

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23<sup>rd</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

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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:

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Hinojosa at 5:44 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 July 19, 2002, at 11:13 A.M.:

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**(18) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE DANCY BUILDING ARCHITECT, ROBERTO J. RUIZ, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITH RESTORATION ASSOCIATES LIMITED, LLC, FOR PAINT ANALYSIS, CONSISTENT WITH THE OWNER AND ARCHITECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Judge Hinojosa explained that the need to contract for additional services consisting of paint analysis that would determine the original color of the Dancy Building's interior.

Commissioner Garza questioned if the cost had been anticipated.

Mr. Robert Ruiz, Project Architect, responded in the affirmative, and explained that the report regarding the fifteen (15) samples performed throughout the Dancy Building, per request of the Texas Historical Commission, would be included in the bids for the Contractor to review.

Commissioner Garza questioned the time line needed to complete the Reports.

Mr. Ruiz responded that it would take about two (2) weeks for the Paint Consultant to compile the analysis and present it to the County and the Texas Historical Commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Garza moved that Roberto J. Ruiz, Inc., Dancy Building Architect, be authorized to Contract for additional services with the Restoration Associates Limited, LLC, for paint analysis, consistent with the Owner and Architect Professional Services Agreement.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

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**(4) IN THE MATTER REGARDING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FROM THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, SAN BENITO LODGE NO. 1661 (TABLED)**

Judge Hinojosa stated that upon the County providing the tax exemption to the Elks Lodge, there would be a need to provide the tax exemption to other similar type of groups. He recommended that the Tax Assessor/Collector present a Report regarding the possible impact to the County's Tax Revenue caused by the tax exemption. Judge Hinojosa added that the County would contact the Elks Lodge once the information was presented, and noted that the Elks Lodge had a positive impact to the community. He stated the following needs: to determine if the County carried the burden along with the Elks Lodge based upon the ultimate revenue consequences; to identify the entities that fell within the same category; to identify the properties that would be subject to the tax exemption; and to determine the total tax consequences.

Mr. Scott questioned if the petitions filed by this time of the year would be eligible for the tax exemption during the current year.

Commissioner Garza explained that tax exemptions could be obtained for the following year and that once approved the term was valid for five (5) years.

Judge Hinojosa stated that regardless if the tax exemption was approved for the ongoing year or next year the tax revenue would be impacted, and that if the Elks Lodge was granted the tax exemption other requests would follow.

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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

Commissioner Garza moved that the 2002-Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 2002-30 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments are as follow:**

**(2) IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 2, 2002 (TABLED)**

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

**(3) IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE PRESENTATION BY TROPICAL TEXAS MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION (TABLED)**

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

**(5) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO BECOME A DIAMOND SPONSOR OF THE BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE**

Judge Hinojosa questioned the total dollar amount to be considered.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, International Bridge System Director, stated that the annual Diamond Sponsorship could be obtained by becoming a partner with the Border Trade Alliance, which had previously presented recommendations on how to restructure the North American Development Bank (NADB), had opposed the cutting of funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), and had been active in getting Energy Legislation passed by Congress. Mr. Sepulveda recommended that the County be an active partner because of the benefits that could be obtained and that it become a leader instead of a follower because of the three (3) International Bridges.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Border Trade Alliance was very instrumental when settling Policy issues concerning border issues, adding that the County would now have the opportunity to have an impact on border issues with a former Cameron County Judge being appointed as Ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. Sepulveda stated that the County was not a member of the Board of Directors and recommended that if the County elected the Diamond Sponsorship, that it be made contingent upon having a County Representative appointed to the Board of Directors. He suggested that the Representative be selected from the Commissioners' Court or that he be selected for the position.

Commissioner Garza questioned the funding source.

Mr. Sepulveda stated that funds were available from the Bridge System's Operating Budget.

Commissioner Valdez questioned the action to be taken if the Board of Directors rejected having a County Representative on the Board of Directors.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that such case that the lower category of sponsorship be funded.

Mr. Sepulveda noted that by becoming a member of the Border Trade of Alliance, the County would be previewed to the information obtained and could have a Representative present at all meetings.

Commissioner Valdez moved that the Diamond Sponsorship of the Border Trade Alliance be authorized contingent upon having a Cameron County Representative appointed to the Board of Directors or that otherwise the Silver Sponsorship be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(6) CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL MOBILITY TASK FORCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, International Bridge System Director, stated that he had attended the meetings held by the Mobility Task Force on behalf of the County Judge and had made all the relevant information available to the Court. He reported that the County was in a delicate position concerning Interstate 69 (I-69), and explained that the biggest issue was to convince the Texas Highway Commission (TxHC) that the Rio Grande Valley be considered top priority. Mr. Sepulveda explained that the proposed creation of an Executive Committee to oversee the daily activities for the Mobility Task Force, such as developing strategies and an Action Plan be presented to the Texas Highway Commission and submitted to the Elected Officials in Austin and in Washington, D.C., was previously discussed. He added that Public Hearings were ongoing in Washington, D.C., for the T-21 valid for the next five (5) years, and that I-69 was very important to Cameron County due to the three (3) International Bridges.

Judge Hinojosa stated that Mr. Sepulveda was very active in the Organization, and suggested that he be appointed to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Valdez questioned if Judge Hinojosa was a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Sepulveda stated that Judge Hinojosa had been a member of the Mobility Task Force and that the Executive Committee was being created. He stated that the other communities would have staff attend the Executive Committees and have the Elected Officials attend the meetings where major Policy decisions would be made.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that he be appointed to the Executive Committee with Mr. Sepulveda as a designee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously, Judge Hinojosa was appointed to the Rio Grande Valley Regional Mobility Task Force Executive Committee to represent Cameron County with Mr. Pete Sepulveda, International Bridge System Director, as the designee.

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(7) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING AUTHORIZATION  
FOR MATERIALS TESTING AT THE METAL  
BUILDING WAREHOUSE (TABLED)**

Mr. Carlos Sanchez, County Engineer's Office, explained that this Item related to an Agreement with Raba Kistner for material, soil, and asphaltic testings for the parking lot areas at the metal building warehouse adjacent to the Carrizalez/Rucker Detention Center.

Commissioner Garza questioned the material testings needed.

Mr. Sanchez stated that material testing were needed to assure proper compaction of the soil, and appropriate burying capacity for the structure.

Commissioner Garza questioned if the testings were intended to assure that the proper work be conducted.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the testings were needed to assure a firm foundation.

Commissioner Garza questioned if the request was for testing related to the approved Change Order.

Judge Hinojosa stated that a Budget Amendment had already been approved for the foundation and that he believed that the testing should have been presented prior to approving the foundation.

Mr. Sanchez explained that the tests were required to assure that the materials were correct and of sufficient strength.

Commissioner Valdez explained that the Item previously considered pertained to the under estimated amount of fill dirt and that this Item related to testing of the metal materials.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he was not familiar with the testing of the metal building warehouse after a Geotechnical Study had been conducted for the foundation. He stated that the modification of the foundation was approved based on the determination that the soil was not appropriate for the land, and questioned what would be tested.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the soil compaction needed to be tested as it was being laid.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, noted that the documents being considered had not reviewed as previously advised by Commissioner Garza, and stated that the venue of dispute was placed as Bear County, that the document consisted of a Memorandum Agreement, and that the pricing schedule appeared to be of issue, and that the Agreement was unclear as to what the County was obtaining.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that this Item be tabled and that the terms of the contract be revised.

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

**(8) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE ALL BEACH VENDOR'S PERMITS TO CHANGE FROM A MOBILE VENDING PERMIT TO A STATIONARY PERMIT AND BE GIVEN A DESIGNATED VENDING ZONE**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Systems Director: "Judge, Commissioners, we've seen over the past couple of years some public safety issues that were brought to our attention recently. And this is for the mobile vendors that go up and down the beach selling corn and ice-cream and so on. What we want to do is instead of them having, being mobile; we want to have them stationary, parked there at the parking areas at Access No. 5 and Access No. 6. And just to give you some examples of what is happening is that the mobile vendors are parking, family and kids are running across the street or road trying to go and buy something and oncoming traffic is a Safety Problem."

Judge Hinojosa: "That's a very good idea."

Commissioner Garza: "We are getting numerous calls on that issue."

Judge Hinojosa: "Do I hear a motion on that?"

Commissioner Garza: "I so move."

Mr. Mendez: "Also Judge, what we want to do is to have them uniformed and all expire at the same and all be renewed at the same time. So we want to have them expire or the term to be until December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year."

Commissioner Garza: "That's fine. I move that we go ahead and you know, start getting them all lined up with the same expiration date."

Commissioner Valdez: "I'll second that."

Judge Hinojosa: "Plus to approve the stationary....."

Commissioner Garza: "Stationary."

Judge Hinojosa: "....aspect of that, Stationary Permit."

Commissioner Garza: "And you will determine the designated zone for each one?"

Mr. Mendez: "Yes Commissioner. There's only two (2) families that sell out there. So what we are going to do is, we are going to have each one be at Access No. 5 and each one be at Access No. 6, so there won't be a problem."

Judge Hinojosa: "There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All those in favor signify by saying I, all those opposed. Motion carries."

Commissioner Garza moved that all Beach Vendors' Permits be authorized to change from a Mobile Vending Permit to a Stationary Permit and to designate a Vending Zone.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valdez and carried unanimously.

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- (9) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL STATIONARY VENDOR'S PERMIT AND DESIGNATE A VENDING ZONE TO MARIA & JAIME SALAZAR, D/B/A RUBY'S ELOTE NO. 2**
- (10) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL STATIONARY VENDOR'S PERMIT AND DESIGNATE A ROTATING VENDING ZONE TO BRENNAN AND MISTY WELLS, D/B/A WELLS BEACH RENTALS**
- (11) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A NEW STATIONARY VENDOR'S PERMIT AND DESIGNATE A ROTATING VENDING ZONE TO JUAN MORA III, D/B/A V-TECH SIGNS & RENTALS**

Judge Hinojosa: "Do I hear a motion to approve all three (3)?"

Commissioner Garza: "So move."

Commissioner Valdez: "I'll second that."

Judge Hinojosa: "Motion by Commissioner Garza, second by Commissioner Valdez, any further discussion?"

Mr. Brennan Wells, Wells Beach Rentals: "May I approach the bench?"

Judge Hinojosa: "Sure."

Commissioner Garza: "Any comments from Javier on these three (3)."

Mr. Mendez: "No. The only thing is I met with Brennan Wells and he had some concerns, and he asked to speak before the Court today."

Mr. Wells: "My name is Brennan Wells, my wife Misty Wells. We operate under a stationary permit on Access No. 5, we rent umbrellas, tubes, and such. Ten (10) years ago I started this little business beach frontal and we used to set up down the beach like all the other concessionaires did, we had a long span. Which was rather difficult because cars were coming in and out and we had to walk back and forth, and we couldn't really ask anybody to leave the park around us, because it is a Public Beach. So what we did, five (5) years ago, my wife began setting up at the entrance of Access No. 5 and we have set up where cars come onto the beach. And we keep it very well open so that when cars come by they don't park right there and congest the entrance. And it's been pretty good for us, and we rent all our items to go. We take a little deposit, usually it's a driver's license, they get it back. Just something of value. And what we are proposing is, we have an established clientele that we've had for the last five (5) years and we'd like to maintain that. Mr. Mendez here has proposed something else, there's another vendor that wants to come in, and I understand that we can't have exclusivity, however, we have an established clientele that we'd like to maintain. It is a safe area. My wife



does work the beach by herself on Access No. 5. And he's proposed that the other vendor rotate weekends. Well that would be difficult for us, being that we'd have to go further down the beach, mainly for me it is a safety issue, my wife down there by herself. She does have a helper that helps her, but it is a lot easier for us to work at the entrance."

Judge Hinojosa: "Which one of these are to be rotated?"

Mr. Mendez: "Mora and Brennan Wells."

Mr. Wells: "We'd like to request if we can possibly get a designated area, and we have no problem sharing the beach with somebody, it's just that we would like to have the air that we've kind of established. And I realize that we are not a main source of revenue for the County by any means. And if something was generated in the future we'd like to be part of that."

Judge Hinojosa: "Well, go ahead."

Commissioner Valdez: "Doesn't this provide, where they can both be at the entrance at the same time if they wanted to so that they didn't have to be rotating since it is not exclusive?"

Mr. Mendez: "Well yes, but what happens is that Mr. Wells, his business it would take up, I don't know, maybe 200 feet of beach frontage, because what they do, they set up their umbrellas. And then of course the other permit or applicant would have to be 200 feet down from the beach Access No. 5."

Commissioner Valdez: "Okay."

Judge Hinojosa: "Inaudible."

Mr. Mendez: "I'm sorry, the issue we've had before, in the past is that it was first come first served, whomever got there first but there was a lot of ....."

Commissioner Valdez: "So when you go, you put all your umbrellas for 200 feet."

Mr. Wells: "In the past we did that. Now my wife, we have a red truck and it's full of umbrellas and we park at the entrance and we set up all out umbrellas within like a ten-foot area and people come by and we rent them to go. So the area now we have is not very large, it's probably twenty (25) or thirty (30) feet that takes the entrance up."

Judge Hinojosa: "They just put them up wherever they want them?"

Mr. Wells: "Right, they take it down the beach and that way we don't have to go out there and find them. It's a lot easier for us and we don't have to argue with anybody. And if the other vendor comes in and he is next to us, right there at the entrance it's pretty wide at the beginning, which is good for everybody, the families can play there, but further down it gets narrow, people actually drive next to the water, and that's where it would be a conflict of interest, if the other vendor/individual or I have to set up further down we'd be set up right on the water it would just be more difficult."

Mr. Mendez: "The other thing Judge and Commissioners, Mr. Mora did approach us and he asked to set up at Access No. 6. And I just want to eliminate if there is any problem down the line, that we do have, do give him the right or the ability to set up at Access No. 5. But he had asked to set up at Access No. 6."

Judge Hinojosa: "So why don't you just leave him there and put Mr. Mora at Access No. 6?"

Commissioner Garza: "That makes it that simple."

Judge Hinojosa: "That solves the problem. Is that all right? That'll work for everybody? Seems to me that'll keep everybody happy and we don't have to make a tough decision."

Commissioner Garza: "If he asked for it."

Commissioner Valdez: "But Judge, that sets up basically an exclusivity right? If you do that. If you set somebody, one just at six and one at five, then that sets up an exclusivity, and I don't think that is what we want to do."

Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant: "I think that would be a question that would be raised if somebody else were to ask to be a stationary."

Judge Hinojosa: "We'll cross that sandal when we get to it."

Commissioner Garza: "When they ask."

Commissioner Valdez: "But they are asking. Cause even Mr. Mora....."

Mr. Wells: "If I understand it right, on Nos. 8 and 9 that's what you're going to setup for the mobile vendors now, they are going to get a designated area. It would make it easier and less wobbly if everybody had a set area."

Commissioner Garza: "Well the only thing is that we are setting them both up at the same place. Right? Okay."

Judge Hinojosa: "So you'll be at five (5), they'll be at six(6). That's what they want."

Commissioner Valdez: "Then we can go back to first come first served."

Judge Hinojosa: "If somebody else comes back then we'll talk about it. I mean, Mr. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Wells have been doing business with us for years and you know....."

Mr. Wells: "I'd also like to ask you another question. Right now, like I said we are not really a source of revenue for the County, however, in the future, will the County entertain the thought of possibly building a facility there under the pavilion, as existing, to where you can actually have a concession, so they can work out of it and we can bid on it, and pay a percentage like the other, like Andy Bowie and also down at the other ends."

Judge Hinojosa: "I don't have a problem with it if the Core will let us build there."

Mr. Mendez: "Yeah I don't think Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) will let us build there because of the elevation."

Judge Hinojosa: "If we can do it legally, that's a good idea."

Mr. Wells: "We'll put something together and we'll present it to you guys."

Commissioner Valdez: "You can designate an area where you can park and all that without building anything."

Mr. Wells: "Well they already have that at the pavilion and we'll talk about that later. Thank you."

Commissioner Garza: "I move to approve those Items designating both Mr. Mora and the Wells to each five (5) and six (6). Right Javier?"

Judge Hinojosa: "Five (5) to Mr. Wells and Mrs. Well, and six (6) to Mr. Mora."

Commissioner Garza: "And six (6) to Mr. Mora. Yup."

Judge Hinojosa: "On Nos. 9, 10, and 11, there is a second by Commissioner Valdez?"

Commissioner Valdez: "I'll second it, Judge."

Judge Hinojosa: "All those in favor signify by saying I. I. All those opposed? Motion carries."

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Valdez, and carried unanimously the renewal of Stationary Vendor's Permit and designation of Vending Zones to Maria and Jaime Salazar, d/b/a Ruby's Elote No. 2, to Brennan and Misty Wells, d/b/a Wells Beach Rentals, and to Juan Mora III, d/b/a V-Tech Signs & Rentals were authorized.

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**(12) CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management Coordinator, reported that the Item related to Item No. 19, in which the County was awarded a Grant, in the amount of \$88,200.00, for Local Law Enforcement. He stated that the Committee was the structure used to recommend projects to Commissioners' Court for selection and that the Committee's members who had previously served were willing to serve again.

Commissioner Valdez suggested that Constable Jaime Vasquez, Constable Precinct No. 7, be appointed as a replacement to the Constable Section of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Garza moved that the appointments and reappointments to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory be approved as presented.

Mr. Bejarano stated that the Committee's Structure required a representative from the following agencies: Law Enforcement, Office of the District Attorney, Court System, a Non-Profit Organization, and the School System, adding that additional members could be appointed as long as the said areas were represented.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that Constable Vasquez be an additional appointee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried unanimously, the appointments and reappointments to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory were approved inclusive of the appointment of Constable Jaime Vasquez, Constable Precinct No. 7.

**The list 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 WAS TAKEN SEPARATELY.**

### DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- ITEM NO. 19: Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management Coordinator, reported that a Grant, in the amount of \$88,200.00, was awarded to the County for Local Law Enforcement.
- ITEM NO. 15: Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, noted the need for the Court to find that Health Services District perform a beneficial function to the public, and that prior to paying the Bonds, a letter should be received from the appointees indicating that they would reimburse the County in the event the Health Services District did not. Judge Hinojosa questioned the need for the letter.

### **NOTE: COMMISSIONER BENAVIDES JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.**

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that the funding of the Bonds could be justified since it would be a County Function.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Health Service District would reimburse the County the expense, and questioned the need for the appointees to pay in the event the Health Service District did not pay.

Mr. Wright recommended that the condition be in place and stated that there was Constitutional Provision that required that the County be reimbursed by the appointees in the event the Health Service District did not pay.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Health Service District was being created and that they would be obligated to present payment.

Mr. Wright stated that once the Health Service District had established a Budget the Statute allowed for them to pay for that purpose, and that this was not a County function, and that the Office of the Attorney General had indicated that the County could not fund the bonds. Mr. Wright added that Mr. John Fuller, County Government Affairs, had accepted that Constitutional Provision would be satisfied if a County Function was being served and if the County was reimbursed.

Commissioner Garza questioned who the Bonds were being funded for, and stated that the County Judge would appoint the individuals but with the Commissioners' input.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Legislation authorized him to appoint the members.

Commissioner Garza stated that it was promised that input would be considered when appointing the members to the Health Services District.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he had appointed the following members: Colonel Bill Carl, former mayor of the City of Harlingen; Father Michael Siefer, Cameron Park Community Representative; and Dr. Gustavo Stern, former County employee. He stated that he did not recall making that promise.

Commissioner Valdez clarified that there was a need to amend the Item based upon Legal Counsel's recommendation.

Mr. Wright stated that it was assumed that the appointees, as Board members, would approve of the expenditures.

Judge Hinojosa stated that funds would be available for the construction of the facility and that the County would contribute the Indigent Health Funds.

- ITEM NO. 24: Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, stated that the Evaluation Committee recommended by Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, was as follows: Mr. Mark

Yates, County Auditor, Mr. Alejandro Coronado, Mr. Richard Santellana. He stated that Judge Hinojosa had recommended that Mr. Pete Sepulveda, International Bridge System Director, and Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, be appointed to the Evaluation Committee as well.

ITEM NO. 25: Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, stated that the Evaluation Committee recommended for this Item consisted of the following individuals: Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Manager, Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, International System Bridge Director, and Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer.

ITEM NO. 22 "d": Mr. Remi Garza, Administrative Assistant, clarified that this Item pertained to two (2) Officers rather than one (1).

Commissioner Valdez moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items" be approved based upon the finding that the County would benefit because the Health Services District was directly involved with the Indigent Health Services and that the Court would contemplate that the appointees would sign a letter indicating that they would reimburse the Bonds' expenditures to the County in the event the Health Services District did not.

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

AYE: Commissioners Garza and Valdez,

NAY: None,

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 00079967, as to Southwest Key La Esperanza, in the amount of \$21,407.88.

**(13) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS;**

**(14) RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. HERMINIA "MINNIE" SALDIVAR ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS;  
The Resolution follows:**

**(15) AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE BONDS FOR APPOINTEES TO HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT;**

**(16) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOUR OPERATION AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES;  
The Resolution follows:**

**(17) UTILIZATION OF THE QISV-QUALIFIED INFORMATION SERVICE VENDOR TO PURCHASE SERVICES FOR THE MIGRATION OF WINDOWS 2000 AND EXCHANGE 2000;**

**(18) APPROVAL FOR THE DANCY BUILDING ARCHITECT, ROBERTO J. RUIZ, INC., TO CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITH RESTORATION ASSOCIATES LIMITED, LLC, FOR PAINT ANALYSIS, CONSISTENT WITH THE OWNER AND ARCHITECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT;  
The Contract follows:**

**(19) ACCEPTANCE OF THE ON-LINE GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2002 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT;**

- (20) **RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE CAMERON COUNTY'S COMMITMENT ON FUNDING AND LAND USE FOR THE BOCA CHICA PARK;**  
**The Resolution follows:**
- (21) **AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR FM 800;**  
**The Agreement follows:**
- (22) **PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER FROM WAL-MART AND REFUND OF \$130.16 TO DR. SUSAN RITTER FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE FORENSIC TRAINING LAB;**
- (23) **FINAL APPROVAL FOR:**  
(A) **PRECINCT NO. 4 - MAGNOLIA ESTATES NO. II - BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 10.08 ACRES OF LOT NO. 33, ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "B" LA FERIA GRANT.**
- (24) **OPENING OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS/PROPOSAL:**  
(A) **INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 1220, AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED EVALUATION COMMITTEE.**
- (25) **OPENING OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:**  
(A) **LOS TOMATES CONCESSION SITE, AND APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED EVALUATION COMMITTEE.**

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

- (26) **AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
- (a) County Engineer to attend the "Colonia Proposition II Meeting in Austin, Texas, July 22-23, 2002;
- (b) GIS Coordinator and GIS Cartographer to attend the "First Annual Rio Grande Valley Arc Users Group Conference", in Edinburg, Texas, July 25-26, 2002;
- (c) District Clerk and Deputy to attend the "County and District Clerks Legislative Committee Meeting", in Austin, Texas, July 25-26, 2002;
- (d) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the "Tropical Texas Presentation", in Austin, Texas, July 24-25, 2002; and
- (e) District Clerk and three (3) deputies to attend the "Texas Association of Child Support Registries (TACSRS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Court Workshop", in Austin, Texas, August 27-29, 2002.

- (14) **RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. HERMINIA “MINNIE” SALDIVAR ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**



- (16) **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOUR OPERATION AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES.**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (18) **APPROVAL FOR THE DANCY BUILDING ARCHITECT, ROBERTO J. RUIZ, INC., TO CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITH RESTORATION ASSOCIATES LIMITED, LLC, FOR PAINT ANALYSIS, CONSISTENT WITH THE OWNER AND ARCHITECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.**  
**The Contract is as follows:**

- (20) **RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE CAMERON COUNTY'S COMMITMENT ON FUNDING AND LAND USE FOR THE BOCA CHICA PARK.**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (21) **AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR FM 800.**  
**The Agreement is as follows:**

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:34 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of **August 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.**