



**Cameron County, Texas  
Commissioner's Court  
Cameron County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1100 E Monroe St.  
Brownsville, Texas 78520  
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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on  
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe, Brownsville, Texas.

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Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to the County Agenda Coordinator at (956) 544-0830.

### **Cameron County Courthouse Accessibility Statement**

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## NOTICE

### COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2007 AT 5:30 P.M.

## AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, V.T.C.A., AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING** OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE, 1100 E. MONROE, SECOND FLOOR, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AGREEMENTS WITH MUTUAL OF OMAHA FOR INSURANCE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)&(2).
  - B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 1, FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING MANAGEMENT AND PURCHASE ISSUES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).

- D. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING RIGHT OF WAY FOR FLOR DE MAYO BRIDGE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
3. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - D. POSSIBLE ACTION.

**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.

- 4. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR BEACH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.(JM-PARKS)
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE THE NAME OF EDDIE GONZALEZ, FORMER COUNTY TREASURER WITH THE NAME OF DAVID A. BETANCOURT ON THE LONE STAR INVESTMENT POOL "AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ADD FORM" AND TO DESIGNATE OTHER PARTIES TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE AUTHORIZED PARTIES WHEN THE TREASURER MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE.(DB-TREASURER)
- 6. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE THE NAME OF EDDIE GONZALEZ, FORMER COUNTY TREASURER WITH THE NAME OF DAVID A. BETANCOURT ON THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK "POSITIVE PAY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES" FORM AND TO RETAIN THOSE AUTHORIZED PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR.(DB-TREASURER)
- 7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND CONTRACTORS OPERATING UNDER SOUTH TEXAS PARTNERSHIP, SOUTHWEST BORDER HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA).(MY-AUDITOR)
- 8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM JANUARY 24, 2007 TO JANUARY 24, 2008 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT VEGA SUBDIVISION PHASE II & PHASE III, PRECINCT NO. 3.(PS-DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION)
- 9. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. CARLOS ATKINSON FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO CAMERON COUNTY.(COMM.CT.)

10. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. ANDREW "ANDY" HAGAN, MS. PATRICIA "PATTY" VELA, MR. EVARISTO VALERIO AND MR. KEVIN TENISON , RECIPIENTS OF THE 2006 DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT.(COMM.CT.)
11. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR:
  - A. AUCTIONEER SERVICES – ANNUAL RFP #1200
  - B. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CAMERON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING REMODELING – RFQ#061201
  - C. CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SELF-FUNDED HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION, STOP LOSS, AGGREGATE STOP LOSS, PREFERRED PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – RFQ#061102.
12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR:(MF-AUDITOR)
  - A. AUCTIONEER SERVICES – ANNUAL RFP #1200
  - B. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CAMERON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING REMODELING – RFQ#061201
  - C. CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SELF-FUNDED HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION, STOP LOSS, AGGREGATE STOP LOSS, PREFERRED PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AND EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – RFQ#061102.
13. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  - A. PRECINCT NO. 2- GARCIA FAMILY ESTATES SUBDIVISION – BEING 15.060 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 15, BARREDA GARDENS SUBDIVISION IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
14. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR: (PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
  - A. PRECINCT NO. 3- THOMAS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1 – BEING A 2.35 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 12 OF THE COLE TRACT SUBDIVISION IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.
  - B. PRECINCT NO. 4 - RODRIGUEZ-BRAVO SUBDIVISION - BEING A 5.373 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CAPISALLO DISTRICT SUBDIVISION IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.

### **TRAVEL ITEMS:**

15. 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 TREASURER, TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, ON 1/17-19/07, TO ATTEND THE NEW TREASURERS ORIENTATION.
  - B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/30-2/2/07, TO ATTEND THE CLINICAL LACTATION PRACTICUM AWARD PRESENTATION.
  - C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES (10), TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 1/16-17/07, TO ATTEND THE PRINCIPLES OF LACTATION MANAGEMENT LEVEL I.
  - D. JUVENILE PROBATION EMPLOYEES (2), TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC, ON 1/11-14/07, TO ATTEND THE 2007 WEED AND SEED NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING.
  - E. COUNTY JUDGE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 1/8-9/07, TO MEET WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.
  - F. ASSISTANT STAFF ENGINEER, TO TRAVEL SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 1/11-12/07, TO ATTEND THE INTRODUCTION TO DETENTION POND DESIGN: PARKING LOTS AND URBAN DRAINAGE.
  - G. PARKS DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 1/17/07, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

16. PRESENTATION BY MRS. LUCY CANALES, ATTORNEY PARTNER, WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON LAW FIRM REGARDING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX QUARTERLY REPORT.(TY-TAX)
17. PRESENTATION OF TITLE CHANGE FOR TONY REISINGER FROM COUNTY MARINE EXTENSION AGENT TO COUNTY EXTENSION – COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES AND TO PRESENT COMMISSIONERS COURT A CHECK REPRESENTING VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME FOR EXTENSION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS IN CAMERON COUNTY FOR 2006.(EP-COUNTY EXTENSION)

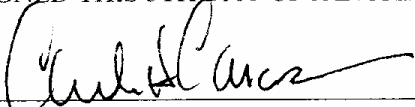
### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

18. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
19. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

20. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2007R01001 SUPPORTING THE RENSSELAERVILLE INSTITUTE DEL-MAR HEIGHTS SELF-HELP PROJECT.(DJV-LEGAL)
21. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE PARTIAL RELEASE OF THE RETAINAGE HELD IN THE DANCY BUILDING PROJECT TO JR JONES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,236.00.(DJV-LEGAL)
22. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2007-R01002 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO EXECUTE, ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF, THE "FEDERAL TAX CERTIFICATE" AND THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S FORM 8038-G, ENTITLED "INFORMATION RETURN FOR TAX-EXEMPT GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS", BOTH OF WHICH DOCUMENTS RELATE TO THE COUNTY'S ISSUANCE OF ITS "CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2007".(DJV-LEGAL)
23. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO H.N.T.B. FOR ENGINEERING & DESIGN SERVICES LAURELES PARK RFQ#060902 AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT.(JM-PARKS)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SECURE THE BACK DOOR ENTRANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING LOCATED BY VAN BUREN STREET.(JGR-COUNTY CLERK)
25. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S OFFICE TO ISSUE PERMITS ON ALL COIN OPERATED MACHINES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-FOURTH THE RATE THE STATE OF TEXAS IMPOSES ON EACH COIN OPERATED MACHINE WITHIN CAMERON COUNTY AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OCCUPATION CODE CHAPTER 2153, AND 2153.451 (COIN-OPERATED MACHINES), AND ADD ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID ORDER.(TY-TAX ASSESSOR, AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY & OL-SHERIFF)
26. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 80<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.(PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
27. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET.(PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
28. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF \$350,000.00 TO THE BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE ORIGINAL BROWNSVILLE RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT.(PS-DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION)
29. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH GRAHAM TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE 103<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT.(JL-DISTRICT JUDGE)
30. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DANIEL MORA III TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE 103<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT.(JL-DISTRICT JUDGE)

31. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PETER GILMAN TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE 103<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT.(JL-DISTRICT JUDGE)
32. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HECTOR GARZA TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1.(DJV-LEGAL)
33. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JAMES BELTON TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR THE INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1.(DJV-LEGAL)
34. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION BRANCH.(HT-HEALTH)
35. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVERT CURRENT POSITION OF LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) TO CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CMA).(YS-HEALTH)

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.



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CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA  
COUNTY JUDGE