

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2003, 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:

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

JOHN WOOD  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

Mary Robles Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:  
\_\_\_\_\_



The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Pedro "Pete" Benavides at 9:30 A.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 October 24, 2003, at 11:31 A.M.:

Commissioner Garza requested that Green Valley Farm residents experiencing major flooding be allowed to present concerns and requests.

Judge Pro-tem Benavides expressed his concern with flooding in Green Valley Farms and thanked the constituents for being present.

Mrs. Rosie Deleija, President of Green Valley Owners Association, informed that continuous rains have been experienced in Green Valley Farms and their problems start once the water from San Benito and the property owned by Mr. James Russell drains into Green Valley Farms. She requested that the problem be resolved, noting stated that Green Valley Farms was the largest colonia and had not been addressed. Mrs. Deleija questioned what was needed to address the problem, and stated that flooding issues in Cameron Park and Valle Escondido was addressed by spending millions of dollars, as was done in Del Mar Heights.

Commissioner Garza explained that a drainage ditch had been placed behind Del Mar Heights to alleviate the flooding.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, cautioned against dialogue between the Commissioners and the public due to the need to have an Agenda Item to inform the public at large.

Mrs. Deleija questioned why the Agenda was available only in English and stated that it should be bilingual because people were not aware of what was being approved and how monies were being spent; adding that tax payers gave Commissioners the opportunity and authorization to spend their tax money. Mrs. Deleija added that people were not upset about tax increases but rather about the way tax monies were spent due to the lack of equipment and proper personnel. Mrs. Deleija stated that salaries being received by "top people" were "killing the budget" and questioned if the salaries were deserve, adding that the community wants Commissioners who have the best interest of the people. She expressed concern with dangers involved when Iowa Gardens Road floods, with ill residents unable to seek healthcare because of the flooding, and with children falling in the waters. Mrs. Deleija stated that Thomas Lane was approved as a County Roadway on September 24, 2003; however, only half was being paved. She suggested that the Federal Disaster Declaration be used to address the problem in Green Valley Farms. Mrs. Deleija stated that Irrigation District No. 2 and Drainage District No. 3 had plans to build a retention pond, but since Mr. Ronnie Garcia came into his position in Drainage District No. 3 the project was stopped and not resumed even though 139 acres were purchased for the same. She questioned the affects of a buy out program, and stated that the Tobacco Settlement money could have been used to fund the \$2 million needed to build the retention pond.

Mr. Wright advised that there was a regularly scheduled Meeting and recommended that an Agenda Item be placed in order to fully discuss the issue. He explained that the purpose for the Court to listen to the public was to be made aware of important issues and that no action could be taken at this time.

Commissioner Garza noted that people took time to attend the meeting; therefore, should be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Wright suggested that matters on the Agenda be considered at this time and that the issues be discussed in a proper forum.

Commissioner Garza suggested that two (2) or three (3) other individuals be given an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, suggested that Agenda Items be addressed first in order for the present Department Heads to leave and to have ample time to listen to the concerns.

Judge Pro-tem Benavides requested that public comments continue.

Commissioner Garza commented that it was best if Department Heads heard the concerns.

At this time the following County residents expressed concern with flooding in Green Valley Farms and the health issues and dangerous situations that derived, and requested that the matter be addressed:

Ms. Veronica Martinez;

Ms. Maria Coronado;

Ms. Concepcion Gonzalez;

Ms. Maria Guadalupe Mata;

Ms. Efrencina Encina;

Mr. Fernando Ruiz; and

Mr. Jose Cavazos.

Judge Pro-tem Benavides thanked the constituents for addressing their concerns, and explained that action could not be taken. He suggested that an Agenda Item be placed in the near future.

Mrs. Deleija asked if all of Thomae Lane had been accepted by the County.

Commissioner Garza explained that there would be three (3) drafts for Proposition II funding and that only East Thomae Lane would be paved in Phase I of Proposition II Funding, adding that West Thomae Lane would be included in the next application for Proposition II funding. He informed that pumps had been purchased for the Public Works Department.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(1) IN THE MATTER REGARDING BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR  
SALARY SCHEDULES (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

---

- (2) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: (TABLED)**
- (a) **SEPTEMBER 9, 2003-REGULAR MEETING;**
  - (b) **SEPTEMBER 16, 2003-REGULAR MEETING;**
  - (c) **SEPTEMBER 23, 2003-REGULAR MEETING; AND**
  - (d) **SEPTEMBER 23, 2003-SPECIAL MEETING.**

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

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE HEARD COLLECTELY 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. 14:**

Commissioner Garza questioned the difference between the Agenda Item and the back-up information.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, requested that the Item be tabled because it was previously approved for the Joseph O'Brien Clinic and informed that Bids for the Darrel B Hester Building would be presented next week.

**ITEM NO. 15:**

Commissioner Garza questioned why the County should reimburse Olmito Water Supply when their uncased water line was located on a County right-of way.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer/Public Works Director, explained that a report, which is provided to the Safety Risk Director and to the insurance, was not available in this case. He explained that the Olmito Water Supply claimed that the water line was properly placed and that Public Works employees should have consulted them before excavating, adding that it had been an emergency and the work had to be done.

Commissioner Garza reiterated that Olmito Water Supply utilized the County's right-of-way, and questioned if the water line placed across the drainage ditch was supposed to be cased in.

Mr. Bernal responded that all utilities were located on County right-of-ways.

Commissioner Garza stated that the water line was not cased in and that additional work would be done at the crossing to repair the faulty drainage structure.

Mr. Bernal that Olmito Water Supply would be requested to relocate the lines, and that the invoice was for worked hours and materials expended to repair the water line.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that this was a good example of when the Court must lay out general terms of a Policy to be directed to the Engineering Department regarding utility lines and right-of-ways. He stated that the Court has never been presented with major lines being placed on the County's right-of-ways, and that the Court would be in the same situation in the future unless the language was correct and in compliance with Statutes because the restriction placed on utility companies do not place the burden clearly back on them. Mr. Wright questioned the reasoning for funding the repairs of the water line if it would likely be relocated in the near future.

Commissioner Garza stated that the drainage structure beneath the road was in dire need of repair and that the water line would be in the way. He questioned if the County must again fund repairs during the relocation.

Mr. Bernal responded negatively.

Commissioner Garza stated that the County was improving the drainage structure when the water line was ruptured, and explained that the flooded area needed to be drained. He noted that he did not fault the Public Works Department for addressing the problem and that Olmito Water Supply should not bill the County for a water line located on County right-of-way.

Commissioner Wood questioned why Public Works Personnel would have known the location of the water line; however, they had to address the flooding issue, as was done.

Mr. Wright stated that anytime a utility line was allowed on County right-of-way the designs and plans must be submitted for approval, adding that the County must know the location of the line in order to maintain the roads.

Commissioner Wood noted the difference between what was found on file and what was known by a Public Works employee operating heavy equipment to relieve an emergency situation.

Mr. Wright stated that the liability would rest on the utility company if the utility line was not placed where they indicated. He suggested that an Agenda Item be placed to clarify how the Public Works Department handles granting of utility easements on County right-of-way. Mr. Wright stated that placement of utilities must be approved by the Court and signed by the County Judge and not the County Engineer unless there were very precise guidelines.

Mr. Bernal indicated that there were guidelines for placement of utility lines on County right-of-way that require waterlines to be 18 inches deep; however, this waterline was under the drainage ditch.

Commissioner Garza stated that the waterline was above the drainage structure, and suggested that this Item be tabled.

Commissioner Tamayo suggested that the payment be denied.

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, stated that the County should pay the repairs of the water line damaged by County personnel if they knew that the waterline was there.

Mr. Wright asked if the Court was aware that it had an easement.

Commissioner Wood questioned how the Court was to know that the water line was there.

Mr. Garza stated that the decision to dig was not based on nothing being underground and that nobody questioned if a utility line was there. He stated that action was taken as an immediate response and that the Court should pay the \$1,800.00 cost.

Mr. Bernal explained that information pertaining to utility lines was requested from utility companies prior to excavations.

Commissioner Wood noted that there was a time period for utility companies to respond to the request and that time was unavailable.

Mr. Wright stated that the same rules do not apply to the County when utility companies have utility lines in a County right-of-way. He stated that the County has a way to protect itself if rules were followed.

Mr. Bernal stated that the rules were to contact the utility companies before any excavation was done.

Commissioner Tamayo questioned if Policies were in place and if they were being followed.

Mr. Bernal reiterated that the Policy was that the County must contact the utility companies and that it takes about five (5) days to spot utility lines in order to proceed with the excavation. He noted that in this case the County was unable to wait for the information due to the emergency.

Commissioner Garza noted that relief from the flooding situation was needed immediately.

Mr. Wright asked if the County Engineer signs off when a utility company places a utility line on a County right-of-way and if it was specified where the line was supposed to be.

Mr. Bernal responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Wright questioned if the utility companies require that the County pay if utility lines were damaged when they were not placed where they were supposed to be.

Mr. Bernal responded negatively.

Commissioner Garza asked whether the utility line was supposed to be above or beneath the drainage structure.

Mr. Bernal noted the need to review the California Road right-of-way map.

Commissioners Wood and Garza suggested that this Item be tabled.

**ITEM NO. 17-a:** Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, noted that lodging was not included.

**ITEM NO. 3:** Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor presented the following late claims: Warrant No. 00105706, payable to the Cameron County Jury Fund, in the amount of \$4,108.50; and Warrant No. 00105707, payable to Home Depot Credit Services, in the amount of \$2,670.49.

**ITEM NO. 12 & 13:** Commissioner Wood requested clarification of the differentials between software.

Mr. Rudy Juarez, Computer Center Director, explained that Item No. 12 compiles third party software agreements for mid range computers, and added that third party vendors specialize in certain applications, utilities, and tools used by staff at times. He explained that his Office has a Development Team, consisting of four (4) Programmers, who develop software application for various County Departments. Mr. Juarez stated that in the mid-range computing systems there were proprietary operating systems that have a selected number of resources available within them. He explained that Hewlett Packard opted to not consume the entire market, as has Microsoft, by developing only an operating system in order to share the abundance of resources by allowing other companies to develop their own tools and resources for the different types of development shops. Mr. Juarez stated that Productive sells terminal emulation software that makes a computer pretend it was a dumb terminal to the main system and was used by various County Departments to access Court Case Management Systems. He stated that Vital Soft was a report writing tool that enables generation of reports in less time and that support for this software was renewed to obtain continuous support and updates as needed because many applications depend on this product. Mr. Juarez stated that DISC was another product that specializes in data base optimization that allows indexing data for more efficient searches by key words and to retrieve data quickly. He explained that the nature of Item No. 12 was companies that specialize in tools and resources that simplify the development arena, noting that the software were instrumental and integrated into daily operations of many Departments in the judicial branch of government. Mr. Juarez explained that Item No. 13 pertains to software and hardware support services done with Hewlett Packard because a lot of mid range computer and servers have been standardized with Hewlett Packard, adding that the County depends on outside resources for assistance because of limited resources. He explained that all none Hewlett Packard hardware and software support agreements were included in Item No. 12 and that Hewlett Packard hardware and software support agreements were included in Item No. 13. Mr. Juarez clarified that the agreements were renewed annually, that they expire in October, that they were budgeted, and that all support agreements were received under the budgeted amounts.

Commissioner Tamayo questioned if feedback was obtained from staff and/or if they were involved.

Mr. Juarez responded in the affirmative. He explained that the support agreements were reviewed with Operations Team in efforts to cut back and that the County was very fortunate to have these support agreements.

Commissioner Wood asked how often the County was able to cut back.

Mr. Juarez stated that \$10,000.00 was cut back this year on Item No. 13 and approximately \$1,300.00 for Item No. 12.

Commissioner Wood stated that services to be discontinued for Item No. 13 were reflected in the cost.

Commissioner Garza asked what would happen when that particular item was not serviced.

Mr. Juarez responded that the County had a choice to replace or to do without the services. He explained that everything considered mission critical was on contract and that items considered none mission critical were not placed on the support agreements.

Commissioner Wood asked if the Hewlett Packard 3000 System would no longer be serviced by Hewlett Packard.

Mr. Juarez responded that the Hewlett Packard 3000 System would be service until 2006, noting that plans were already underway to migrate into a different environment.

Commissioner Wood questioned the cost to be encountered at that time.

Mr. Juarez responded that options were available because the system was purchased at a time that if the County chose to upgrade or migrate to a unit's environment there would be a protection plan in place allowing reutilization of equipment and significant savings. He stated that he must determine whether the software running the Court System would be units based. Mr. Juarez stated that upon opting to purchase a new system there would be two (2) years to migrate to the new machine; thus the equipment would have served its purpose.

Commissioner Garza questioned the number of operating servers, and the cost of the Hewlett Packard 3000 System.

Mr. Juarez responded that there were approximately 34 operating servers, and that the cost for the Hewlett Packard 3000 System was \$300,000.00.

**ITEM NO. 11:**

Commissioner Wood stated that he received a call from an individual who claims to have been grossly mishandled by a Deputy Constable and the Constable. He stated that new Deputies were appointed about every two (2) months and questioned they were obtaining proper training.

Commissioner Garza suggested that the Item be tabled and that the question be directed to the hiring individual.

Mr. Remi Garza, County Administrative Assistant, noted that the Item pertained to a Reserve Deputy.

Commissioner Garza stated that he had no problem tabling the matter if future appointments were handled in the same manner.



Commissioner Tamayo noted the need to be consistent, and that she did not have the background information provided by Commissioner Wood. She suggested that the Court be made aware of any information to further explore the matter.

Commissioner Wood noted that it was difficult to review the concern in open session.

Mr. Doug Wright, Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel, stated that a cost was incurred for Reserve Deputies.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if the process being suggested could be followed.

Commissioner Wood stated that he could provide her with the name of the individual claiming to have been mishandled.

Mr. Wright stated that Deputy and Reserved Constables were appointed for the duration of the Fiscal Year and that many have not been reappointed, adding that these could be reviewed to determine if the Policy should be revised.

Commissioner Garza moved that the following "Consent and Travel Items", be approved, inclusive of the late claims and that Items No. 11, 14, and 15 be **TABLED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

- (3) **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS;**
- (4) **AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON DECEMBER 1, 2003 BETWEEN 6:00 PM AND 9:00 PM FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE;**
- (5) **AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST RFQ'S FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TRUCK LANE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES;**
- (6) **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE 2004 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;**  
**The Acceptance Notice follows:**
- (7) **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND ELIZABETH LITWILLER;**  
**The Agreement follows:**
- (8) **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND ANDY ANDREWS;**  
**The Agreement follows:**
- (9) **APPROVAL OF A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CYCLE NO. 8 BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE;**  
**The Agreement follows:**

- (10) **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND KEN ELM FOR THE TITLE V PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE WEEKLY HOURS FROM 9 HOURS A WEEK TO 12 HOURS A WEEK;**  
The Agreement follows:
- (11) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND F. BRANDRIF RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES FOR PRECINCT NO. 1 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS VALID ONLY THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE OR THE CURRENT TERM OF THE ELECTED CONSTABLE WHICH EVER ENDS SOONER; (TABLED)**
- (12) **AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING VENDORS: BRADMARK, VESOPT, DISC, VITAL SOFT, PRODUCTIVE, ROBELLE, MINISOFT, HILLARY SOFT (AGREEMENT DATES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2004);**  
The Agreement follows:
- (13) **AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE HP SUPPORT SERVICES UTILIZING STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT CONTRACTS;**
- (14) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN SITE AND INTERIOR RESTORATION; (TABLED)**
- (15) **IN THE MATTER REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE OLMITO WATER SUPPLY FOR WATERLINE REPAIRS ON CALIFORNIA ROAD; (TABLED)**
- (16) **AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL:**
- A. **PRECINCT 4- GUAJARDO SUBDIVISION, BEING A 5.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE WEST 10.00 ACRES OF BLOCK FIFTY-TWO (52), ADAMS GARDEN SUBDIVISION "B", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.**
  - B. **PRECINCT 2- INWOOD SUBDIVISION, BEING A 40 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING AL OF BLOCK 8, EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.**

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

- (17) **CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**
- (a) Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 2, to attend a "Mandatory Justice Of The Peace Seminar" in South Padre Island, Texas, November 4-7, 2003;
  - (b) District Attorney to attend the "Southwest Border Executive Board Meeting", in San Diego, California, October 27, 2003;
  - (c) Sheriff's Department Officers (3) to attend the "Rio Grande Valley Gang Investigators Course at the University of Texas at Pan American", in Edinburg, Texas, November 3-5, 2003;

- (d) Extension Office Agent to attend the “Regional CEA Career Ladder Peer Review Committee Meeting”, in Victoria, Texas, October 8-9, 2003;
- (e) Juvenile Probation Employees (13) to attend the “Rio Grande Valley Gang Investigators Course”, in Edinburg, Texas, November 3-5, 2003;
- (f) Juvenile Probation Employees (16) to attend “Building Castles Out of Sand Juvenile Justice Association of Texas Fall Conference”, in South Padre Island, Texas, October 27-29, 2003;
- (g) Drug Enforcement Task Force Employee to attend a “Crime & Intelligence Analyst Training Seminar”, in Houston, Texas, November 4-7, 2003;
- (h) Drug Enforcement Task Force Employees (3) to attend the “Annual Grant Training”, in Austin, Texas, November 3-6, 2003;
- (i) County Health Department Employees (11) to attend a “Mini Breastfeeding Program I provided by Texas Department of Health in Cooperation with Rio Grande Regional Hospital”, in McAllen, Texas, November 17, 2003;
- (j) Health Administrator and Epidemiologist to attend the “2003 Texas SARS Summit”, in Austin, Texas, November 18-19, 2003; and
- (k) International Bridge System Director to attend the “Border Trade Alliance Board of Directors Meeting”, Phoenix, Arizona, November 6-7, 2003.

- (6) **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE 2004 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
The Acceptance Notice follows:**

- (7) **APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND ELIZABETH LITWILLER.**  
**The Agreement follows:**

- (8) APPROVAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND ANDY ANDREWS.  
The Agreement follows:**

- (9) **APPROVAL OF A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CYCLE NO. 8 BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE.**  
**The Agreement follows:**

- (10) **APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND KEN ELM FOR THE TITLE V PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE WEEKLY HOURS FROM 9 HOURS A WEEK TO 12 HOURS A WEEK.**  
**The Agreement follows:**



- (12) **AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING VENDORS: BRADMARK, VESOFT, DISC, VITAL SOFT, PRODUCTIVE, ROBELLE, MINISOFT, HILLARY SOFT (AGREEMENT DATES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2004).  
The Agreement follows:**

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**(18) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 10:54 A.M., to discuss the following matters:

- (a) Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel on possible litigation concerning the parking lot in El Norte Subdivision; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.) Government Code, Section 551.072(1) (A).

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 11:06 P.M.

**(19) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (a) **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel on possible litigation concerning the parking lot in El Norte Subdivision.**

Commissioner Garza moved that the settlement, in the amount of \$8,480.00, for the litigation concerning the parking lot in El Norte Subdivision be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:10 A.M.

=====

**APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of **December** 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**GILBERTO HINOJOSA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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