



**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, March 9, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.*

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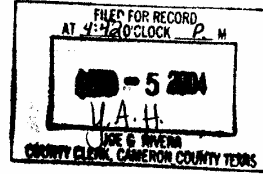
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 9th 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. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF A LOCAL EVENT AT THE CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MAY 4TH, 2004 CONDUCTED BY TEXAS FOSTER FAMILY ASSOCIATION (TFFA) RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE NEED OF FOSTER PARENTS. (DW-CIVIL)
3. PRESENTATION OF REPORT REGARDING JAIL ISSUES BY COUNTY JUDGE. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

4. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF AN EMPLOYEE IN THE COMPUTER CENTER. (RJ-COMPUTER CENTER)
6. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT COURT COSTS AND FINES (CAMERON COUNTY COURTS) RFP #1300. (RG-COUNTY JUDGE)
7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE RENOVATIONS AND SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES. (RG-COUNTY JUDGE)

8. CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POSSIBLE COST SAVING MEASURES AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL REQUESTS, THE ISSUANCE OF FUTURE PURCHASE ORDERS AND REALLOCATION OF LAPSE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ANDRES CABALLERO TO IMPROVE BLUM LANE. (DJV-CIVIL)
10. CONSIDERATION AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEADOWS FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILY LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2004-2005. (HD-TITLE V)
11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF A PARKS MASTER PLAN FOR ISLA BLANCA PARK ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
12. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LEVI STRAUSS & CO.-SAN BENITO PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF WILLIAMS RD AND EXPRESSWAY 77/83. (DJV-CIVIL)
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOT "A", BLOCK 1, TARPON CENTER SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP OF PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN CABINET 1, SLOT 2086-B OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (DJV-CIVIL)
14. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE PROCESS TO LEASE CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 263.007. (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.

15. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
16. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TAX COLLECTIONS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT BID PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLA BLANCA PARK – REFURBISHING CONEY ISLAND RESTROOMS. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
18. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL BEACH VENDOR PERMIT TO MELISSA BROWN, D/B/A SUNSHINE EXPRESS. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)

19. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CABANA'S INSIDE THE ISLA BLANCA PARK TO EXTEND TERM TO AUGUST 2004. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
20. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR THE REFURBISHING OF THE CONEY ISLAND RESTROOMS INSIDE THE ISLA BLANCA PARK TO EXTEND TERM TO AUGUST 2004. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A CONCESSION LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) AND ALFONSO SALAZAR D/B/A SEA RANCH GROCERY AND TACKLE. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
22. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER'S MONTHLY FEE AND FINES REPORT. (ADLG-DISTRICT CLERK)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. MOSQUITO INSECTICIDE – ANNUAL BID #2430
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFO FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. FOOD: MEATS – QUARTERLY BID #2170-2
 - B. ROAD MATERIALS: COLD PATCH – ANNUAL BID #2566
 - C. ROAD MATERIALS: EMULSION OILS – ANNUAL BID #2540
 - D. ROAD MATERIALS: FLEXIBLE BASE – ANNUAL BID #2560
 - E. ROAD MATERIALS: LIQUID STABILIZER – ANNUAL BID #2574
 - F. ROAD MATERIALS: SURFACING – ANNUAL BID #2580
 - G. WASTE DISPOSAL OF SOLIDS – PARKS DEPT. S.P.I. – ANNUAL BID #1970
 - H. DANCY BUILDING INTERIOR RESTORATION OLD CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE – BID #031201
25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. ARMORED CAR SERVICES – ANNUAL BID #1180
 - B. VEHICLE LEASE – ANNUAL BID #1480
 - C. FINANCING FOR EQUIPMENT – ANNUAL RFP #1420
 - D. FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE – ANNUAL BID #1430
26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. ROAD MACHINERY: RENTAL – ANNUAL BID #1710
 - B. ROAD MATERIALS: DIRT, SAND, LIME – ANNUAL BID #2515
 - C. ROAD MATERIALS: CONCRETE – ANNUAL BID #2510

27. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASE WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,917.00 TO VALLEY MORNING STAR. (RG-COUNTY JUDGE)
28. CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS CORRECTING MAINTENANCE BOND REQUIREMENT THAT THE SUBDIVIDER SHALL PROVIDE OR CAUSE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY A MAINTENANCE BOND UPON COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAYS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF 15% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
29. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANT TOLL COLLECTOR POSITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
30. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE FOR I-69 ORGANIZATION. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
31. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM TO USE QUOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE LAWNMOWERS FOR AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN \$15,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$25,000.00. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
32. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO COMPLY WITH THE MODEL SUBDIVISION RULES FOR MATTHEW BAILEY SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT #4. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
33. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO COMPLY WITH THE MODEL SUBDIVISION RULES FOR LA CANADA/THE DELL SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, PRECINCT #4. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
34. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO COMPLY WITH THE MODEL SUBDIVISION RULES FOR LA CANADA/THE DELL SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, PRECINCT #4. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
35. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- CHELSEA ESTATES, PHASE II, BEING A 6.7 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 207, AND 5.00 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 208, ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "C", CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
36. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT 2- RESACA VISTA SUBDIVISION, BEING A TRACT 1: 45.28 ACRES IN BLOCK FOUR (4), EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION, IN SHARE 19, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

TRAVEL ITEMS:

37. 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. COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY JUDGE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 3/21-23/04, TO ATTEND BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE MEETING.
 - B. COUNTY JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 3/16-18/04, TO ATTEND MEETING REGARDING THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY CANAL (CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS).
 - C. COUNTY JUDGE EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 3/18-19/04, TO EXAMINE RADIO SYSTEM AND MEET WITH PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS.
 - D. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INVESTIGATORS (3), TO TRAVEL TO KERRVILLE, TX, ON 3/30-4/2/04, TO ATTEND 2004 TDCAA INVESTIGATION & PROSECUTION OF DRUG OFFENSES COURSE.
 - E. EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO EDINBURG, TX, ON 2/28/04, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 3RD ANNUAL RGV YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.
 - F. PD & M EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO MERCEDES, TX, ON 3/10/04, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING.
 - G. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (6), TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TX, ON 3/28-31/04, TO ATTEND "EXPERIENCED PROBATION OFFICER TRAINING".

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

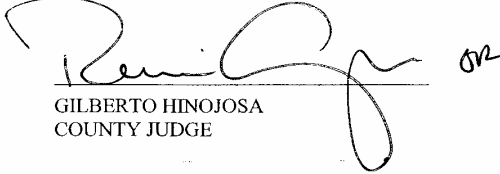
38. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND MARTINEZ, BARRERA AND MARTINEZ FOR THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE CARRIZALEZ-RUCKER DETENTION CENTER ISSUES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
 - C. 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).

- D. TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTIES FOR SAID DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 & 551.071(2).
- E. 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.
- F. 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).

39. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2004.

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GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE