



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioner's Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 4th Floor
964 E. Harrison St.
Brownsville, Texas 78520
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REGULAR MEETING

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a *Regular Public Meeting* on
Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.

Gilberto Hinojosa
County Judge
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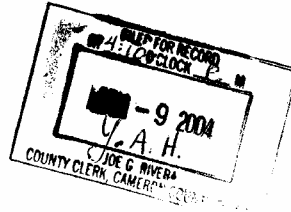
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 2004 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 OF REPORT REGARDING JAIL ISSUES BY COUNTY JUDGE. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. NOVEMBER 12, 2003-SPECIAL MEETING
 - B. NOVEMBER 18, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
 - C. NOVEMBER 21, 2003-SPECIAL MEETING
 - D. NOVEMBER 25, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
 - E. DECEMBER 2, 2003-REGULAR MEETING
4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO BROWN, VENCE & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING FIRM FOR COORDINATION OF THE SOLID WASTE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)

5. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION TO COORDINATE THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND THE OPERATIONS OF A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WITH THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, THE SANTA ROSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HARLINGEN. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)
6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO FILE A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND DESIGNATION OF SOURCE FOR REQUIRED COUNTY CONTRIBUTION. (YDL-DA)
7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON FINAL APPROVAL OF ORDER AND/OR RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REALIGNMENT OF COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING (PLAN 1374C), UNDER ARTICLE III, SECTION 28, OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBCHAPTER A, COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS, SECTION 42.0051 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE, AS PER RULING BY THE THREE-JUDGE FEDERAL PANEL APPROVING PLAN 1374C. (RO-ELECTIONS)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF \$500.00 PAYMENT TO THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR THE SANTA MARIA BLUETOWN LEARNING CENTER TAX EXEMPT APPLICATION. (HD-TITLE V)
9. 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 CONTINUATION OF ITS DETENTION INTAKE SPECIALIST DIVISION. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR A CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM. (FB-PD&M)
11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR A FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH. (FB-PD&M)

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.

12. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
13. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR KEGLEY, INC. TO BUILD AN AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY COMMUNITY IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. (COMM. COURT)

14. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LONGBRANCH, LP'S INTENT TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO SPONSOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS THROUGH THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD. (COMM. COURT)
15. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT DELPHI AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTENDS TO ACQUIRE AND REHABILITATE THE VILLA SAN BENITO APARTMENTS AND IS APPLYING TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. (COMM. COURT)
16. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND LUIS S. FARAKLAS ENGINEERING FOR THE ANNUAL STRUCTURAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
17. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT (RENEWAL) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND B. P. NEWMAN TO PROVIDE OFFICES FOR THE UNIFIED NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE LOCATED AT 1100 FM 802, SUITE 101, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78521, FROM JANUARY 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 2004. (YDL-DA)
18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ADD TWO PICKUPS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ONE CARGO VAN FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THE FY 2003-2004 EQUIPMENT LIST. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN EXTENSION TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE ADOLPH THOMAE PARK PROPERTY LOCATED IN ARROYO CITY. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A BEACH VENDING PERMIT TO BRENNAN & MISTY WELLS, D/B/A WELLS BEACH RENTAL FOR BEACH ACCESS #6. (JM-PARKS SYSTEM)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL BEACH VENDOR PERMIT TO FRANCISCO TORRES, D/B/A EL REY DEL ELOTE #1. (JM-PARKS SYSTEM)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL BEACH VENDOR PERMIT TO FRANCISCO TORRES, D/B/A EL REY DEL ELOTE #2. (JM-PARKS SYSTEM)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL BEACH VENDOR PERMIT TO FRANCISCO TORRES, D/B/A EL REY DEL ELOTE #3. (JM-PARKS SYSTEM)
24. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY. (YS-HEALTH)

25. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT A BINATIONAL TB CARD PILOT PROJECT. (YS-HEALTH)
26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLUMBING WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525.00. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
27. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL JUVENILE SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE GATEWAY BRIDGE TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES DURING CHARRO DAYS FESTIVITIES: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. AND FROM 2:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M., FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M., AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH FROM 12:00 NOON TO 4:00 P.M. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
29. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD LOWEST INFORMAL BID ON THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE DETENTION CENTER #1. (MI-MAINTENANCE)
30. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ITEM A AND REJECT AND REBID ITEM B THE FOLLOWING BID FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. VANS- (SHERIFF'S / JAIL DEPT. BID #031102)

TRAVEL ITEMS:

31. 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. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/21/04, TO ATTEND THE TDCAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.
 - B. COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERKS (4), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/12/04 & 1/15/04, TO ATTEND THE "32ND ANNUAL COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR".
 - C. DISTRICT CLERK AND DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERKS (3), TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 1/11-15/04, TO ATTEND THE 32ND ANNUAL COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERKS SEMINAR IN COLLEGE STATION.
 - D. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, ON 1/12-13/04, TO MEET WITH THE STATE OF TAMAUlipAS AND SCT OFFICIAL REGARDING THE WEST RAIL PROJECT.

- E. CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/11-14/04, TO ATTEND A "REBUILDING LIVES TOGETHER" COURSE.
- F. DRUG TASK FORCE COMMANDER AND TASK FORCE SECRETARY, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/19-21/04, TO ATTEND MANAGEMENT REPORTS TRAINING.
- G. UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO PONTE VERDA BEACH, FLORIDA, ON 2/2-5/04, TO ATTEND AN INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
- H. DEPUTY CONSTABLES (4), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/8-11/04, TO ATTEND A 20 HOUR CIVIL PROCESS SEMINAR.
- I. COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/18-20/04, TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE-EMINENT DOMAIN.
- J. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 1/14-16/04, TO ATTEND "GUIDING GOOD CHOICES" TRAINING.
- K. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/25-27/04, TO ATTEND "REALITY 2004 CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH UNPLUGGED" TRAINING.
- L. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 3/2-5/04, TO ATTEND "GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP".
- M. WEED AND SEED COORDINATOR, TO TRAVEL TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, ON 2/8-13/04, TO ATTEND THE "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING".
- N. JUVENILE PROBATION EARLY INTERVENTION OFFICERS (2), TO TRAVEL TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, ON 2/8-13/04, TO ATTEND THE "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING".
- O. PD&M EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO MERCEDES, TEXAS, ON 1/14/04, TO ATTEND LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING.
- P. PD&M FISCAL ANALYST/MANAGER, TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 1/13/04, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.
- Q. HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, EPIDEMIOLOGIST, AND PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/19-21/04, TO ATTEND THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS) WORKSHOP.
- R. WIC BREASTFEEDING COORDINATOR, TO TRAVEL TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, ON 2/10-11/04, TO ATTEND A LACTATION COUNSELING AND PROBLEM SOLVING PROMOTION ACTIVITIES.

- S. WIC DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/3-6/04, TO ATTEND A NEW WIC DIRECTORS' ORIENTATION.
- T. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO DUNCANVILLE, TEXAS, ON 1/18-19/04, TO ATTEND A TEXAS TACTICAL POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TRAINING COURSE.
- U. CHIEF EMERGENCY OFFICER AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES (2), TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 4/12-23/04 AND 5/10-21/04, TO ATTEND BASIC FIRE INVESTIGATOR COURSE PHASE I-IV.

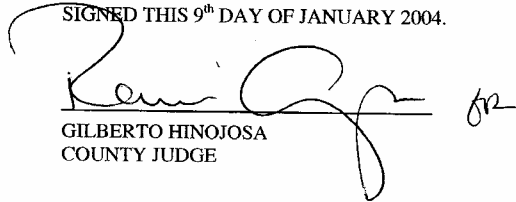
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

32. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. 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.
- B. DELIBERATE THE SELECTION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/AIRPORT MANAGER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074(A).
- C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIM OF FRANCISCO A. RODRIGUEZ, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B).
- D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIM OF GUADALUPE R. SALINAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B).
- E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LOCKE, LIDDELL & SAPP, L. L. P. FOR THE REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
- F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE ACQUISITION OF LEVI STRAUSS & CO.- SAN BENITO PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2) & 551.072.
- G. 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.

- H. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE POSSIBLE REFUND OF DEPOSIT TO BIDDER FOR CAMERON COUNTY TRUSTEE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS: BROWNSVILLE-COLONIA ACACIA LOT 26, BLOCK 5, 02-2170-0050-0260-00 AND BROWNSVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, LOT 2, BLOCK 95, 01-000-0950-0020-00, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - I. DELIBERATE THE EVALUATION OF THE CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074(A).
 - J. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TO DISCUSS THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND DIRTY AL'S PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - K. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONER'S COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING MR. OCTAVIO CASTANEDA D/B/A CASTANEDA'S BAIL BONDS AGAINST THE BAIL BOND BOARD, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071.
33. 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.
 - J. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - K. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY 2004.


GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE