



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioner's Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 4th Floor
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REGULAR MEETING

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

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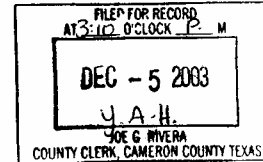
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NOTICE



COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION BY JOHN ALLEN, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE, REGARDING POSSIBLE JAIL INFIRMARY SERVICES COORDINATION. (YS-HEALTH)
2. PRESENTATION BY DR. VICTOR M. GONZALEZ, CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY, REGARDING INFLUENZA. (YS-HEALTH)
3. PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY REPORT REGARDING JAIL ISSUES. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. OCTOBER 28, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RFQ #031002 (REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY-LEGAL SERVICES) AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT. (COMM. COURT)

7. CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY; TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH SUCH CONSULTANT; AND TO DESIGNATE A FUNDING SOURCE. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)
8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PARKING LOT AT CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. (DG- COMM. PCT. 3)
9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN BENITO TO DO REPAIR WORK ON A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROAD. (DG- COMM. PCT. 3)
10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RE-BID OF THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN HEALTH CLINIC PROJECT. (DG-CONSTRUCTION)
11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2003-2004 EQUIPMENT LIST. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2003-2004 ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT LIST AND TO UTILIZE THE TASB BUY BOARD OR THE HGAC INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS ON CERTAIN ITEMS. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND #100-4350 (DISTRICT COURTS) TO FUND #100-5710 (JUVENILE PROBATION) TO CREATE A POSITION OF STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)

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.

14. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
15. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND HIDTA CONTRACTOR LEOLA MCKENNA. (YDL-DA)
16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS UNIT (SWAT) TO ACCEPT (2) ARMORED TRUCKS FROM ROCHESTER ARMORED CAR CO. INC. (RL-SHERIFF)
17. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER HOMELAND SECURITY EQUIPMENT TO BROWNSVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL, VALLEY BAPTIST HOSPITAL, AND HARLINGEN MEDICAL CENTER, IN CAMERON COUNTY. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)

18. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW DALIA LOVERA, R.D., TO SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT ENTITLED *INSIGHT FROM A BREASTFEEDING PEER SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM FOR HUSBANDS AND FATHERS OF TEXAS WIC PARTICIPANTS* (MS# 1054.03) FOR PUBLICATION AND TO SIGN COPYRIGHT OWNERSHIP LETTER. (YS-HEALTH)
19. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM SERVICES. (YS-HEALTH)
20. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND NOEMI HERNANDEZ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. (YS-HEALTH)
21. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND SANDRA R. LOPEZ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. (YS-HEALTH)
22. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE HARLINGEN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
23. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT. (FB-PD&M)
24. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR A RECYCLING PROJECT. (FB-PD&M)
25. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MGM ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC FOR THE COLONIA CORONADO AREA PLANNING STUDY (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 723025). (FB-PD&M)
26. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND F. BRANDRIFF RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES FOR PCT. #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. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)
27. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO AMEND A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND GOMEZ, MENDEZ, SAENZ, INC., FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN OF CAMERON WORKS. (JM-PARKS)

28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BATH-HOUSES AT CONEY ISLAND-ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARKS)
29. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PARK SYSTEM TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM AND BRITT TURKINGTON, D/B/A S.I. CREATIONS. (JM-PARKS)
30. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR: (MK-AUDITOR)
 - A. FARM LAND LEASE-BID #031101
31. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. FOOD: MEATS-QUARTERLY BID #2170-1
32. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY LICENSE FEE RENEWAL FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT/SURVEYOR. (EB-ENGINEERING)
33. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- KARINA & BIANCA SUBDIVISION, BEING A TRACT CONTAINING 1.53 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED OUT OF BLOCK NUMBER TWO HUNDRED TWELVE (212), OF THE ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "C", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
34. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 3- RUSSEK'S NO. 2, BEING A 10.000 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING ALL OF BLOCKS 52 AND 53, LEELANDS SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
35. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- ALYSSA SUBDIVISION, BEING THE EAST 19.64 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK EIGHTY-EIGHT (88), MINNESOTA TEXAS LAND AND IRRIGATION CO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

TRAVEL ITEMS:

36. CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):

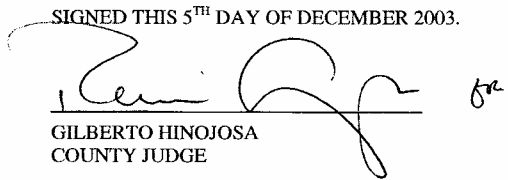
- A. COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERKS (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 1/26-29/04, TO ATTEND THE "CONNECT TO YOUR FUTURE 2004 COURTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE".
- B. EARLY INTERVENTION OFFICER AND BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 1/15-16/04, TO ATTEND "GUIDING GOOD CHOICES", PARENTAL EDUCATION TRAINING SESSION.
- C. WEED AND SEED COORDINATOR, TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 1/15-16/03, TO ATTEND "GUIDING GOOD CHOICES", PARENTAL EDUCATION TRAINING SESSION.
- D. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, ON 12/12/03, TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL I-69 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
- E. PD&M EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO MERCEDES, TX, ON 12/10/03, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 37. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING JUANA D. CAMPBELL VS. CAMERON COUNTY IN THE 103RD DISTRICT COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY; CAUSE NO. 2003-05-2513-D, FOR POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(B)&(2).
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE COLONIA LA TORRE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON WHICH THE DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2) AND 551.072.
 - C. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING UETA AND BRADY'S DUTY FREE STORE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - D. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - E. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND THE PORT ISABEL-CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074(A)(1).

- F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING JOHN ROBERTS VS. WELLS FARGO BANK, FORMERLY FIRST VALLEY BANK, FORMERLY RAYMONDVILLE STATE BANK, TOM FLEMING, DAN HUERTA, AND ROLANDO OLVERA IN THE 107TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; CAUSE NO. 2003-12-5738-A, FOR DISCUSSION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
 - G. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MITCHELL KENT SWEEZY AND PAULINE R. SWEEZY VS. LONE STAR NATIONAL BANK AND CONRADO CANTU, SHERIFF OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS IN THE 357TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; CAUSE NO. 2003-11-5679-E, FOR DISCUSSION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
 - H. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE LAGUNA MADRE AREA FOR A COUNTY ANNEX IN PORT ISABEL, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - I. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNCIL CONCERNING LITIGATION INVOLVING THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN CLINIC, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
38. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - E. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - F. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - G. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - H. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - I. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2003.


GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE