



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' 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, February 17, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.

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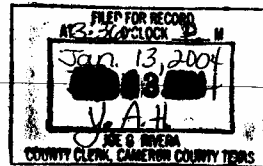
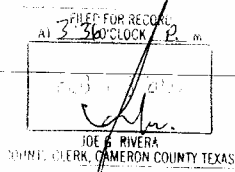
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. JANUARY 13, 2004- REGULAR MEETING
 - B. JANUARY 20, 2004- REGULAR MEETING
4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE ADDITIONAL DETENTION OFFICE SLOTS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM IF NECESSARY AND TO CREATE OVER-TIME FUND. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CREATING A CLERK POSITION FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY PARK IN THE EL RANCHITO-ENCANTADA AREA. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS: INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM, ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS, GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND COUNTY AIRPORT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (COMM. COURT)
8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TRANSFERRING ONE HALF OF A CLERK'S POSITION FROM PRECINCT 7, PLACE 1, TO PRECINCT 7, PLACE 2, AND RECLASSIFYING THE POSITION TO A COURT ADMINISTRATOR. (DS-J. P. PRECINCT 7, PLACE 2)
9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF PERIMETER SECURITY MEASURES AT THE CARRIZALES-RUCKER DETENTION CENTER, TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CAMERAS, FENCING AND LIGHTING. (COMM. COURT)
10. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE GULF COAST UTILITY SERVICES FOR AUDITS / ANALYSIS OF ALL COUNTY UTILITY BILLS. (MF-PURCHASING)
11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AND CAMERON COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF INFIRMARY SERVICES AT THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. (RG-COUNTY JUDGE)
12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND TAC AMERICAS, INC., INITIATING OPTION 1 AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT. (DJV-LEGAL)
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM TO UTILIZE THE COUNTY OWNED PARKING LOTS, PARKING AREAS AND COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY DURING THE CHARRO DAYS FESTIVITIES AND TO AUTHORIZE A FEE OF \$5.00 PER PARKING SPACE. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO THE DANCY BUILDING INTERIOR RESTORATION REQUEST FOR BIDS, EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS TO MARCH 8, 2004. (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.

15. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HECTOR GARZA TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2. (DJV-LEGAL)

17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS: COMPARABLE SPACE FOR CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WIC PROGRAM. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)

18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMUNIZATION DIVISION. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 1- MARKET VILLAGE SUBDIVISION SECTION ONE (1), BEING A 3.253 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AS "TRACT NO. 2" IN WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (EB-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 3- SOUTH BOWIE, PHASE I, BEING A 32.823 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105), SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. UNIFORMS: SHERIFF'S PATROL/JAILER/INMATE - ANNUAL BID #2660
 - B. RADIO TOWERS' RENTAL FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT - ANNUAL BID #1885
 - C. ROLLERS (QTY. 2) - PUBLIC WORKS
 - D. PICK-UP TRUCKS (QTY. 16) VANS (QTY. 2) SUV (QTY. 1) VARIOUS DEPTS. - BID #040102
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. SHERIFF'S/JAIL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE - RFP #010101
 - B. DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES - CAMERON COUNTY WEST RAILROAD PROJECT (LETTER OF INTEREST)

TRAVEL ITEMS:

23. 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 JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 3/1-3/04, TO ATTEND THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER COUNTIES COALITION ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE.

- B. COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18/04, TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
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- C. COUNTY JUDGE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18/04, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION MONTHLY MEETING.
- D. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18/04, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION MEETING.
- E. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 5, PLACE 2 EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/25-27/04, TO ATTEND A COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR.
- F. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2, PLACE 2, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/29-3/3/04, TO ATTEND A MANDATORY JP SEMINAR.
- G. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4 DEPUTIES (4), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 5/4-7/04, TO ATTEND CIVIL PROCESS 20 HOUR EDUCATION SEMINAR TRAINING.
- H. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TX, ON 2/23-27/04, TO ATTEND THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION 3RD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.
- I. COMMISSIONERS' COURT CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, ON 3/4-5/04, TO ATTEND THE 17TH ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE.
- J. COMMISSIONERS' COURT CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18-20/04, TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE - EMINENT DOMAIN.
- K. EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/21-22/04, TO CHAPERONE AND SUPPORT CAMERON COUNTY 4-HER'S THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW.
- L. COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18-20/04, TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE - EMINENT DOMAIN.
- M. 197TH DISTRICT JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TX, ON 2/22-24/04, TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
- N. CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/24-25/04, TO ATTEND A ETNYRE MODELS CENTENNIAL, \$2000, SHOOTER AND MAINTENANCE MODEL DISTRIBUTOR TRAINING SEMINAR.
- O. EXTENSION OFFICE AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/14-15/04, TO CHAPERONE AND SUPPORT CAMERON COUNTY 4-HER'S THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW.

- P. EXTENSION OFFICE AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO MCALLEN, TX, ON 2/13/04, TO ATTEND THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOR AVANCE-RGV.
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- Q. UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 3/2-4/04, TO ATTEND THE QUARTERLY INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ANNEXATION IN THE ISLA BLANCA PARK AREA IN WHICH THE DUTY 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).
- B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE DONATION OF THREE (3) LOTS KNOWN AS: ABST. 6 - LAGUNA MADRE BEACH-2 LOT 13-14, BLK 7 AND ABST. 6-LAGUNA MADRE BEACH-2 LOT 27, BLK 9 PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
- C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SECOND CLAIM OF ROBERT THOMAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)&(2).
- D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE LITIGATION INVOLVING CAMERON COUNTY VS. FAULKNER, USA FORMERLY KNOWN AS LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
- E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (1)(A)&(2).
- F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE DANCY BUILDING ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
- G. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONCERNING ISSUES WITH THE JAIL INFIRMARY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

H. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONCERNING ISSUES WITH COLONIAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

I. TO DELIBERATE THE DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM DIRECTOR AS THEY RELATE TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.

J. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074.

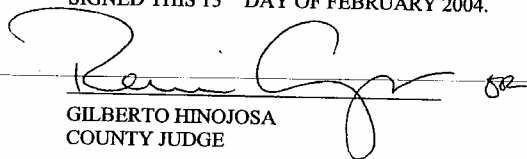
K. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING COMPUTER BACK UP AND DATA RETRIEVAL ON WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION

L. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN THE EL RANCHITO-ENCANTADA AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

25. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- E. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- F. POSSIBLE ACTION.
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- L. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gilberto Hinojosa", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and extends across the line.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE