



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' 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, May 18, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.

Gilberto Hinojosa
County Judge
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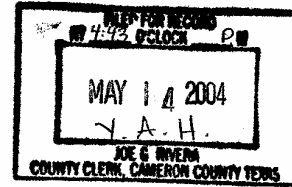
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Commissioner, Pct. 3
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Commissioner, Pct. 4
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 18th DAY OF MAY 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 BY INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES TO CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (MV-INSURANCE COMMITTEE)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FY 2002-2003 BUDGET AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF STATE CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE SECURITY SYSTEM EQUIPMENT FOR DETENTION CENTER I AND THE OLD COUNTY JAIL AND RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED AS EMERGENCIES. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY POLICIES REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY VEHICLE USE. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS GRANT OF \$350,000.00 FOR THE DEL MAR HEIGHTS FLOOD MITIGATION AND BUYOUT PROJECTS. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JEFFERY S. WARD & ASSOCIATES, CONSULTANT FOR THE DEL MAR HEIGHTS FLOOD MITIGATION AND BUYOUT PROJECT AND TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT PHASE (S). (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)
9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CONCERNING THE WEST RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT. (COMM. COURT)
10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FUNDING SOURCES TO COMPLETE THE BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK AND OTHER PARK PROJECTS. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
11. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ISLA BLANCA PARK AND TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)

TRAVEL:

12. 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. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 AND EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TX, ON 5/17-19/04, TO ATTEND LEMIT PROGRAM 20 HOUR MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR CONSTABLES AND SUPERVISORS.
 - B. SHERIFF AND SHERIFF EMPLOYEES (4), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 5/24-27/04, TO ATTEND THE 18TH ANNUAL TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.
 - C. ASSISTANT COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (4), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 7/11-16/04, TO ATTEND A PROSECUTOR TRIAL SKILLS COURSE.
 - D. COUNTY CLERK, TO TRAVEL TO LAKE CONROE, TX, ON 6/27-7/1/04, TO ATTEND THE "109TH ANNUAL COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK'S CONFERENCE."
 - E. EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEES (4), TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX, ON 5/17-20/04, TO ATTEND AND ASSIST IN THE ANNUAL DISTRICT 12 SPRING 4-H FACULTY MEETING AND THE SOUTH TEXAS JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE.

- F. EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TX, ON 6/8-10/04, TO CHAPERONE AND ASSIST THE CAMERON COUNTY 4-HER'S AT THE TEXAS4-H ROUND UP.

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.

13. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
14. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBSTITUTE TWO SECURITIES WITH A VALUE OF \$17,000,000.00, AT PAR, HELD WITH THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON FOR A FHLB IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000,000.00. (EG-TREASURER)
15. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILL ONE (1) VACANCY IN THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILL (2) AUTO/TAX CLERK VACANCY IN THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
17. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR FIVE TITLE V INSTRUCTORS EXTENDING THE CONTRACT END DATE TO JULY 23, 2004. (HD-TITLE V)
18. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. OFFICE SPACE LEASE (WIC) GARDEN PARK – ANNUAL BID #040403
 - B. BUILDING SUPPLIES: ELECTRICAL – ANNUAL BID #2000-2
 - C. BUILDING SUPPLIES: PLUMBING – ANNUAL BID #2008-2
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- CROSSING EIGHT'S SUBDIVISION, BEING A 3.94 ACRE SUBDIVISION OUT OF 10.26 ACRES OF LAND COMPRISED OF 2.99 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 157 AND 7.27 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 194, SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PARCEL 11, (CORNER CLIP AT THE INTERSECTION OF REGINA LANE AND FM 800) FOR FM 800 PROJECT. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PARCEL 7, (CORNER CLIP AT THE INTERSECTION OF AMICK DRIVE AND FM 800) FOR FM 800 PROJECT. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PARCEL 8, (CORNER CLIP AT THE INTERSECTION OF LA CANTERA DRIVE AND FM 800) FOR FM 800 PROJECT. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CANELO LOOP FROM CANELO FIELD SUBDIVISION PHASE II, PRECINCT 3, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING, RIGHT OF WAY & BUILDING PERMIT DIVISION TO USE QUOTES FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN \$15,000.00 BUT LESS THAN \$25,000.00. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

TRAVEL (NO DIRECT COST TO GENERAL FUND):

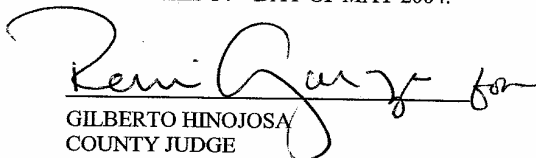
25. CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
 - A. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE AND DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 5/18-19/04, TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS REGARDING THE WEST RAIL PROJECT.
 - B. ASSISTANT COUNTY & DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TO TRAVEL TO LAS VEGAS, NV, ON 6/6-10/04, TO ATTEND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS COURSE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

26. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE ORIGINAL FEDERAL COMPLAINT OF JAMES R. PURYEAR, QUI TAM, EL REL. VS. TEXAS STATE COURT ORDER CAUSE NO. 2002-11-4528-E TEXAS OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FILE #0010001441 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CASE NO. B-03-236, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONER COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CAMERON COUNTY PARKS DISPATCH SERVICE AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071
 - C. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY REGARDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE LOTS 626 AND 627 BLOCK 24, COLONIA VICTORIA, FROM THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

- D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE CAMERON COUNTY COMPUTER SYSTEM RELATING TO 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 THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
 - E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MARIA LONGORIA ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF JUAN LONGORIA, DECEASED, ET AL VS. CAMERON COUNTY, ET AL CIVIL ACTION NO. B-01-062, FOR DISCUSSION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
 - F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY VS. FAULKNER, USA FORMERLY KNOWN AS LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
 - G. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
27. 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.

SIGNED THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY 2004.


GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE