



**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, September 14, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.

Gilberto Hinojosa
County Judge
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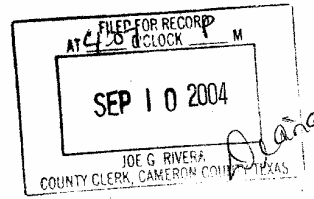
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Commissioner, Pct. 2
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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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. JULY 12, 2004-SPECIAL MEETING
 - B. JULY 16, 2004-EMERGENCY MEETING
 - C. JULY 20, 2004-REGULAR MEETING
 - D. JULY 30, 2004-SPECIAL MEETING
4. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
5. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2004-2005 AT OR BELOW \$0.358191 PER EVERY \$100 VALUATION. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)
7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF CAMERON COUNTY SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING END OF PROGRAM REPORT FOR TITLE V (UNIDOS PODEMOS BROWNSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY) AND THE DISPOSITION OF ITS INVENTORY. (COMM. COURT)
9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE CAMERON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS. (JS-ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)
10. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY'S PROPOSED USE OF 2004 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE. (FB-PD & M)
11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CAMERON COUNTY'S PROPOSED USE OF 2004 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PD & M DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT FUNDING REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE. (FB-PD & M)
12. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CLASSIFY POSITIONS IN ACCOUNT 150-623, SLOT NUMBER 06 & 07 AS PERMIT CLERKS AND DECREASE SALARY IN SLOT 06 AND INCREASE SALARY IN SLOT 07. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE BORDER COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

TRAVEL:

14. 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 EXTENSION AGENTS (4), TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TX, ON 9/28-30/04, TO ATTEND DISTRICT 12 PROGRAM PLANNING COORDINATION 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.

15. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
16. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF BLANDINA N. VALVERDE TO TROPICAL TEXAS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION. (RG-COUNTY JUDGE)
17. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR STORAGE CONTRACT FOR VEHICLES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE. (YDL-DA)
18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY TASK FORCE. (YDL-DA)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CEASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH REGARDING PROVISIONS OF INFIRMARY SERVICES. (COMM. COURT)
20. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DELEGATION OF DUNE PROTECTION PLAN PERMITTING ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (NORTH OF ANDY BOWIE PARK OR PORTIONS THEREOF WHICH FALL WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL) TO THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL. (DW-CIVIL)
21. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, MOTOROLA, INC., AND THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GONZALEZ SEPTIC TANK SERVICE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ON-SITE SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR THE BROWNE ROAD REGIONAL PARK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
23. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF PURCHASES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,297.00 – VARIOUS VENDORS (FOOD FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST – FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER). (MY-AUDITOR)
24. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CORNETT CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE ARROYO COLORADO WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 723109). (FB-PD & M)

25. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING GRANTS AWARDED TO THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT: STATE OF TEXAS EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT, STATE OF TEXAS PURCHASE OF JUVENILE SERVICE, STATE OF TEXAS JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT DETENTION INTAKE SPECIALIST, STATE OF TEXAS DISPLAYING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS IN RE-DIRECTIONAL ENVIRONMENT, STATE OF TEXAS JUVENILE SURVEILLANCE AND DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH AND CITY OF BROWNSVILLE DRUG EDUCATION FOR YOUTH. (TR -JUVENILE PROBATION)
26. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS / RFP'S / RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. AUTOMOTIVE PARTS: AFTER MARKET – ANNUAL BID #1995
 - B. AUTOMOTIVE PARTS: O.E.M. – CHRYSLER – ANNUAL BID #1996C
 - C. AUTOMOTIVE PARTS: O.E.M. – FORD – ANNUAL BID #1996F
 - D. AUTOMOTIVE PARTS: O.E.M. – ANNUAL BID #1996G
 - E. FOOD: MEATS – QUARTERLY BID #2170-4
 - F. PAPER: PRINT SHOP, COPIER, ENVELOPES – ANNUAL BID #2460
 - G. CAMERON PARK COLONIA ROAD & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – BID #040801
27. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT SUZIE-Q SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT 3, FROM DECEMBER 31, 2004 TO AUGUST 26, 2007. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT NO. 4- LAS TIENDAS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF 3.91 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE SOUTH 17.83 ACRES OF BLOCK 99, MINNESOTA-TEXAS LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO MAP RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 10 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
29. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR EAGEL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT 4, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
30. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT NO. 4- VALLE VILLAS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 9.96 ACRES OF THE NORTH 20 ACRES OF BLOCK 30, PARKER SUBDIVISION IN LA FERIA GRANT, ACCORDING TO MAP RECORDED IN VOLUME 4, PAGE 74 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

TRAVEL (NO DIRECT COST TO GENERAL FUND):

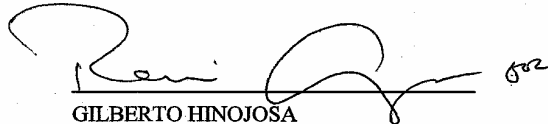
31. CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
- A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TX, ON 9/28-29/04, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS PARTNERSHIP SOUTHWEST BORDER HIDTA, FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH TEXAS PARTNERSHIP COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE.
 - B. DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE EMPLOYEES (4), TO TRAVEL TO KINGSVILLE, TX, ON 9/25/04, TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 4-5 CARS TO AUCTION AT THE KLEBER SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUCTION.
 - C. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (3), TO TRAVEL TO EDINBURG, TX, ON 9/13-17/04, TO ATTEND "SUBSTANCE PREVENTION SPECIALIST TRAINING".
 - D. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TX, ON 9/16-18/04, TO ATTEND "ARYA (ACTIVE RELATIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG ADULTS) CERTIFICATION PILOT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING".

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

32. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING CAUSE NO. 2003-01-122-A; MICHAEL M. SCOTT VS. YOLANDA DE LEON, CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND CAMERON COUNTY. TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE CASE AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
 - B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE SALE OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTY AT THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES REGARDING THE CAMERON COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS AND THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
 - D. 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).

- E. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTIES IN HARLINGEN AND SAN BENITO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIM OF EDELMIRO CAMPOS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
33. 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 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2004.



GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE