he did not know.

Judge Hinojosa noted the need to confirm that the TxDOT requirements were met and known before the presentations took place in order to rank the firms accordingly.

Commissioner Garza moved that the entering into contracting negotiations be considered after the presentations by the two (2) finalists to the entire Commissioners' Court, contingent upon the County complying with all the TxDOT requirements.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the motion was to have both firms make presentations to the entire Commissioners' Court and a decision be made in accordance to TxDOT's criteria upon review of the proposals and the presentations.

Mr. Yates stated the Request for Proposal (RFP) indicated that the final award would be based on scores, and that there was a scoring Request for Proposal (RFP) where the Court could do the interview, adding that the documents could be provided to the Court.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the proposals and the presentations would be scored.

At this time, Commissioner Garza withdrew his motion, and moved that this Item be **TABLED**.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that Commissioner Garza's motion to Table was based upon the firms making presentations.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez.

Judge Hinojosa requested that the Court get copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) by July 3, 2002.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that the criteria should be based on a point system, and that if the Court would review the Request for Proposal (RFP), there was a need to include the review of the written material.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for two (2) weeks.

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(16) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
WITH THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY TO REPAIR  
DILWORTH ROAD**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Palm Valley to repair Dilworth Road be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

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(17) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EAST RIO HONDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO PLACE A WATER PIPELINE ACROSS CAMERON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation was authorized to place a water pipeline across Cameron County owned property.

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(18) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM FLAG ADVISORY POLICY PLAN**

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the change consisted of going from four (4) hours to two (2) hours.

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks System Assistant Director, stated that the revised copy should read “every six (6) hours”, since the National Weather Service updated the Marine Forecast Report every six (6) hours.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Amendment to the Cameron County Parks System Flag Advisory Policy Plan be approved.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a copy of the existence of the Flag Advisory Policy be provided to the public upon entering the parks.

Commissioner Garza suggested that the hand-outs be in English and Spanish and to include the issue regarding the coyotes.

Commissioner Valdez questioned if the provision of the hand-outs would be included in the Policy.

Judge Hinojosa responded negatively.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Amendment to the Cameron County Parks System Flag Advisory Policy Plan was approved.

**The Amendment is as follows:**

**[REDACTED]**

(19) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND  
THE CAMERON COUNTY PARK SYSTEM R.V.  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Mr. Joe Vega, Parks System Assistant Director, requested authorization to amend the Cameron County Park System Recreational Vehicle Policies and Procedures to advise the guests to be aware and to not feed the wildlife.

Commissioner Garza questioned the \$2.00 per day fee charged to guests staying between four (4) and five (5) days, instead of those staying for eight (8) days.

Mr. Vega stated that the guests staying under a week at the park were not charged for electricity, and noted the need to recuperate some of the expenses, in the amount exceeding the \$3,500.00 annual expense.

Commissioner Garza questioned if the \$2.00 per day fee would recover the \$3,500.00.

Mr. Vega stated that most of the \$3,500.00 would be recovered.

Commissioner Cascos questioned if the Parks Advisory Board had reviewed the matter.

Mr. Vega responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, noted that there might be a problem with the resale of utilities, and suggested the increase to the amount of the short-term lease as a flat rate. He recommended that the rate be increased by \$2.00 per day.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valdez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Amendment to the Cameron County Park System Recreational Vehicle Policies and Procedures was approved.

**The Amendment is as follows:**

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(20) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR THE POSSIBLE AMENDMENT IN THE PARK ACCESS FEE POLICY FOR VETERANS (TABLED)**

Judge Hinojosa stated that free access to County Parks was requested for disabled Veterans based on the fact that in Texas and the United States Parks they could enter at no cost. He stated that the Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel had indicated that the Park Bond Coherence of the Parks System did not allow free access to the County Parks, and suggested that the disabled Veterans be given fifty (50) percent discounts.

Commissioner Benavides suggested that all Veterans be given fifty (50) percent discounts.

Judge Hinojosa stated that doing so would create a big impact on the Parks System finances.

Commissioner Cascos questioned how the disability would be justified.

Mr. Salinas explained that there would be a problem because there were two (2) types of Veterans, and that the disabled Veterans who receive compensation under the State of Texas received, free access to the parks and were charged the services connected, adding that Veterans that received pensions were those who got hurt after the war.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the recommendation was for Veterans who were disabled in-service.

Mr. Salinas stated that the Veterans had Identification cards that categorized their disabilities.

Commissioner Garza questioned the disability percentage to be considered.

Commissioner Benavides stated that a reduced rate based on a percentage would create problems, and questioned if the fifty (50) percent discounts had been reviewed.

Mr. Vega stated that the fifty (50) percent discounts would have a big impact on the Parks System.

Commissioner Garza moved that this Item be **TABLED**, until the Parks System presented recommendation and clear direction as to what would be done in order not to conflict with the Budget.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, questioned if the Parks Advisory Board met on this issue.

Mr. Villarreal responded negatively.

Commissioner Garza suggested that the matter be presented to the Parks Advisory Board.

Mr. Salinas suggested that the Veterans be identified by the disability based on a percentage, and noted the need to decide the percentage amount.

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

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## **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 WAS TAKEN SEPARATELY.**

### DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- ITEM NO. 25: Commissioner Garza questioned the meaning of this Item and the intention. Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, explained that approval of the Item would allow the Cameron Works Program to provide their work experienced applicants to assist with some projects at the County Judge's Office, adding that two (2) individuals were requested. He clarified that the County would not incur any additional expenses. Commissioner Garza questioned the County's benefit from the Agreement. Mr. Garza stated that the Agreement allowed the Cameron Works Program to allow individuals to gain experience in the clerical and receptionist area in a County Office at no expense to the County.
- ITEM NO. 23: Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, requested that when a meeting would not take place within a week there be some understanding that approved the release of payments scheduled on the first of the month. He stated that he would place an Item on the Agenda that allowed the release of the regular utility or of contractual payments. Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditors, presented the following additional claims:

ITEM NO. 31: Commissioner Garza questioned if the grant was new, and requested that a copy of the Quarterly Report be made available. Ms. Esmeralda Guajardo, Health Department Assistant Director, responded in the affirmative and agreed to supply a copy of the Report when available.

Commissioner Benavides requested that an Item be placed on the Agenda to address issues concerning the Water District.

ITEM NO. 33: Commissioner Garza questioned if the Grant for Cycle No. 8, of the Coastal Management Program, was the only grant being considered. Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management, explained that it was a continuation of the grant.

ITEM NO. 34 & 36: Commissioner Garza questioned if these were the only two (2) grants that Cameron County were applying for. Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management, explained that those were the only grants on the table at this time and that the deadline was for July 26, 2002.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items" be approved, inclusive of the late claims.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Garza, and Valdez

NAY: Commissioner Cascos, only as to Item No. 44 "J"

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 00078647, payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$438.30.

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

**(24) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 3842, THE NATIONAL BEACH RECREATION ACT;  
The Resolution follows:**

**(25) NON-FINANCIAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND TEXAS WORKFORCE CENTER;  
The Agreement follows:**

**(26) PURCHASE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106.20 FROM E & S AUDIO VISUAL RENTAL SERVICES;**

**(27) REFUND OF TAXES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND AS PER SECTION 25.25C AND SECTION 31.11 OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX CODE TO:**

|                                      |            |                 |
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| 1) Oil Patch Fuel & Supply, Inc.     | \$2,203.04 | Change Value;   |
| 2) Farm Credit Leasing               | \$ 588.49  | Delete Account; |
| 3) Chuparosa, Ltd.                   | \$1,588.23 | Change Value;   |
| 4) Cameron Retirement Services, Ltd. | \$ 762.10  | Remov Jurisd.;  |
| 5) C.W. Hansen                       | \$ 780.23  | Change Value;   |
| 6) James Moffit                      | \$1,819.38 | Change Value.   |



- (28) **CHANGE OF THE SIGNATURE CARDS ON THE FOLLOWING NOW ACCOUNTS WITH LONE STAR NATIONAL BANK:**
- 1) **Cameron County**  
**Joe G. Rivera Cameron County Clerk**  
**Trust Account No. 66501229; and**
  - 2) **Cameron County**  
**Joe G. Rivera Cameron County Clerk**  
**Fee Account No. 66501202.**
- (29) **LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOMAN INFANT CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM AND BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER TO RENT SPACE FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICES;**  
**The Agreement follows:**
- (30) **LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WIC PROGRAM AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH TO RENT SPACE FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICES;**  
**The Agreement follows:**
- (31) **CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE TO IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE BIOTERRORISM PLAN IN CAMERON COUNTY;**  
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- (32) **CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS (TB) ELIMINATION DIVISION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TB SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY;**  
**The Contract follows:**
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**The Application follows:**
- (34) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR AN ILLEGAL DUMPING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT, AND CONTINUING CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL;**  
**The Resolution follows:**
- (35) **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 718096, BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS;**  
**The Amendment follows:**
- (36) **CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECT;**  
**The Contract follows:**
- (37) **AUTHORIZATION FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PROJECT REQUESTS FOR THE 2003-2004 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION CYCLE;**  
**The Contract follows:**

- (38) **FINAL APPROVAL FOR:**
- (a) **PRECINCT NO. 4 -** Resaca Santa Subdivision Phase II - being a 39.5 acre tract of land, more or less, out of a certain 924.1 acre tract out of portion shares Nos. 5, 6 and 7, in the partition of the upper or western one-third of the San Pedro De Carricitos Grant, Cameron County, Texas;
  - (b) **PRECINCT NO. 3 -** Atascosa-Laguna Vista Subdivision - a 14.848 acre, more or less, tract of land being out of Block No. 18, out of the Laguna Vista Club Subdivision; and
  - (c) **PRECINCT NO. 2 -** Meadow Brooke Subdivision - Being a Resubdivision of the North No. 33.72 acres of land more or less, out of Block 9, El Jardin Subdivision in Share 19 Espiritu Santo Grant.
- (39) **PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR:**
- (a) **PRECINCT NO. 4 -** M&R Prado Subdivision - Being a 11.42 acre tract of land same being the North Half of Block No. 35, Pomelo Subdivision.
- (40) **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STATUS OF CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT AND INSPECTION REPORT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION;**  
The Report follows:
- (41) **REJECTION AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING BID:**
- (a) **FUEL SUPPLIES - ANNUAL BID NO. 2280-2.**
- (42) **ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) - FUEL PUMP EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS COUNTY FUELING SITES;**
- (43) **OPENING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSALS:**
- (a) **LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS - ANNUAL BID NO. 1650.**

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

- (44) **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 Judge to attend the "Courses Entitled Media and the Courts and History and Theory", in Reno, Nevada, on July 12-August 2, 2002;
  - (b) Cameron County Sheriff to attend the "124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference", in Fort Worth, Texas, July 27-August 1, 2002;
  - (c) Four (4) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the "Prosecutor Trial Skills Course", in Austin, Texas, July 14-19, 2002;
  - (d) Two (2) Assistant District Attorneys to attend the "28<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Criminal Law Course", in Houston, Texas, July 21-25, 2002;
  - (e) District Attorney to attend the "Southwest Border HIDTA Executive Meeting", in San Diego, California, August 6-8, 2002;

- (f) Assistant District Attorney to attend the "Trial Advocacy II Course", in Columbia, South Carolina, on July 15-19, 2002;
- (g) Assistant District Attorney to attend the "Trial Advocacy II Course", in Columbia, South Carolina, August 12-16, 2002;
- (h) Unit Administrative/Secretary/Intel Research Specialist to attend the "Analytical Investigative Techniques I", in Austin, Texas, August 4-9, 2002;
- (i) Assistant County and District Attorney to attend the "Children's Justice Act Prosecutor's Conference", in Austin, Texas, July 24-26, 2002;
- (j) District Attorney Investigator to attend the "Techniques of Developing Latent Prints Course", in Austin, Texas, July 14-17, 2002;
- (k) County Training Commission Law Enforcement Employee to attend the "Family and Domestic Conference", in San Antonio, Texas, July 15-16, 2002.
- (l) Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the "Weed and Seed Defy Camp Planning Session", in Corpus Christi, Texas, July 11, 2002;
- (m) International Bridge System Director to meet with State of Tamaulipas and Secretary Officials, in Mexico City, Mexico, June 19-20, 2002;
- (n) Sheriff's Department employee to attend the "Crime Scene Investigation School", in San Antonio, Texas, June 23-26, 2002;
- (o) County Court at Law No. 1, Bailiff to attend the "Family and Domestic Violence Seminar", in San Antonio, Texas, July 14-17, 2002;
- (p) Health Environmental Health Director to attend the "Certified Food Manager Rules Training Workshops", in Austin, Texas, July 9-10, 2002; and
- (q) County Judge's Office employee to attend the "Workshop on Texas Veterans Home Request for Proposal (RFP)", in Austin, Texas, on July 12, 2002.



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The Affidavit is as follows:**

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**The Resolutions are as follow:**

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The Report is as follows:**



## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **(45) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 7:05 P.M., to discuss the following matters:

- (a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the proposed Hotel and Concession Lease Agreement at Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- (b) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the possible transfer by Deed or Easement of Los Indios Property and FM 509 Right of Way property pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2);
- (c) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the acceptance of Land into the Cameron County Park System known as Palm Park and Beach located at the Rutherford Harding addition at Laguna Heights; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- (d) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible lease of property located in the Cameron County Park System at the Sea Ranch Marina; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- (e) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the Economic Development Corporation of South Padre Island's proposal for a Wetland Birding and Nature Study Center, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- (f) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible acquisition of various properties for the Oscar C. Dancy Building Parking Lot; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 7:43 P.M.

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

- (a) Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the proposed Hotel and Concession Lease Agreement at Isla Blanca Park.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the initial security deposit installment of \$15,000.00 by Mr. Vinod Kasan, NITIN, Inc., concerning the proposed Hotel and Concession Lease Agreement at Isla Blanca Park was accepted.

- (b) **In the matter regarding conferring with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the possible transfer by Deed or Easement of Los Indios Property and FM 509 Right of Way Property (TABLED)**

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

- (c) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the acceptance of Land into the Cameron County Parks System known as Palm Park and Beach located at the Rutherford Harding addition at Laguna Heights.**

Commissioner Garza moved that the land known as Palm Park and Beach located at the Rutherford Harding addition at Laguna Heights be accepted into the Cameron County Parks System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- (d) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible lease of property located in the Cameron County Parks System at the Sea Ranch Marina.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, the portion of the Concession was accepted into the Cameron County Parks System at the Sea Ranch Marina.

- (e) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the Economic Development Corporation of South Padre Island's proposal for the Wetland Birding and Nature Study Center.**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Economic Development Corporation of South Padre Island's proposal for the Wetland Birding and Nature Study Center be rejected.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

- (f) **Deliberation regarding Real Property concerning the possible acquisition of various properties for the Oscar C. Dancy Building Parking Lot.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valdez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, concerning the possible acquisition of various properties for the Oscar C. Dancy Building parking lot was acknowledged and he was authorized to proceed on the purchase of certain properties as discussed in Executive Session.

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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 7:48 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of **July 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.**