



**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, January 11, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 4th Floor.

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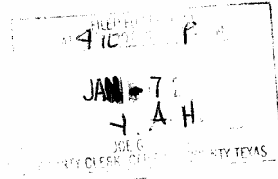
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Commissioner, Pct. 4
(956) 427-8069

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 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2005 AT 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, V.T.C.A., 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 OF RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING ADELA BLANCO, HERLINDA MARTINEZ, AND LUPITA DE LEON FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY. (COMM. COURT)
3. PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, ON INVESTMENTS OF COUNTY FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISION OF GOV. CODE 2256 - THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT. (EG-TREASURER)
4. PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF 1ST QUARTER REPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. DECEMBER 14, 2004-REGULAR MEETING

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LOOP ROAD BRIDGE. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REGIONAL EVENT/ CONVENTION CENTER. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)
9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2 (DEPARTMENT #100-5520) FOR THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS 6010, 6014, 6050 & 6078. (AG-CONSTABLE PCT. 2)
10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROVISION OF A \$60.00 PHONE ALLOWANCE FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE & RECORDS MANAGER. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK)
11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,888.25 FOR RELOCATION OF THE DANCY BUILDING MECHANICAL COURTYARD TO THE CORNER OF EAST MONROE AND 11TH STREETS. (FB-PD & M)
12. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION TO PROVIDE ONE TIME MAINTENANCE TO A PRIVATE ROAD BETWEEN HOCKADAY AND FLORIDA ROAD FRONTING ON BROWNE AVENUE AND OUT OF ALFONSO DIAZ SUBDIVISION. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

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 APPOINT ALBERT BARREDA TO THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD. (PB- COMM. PCT. 1)
15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY TO OPEN NEW BANK ACCOUNTS AND/OR AMEND EXISTING BANK ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES FOR THE OPERATION OF HIS OFFICE. (EG-TREASURER)
16. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY TO OPEN NEW BANK ACCOUNTS AND/OR AMEND EXISTING BANK ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES FOR THE OPERATION OF HIS OFFICE. (EG-TREASURER)
17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: LINDA SALAZAR, CAMERON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2, PLACE 1; JULIAN SANCHEZ, CAMERON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3, PLACE 1; ADAM GONZALES, CAMERON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 7. (EG-TREASURER)

18. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY AS AMENDED ON JUNE , 2003. (EG-TREASURER)
19. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LOS FRESNOS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
20. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LOS FRESNOS AMBULANCE SERVICE, FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 63 COMPUTERS UTILIZING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (TDIR)-(DELL). (RJ-COMPUTER CENTER)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 29 PRINTERS UTILIZING STATE OF TEXAS QUALIFIED INFORMATION SERVICES VENDER (QISV)-(TECHDEPOT). (RJ-COMPUTER CENTER)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE LICENSE FOR 69 COMPUTERS USING TDIR-TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (SHI). (RJ-COMPUTER CENTER)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A COASTAL LAND APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE PERTAINING TO THE LAGUNA HEIGHTS BIRD WATCH OVERLOOK. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)
25. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)
26. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES HEALTH SERVICES INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)
27. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK, PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION DIVISION. (YS-HEALTH DEPT.)
28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE LOCATED AT GRACIA ROAD OVER SAN VICENTE DRAIN IN THE PRECINCT #4 AREA. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)

29. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A BRIDGE LOCATED AT NORMAN ROAD OVER SAN VICENTE DRAIN IN THE PRECINCT #4 AREA. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
30. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY INVOICES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER FOR DE STEFANO/SANTOPETRO ARCHITECTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,610.95 FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
31. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE BUY BOARD INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RECYCLER MACHINE (BOMAG) - (BUY BOARD - WAUKESHA PEARCE, SAN JUAN, TX). (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
32. CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF LOW BID TO SUMMIT CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES TRUCK LANE EXPANSION. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
33. CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF ROBINSON, DUFFY & BARNARD, AN APPRAISAL FIRM, TO DO APPRAISAL REPORTS FOR FM 732 FROM BUSINESS 77 SOUTH TO SOUTH OF FM 1577. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
34. CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF HARVEY L. HEERSSEN, AN APPRAISAL FIRM, TO DO REVIEW APPRAISAL REPORTS FOR FM 732 FROM BUSINESS 77 SOUTH TO SOUTH OF FM 1577. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
35. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
 - A. PRECINCT 4- LAS TIENDAS SUBDIVISION NO. 1, 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.

TRAVEL:

36. 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. 197TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO HORSESHOE BAY, TX, ON 1/26-28/05, TO ATTEND 2005 REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
 - B. DISTRICT CLERK AND CRIMINAL MANAGER, TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TX, ON 1/9-13/05, TO ATTEND THE 33RD ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR AT COLLEGE STATION.

- C. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2, PLACE 1, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 1/23-28/05, TO ATTEND THE STAGE II - SUBSTANTIVE.
- D. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/9-11/05, 3/30-4/2/05, 5/11-14/05 AND 8/9-11/05, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION, 2005 LEADERSHIP CLASS."
- E. COUNTY JUDGE EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 2/13-15/05, TO ATTEND THE BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING.
- F. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS (2), TO TRAVEL TO DENTON, TX, ON 1/25-27/05, TO ATTEND CITY OF DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT, EUTHANASIA TRAINING COURSE.
- G. PD & M CD COORDINATOR, TO TRAVEL TO MERCEDES, TX, ON 1/12/05, TO ATTEND LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL MEETING.
- H. JUVENILE PUBLIC DEFENDERS (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/1-3/05, TO ATTEND THE 18TH ANNUAL JUVENILE LAW CONFERENCE.
- I. STAFF ENGINEER AND ASSISTANT STAFF ENGINEER, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 2/18-19/05, TO ATTEND ENGINEERING FOR BUILDING SURETY SYMPOSIUM.

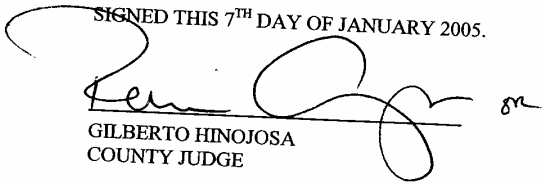
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

37. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CLAIM OF DR. RAUL GARZA, JR., M.D., PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(A)&(2).
- B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AN OPTION CONTRACT WITH LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP REGARDING PROPERTY AT ISLA BLANCA PARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2), 551.072 & 551.087.
- C. 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).
- D. 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).

- E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LASANA-STARDUST WASTEWATER PROJECT 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).
 - F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MICHAEL MCGHEE SCOTT VS. YOLANDA DE LEON, CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS IN THE 107TH DISTRICT COURT; CAUSE NO. 03-01-122-A, FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN TRIAL EXPERTS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(A)&(B).
 - G. 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.
38. 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 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2005.


GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE