

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of May 2006, 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron County Commissioners' Court wishes to dedicate its proceedings in memory of Judge Reynaldo G. Garza.

THE COURT MET AT:

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

JOHN WOOD
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:
JOHN WOOD

The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-tem Pedro "Pete" Benavides at 9:34 A.M. He asked Reverend Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation, and he 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 April 29, 2006 at 5:52 P.M.:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 9:34 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(27) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY VS. FAULKNER, USA FORMERLY KNOWN AS LANDMARK, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1) (A) (B) & (2).**
- (B) 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).**
- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE DANCY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (D) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A PROPOSED PARK IN LA PALOMA, PRECINCT NO. 4, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LIABILITY ISSUES AT THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**
- (F) DELIBERATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF A 30 FOOT STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT, PRECINCT NO. 2, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (G) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEASING OF PROPERTY AT THE CAMERON COUNTY SAN BENITO ANNEX SITE, PRECINCT NO. 3, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**
- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PADILLA ROAD (RIGHT-OF-WAY) IMPROVEMENTS, PRECINCT NO. 4, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

NOTE: Judge Hinojosa joined the meeting at this time.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 10:04 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(28) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY VS. FAULKNER, USA FORMERLY KNOWN AS LANDMARK, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1) (A) (B) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged.

- (B) 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).**

Commissioner Garza moved to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo.

Judge Hinojosa reported that he met with the Sheriff and an architect regarding renovating existing buildings or warehouses to convert into minimum security detention facilities. He stated that there is a possibility of transforming a warehouse into a trustee or detainee camp that can house 300-400 inmates at a construction cost that is half the normal cost of a detention facility. He added that the timetable for completion of this project, including design and construction, is estimated at 10 months.

Judge Hinojosa went on to say that the Sheriff has informed the State Jail Standards Commission of this undertaking and they have expressed interest and support for the project. He added that he toured the warehouse that is being considered for renovation with the architect and will soon travel to Fort Worth, Texas to view a similar warehouse that was converted into a detention facility.

Commissioner Garza moved to withdraw the motion to table and acknowledge the report by Judge Hinojosa that was discussed in open session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benavides invited the Court and the public to the Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Ceremony of the Browne Road Park Social Service Community Center to be held Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 9 A.M.

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- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE DANCY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

(D) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A PROPOSED PARK IN LA PALOMA, PRECINCT NO. 4, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Javier Mendez, Parks Director, and Commissioner Tamayo was acknowledged.

(E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LIABILITY ISSUES AT THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Richard Burst was acknowledged.

(F) DELIBERATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF A 30 FOOT STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO THE U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT, PRECINCT NO. 2, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the granting of a 30 foot storm drainage easement to the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, Precinct No. 2, Pursuant to V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.072 was approved.

(G) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEASING OF PROPERTY AT THE CAMERON COUNTY SAN BENITO ANNEX SITE, PRECINCT NO. 3, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the survey was acknowledged, and the leasing of property to Maggie's and Monica's House was approved.

Judge Hinojosa stated that Cameron County will be providing property to Maggie & Monica's House at the Levi Building site in San Benito. He added that the programs provided by Maggie & Monica's House are targeted at helping battered and abused children in the county.

(H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PADILLA ROAD (RIGHT-OF-WAY) IMPROVEMENTS, PRECINCT NO. 4, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the donation was accepted.

Judge Hinojosa commented on an editorial in The Brownsville Herald regarding the renovation of the Dancy Building and its unfair portrayal of the Commissioners' Court. He informed the Court that when this project was initiated, the cost estimate of 4 million dollars came from an unlicensed architect and that no person from the current Commissioners' Court was involved with the authorization of hiring this architect. He added that this architect was the second lowest bid and eventually went bankrupt.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the cost estimates from the current architect have been consistent with the actual cost of renovation. He informed the Court that this Commission is responsible for acquiring a \$3.8 million grant for completion of construction and \$300,000 to buy land from the Texas Historical Commission.

Commissioner Garza added that with all that has gone on; thankfully there is an end in site.

Judge Hinojosa noted that the Dancy Building is a historical site that will add to the beauty of our community. He added that through the effort of this Commission, about 1/3 of the total cost for renovation of the Courthouse was saved from receiving the grants from THC.

PRESENTATIONS

(3) PRESENTATION BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES. (COMM. COURT)

Ms. Julie Smith, Adult Protective Services Resource and External Relation Specialist for Region 11, stated the APS Special Task Unit is designed to investigate abuse, neglect and exploitation of those persons age 65+ and disabled persons age 18+. She noted that the Special Task Unit originated from Senate Bill 6 which states each county with a population of over 250,000 is required to have a special task unit with the purpose of improving the response to adults that are disabled and the elderly that are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation. She added that the special task unit is a selected group of professionals.

Commissioner Tamayo voiced her dismay over the number of cases that APS oversees in Cameron County.

Ms. Smith stated that the mandatory members of the task unit include a mental health professional, legal professional and law enforcement. She went on to say that a financial expert, medical professional, domestic violence professional, and a member of the clergy are recommended members of the unit; however, at least one member from each category is important as a multi-disciplinary approach has shown to have better outcomes. She added that the County Judge is responsible for appointing the members of the special task unit.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he intended to get suggestions of individuals from the Commission and would then name the recommended appointees.

Commissioner Garza stated that there have been situations regarding his business where he has had to deal with Adult Protective Services and has been impressed with their ability to function with such limited resources and personnel.

Ms. Smith informed the Commission that she would be available for questions from the potential members of the task unit if need be.

Judge Hinojosa asked how many members are required or recommended for the task unit.

Ms. Smith stated that 8-12 people is the recommended size of the unit; however, each county is different on how they approach issues and may need more than one person for each category.

Ms. Ann Cortez, Regional Director for Adult Protective Services Region 11, expressed her excitement for initiating a task unit in Cameron County that is targeted at investigating abuse, neglect and exploitation. She added that there were 60,000 cases in 2004 and 80,000 cases in 2005 that were reported to APS which indicate this issue needs to be addressed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the report by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

(4) **PRESENTATION BY LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON LAW FIRM REGARDING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REPORT. (TY-TAX OFFICE)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

The Report is as follows:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None was presented.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

The Documents are as follows:

(6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

- (A) MARCH 14, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**
- (B) MARCH 21, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**
- (C) MARCH 28, 2006-SPECIAL MEETING**
- (D) MARCH 28, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**
- (E) APRIL 3, 2006-SPECIAL MEETING**
- (F) APRIL 11, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**
- (G) APRIL 17, 2006-SPECIAL MEETING**
- (H) APRIL 25, 2006-SPECIAL MEETING**
- (I) APRIL 25, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Garza commented on how he reads the minutes in detail and how impressed he is with the Commissioners' Court Secretaries on their preparation of the minutes. He noted the detailed and easy-to-read information and commended them on their effort.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the minutes for the March 14, 2006-Regular Meeting, March 21, 2006-Regular Meeting, March 28, 2006-Special Meeting, March 28, 2006-Regular Meeting, April 3, 2006-Special Meeting, April 11, 2006-Regular Meeting, April 17, 2006-Special Meeting, April 25, 2006-Special Meeting and April 25, 2006-Regular Meeting were approved.

(7) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Claims be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 00158879 made payable to Southwest Key Program in the amount of \$1,063.80 and Warrant No. 00158770 made payable to Laguna Madre Water District in the amount of \$65.33

The Claims and Affidavit are as follows:

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- (8) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH JAIL INFIRMARY AS INDEPENDENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE MEDICAL SUPERVISION OF THE JAIL INFIRMARY DOCTOR AND CREATE A POSITION OF JAIL DOCTOR AS AN EMPLOYEE. (RB-CIVIL)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

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.

DISCUSSION ON CONSENT AND TRAVEL ITEMS:

Item No. 26(F): Commissioner Garza questioned the \$358.70 cost of air fare to San Antonio, TX.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that this item was brought to his attention and he will review it.

Item No. 26(C): Commissioner Garza suggested that when several County employees are flying or traveling to the same conference, they consider taking a charter plane to reduce costs.

Commissioner Tamayo moved that the "Travel and Consent Items" be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- (10) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE TO PAY JURORS THE JURY FEE OF \$6.00 FOR THE FIRST DAY SERVED AND NO LESS THAN \$40.00 FOR EACH DAY THERE AFTER. (ADLG-DISTRICT CLERK)**
The Documents are as follows:
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The Agreement is as follows:
- (12) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH RICO CONSTRUCTION, LTD., FOR THE EL SALADO BROWNE ROAD AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 724175). (FB-PD & M)**
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The Resolution is as follows:
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The Resolution is as follows:
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The Resolution is as follows:
- (21) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THROUGH THE U.S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE (THE HOME DEPOT) THE PURCHASE OF SOUND ATTENUATION INSULATION FOR THE LEVIS BUILDING. (MI-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)**
- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO WORK A SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) CLICK IT OR TICKET (CIOT) GRANT OF THE TEXAS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (OL-SHERIFF)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN ADOLPH THOMAE PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION PROJECT – ANNUAL BID #060402. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (24) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP’S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)**
(A) **FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS – INSPECTION & REPAIRS ANNUAL BID #1425 TO SUPERIOR ALARM, ARGUS, SECURITY INTL.**
(B) **AUDIT, ANALYSIS & RECONCILIATION OF UTILITIES – ANNUAL RFP #1221-2 TO GULF COAST UTILITIES SERVICE**
(C) **LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS ANNUAL BID #1640 TO E-Z ACCESS**
The Tabulation is as follows:
- (25) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM APRIL 10, 2006 TO APRIL 7, 2007 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT THE HEATHER SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT NO. 3. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
The Documentation is as follows:

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (26) **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) **SHERIFF AND CHIEFS (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 4/26-27/06, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS.**

- (B) DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO TRAVEL TO TUCSON, AZ, ON 5/10-12/06, TO ATTEND A BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE MEETING.**
- (C) 404TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER, 357TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER, 107TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS (2), 103RD DISTRICT COURT REPORTER, JUVENILE COURT REPORTER, COURT AT LAW NO. 1 COURT REPORTER, COURT AT LAW NO. 3 COURT REPORTER, 138TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER AND 197TH DISTRICT COURT REPORTER, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, ON 6/22-25/06, TO ATTEND TEXAS COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION.**
- (D) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 4/29-5/5/06, TO ATTEND MEETINGS DURING THE 79TH 3RD SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**
- (E) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 5/8-16/06, TO ATTEND MEETINGS DURING THE 79TH 3RD SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**
- (F) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2, PLACE 2, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 5/7-10/06, TO ATTEND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ANNUAL 20 HR SEMINAR.**
- (G) HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGISTERED NURSE, TO TRAVEL TO BURLINGTON, MA, ON 5/23-26/06, TO ATTEND WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION EXAM AND PRACTICE PREPARATIONS SEMINAR.**
- (H) ASSISTANT HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, TO TRAVEL TO MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, ON 4/30-5/5/06, TO ATTEND THE 64TH ANNUAL UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEETING.**
- (I) JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO MCALLEN, TX, ON 4/21-22/06, TO ATTEND "8TH ANNUAL COUNSELING AND ADDICTIONS CONFERENCE."**
- (J) JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TX, ON 4/30-5/5/06, TO ATTEND "MID-MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRAINING."**
- (K) UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE ANALYST, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 5/3-4/06, TO ATTEND DPS NARCOTICS SERVICE MEETING.**
- (L) COUNTY JUDGE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 5/4/06, TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS AND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS.**

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The Documentation is as follows:

(9) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH JOE SERRATA TO ROUND UP STRAY LIVESTOCK IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CAMERON COUNTY. (COMM. COURT)**

Commissioner Garza asked if the Sheriff's Department ever sends out an officer to respond to a call.

Mr. Gus Reyna, Chief Deputy, stated that the Sheriff's Department tries to send out an officer, but in the event all units are busy, Mr. Serrata is called.

Mr. Joe Serrata added that if an officer is sent out and is unable to round up the livestock, he is then called. He added that he is not allowed to touch the owner's property, even if it is apparent that the livestock is able to stray from the owner's land.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if the owner is notified of the situation.

Mr. Serrata answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Benavides asked where Mr. Serrata has his headquarters.

Mr. Serrata responded that he is housed in Los Fresnos, which allows him to easily access all areas of Cameron County. He added that this is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week job and when he is called to round up livestock, he responds regardless of where he is or the time of day.

Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, asked what the amount of the contract is and stated that there are not sufficient funds in the Sheriff's Department Budget to cover the cost of the contract. He added that there are not enough funds in lapsed salaries to cover the contract for the remainder of the fiscal year and recommended waiting until next week to determine if there are funds available.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the contract with Joe Serrata to round up stray livestock in the unincorporated areas of Cameron County, subject to being implemented next week with funds to be determined by the Budget Officer.

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

AYE: Judge Hinojosa, Commissioner Benavides and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garza

The Contract is as follows:

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was recessed at 10:47 A.M.

NOTE: Commissioner Garza did not return to the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was reconvened at 10:55 A.M.

**(2) PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
GLORIA CASAS FOR HER DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
AND HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.
(COMM. COURT)**

Judge Hinojosa commended Gloria Casas for her lifelong dedication to bettering the lives of disadvantaged Hispanic children in Cameron County.

Commissioner Tamayo let it be known that Mrs. Casas graduates from college on May 13, 2006.

Mrs. Gloria Casas thanked her mother for providing the inspiration that has guided her, her father for pushing her to do greater things with her life, her sister for always being with her through everything and her husband Jaime for all of his support. She thanked the Commissioners' Court for this humbling honor and added that it means the world to her and her family.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:15 A.M.

APPROVED this 9th day of **May 2006**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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