

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of August 2005, there was conducted a SPECIAL Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT:

8:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Mary Robles Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

EDNA TAMAYO

JOHN WOOD

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Hinojosa at 8:12 A.M. Commissioner Garza then led the Court and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 12, 2005, at 2:10 P.M.:

(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Hortencia Rodriguez, County resident, expressed concern with delays in repairing George Saenz Lane, needed maintenance to adjacent properties, and the lack of street lights. She explained that in speaking with Mr. Esteban Bazan, Pubic Works Supervisor, he indicated that the repairs would be done prior to school starting; however, this has not occurred. Mrs. Rodriguez expressed concern with dangerous situations in the area due illegal immigrants crossing and entering her property, and with the activity by Border Patrol. She stated that twenty-seven houses were located on George Saenz Lane and that they must walk half a mile to their mail box. Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she wanted official record of the request to repair the road.

ACTION ITEMS

**(2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules were approved.

The Documents are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the claims be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Benavides and Garza

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 0013163, payable to Southwest Key La Esperanza, in the amount of \$4,980.00

The Affidavit and claims are as follow:

(4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATES TO SET COUNTY TAX RATES FOR 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR. (XV-BUDGET OFFICER)

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, requested approval of setting of dates to hold Public Hearings for discussion of setting of the tax rates, them being August 30, 2005 at 9:30 am and September 6, 2005 at 9:30 am. He stated that the notice advertises the current rate and requested direction as to the matter.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he did not see it to be conceivable to go beyond the current rate.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the setting of dates to hold the Public Hearings to set county tax rates for August 30, 2005 at 9.30 am and September 6, 2005 at 9:30 am was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 8:25 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(5) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the case styled County of Cameron versus BFI Waste Collection, et. al, Cause No. 2005-07-3905-A, for discussion of case status and settlement authority; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 9:04 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(6) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. **Confer with Commissioners' Court Legal Counsel concerning the case styled County of Cameron versus BFI Waste Collection, et. al, Cause No. 2005-07-3905-A, for discussion of case status and settlement authority.**

Commissioner Garza moved that the Status Report by Legal Counsel be acknowledged

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:05 A.M.

APPROVED this 6th day of **December 2005**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JOE G. RIVERA,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS