

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 28th day of July 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 Adolfo G. Betancourt.

THE COURT MET AT:

PRESENT:

8:00 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:
GILBERTO HINOJOSA

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Garza at 8:05 A.M.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on July 24, 2006 at 2:37 P.M.:

ACTION ITEMS

(1) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND THE REPUBLICAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDING JUDGES OR ALTERNATE JUDGES IN EACH COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCT WHERE THEIR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST OR SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL RACE. (RO-ELECTIONS)

Mr. Roger Ortiz, Elections Administrator, asked the Court to approve the recommended names that have been submitted for appointment for a period of (2) years. He added that Chapter 32 of the Elections Code provides that the Commissioners' Court shall appoint the presiding or alternate judges for (1) year and may appoint the same members for (2) years.

Commissioner Garza asked if and when the empty slots on the list will be filled.

Mr. Ortiz responded that the slots will be filled as names are presented to the Elections Department and in the event that the slots remain unfilled, the Commissioners' Court can appoint persons for those slots on an emergency basis.

Commissioner Garza suggested that the Court take it upon themselves to appoint persons as judges.

Commissioner Wood stated that he would prefer to review the names with Mr. Ortiz prior to appointment to ensure that the recommended persons meet the criteria.

Mr. Ortiz informed the Court that a requirement for appointment is being a registered voter in the appointees' designated precinct.

Commissioner Garza asked if training will be provided.

Mr. Ortiz responded that the Elections Department will handle the training of the appointees.

Commissioner Tamayo asked how many slots remain unfilled.

Commissioner Garza responded that (13) slots are unfilled and pointed out that all the vacancies fall under the Democratic Party.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve a (2) year appointment of the presented recommended persons for appointment as presiding judges or alternate judges in each county election precinct where their gubernatorial candidate received the highest or second highest number of votes in the last gubernatorial race.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood , seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:08 A.M.

APPROVED this 15th 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