



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 4th Floor
964 E. Harrison St.
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REGULAR MEETING

*The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on
Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.*

Gilberto Hinojosa
County Judge
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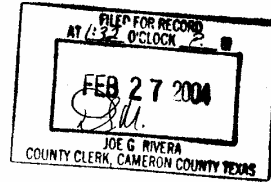
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Commissioner, Pct. 3
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF MARCH 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT. (VDL-COUNTY JUDGE)
3. PRESENTATION BY MRS. LUCY CANALES, ATTORNEY PARTNER, WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON LAW FIRM REGARDING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REPORT. (TY-TAX OFFICE)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. FEBRUARY 3, 2004- REGULAR MEETING
 - B. FEBRUARY 10, 2004- REGULAR MEETING
6. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NETWORK THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DIVISION WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM H. CARD III AS CAMERON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO WORK TOWARDS OBTAINING A COUNTY-WIDE, PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

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.

9. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARTINEZ, BARRERA AND MARTINEZ FOR THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE CARRIZALEZ-RUCKER DETENTION CENTER ISSUES. (DJV-CIVIL)
11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BMW ENGINEERING, INC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN CLINIC SITE AND INTERIOR RESTORATION. (DJV-CIVIL)
12. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN STORAGE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ITEMS FROM THE FATHER O'BRIEN HEALTH CLINIC. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
13. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2004, AS "RED CROSS MONTH" IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
14. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY 29, 2004 THROUGH MARCH 6, 2004 AS "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS" WEEK IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
15. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE AND COLLECT TAXES FOR THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TAX COLLECTIONS WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT SECURITY GUARD POSITIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PS-BRIDGE SYSTEM)
17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT RIGHT OF WAY DEEDS FOR IOWA GARDENS ROAD BRIDGE #882, PARCEL 3, AND SAN VICENTE DRAIN BRIDGE #368, PARCELS 2 AND 5. (PS-ENGINEERING)

18. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT RIGHT OF ENTRY AND POSSESSION FOR IOWA GARDENS ROAD BRIDGE #882, PARCEL 2, SAN VICENTE OUTFALL BRIDGE #367, PARCELS 1, 2, AND 3, AND SAN VICENTE DRAIN BRIDGE #368, PARCEL 4. (PS-ENGINEERING)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REVIEW THE LETTERS OF INTEREST RECEIVED AND TO REQUEST RFP'S FROM THE FIRMS SUBMITTING LETTERS OF INTEREST. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT SIGN TECHNICIAN POSITION AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT 3- SUGARLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION SECTION II, BEING A 8.861 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 161, FRESNOS LAND & IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION IN SHARE 22 OF THE ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 9, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
 - B. PRECINCT 4- LA TINA COUNTRY ESTATES, PHASE II, BEING A 1,672.67 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN TRACT FIFTY (50), (SET APART TO MARIE GROGAN DANA AS TRACT 50, SUBDIVISION "G" BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, IN CAUSE NO. 7588, CHARLES B. COMBE, ET. AL, VS JOHN H. BROOCK, ET. AL., A COPY OF WHICH ORDER IS OF RECORDED IN VOLUME 11, PAGE 57, ET. SEQ., OF THE DEED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS) OF PARTITION SHARE 19 OF THE ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-ENGINEERING)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- GUAJARDO SUBDIVISION, BEING A 3.04 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE WEST 10.00 ACRES OF BLOCK FIFTY-TWO (52), ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "B", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
23. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A 2004 FORD FREESTAR CARGO VAN FROM HOUSTON AND GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT INTERLOCAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICE. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260.00. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)

25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
- A. COLLECTION SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT COURT COSTS AND FINES (CAMERON COUNTY COURTS) RFP #1300

TRAVEL ITEMS:

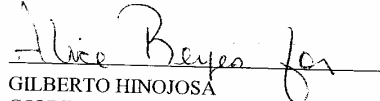
26. CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
- A. ASSISTANT COUNTY/DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (3), TO TRAVEL TO KERRVILLE, TX, ON 3/31-4/2/04, TO ATTEND THE 2004 TDCAA INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF DRUG OFFENSES COURSE.
- B. UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO, CA, ON 3/28-4/2/04, TO ATTEND ANALYST NOTEBOOK 12 TRAINING.
- C. COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, ON 3/5-7/04, TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE CAMERON COUNTY 4-H ER'S IN THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW.
- D. HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 3/31-4/2/04, TO ATTEND THE COUNTY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE 2004 SEMINAR.
- E. HUMAN RESOURCES EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 4/14-16/04, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS SCHOOLS RISK MANAGERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR.
- F. COUNTY JUDGE EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO CITY OF LIVE OAK, TEXAS, ON 2/26-27/04, TO TOUR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AT SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- G. COUNTY JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/5/04, TO ATTEND MEETING WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

27. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIM OF CARLOS ALBERTO TAYLOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(B).
- B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING JUAN CORTEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY AND CONRADO CANTU, SHERIFF OF CAMERON COUNTY, IN THE 197TH DISTRICT COURT; CAUSE NO. 2004-02-1059-C, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).

- C. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE CONCESSION RENEWAL FOR AL'S BAIT STAND, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - D. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE LEASING OF THE WETSLIPS AT THE MARINA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONCERNING ISSUES WITH COLONIAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
 - F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH CONTRACT 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(2).
 - G. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES, OR DUTIES OF THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074(A)(1).
 - H. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING: THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LEVI STRAUSS & CO.-SAN BENITO PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2) & 551.072.
 - I. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BICKERSTAFF, HEATH, SMILEY, POLLAN, KEVER & MCDANIEL, L.L.P. FOR THE REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
28. 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 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004.


GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE