

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 18th day of July 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 Adolfo G. Betancourt.

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:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Pro-Tem Pedro "Pete" Benavides at 9:35 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 July 14, 2006 at 4:29 P.M.:

NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA ARRIVED AT THIS TIME.

(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Suzanne Zurlinden, Harlingen resident, thanked the Court for saving Isla Blanca Park. She stated that she has visited Isla Blanca Park as a child and hopes that one day her grandchildren can experience the beauty of the park. She added that the beach is a beautiful natural resource that should not be destroyed.

Mr. Robert Pierman, Laguna Vista resident, spoke on Item 40 (M) and requested that a milestone be established as to when the termination of the lease will be effective.

The Forms are as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

(2) PRESENTATION BY TROPICAL TEXAS CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES, AGENCY NAME CHANGE BEING CONSIDERED, FINANCIAL STATUS – FY07 FUNDING REQUEST, COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, OTHER SUCCESSES AND UPCOMING/FUTURE CHALLENGES. (TC-TTCMHMR)

Mr. Terry Crocker, CEO of the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, reported on the progress of several projects. He informed the Court of the renovation project at the Edinburg office and of the new building that is currently under construction in Brownsville, which is expected to open in March 2007.

Mr. Crocker advised the Court that the Board of Trustees and Stakeholders is examining the possibility of a name change for the agency to the Tropical Texas Behavioral Health as there seems to be a stigma attached with the MHMR moniker for consumers and their families.

Mr. Crocker stated that funding requests will remain the same as last year, even with the loss of State funding in 2003 and have been able to adjust and serve the same, if not more patients.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his support for the agency name change.

Mr. Crocker noted that the Tropical Texas Center has been awarded (3) different grants from the HOGG Foundation for Mental Health. He stated that Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation is working with Cameron, Willacy and Hidalgo County on an emergency disaster response plan to ensure that all plans are integrated into each others so that confusion and evacuation is streamlined. He added that the MHMR receives daily arrest reports from the Cameron County Jail System to identify those persons who were a previous patient. He added that he hopes to do face-to-face psychiatric screenings and assessments in the Jail System and will continue working with the Jail System on the collaborative efforts.

Mr. Crocker stated that the Tropical was recognized as for “Outstanding Achievement and Workers’ Compensation Safety and Loss Prevention” at the Annual Conference this past month. He noted future challenges: more people with needs than those that can be served, he stated that Tropical will continue to advocate for more funding, future medicare reform.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the next legislative session Cameron County will advocate to increase the number of beds available as there are only 50 beds for a population of (1) million in the Rio Grande Valley and no beds for adolescents. He noted that this is a great injustice to the residents of Rio Grande Valley. He advised Mr. Crocker that he would like to meet with him and representatives from the Rio Grande Valley State Center to map

out a legislative strategy on how to raise awareness of the unfairness to the people of the Rio Grande Valley in the area of mental health. He added that Cameron County is prepared to advocate for mental health funding for the Rio Grande Valley.

Commissioner Garza commented on a newspaper article that addressed the number of vacancies of psychiatrists for the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and asked Mr. Crocker what is being done to alleviate the problem.

Mr. Crocker responded they have a new chief medical officer and added that the telemedicine program is a method that will be utilized in the event that the psychiatrist positions go unfilled. He stated (6) of the (13) positions have been filled and noted that he has been in contact with different residencies for psychiatrists and medical doctors and are involved with Regional Academic Health Center program, the psychiatric rotations, and have been recently named as an agency that can take national health service corps members, doctors who have received funding/support for their medical training and now have to go to a medically underserved area for a period of time to pay back their loans. He stated that one HR person has been designated to spend half their time doing doctor and nurse recruitment.

Judge Hinojosa noted that there is not one psychiatrist located in Brownsville and there are (4) in Harlingen.

Mr. Crocker stated that this is a significant issue (recruitment) and has been for a long time and noted that this is a national problem as well as a Rio Grande Valley issue.

Mr. Crocker noted that Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation was voted favorite psychiatric rotation for by the Regional Academic Health Center students. He noted that it is a mission to be involved with training and education of new physicians in hopes that it has some sort of effect that they come back to Tropical to be a clinical service provider and we are trying to remain as engaged in those activities as possible.

Commissioner Tamayo expressed approval for the multi-approach used to recruit physicians.

Mr. Crocker informed the Court that (2) new physicians will be coming shortly; one in August and in September.

Commissioner Tamayo asked what the window of time is for an assessment and interview.

Mr. Crocker replied that the initial assessment and identification of the patients needs will occur within (14) days of arrival to Tropical Texas.

Commissioner Benavides asked if more funding is being sought for the treatment of adolescents.

Mr. Crocker noted that the number of adolescent patients seen has doubled in the last year and added that additional funding sources are being identified.

Commissioner Wood commended Mr. Crocker and the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation for keeping their funding requests at the same level, despite the decrease of State funding, and keeping the operational level at the same as well.

Mr. Crocker praised the Board of Trustees of the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation for their support and dedication and noted that they are a key component for the Center's success.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation regarding construction updates, agency name change being considered, financial status-FY 07 funding request, collaborative efforts, other successes and upcoming/future challenges was acknowledged.

ACTION ITEMS

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

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

The Documents are as follows:

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

- (A) JUNE 27, 2006-REGULAR MEETING**
- (B) JULY 6, 2006-SPECIAL MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 27, 2006-Regular Meeting and July 6, 2006-Special Meeting were approved.

(5) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

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

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Tamayo as to Warrant No. 00162923, made payable to Red River Service Corporation, in the amount of \$12,421.94 and Judge Hinojosa as to Warrant No. 00163253, made payable to the Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$184.08 and Warrant No. 00163442, made payable to Southwest Key Program La Esperanza, in the amount of \$101,508.50.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(6) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CREATING THE CAMERON COUNTY ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SPECIAL TASK UNIT AND APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS. (COMM. COURT)

Judge Hinojosa recommended the following persons for the Cameron County Adult Protective Services Special Task Unit:

Mental Health Professional-Norma Delgado
Medical Professional-America Gonzalez, Santa Rosa City Alderman
Domestic Violence- Brenda Garza, Executive Director of Maggie and Monica's House
Legal Professional-Gail Kahn, Assistant Attorney General in Brownsville
Member of Clergy-Barry Jackson, Christian Fellowship Church in Harlingen
Financial Expert-Ed Tamayo
Law Enforcement-Sheriff Lucio and/or his designee

Commissioner Garza recommended that the Executive Director of the Family Crisis Center in Harlingen, Texas, Ms. Brenda Heredia be another appointee as a Domestic Violence Professional.

Commissioner Tamayo recommended Mr. John Ortega as an appointee for Medical Professional.

Ms. Julie Smith, Adult Protective Services Resource and External Relations Specialist for Region 11, thanked the Court for their recommendations and asked for any contact information available as she would like to hold the first meeting in August.

Judge Hinojosa replied that contact information would be provided as soon as possible.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the appointed members to the Cameron County Adult Protective Services Special Task Unit were approved.

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:

Item No. 13:

Judge Hinojosa stated his belief that a bulletin board be available in all County buildings for the posting of notices. He recommended that the item be amended to provide a billboard in all County buildings dedicated for the purpose of employees to post information as well as information to be displayed relating to employees.

Item No. 32:

Judge Hinojosa stated that this item puts into place contracts that will go into effect after a hurricane hits Cameron County to clean debris, hazardous materials. He added that a contract such as this reduces cost and adds reassurance that we have a firm available in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Wood noted that the contract covers hurricanes as well as other disasters.

Commissioner Tamayo added that this is good organization as well as preparation.

Commissioner Tamayo moved that the "Travel and Consent Items" be approved, with the amendment to Item No. 13.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

- (8) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. SANTOS GOMEZ, MR. TRAVIS STUKES, MR. SAUL VILAFRANCO, MR. JULIO TREVINO, MS. ROSIE LOPEZ, AND MR. MARK PENA FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO INCLUDE MR. ALFRED PETRARCA III. (COMM. COURT)**
- (9) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PETTY CASH FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE (JUDICIAL) FROM \$200 TO \$250. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK)**
- (10) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IN CLOSING THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. FOR THE ANNUAL TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S TRAINING SEMINAR TOGETHER WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CAMERON COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CRIMES ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)**
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The Documentation is as follows:
- (13) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION TO PLACE PUBLIC NOTICES, AND RELATED INFORMATION ON BULLETIN BOARDS IN ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS. (VDL-COUNTY JUDGE)**
- (14) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FINDING OF AN EXEMPTION UNDER V.T.C.A., LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 262.024(A)(2) FROM THE COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES BY A COUNTY IN REFERENCE TO HIRING A CONTRACTOR FOR COLLECTION, CHARACTERIZATION, PACKAGING, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE DURING POST-HURRICANE/DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)**
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The Documentation is as follows:

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The Documentation is as follows:
- (18) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS CUC – PUBLIC POWER POOL AGGREGATION PROJECT INCORPORATED, COOPERATIVE AGGREGATION FOR COUNTIES & POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ELECTRICITY PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (19) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS PROCUREMENT CENTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT NETWORK. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (20) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (21) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (22) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (23) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE BUY BOARD INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (24) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION VIII - EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TEXAS INTER-LOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (25) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION IV – TEXAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK EDUCATION CENTER INTER-LOCAL PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (26) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION II – TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (27) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION I – EDUCATION SERVICE INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (28) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT INCLUDING D.I.R. TEX-AN STATE OF TEXAS TECHNOLOGY PROCUREMENT PROGRAM. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (29) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF TEXAS BUILDINGS & PROCUREMENT COMMISSION PROGRAMS: (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (A) **TEXAS BUILDING AND PROCUREMENT COMMISSION – PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**
 - (B) **QUALIFIED INFORMATION SERVICES VENDOR – CATALOG PURCHASING PROGRAM.**
 - (C) **TX MAS TEXAS MASTER AGREEMENT SCHEDULE (GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS).**
 - (D) **STMP – CAR RENTAL / VEHICLE LEASING**

- (30) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) – TEXAN 2000 INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR TELEPHONE LINES SERVICES. (MF-PURCHASING)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (31) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS: (MF-PURCHASING)**
(A) **FUEL – ANNUAL BID #2280**
(B) **AIR CONDITIONER PARTS & REFRIGERANTS – ANNUAL BID #1998**
(C) **PAINT: STAINS & VARNISH – ANNUAL BID #2008**
- (32) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN POST HURRICANE / DISASTER RECOVERY – DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT RFQ #060701. (MF-PURCHASING)**
- (33) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT AND WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 1 WITH S & B INFRASTRUCTURE INC. FOR THE VETERANS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS TOMATES EXPANSION PROJECT. (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)**
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TRAVEL ITEMS

- (39) **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) **DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO TRAVEL TO OMAHA, NE, ON 7/20-21/06, TO MEET WITH UNION PACIFIC OFFICIALS REGARDING THE WEST RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT.**

- (B) COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 8/15-18/06, AND EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 8/17/06, TO ATTEND THE 2006 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW.**
- (C) JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS (2), TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, ON 7/23-25/06, TO ATTEND “14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON JUVENILES WITH SEXUAL BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS.”**
- (D) HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 8/17-18/06, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION “2006 COUNTY BEST PRACTICES AWARDS PRESENTATION/RECEPTION.”**
- (E) TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 8/15-18/06, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES’ “2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW.”**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously,

the Court met in Executive Session at 10:37 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(40) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) 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.**
- (B) 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.**
- (C) 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.**
- (D) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 123, FOR PRIMERA ROAD PROJECT IN THE PRIMERA, PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES REGARDING THE DEL MAR HEIGHTS FEMA BUYOUT PROPERTIES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (F) DISCUSS TAX ABATEMENT INCENTIVES FOR COMPANY LOCATING AT THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL PARK ENTERPRISE ZONE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087.**
- (G) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 9, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 12, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (I) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 13, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (J) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 14, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**
- (K) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH J.R. JONES AND CONSIDERATION OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**
- (L) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST J.R. JONES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A&B).**

- (M) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MARCH 15, 2005 LEASE AGREEMENT ON ISLA BLANCA PARK WITH LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(A)(2).**
- (N) **DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE CONCESSION LEASE BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND AFFILIATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**

NOTE: COMMISSIONER BENAVIDES DID NOT RETURN TO THE MEETING.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 11:32 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(41) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) **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**.

- (B) **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, was acknowledged.

- (C) **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.**

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

- (D) **DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 123, FOR PRIMERA ROAD PROJECT IN THE PRIMERA, PRECINCT NO. 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Commissioner Wood moved to authorize acquisition of the property for \$1,203.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

- (E) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ISSUES REGARDING THE DEL MAR HEIGHTS FEMA BUYOUT PROPERTIES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

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

- (F) DISCUSS TAX ABATEMENT INCENTIVES FOR COMPANY LOCATING AT THE HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL PARK ENTERPRISE ZONE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.087.**

Commissioner Tamayo moved to authorize Frank Bejarano to move forward with the process of tax abatement incentives for said company.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

- (G) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 9, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, 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 purchase property for \$3,619 was approved.

- (H) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 12, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 AREA, 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 purchase the property for \$4,750 was approved.

- (I) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 13, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 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 the property for \$4,621 was approved.

- (J) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 14, FOR FM 106 (GENERAL BRANT ROAD) IN THE PRECINCT NO. 3 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 the property for \$4,388 was approved.

- (K) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE STATUS OF CONTRACT WITH J.R. JONES AND CONSIDERATION OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**

- (L) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST J.R. JONES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A&B).**

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

- (M) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MARCH 15, 2005 LEASE AGREEMENT ON ISLA BLANCA PARK WITH LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(A)(2).**

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

Judge Hinojosa informed the Court that the Laguna Madre Enhancement Group has tentatively given their approval of the release of all the Isla Blanca Park property that was included in the March 15, 2005 lease agreement. He added that a contract is currently being drafted to exclude the Isla Blanca Park area in the new lease agreement.

(N) DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE CONCESSION LEASE BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND AFFILIATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Status Report by Legal Counsel was acknowledged and authorization to perform an appraisal was approved.

(7) CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 152.014 (A) AND SECTION 152.015. (GH-COUNTY JUDGE)

Mr. Remi Garza, Assistant County Administrator, explained that the list (9) names read would comprise the Cameron County Grievance Committee.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

(1)	Manuel Morales
(2)	Krystal Delgadillo
(3)	Reynaldo Avila
(4)	Patricia K. Moore
(5)	Abigail Gonzalez
(6)	Victor A. Gunnoe
(7)	Sarah De La Fuente
(8)	Belia Garces
(9)	Leticia Scheiber
(10)	Raul I. Garza
(11)	Arminda Yvonne Cortez
(12)	Fred Fugueroa
(13)	Maria Victoria Martin
(14)	Esmeralda Campos
(15)	Maria G. Adams
(16)	Cesar I. Murillo
(17)	Santos R. Bermea
(18)	Lucy G. Hull
(19)	Tanya Gracia
(20)	Colleen M. Kimbriel

(21) Sylvia R. Rojas
(22) Phil Lopez
(23) Hortencia Guerrero
(24) John Harrington
(25) Martha Delgado
(26) Harold "Hugo" Emerson, Jr.
(27) Frank Brooks Greer
(28) Andrea Rodriguez
(29) Veronica Lee Ruiz
(30) Norma Torres
(31) David Davila
(32) Elizabeth Rocha
(33) Heriberto Rodriguez
(34) Emilio G. Leos
(35) Martha J. Munoz
(36) Mary Alice Atkinson
(37) Cynthia E. Perez
(38) Lois Catherine Davis Yarbrough
(39) Robert Cackley
(40) Glenda Lisaudeis
(41) Janice Marie Medina

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the selection of public members for the Cameron County Grievance Committee in compliance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 152.014 (a) and Section 152.015 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:47 A.M.

APPROVED this 8th day of **August 2006**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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