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## **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a *Special Public Meeting* on  
*Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.*

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County Judge  
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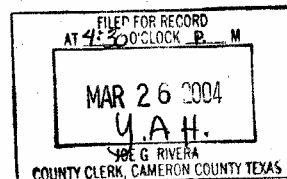
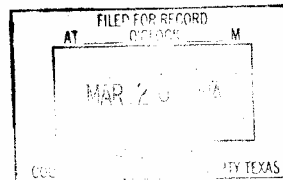
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## NOTICE



### COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2004 AT 9:30 A.M.

## AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, VTCS, AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **SPECIAL 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 BY ROLLINS M. KOPPEL, REGARDING LANDOWNERS' PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR UNIVERSITY PARK (AKA AMIGOLAND) IN BROWNSVILLE. (FB-PD&M)
3. PRESENTATION - WORKSHOP: CAMERON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL SYSTEM. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)
4. PRESENTATION BY JERRY WILSON, MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN ELECTRIC TO DONATE \$3,000.00 CHECK TO THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS REGIONAL PARK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
5. PRESENTATION BY SCHLITTERBAHN BEACH WATERPARK FOR THE PROPOSED GO-KART PROJECT. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

6. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
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7. CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON MARCH 23, 2004 DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED LOSS OF REVENUES FROM THE REMOVAL OF FEDERAL INMATES. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
  8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
    - A. MARCH 17, 2004- REGULAR MEETING
  9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A REFERENDUM ELECTION, MANDATING SERVICE AND ISSUING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
  10. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NAME A STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS. (COMM. COURT)
  11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE UPDATE OF BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITHIN THE PARK SYSTEM. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
  12. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND THE CAMERON COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENTS TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL STATE MATCHING FUNDS OF \$766,963 OR MORE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY'S 10% MATCHING AMOUNTS. (MY-AUDITOR)
  13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF LEVI'S STRAUSS BUILDING ON WILLIAMS ROAD IN SAN BENITO FOR CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES. (DG- COMM. PRECINCT 3)
  14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS POLICY FOR THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  15. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH HNTB CORPORATION FOR THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION HIRE DISPATCHER FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. (RL-SHERIFF'S DEPT.)
  17. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BENITO ERRISURIZ DEPUTY CONSTABLES FOR PRECINCT #1 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS VALID ONLY THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE OR THE CURRENT TERM OF THE ELECTED CONSTABLE WHICH EVER ENDS SOONER. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)
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**TRAVEL:**

18. 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. EXTENSION OFFICE AGENTS (2), TO TRAVEL TO KINGSVILLE, TX, ON 4/17-5/1/04, TO ATTEND AND ASSIST IN THE DISTRICT 4-H ROUND-UP.
  - B. EXTENSION OFFICE AGENTS (2), TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 4/8, 5/25, AND 8/17/04, TO PROVIDE IN SERVICE TRAINING: 4H101/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS.
  - C. EXTENSION OFFICE AGENTS (2), TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 4/24/04, TO ATTEND AND ASSIST CAMERON COUNTY 4-H'ERS WHO WILL BE COMPETING AT DISTRICT LEVEL AT THE DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW.
  - D. COMPUTER CENTER EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 4/27-28/04, TO ATTEND WEB MANAGER EDUCATION FORUM.
  - E. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO MIDLAND, TX, ON 5/18-21/04, TO ATTEND THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS CONFERENCE.

**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.

19. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
  20. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 14-20, 2004, AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN CAMERON COUNTY. (COMM. COURT)
  21. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY OFFICER AS THE RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER. (COMM. COURT)
  22. CONSIDERATION AND RESCISSION OF TRANSFER OF CLERK SLOT #2 FROM DPS SUPPORT TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
  23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANT DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
  24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC., (PSI) CONCERNING MATERIAL TESTING AT BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
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25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH AMBIOTEC ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS CONCERNING THE FORMER JEREMIAH'S RIVER RIDE PROPERTY. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
  26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK A CONTRACTOR VIA THE STATE OF TEXAS – TASB – BUY BOARD – COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESTROOMS AT THE ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
  27. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAMAIL CONSTRUCTION AND CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESTROOMS AT THE ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
  28. CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION TO UTILIZE THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK (TCPN) REGION IV INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – GRAINGER – FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING ITEMS. (MI-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)
  29. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2004 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN CAMERON COUNTY. (FB-PD&M)
  30. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMBES AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT (TCDF CONTRACT 722025). (FB-PD&M)
  31. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 2003-2005 COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA CONTRACT NO. 722023). (FB-PD&M)
  32. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMERON, TEXAS AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE PURSUANT TO THE 2003-2005 CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER PROJECT (TDHCA CONTRACT NO. 722023). (FB-PD&M)
  33. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  34. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PARCEL 4 OF 6 PARCELS AND PARCELS 1, 4, 14 AND 21 OF 22 PARCELS, FOR FM 800. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  35. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
    - A. PRECINCT 3- EL MESQUITAL SUBDIVISION, BEING A 2.21 ACRE OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTH 3.00 ACRES OF BLOCK 48, STUART PLACE SUBDIVISION, SURVEY 40, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 6, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
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36. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
- A. PRECINCT 4- LAUREN ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF ALL OF BLOCK ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE (179), (CONTAINING 20.0 ACRES), ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "C" CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
37. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE FOLLOWING BIDS RFP'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
- A. TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES – ANNUAL RFP #1890
38. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT THE FOLLOWING BIDS / RFP'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
- A. ROAD MATERIALS: ROAD BOND LIQUID STABILIZER – ANNUAL BID #2574
39. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS: (MF-PURCHASING)
- A. ROAD MATERIALS: COLD PATCH – HIGH PERFORMANCE ASPHALT (UPM) – ANNUAL BID #2566

**TRAVEL (NO DIRECT COST TO GENERAL FUND):**

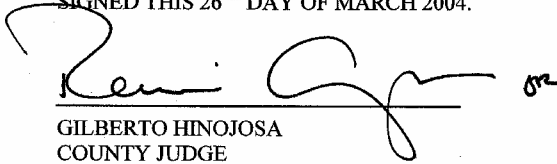
40. CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
- A. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 3 EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 2/25-27/04, TO ATTEND A 18 HOUR COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

41. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. DELIBERATION OF REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A LIFT STATION SITE FOR THE COMBES AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
- B. 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.
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- C. 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).
  - 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 CONCERNING PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING GEORGE L. GARCIA VS. RUMALDO RODRIGUEZ IN THE 138<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT; CAUSE NO. 2004-03-1575-B, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
42. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - E. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2004.

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GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE