



**Cameron County, Texas  
Commissioner's Court  
Cameron County Courthouse, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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## **REGULAR MEETING**

*The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on  
Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.*

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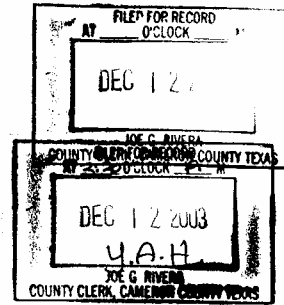
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## NOTICE



### COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> 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 MRS. LUCY CANALES, ATTORNEY PARTNER, WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON LAW FIRM REGARDING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REPORT. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
2. PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONCERNING THE RECORD KEEPING OF TIME AND ATTENDANCE REPORTING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE. (MY-AUDITOR)

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
  - A. OCTOBER 28, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
  - B. NOVEMBER 4, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
5. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT UNFUNDED MANDATES BY THE STATE. (COMM. COURT)
6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,825,000 "CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2004," APPROVING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE CONTRACT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (COMM. COURT)

7. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,970,000 "CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS FUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2004," AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF; APPROVING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (COMM. COURT)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE CONTRACT RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2004 AND THE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2004. (COMM. COURT)
9. 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)
10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2003-2004 PARK SYSTEM AND BRIDGE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT LIST. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO INCLUDE VOTING EQUIPMENT (SYSTEM COMPONENTS) FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION/TRACKING SYSTEM FOR EARLY VOTING AND A DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM [(DRE) A FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE HAVA BILL] IN THE EQUIPMENT LIST FOR FY 2004. (RO-ELECTIONS)
12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 TO CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH JIMMY CLOSNER & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (FB-PD&M)
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PD&M DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR \$520,000 IN HOME PROGRAM DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR HOME REPAIRS, PURSUANT TO THE SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2003 RAIN AND FLOOD EVENT. (FB-PD&M)
14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RFQ #030901 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TRUCK LANE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTS, CLAIMS AND BUDGET ISSUES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. (RG-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.

16. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

17. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SHRIMPING INDUSTRY. (COMM. COURT)
18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE EL JARDIN WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN THE CORPORATION'S SERVICE AREA (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 723109). (FB-PD&M)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN FORMAL BIDS FOR A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE RUBEN TORRES DETENTION CENTER #1. (MI-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR THE REQUEST OF A JUVENILE AND POLICE OFFICER TO WORK A SPECIALIZED PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM IN BROWNSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TEXAS OFFICER OF THE GOVERNOR, TO REQUEST MENTORS TO WORK WITH THE PRESENT BOOT CAMP POPULATION. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE TRANSFERRING OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS FOR CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PARK ROAD/HIGHWAY 100. (COMM. COURT)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT ISAIAH COURT OUT OF MARIPOSA RANCH SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, PRECINCT #4, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (EB-ENGINEERING)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
  - A. PRECINCT 2- PINWOOD SUBDIVISION, BEING A 21.496 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF BLOCKS SIX (6) AND SEVEN (7), OF THE EL JARDIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, IN SHARE 22, ESPIRITU SANTO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
  - A. PRECINCT 2- PINWOOD NO. 1 SUBDIVISION, BEING A 10.773 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK SEVEN (7), OF THE EL JARDIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, IN SHARE 22, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
  - B. PRECINCT 3- RUSSEKS'S NO. 2, BEING A 10.000 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, BEING ALL OF BLOCKS 52 AND 53, LEELANDS SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)

A. PATROL CARS (QTY 19) BID #031101.

**TRAVEL ITEMS:**

27. 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. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 12/17-18/03, TO MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF REGARDING THE WEST RAIL PROJECT AND TO ATTEND THE TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

28. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. CONFER AND DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS AT THE FREE TRADE COMMERCE CENTER LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE CONCESSION LEASE FOR CAMERON WORKS AT BROWNE REGIONAL PARK PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

C. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE RENEWAL TERMS FOR CONCESSION AGREEMENT (S) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND EXISTING CONCESSION LESSEES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

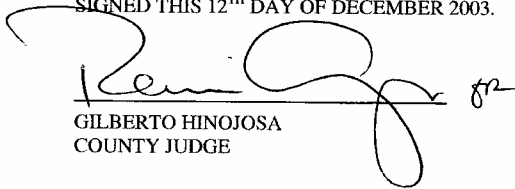
D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIMS AND LITIGATION AGAINST CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF, CONRADO CANTU, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B)(2).

E. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS: BROWNSVILLE-ORIGINAL TOWNSITE LOT 5, BLK 120, 01-0000-1200-0050-00 (1226 EAST MONROE ST.), PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

F. 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.

- G. DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.
  - H. DELIBERATION REGARDING THE EVALUATION OF THE REPRODUCTION CENTER DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.
  - I. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF THE LEVI STRAUSS & CO.-SAN BENITO PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2) & 551.072.
  - J. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING JUANA D. CAMPBELL VS. CAMERON COUNTY IN THE 103<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY; CAUSE NO. 2003-05-2513-D, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(B)&(2).
29. 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.
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SIGNED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2003.



GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE



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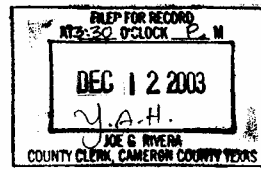
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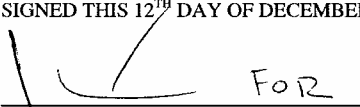
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#### **CONSENT:**

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF VOICE PRODUCT ADENDUM TO MASTER AGREEMENT WITH SBC SOUTHWESTERN BELL FOR THE WIC DEPARTMENT PHONE SYSTE. (DJV-CIVIL)

SIGNED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2003.

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