

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 20th day of June 2006, there was conducted a REGULAR 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:

PRESENT:

9:30 A.M.

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:
PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES



The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Garza at 9:33 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 June 16, 2006 at 2:35 P.M.:

(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Joe Wallace Garcia stated that the drainage ditches near his home do not empty into his subdivision. He added that he is paying Brownsville Irrigation District taxes and expressed his disapproval of paying double taxes as he is not getting the service. He noted that he has been to the County Judge's Office and the Right-of-Way Office and no one seems to know how to alleviate the problem. He asked that the Court appoint someone to address this issue.

The Form is as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

(4) PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON THE SANTA ROSA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PROJECT. (GS-COUNTY JUDGE)

Ms. Grace Salinas, County Judge's Office, gave an update on the funding for the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club. She stated that the allocation from the U.S. Department of HUD for the 2006 fiscal year was \$316,800 and noted that the 2003 fiscal year allocation was \$223,588 totaling \$540,388 that has been awarded for this project.

Ms. Salinas stated that the grant application has been sent to HUD, pending an updated environmental review letter. She added that the contract should be received within 30 days.

Ms. Salinas informed the Court that the project is short of funds as the cost is projected at \$700,000. She noted that a grant has been submitted to the Meadows Foundation for extra funds. She added that the Meadows Foundation Evaluation Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and indicated that the project looks favorable for approval. She added that a letter has been sent to the American Electric Power Company seeking additional funds as well.

Commissioner Tamayo expressed her concern with meeting deadlines as to not lose funding for the project.

Ms. Salinas stated that the deadline for the grant application is December 30, 2006. She asked the Court if the project should move forward with the original grant money or wait until additional funds are secured to cover the entire cost of \$700,000. She added that the Budget Officer requires that funding for the entire project cost be available before a contract can be executed.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, stated that the original contract went from \$800,000 to \$633,000 as work was removed and added that the building size cannot be reduced further.

Commissioner Tamayo asked Mr. Mendez for an update as to the cost and progress of the project.

Mr. Mendez stated that plans are completed and that costs are being renegotiated as the community wants a gymnasium and the ability to allow for future expansion.

Commissioner Tamayo asked when notification from the Meadows Foundation is expected.

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant County Administrator, stated that the Committee is to meet and make a recommendation to the Board at the beginning of July.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Grace Salinas on the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club was acknowledged.

(5) PRESENTATION BY YVETTE SALINAS, CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR ON OPERATION LONE STAR 2006. (YS-HEALTH)

Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Administrator, stated that Cameron County has been collaborating with Operation Lone Star for several years. She added that the mission of Operation Lone Star 2006 is to provide personnel, administrative and logistical support to operate dental and medical treatment sites for the under served population of the Rio Grande Valley.

Ms. Salinas stated that Cameron County began working with Operation Lone Star in 2002 and the military involved were the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, Texas Medical Rangers, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the U.S. Navy Reserve. She noted that the local community agencies would work with Operation Lone Star to provide (2) weeks of free medical and dental services. She highlighted that in 2005, the total number of patients seen totaled 5,601 and 12,522 services were provided at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

Ms. Salinas informed the Court that 2006 will be the County's fifth year participating and only the Texas Army National Guard will participate due to the high number of deployments. She added that only (1) week of free medical and dental services will be provided.

Ms. Salinas stated that the Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services is coordinating with the Texas Army National Guard, the Brownsville Independent School District, the Department of State Health Services, the Secretary of State's Office, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, Wesley Nurses and other local agencies for the 2006 Operation Lone Star.

Ms. Salinas reported that services that will be provided include immunizations, blood pressure screenings, weight/height, hearing screenings, disposal of biohazard waste, Reach Out and Read Literacy Program, hand washing information, volunteer recruitment, information on technology support, crowd control, diabetic screenings, dental, limited pharmacy, sports physicals and medical referrals.

Ms. Salinas explained that the military is still confirming the staff that will be providing services and added that approximately (7) physicians, (13) nurses, 1 or 2 dentists and 4 or 5 dental technicians will be available to provide services in Cameron County. She noted that the week of Operation Lone Star is from July 24, 2006-July 28, 2006 at Filemon V. Vela Middle School. She presented a spreadsheet that details the number of services provided in 2005 and added that the goal is to meet the same numbers as last year.

Commissioner Tamayo pointed out that due to the cut in the time frame and the number of medical personnel, the number of patients seen should equate to 25% of last years total.

Ms. Salinas stated that there has always been (1) location in Cameron County and added that typically Operation Lone Star is (9) working days long and this year there will only be (5) working days. She noted that the Brownsville Urban System is allowing posters promoting Operation Lone Star to be posted on their buses.

NOTE: Judge Hinojosa arrived at this time.

Commissioner Wood applauded the location of Operation Lone Star at Vela Middle School as it is in close proximity to the residents of Cameron Park.

Commissioner Tamayo noted how the scale down of Operation Lone Star is another example of how the war is affecting our society.

Ms. Salinas stated that in order to keep Operation Lone Star functioning, interaction with the military is key and added that she is working on a contingency plan to hire personnel for Operation Lone Star and public clinics.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if the telemedicine mobile unit will be utilized for this project.

Ms. Salinas replied that it is being factored into the project and added that she is not sure if the unit is going to be provided to Starr County, Willacy County or Cameron County

Commissioner Tamayo informed Ms. Salinas that the telemedicine unit is coming to Cameron County.

Ms. Salinas supplied the Court with a manning list and introduced Ms. Gabriela Saucedo, Incident Commander for Operation Lone Star.

Commissioner Garza asked if the regular clinics will be affected by Operation Lone Star and added that he hopes this project will not delay wait times at regular clinics.

Ms. Salinas explained that the immunization clinic may be affected and there may have a daily affect per clinic as that clinic may not be able to provide immunizations on a certain day.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Yvette Salinas, Cameron County Health Administrator, on Operation Lone Star 2006 was acknowledged.

The Documentation is as follows:

(2) PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. ANTONIO LIMON FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT. (COMM. COURT)

Judge Hinojosa noted how fortunate Cameron County is that the juvenile detention facility fell under the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District jurisdiction and the success that partnership has brought. He added that success could not be possible without Mr. Antonio Limon, San Benito Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent.

Mr. Limon thanked the Court for this honor and his wife, Linda Limon, for her support and noted that 100% of the students passed the TAKS Test at the Darrell Hester Center.

Judge Hinojosa mentioned that when you visit the juvenile boot camp, you can sense a different atmosphere than what you would expect and that is due in large part to the commitment of the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District. He thanked the teachers of the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District for their efforts and noted that the youth at the juvenile boot camp are succeeding because of their efforts.

Commissioner Tamayo thanked Mr. Limon for being proactive in preventing youths from ending up in the juvenile detention center. She noted the success of the Los Indios After School Program.

Commissioner Garza commented on how dedicated Mr. Limon is in assisting kids in anyway possible. He added that Mr. Limon has been a role model and mentor to kids.

Commissioner Wood thanked Mr. Limon for his dedication and commitment and added that he is a valuable asset to Cameron County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Presentation of a Resolution recognizing Mr. Antonio Limon for his Lifetime of Achievement was acknowledged.

ACTION ITEMS

(10) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE AT SAN PEDRO CEMETERY. (COMM. COURT)

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Cardoza family has tended to the San Pedro Cemetery for years and noted that recently, the cemetery has been used frequently for indigent burials. He commented on how it is becoming increasingly difficult for the family to maintain the cemetery by themselves.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the San Pedro Cemetery is County property that has never been maintained by the County. He added that the Cardoza family is willing to continue to oversee the activities of the cemetery and that they only ask for help with maintenance.

Sheriff Lucio volunteered the Prisoners at Work Program to assist with the maintenance of the cemetery.

Judge Hinojosa asked the Sheriff to meet with Ms. Cardoza to work out a maintenance schedule.

Commissioner Garza asked who has ownership of the cemetery.

Ms. Cardoza stated that the land has belonged to the County since 1947.

Commissioner Garza asked if there are any rules governing the cemetery and whom gets buried there.

Ms. Cardoza stated that San Pedro Cemetery is a public cemetery.

Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, added that he will check to see if the cemetery is indeed property of Cameron County.

Judge Hinojosa acknowledged that the process that is currently in place for whom gets buried in the San Pedro Cemetery has been working for years and added that the issue is with the maintenance of the cemetery.

Commissioner Wood confirmed that the cemetery is County property and added that having the inmates take care of the maintenance appears to be a good solution to the issue. He suggested that the question of who authorizes those persons to be buried in the cemetery is an issue that should be addressed at a later time.

Commissioner Garza asked if all indigent burials take place at the San Pedro Cemetery.

Judge Hinojosa replied in the negative.

Commissioner Garza noted that if some funeral homes are paying for a burial plot and others are not, that issue needs to be addressed

Commissioner Wood stated that the whole picture needs to be looked at and perhaps adding an additional cemetery is something that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Tamayo moved for the Sheriff's Department to meet with the Cardoza Family to plan a schedule for the upkeep of the San Pedro Cemetery and for Legal Counsel to verify that Cameron County owns the land.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(3) **PRESENTATION BY FRUTOSO GOMEZ, CHIEF APPRAISAL FOR THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES. (COMM. COURT)**

Judge Hinojosa stated that there have been questions from the public as to the increases in their appraisals. He added that due to the fact that the Brownsville Herald ran an editorial that implied that Cameron County oversees the Appraisal District; the public is directing their inquiries to the County. He noted that the Cameron Appraisal District is an independent governmental entity composed of representatives from all taxing authorities from Cameron County. He emphasized that appraisals are not done by Cameron County.

Commissioner Wood added that he spoke with the writer of the editorial and the writer fully understands the difference between Cameron County and the Cameron Appraisal District.

Mr. Frutoso Gomez, Chief Appraiser, stated that there is some misconception between the public and the media as to who the Appraisal District is and how they fit in the property tax system. He explained that the Cameron Appraisal District (CAD) was created by the State Legislature in 1979 and operations of the Appraisal District began in 1980-1984. He noted that there is an appraisal district in each county in the State of Texas and the Cameron Appraisal District carries out the appraisals for (39) different taxing entities. He reiterated that Cameron Appraisal District is a separate political division of the State of Texas and is not governed by Cameron County.

Mr. Gomez stated that the County, City and School governing bodies select a Board of Directors comprised of (10) members. He added that the Board appoints a Chief Appraiser and the Appraisal Review Board. He noted that the Appraisal Review Board is composed of private citizens that hear protests from the public. He stated that the State Comptroller does a test performance of the appraisals done by the Appraisal District every year.

NOTE: Commissioner Garza left the meeting at this time.

Judge Hinojosa asked why there have been increases in the appraisals recently.

Mr. Gomez stated that there has been a tremendous increase in property value over the last couple of years and the law dictates that the Appraisal District must be at market value. He added that notices are sent out every year.

Note: Commissioner Garza returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Gomez stated that this year has been a busy one as there are have been many sales in the County and 194,000 notices have been sent out. He added that 17,000 protests have been filed and the deadline to file a protest

was June 9, 2006. He noted that there have been tremendous increases in land value, building construction and purchases of homes and all of those factor into the increase of property values.

Judge Hinojosa asked how appraisals are done and asked if each individual property is compared to others in the area.

Mr. Gomez replied in the affirmative and stated that mass appraisals are done based on sales. He added that the State of Texas is not a disclosure state which means all sales are not reported. He stated that if all sales were reported, there could be a better and more accurate appraisal done.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there is concern from the public as they are unable to speak with appraisers when questions arise and asked if there is a procedure in place to handle a surge in the volume of phone calls after appraisal notices are sent out.

Mr. Gomez stated that there are 50 staff members who handle approximately 900 calls a day in addition to assisting the Appraisal Review Board on formal and informal hearings. He informed the Court that there are individuals who come to the Cameron Appraisal District Office wishing to file a protest after the deadline has lapsed and noted that no one is turned away and the staff is willing to work with them to see if something can be done. He added that people are not aware that if they move or demolish a structure, they need to notify the Appraisal District as to prevent paying future taxes. He notified the Commission that his staff has been working as late as 10 p.m.

Mr. Buster Vernor, Director of Real Estate, stated that the State Comptroller does a study on each individual school district and if the Cameron Appraisal District is low, in terms of appraisals, school districts and other entities are affected. He added that if the appraisals are below market value, the State Comptroller has the authority to come in and remove the Board of Directors and Chief Appraiser and place the appraisal district in a receivership. He emphasized that the Cameron Appraisal District must be at market value.

Commissioner Garza stated that every person that has called his office with a complaint and then goes through an informal process with the Cameron Appraisal District has commented on how well they were treated. He expressed his concern for those illiterate persons who do not review their appraisal and noted that the Appraisal District is proactive in finding exemptions for these persons.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if the building of gated communities affects the surrounding "humble" homes.

Mr. Gomez replied that surrounding homes of a gated community should not be affected as the surrounding area is not a comparable property to those inside the gated community.

Commissioner Wood asked if an appraisal remains the same if a building burns down in February and the appraisal is based on January 1st of that year.

Mr. Gomez stated that there is currently no proration under the law.

Commissioner Garza stated that Cameron County is a desirable place to live and market values are increasing and that is displacing many impoverished families.

Commissioner Tamayo expressed her concern with appraisals of “humble” homes as to not displace generations of families.

Judge Hinojosa stated that people are receiving significant increases in the valuation of their property and noted that the amount of their income is not increasing. He asked that the Appraisal District be sensitive to those “working” persons, while adhering to State Law.

Mr. Gomez noted that there is an “Over-65 Exemption” and a “Disability Exemption”.

Commissioner Tamayo thanked for the Appraisal District for their patience.

Commissioner Garza emphasized that the deadline for filing a protest was June 9, 2006.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Frutoso Gomez, Chief Appraiser for the Cameron Appraisal District, regarding property assessment and evaluation procedures was acknowledged.

The Documentation is as follows:

(14) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE CAMERON COUNTY DUNE PROTECTION AND BEACH ACCESS RULES. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, stated that beach access fees were increased and it's mandatory by the Texas General Land Office that a public hearing be held to ratify the increase. He asked to increase the fees from \$1, which was approved in 1988, to \$4 for Isla Blanca Park and Andie Bowie Park.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the \$4 beach access fee is already being charged and essentially there is no increase.

Mr. Mendez stated that the fees are used for beach maintenance and added that data has been provided to the State illustrating that the total collected in beach fees is well under the total cost of maintenance. He noted that there is an increase to \$3 for Beach Access No. 5 and No. 6.

Mr. Stuart Diamond, Chairman of the Surfrider Foundation of South Texas, stated that under government code, any increase or charge to a beach park must receive permission from the State. He noted that the \$4 increase took affect in the mid-90's and added that fees collected have been charged illegally. He requested that accounting be done to show that the fees were used for beach maintenance and dune protection.

Mr. Mendez stated that there is internal accounting for the reimbursement program with the State that details how much money is collected and how much is expended for beach maintenance.

Commissioner Wood noted that the funds needed to maintain the beach are always greater than the total fees collected.

Mr. Mendez stated that there was never an amendment to show the changes in the beach access fees.

Commissioner Garza requested that the internal accounting be made available to the Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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

The Documents are as follows:

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

(A) JUNE 6, 2006-REGULAR MEETING

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 6, 2006-Regular Meeting were approved.

(8) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following late claims: Warrant No. 00162108, made payable to El Salado-Sewer, in the amount of \$3,500.00 and Warrant No. 00162107, made payable to the Cameron County Jury Fund, in the amount of \$28,006.00

Commissioner Tamayo moved that the Claims be approved, inclusive of the late claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garza as to Warrant No. 00161847, made payable to the Medicine Shoppe, in the amount of \$707.54 and Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 00161799, made payable to the Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$184.45 and Warrant No. 00161990, made payable to Southwest Key Program La Esperanza, in the amount of \$3,664.20.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(9) PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPORT ON THE WASHINGTON, DC TRIP TAKEN ON JUNE 12-14, 2006. (ET- COMM. PCT. 4)

Commissioner Tamayo reported that Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Department of Transportation Director, Mr. David Garcia, Department of Transportation Assistant Director, and she attended the Fifth Annual Leadership Conference sponsored by Congressman Ruben Hinojosa in Washington, D.C. She noted that Bernard Bernanke, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, praised the Brownsville Community Development Corporation for their efforts benefiting over 2,500 low-income families through housing programs.

Commissioner Tamayo commented on a speech given by Mr. Colin Peterson, House Agricultural Committee Ranking Member, who spoke on bio-fuels made from crops such as switch grass. She informed the Court that there is \$1 million available through EDA to focus on job training. She added that she spoke with Frank Castellanos, of Cameron Works, on these available funds.

NOTE: Judge Hinojosa left the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Tamayo stated that these funds are targeted for Santa Rosa and will most likely fund a workforce center. She went on to say that they met with Senator Ortiz and were able to discuss the West Rail and North Rail Relocation Project, Bahia Grande Resoration Project, GIWW Realignment Project, 24-hour Operation at the Veteran's Bridge, Veteran's Healthcare and the Levee Rehabilitation Project.

NOTE: Judge Hinojosa returned to the meeting at this time.

Commissioner Tamayo reported that she met with the IBWC (International Boundary and Water Commission) Acting Commissioner Carlos Marin and learned that there are 277 miles of levee are in our area and 77 of those miles are in need of repair. She noted that \$125 million is needed for the improvements and added that the IBWC is requesting \$20 million this year.

Mr. Sepulveda stated DOS Logistics, a consultant, advised them that the Senate is going to be considering the Water Resources and Development Act in the coming weeks and language in the act is going to de-authorize the Arroyo Colorado in the Harlingen area. He stated that he advised Senator Ortiz and Congressman Hinojosa's staff to object to the language in the legislation to continue to authorize the Arroyo Colorado. He added that in Cameron County, there are (5) miles of levee that need improvement and the cost is estimated at \$10 million.

Judge Hinojosa stated that he met with Mr. Pete Leal and Mr. Leal informed him that the increase of Border Patrol affects the levees as the Border Patrol drag the levees with their automobiles to see if undocumented persons are crossing the river. He added that this issue needs to be brought to Congress as it is dramatically affecting the levee system.

Mr. Sepulveda added that \$8 million is needed for improvements to the Arroyo Colorado. He informed the Court that there is \$6.4 million in appropriations available in next year's budget. He suggested meeting with the IBWC in El Paso to begin engineering and design of the Arroyo Colorado and the (5) miles of levee.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Presentation on the Washington, DC Trip taken June 12-14, 2006 was acknowledged.

The Documentation is as follows:

**(13) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
REGARDING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL
PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN CAMERON COUNTY. (PS-DEPT.
OF TRANSPORTATION)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Boundary and Water Commission regarding the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project Activities in Cameron County was approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

(20) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS TO SELL COOKIES IN THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING. (DJV-LEGAL)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the License Agreement with the Girl Scouts to sell cookies in the Cameron County Judicial Building was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

(11) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FOR A MEDICAL MOBILE CLINIC. (DJV-LEGAL)**

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

(12) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND CAMERON COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 4 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES IN JOINT OPERATIONS TASK FORCE. (RL-CONSTABLE PCT. 4)**

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 CONCERNING CONSENT AND TRAVEL ITEMS:

Item No. 16 & 18:

Commissioner Wood expressed concern for the frequent use of V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4).

Item No. 16 & 17:

Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, stated that there is an issue with Item No. 16 and No. 17 as there are hearings that are being scheduled and there is currently no attorney on board.

Commissioner Wood noted that the civil service commission has been appointed months ago and added that a selection of an attorney should have been brought up before now.

Judge Hinojosa asked if this attorney is only for these particular hearings.

Mr. Burst replied in the negative and added that this is for a 30-day out contract.

Commissioner Garza asked what types of hearing are occurring.

Mr. Burst replied that there is an appeal set up.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that proposals be sent out and authorization to contract with Mr. Rick Navarro be approved for the upcoming hearings. He suggested to hire Mr. Navarro with the 30-day out

clause and at the same time, go out for RFP's so that the Civil Service Commission can interview all of the attorneys and then make their recommendation for an attorney.

Commissioner Wood agreed to Judge Hinojosa's recommendation and expressed his disapproval of using the exemption for Item No. 18.

Item No. 18 & 19:

Judge Hinojosa stated this item can wait and RFP's can be sent out. He recommended tabling these items.

Ms. Grace Salinas, County Judge's Office, stated that she trying to close the grant and that is the reason for the exemption.

Judge Hinojosa asked if the grant can wait until RFP's are sent out.

Ms. Salinas stated that she was unsure.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that RFP's be sent out and recommended to Ms. Salinas to bring this item to the Court again if there is a problem with closing the grant.

Commissioner Tamayo moved that the "Travel and Consent Items" be approved, excluding Item No. 20, tabling Item No. 18 and Item No. 19 and with the recommendation by Judge Hinojosa on Item No. 17.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

- (15) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE COMMENDATION OF THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN THE CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE EMERGENCY ON MAY 26, 2006. (JW - COMM. PCT. 2)**
- (16) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FINDING OF AN EXEMPTION UNDER V.T.C.A., LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 262.024 (A)(4) FROM THE COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES BY A COUNTY IN REFERENCE TO HIRING AN ATTORNEY TO ADVISE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR APPEAL HIRES. (RB-LEGAL)**
- (17) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH RICK J. NAVARRO, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. (RB-LEGAL)**
The Agreement is as follows:
- (18) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FINDING OF AN EXEMPTION UNDER V.T.C.A., LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 262.024(A)(4) FROM THE COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES BY A COUNTY IN REFERENCE TO CONTRACTING WITH A COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ASBESTOS SURVEYS. (DJV-LEGAL) (TABLED)**
- (19) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CHEMICAL RESPONSE & REMEDIATION CONTRACTORS, INC. TO PROVIDE ASBESTOS SURVEYS FOR THE DEL MAR HEIGHTS PROPERTIES. (DJV-LEGAL) (TABLED)**
- (20) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS TO SELL COOKIES IN THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING. (DJV-LEGAL) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (21) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CUVETTES FROM HEMOCUE, INC A SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER. (YS-HEALTH)**
The Documentation is as follows:

- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR AN ILLEGAL DUMPING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT AND TO CONTINUE ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL. (FB-PD & M)**
The Resolution is as follows:
- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ARTURO FIGUEROA, RAUL SOSA III, ROXANNE HERNANDEZ AND CHARLEEN CABLER TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE WEED AND SEED TARGETED COMMUNITY. (TR-JUVENILE)**
The Agreements are as follows:
- (24) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES PER STATE OF TEXAS (TBPC) TEXAS BUILDING & PROCUREMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT #985. (MY-AUDITOR)**
The Agreement is as follows:
- (25) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD (SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND APPROVAL BY COMM. COURT) IMAGING, SCANNING & INDEXING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS DEPTS. – RFP #1455V TO Q.D.I. (MF-PURCHASING)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (26) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GLASSES – ANNUAL BID #2610 TO EYE EAR OPTICAL. (MF-PURCHASING)**
The Tabulation is as follows:
- (27) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROMAN A. & MARIA T. NUNEZ ON THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. (COMM. COURT)**
The Resolution is as follows:
- (28) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JUNE 27, 2006 TO JUNE 13, 2008 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT S.V.M. SUBDIVISION, PRECINCT NO. 4. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (29) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JULY 25, 2006 TO JUNE 26, 2007 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT SUGARLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION PHASE II, PRECINCT NO. 3. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (30) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JULY 24, 2006 TO APRIL 30, 2009 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT RESACA PALOMA SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, PRECINCT NO. 4. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (31) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR MAGNOLIA ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE I, PRECINCT NO. 4, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (32) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
(A) PRECINCT NO. 2- MESQUITE WOOD SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF BLOCK TWO (15.87 ACRES) OF EL JARDIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 48 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

The Documentation is as follows:

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (33) **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 AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 6/16-17/06, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.**
 - (B) **JUVENILE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TX, ON 6/23-24/06, TO TOUR JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND MEET WITH OFFICIALS AT RAICES DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTER.**
 - (C) **COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4, TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TX, ON 6/25-29/06, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION 72ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**
 - (D) **ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 7/26-28/06, TO ATTEND "PERSPECTIVES 2006 TODAY'S BENEFITS IN TOMORROW'S WORLD."**
 - (E) **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4, TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX, ON 6/9/06, TO ATTEND THE 2006 VITAL STATISTICS REGIONAL CONFERENCE.**
 - (F) **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 6/25-7/1/06, TO ATTEND COALITION TRAINING.**
 - (G) **BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELORS (4), TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, ON 7/21-23/06, TO ATTEND A LE LECHE LEAGUE (LLL) OF TEXAS 2006 TEXAS AREA CONFERENCE (A PARENTING CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS).**
 - (H) **COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY, NY, ON 7/1-6/06, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHRIMP PROMOTION PROGRAM.**

- (17) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH RICK J. NAVARRO, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. (RB-LEGAL)**
The Agreement is as follows:

- (21) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CUVETTES FROM HEMOCUE, INC A SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER. (YS-HEALTH)**
The Documentation is as follows:

- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR AN ILLEGAL DUMPING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT AND TO CONTINUE ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL. (FB-PD & M)**
The Resolution is as follows:

- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ARTURO FIGUEROA, RAUL SOSA III, ROXANNE HERNANDEZ AND CHARLEEN CABLER TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE WEED AND SEED TARGETED COMMUNITY. (TR-JUVENILE)**
The Agreements are as follows:

- (24) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES PER STATE OF TEXAS (TBPC) TEXAS BUILDING & PROCUREMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT #985. (MY-AUDITOR)**
The Agreement is as follows:

- (25) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD (SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND APPROVAL BY COMM. COURT) IMAGING, SCANNING & INDEXING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS DEPTS. – RFP #1455V TO Q.D.I. (MF-PURCHASING)**
The Documentation is as follows:

- (26) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GLASSES – ANNUAL BID #2610 TO EYE EAR OPTICAL. (MF-PURCHASING)**
The Tabulation is as follows:

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The Documentation is as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION ITEMS

(1) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER RELATING TO THE CHANGES TO THE BEACH AND DUNE PROTECTION PLAN. (JM-PARK SYSTEM)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Authorization to Adopt an Order relating to the changes to the Beach and Dune Protection Plan was approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:36 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(34) 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) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 148, FOR PRIMERA ROAD PROJECT IN THE PRIMERA, PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (F) DELIBERATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF TEN FOOT (10') ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO AEP TEXAS, TO EXTEND OVERHEAD PRIMARY POWER LINE TO THE OLD LEVI BUILDING – WILLIAMSON ROAD, SAN BENITO, TEXAS, PRECINCT NO. 3 PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (G) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A PROPOSED PARK IN SAN PEDRO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 1, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE AT FM 803 (RESACA DE LOS FRESNOS), PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (I) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MEDICAL CLAIMS FROM VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ON JOSE LOREDO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**

SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

NOTE: Judge Hinojosa did not return to the meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 11:53 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(2) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Commissioner Wood-“Move to approve the amount of \$10,881.00, is that the amount?”

Commissioner Garza-“That is correct sir”

Commissioner Tamayo-“Second”

Commissioner Garza-“All those in favor say “aye”

Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Wood-“Aye”

Commissioner Garza-“Motion carries”

(35) 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).**

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the settlement with the last remaining defendant in the amount of \$4.4 million.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

- (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).**

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

- (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 Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, authorization to allow the City of Brownsville to use Lot 2, Block 122 for demolition was approved.

- (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 Wood and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED**.

- (E) **DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 148, FOR PRIMERA ROAD PROJECT IN THE PRIMERA, PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, authorization to purchase Parcel 148 for \$860 was approved.

- (F) **DELIBERATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF TEN FOOT (10') ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO AEP TEXAS, TO EXTEND OVERHEAD PRIMARY POWER LINE TO THE OLD LEVI BUILDING – WILLIAMSON ROAD, SAN BENITO, TEXAS, PRECINCT NO. 3 PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Commissioner Wood-“Move to approve”

Commissioner Tamayo-“Second”

Commissioner Garza-“Moved and second for approval, all those in favor say “aye”

Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Wood-“Aye”

Commissioner Garza-“Motion carries”

The Documentation is as follows:

- (G) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A PROPOSED PARK IN SAN PEDRO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, authorization to work with the City of Brownsville in continuing process of acquisition and development of the park was approved.

(H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 1, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE AT FM 803 (RESACA DE LOS FRESNOS), PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, authorization to purchase Parcel 1 for \$5,500 was approved.

(I) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MEDICAL CLAIMS FROM VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ON JOSE LOREDO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

Commissioner Wood-"Move to acknowledge report and direct counsel to continue with the negotiations on a settlement with Valley Regional Medical Center"

Commissioner Tamayo-"Second"

Commissioner Garza-"All those in favor say "aye"

Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Tamayo-"Aye"

Commissioner Garza-"Motion carries"

(F) DELIBERATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF TEN FOOT (10') ELECTRICAL EASEMENT TO AEP TEXAS, TO EXTEND OVERHEAD PRIMARY POWER LINE TO THE OLD LEVI BUILDING – WILLIAMSON ROAD, SAN BENITO, TEXAS, PRECINCT NO. 3 PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.

Commissioner Wood-“Move to approve”

Commissioner Tamayo-“Second”

Commissioner Garza-“Moved and second for approval, all those in favor say “aye”

Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Wood-“Aye”

Commissioner Garza-“Motion carries”

The Documentation is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:59 A.M

APPROVED this 6th day of **July 2006**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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