



**Cameron County, Texas  
Commissioners' Court  
Cameron County Courthouse, 4th Floor  
964 E. Harrison St.  
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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a *Regular Public Meeting* on *Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.*

**Gilberto Hinojosa  
County Judge  
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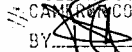
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CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS  
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## NOTICE

### COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2003, AT 9:30 A.M.

## AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, VTCS, AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING** OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE, 964 E. HARRISON STREET, FOURTH FLOOR, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

1. PRESENTATION BY KATHY CASAS REGARDING WATER SERVICES FOR KOPPERNICK SHORES.(COMM.PCT. 1)

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - A. JULY 22, 2003 - REGULAR
4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR SAFEKEEPING OF THE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT FOR LONE STAR NATIONAL.(DJV-LEGAL)
5. CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DALLAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE SECURITIES CURRENTLY HELD AS COLLATERAL BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,102,159.90, AT MARKET VALUE.(EG-TREASURER)

6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FLOODING OF THE BAHIA GRANDE, LITTLE LAGUNA AND THE LAGUNA LARGA.(COMM.PCT. 3)
7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT PATROLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPEED "HUMPS" IN THE PALM COURT DRIVE AREA IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS.(COMM.PCT 3)
8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE EQUALIZATION OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SALARIES.(COMM.PCT.3)
9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY TAX RATE FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR.(XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SETTING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION.(XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
11. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY.(COMM.CT.)
12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY CLOSNER & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.(FB-PD&M)
13. CONSIDERATION AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY CLOSNER & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.(FB-PD&M)
14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH R.L. ABATEMENT, INC. FOR DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON EAST JACKSON STREET IN BROWNSVILLE, PURSUANT TO THE DANCY BUILDING PARKING PLAN.(FB-PD&M)
15. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AMBIOTEC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., TO MONITOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT ON CERTAIN STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ON EAST JACKSON STREET IN BROWNSVILLE.(FB-PD&M)
16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE SALARIES FOR THE ASSISTANT FOREMEN POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.(JB-ENGINEER)
17. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO DI STEFANO/SANTOPETRO ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE ENGINEERING AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS AND THE INTERIOR DESIGN OF THE RECORDS WAREHOUSE.(JB-ENGINEER)
18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS.(COMM.CT.)
19. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN TO CREATE A SOUTH CAMERON COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM AND A NORTH CAMERON COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM FOR HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE.(GS-COUNTY JUDGE)

20. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A JOINT INTERLOCAL EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN IN SUPPORT OF THE NEWLY CREATED HAZMAT TEAMS.(GS-COUNTY JUDGE)

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY.

21. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TAXES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PER SECTION 25.25 (C) AND SECTION 42.41 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE TO:(TY-TAX)
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| A. | CYNTHIA GUAJARDO     | \$ 608.67  | CHANGE VALUE |
| B. | JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$1,636.29 | CHANGE VALUE |
| C. | JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$1,607.42 | CHANGE VALUE |
| D. | JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$2,967.68 | CHANGE VALUE |
| E. | JP MORGAN CHASE BANK | \$2,918.65 | CHANGE VALUE |
23. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM PHOENIX I RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE DANCY BUILDING.(FB-PD&M)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN BENITO FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF FM/732.(JBJ-ENGINEER)
25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MYERS LANE LOCATED IN THE ALOE VERA SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM.(JB-ENGINEER)
26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BE RENEWED FOR FISCAL YEAR 03/04 FOR THE ENGINEERING & RIGHT OF WAY OFFICES.(JB-ENGINEER)
27. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR:
- A. PRECINCT NO. 2 - PABLO GONZALES SUBDIVISION, NO. 2 - BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A 5.000 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF BLOCK 9, STUART PLACE SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
- B. PRECINCT NO. 4 - MATTHEW BAILEY SUBDIVISION - BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF BLOCK 197 ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "C", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

**TRAVEL ITEMS:**

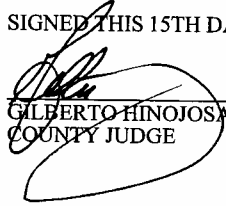
28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
- A. 197<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 9/20-10/3/03, , TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - B. COUNTY CLERK, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/25-27/03, TO ATTEND THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL ELECTION LAW SEMINAR FOR COUNTY CLERKS, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATORS, AND VOTER REGISTRARS.
  - C. ASSOCIATE JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO MCALLEN, TEXAS ON 8/14/03, TO ATTEND THE BIPOLAR DISORDER IN YOUTH CONFERENCE.
  - D. HEALTH EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 9/8-9/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION'S SOUTH TEXAS SEMINAR.
  - E. DISTRICT ATTORNEY EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 9/8-10/03, TO ATTEND THE BORDER TERRORISM CONFERENCE.
  - F. DISTRICT CLERK AND EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 9/16-18/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS DISTRICT COURT ALLIANCE ANNUAL WORKSHOP.
  - G. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 9/2-5/03, TO ATTEND THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL FAMILY PRESERVATION CONFERENCE.
  - H. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/24-27/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE'S 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ELECTION LAW SEMINAR FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.
  - I. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 9/9-12/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS CONFERENCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM REPORTING.
  - J. COUNTY COURT AT LAW EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 9/30-10/3/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATORS ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - K. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON 10/18-24/03, TO ATTEND THE MID-MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.
  - L. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1 EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 9/30-10/3/03, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATORS ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - M. COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 8/20-21/03, TO RETURN NON WORKING A&M EQUIPMENT.

- N. PD&M EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 8/22/03, TO ATTEND THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
- O. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS ON 9/11-13/03, TO ATTEND THE WILLS & PROBATES INSTITUTE CONFERENCE.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 29. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - A. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: BURNS AVENUE LOCATED SOUTH POINT TOWNSITE IN PRECINCT 1, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
  - B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE POSSIBLE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DAVID GARZA IN SAN BENITO, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - C. TO DELIBERATE THE EVALUATION OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.
  - D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF STANDARDS SET OUT BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
  - E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF STYLED RENE A. GOSSER VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND CONRADO CANTU, SHERIFF OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS CAUSE #2003-08-4129-A AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
- 30. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION;
  - A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - E. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2003.



GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE