



**Cameron County, Texas  
Commissioners' Court  
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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on  
Tuesday, February 20, 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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## NOTICE

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 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.

### **PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON AN OVERVIEW OF CAMERON WORKS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
3. PRESENTATION BY THE BROWNSVILLE URBAN SYSTEM. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
4. PRESENTATION BY HERB TOLENTINO, RN, DIRECTOR OF NURSES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM. (YS-HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR)
5. PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

## **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.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY'S TO DO AN ASSESSMENT ON THE COUNTY'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE HARLINGEN ANNEX BUILDING AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH AT&T. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
9. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR LOS PORTALES SUBDIVISION BEING A 22.40 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF BLOCK 1, EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM MARCH 1, 2007 TO JANUARY 25, 2008, FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT VILLA DE RAMOS SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
11. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING LUCERO ON THE OCCASION OF HER SELECTION AS "MR. AMIGO 2006". (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE)
12. CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD OF \$19,779.00, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VEHICLE TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CRIMES ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE MEMBERS. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND AMERICAN ELECTRIC & POWER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CONVERTING OVERHEAD LINE TO UNDERGROUND. (JM-PARKS)
14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT) AND THE CITY OF RIO HONDO. (JM-PARKS)
15. CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2007 FORMULA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,662.00. DESIGNATION OF AND SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT RESOLUTION. (MY-AUDITOR)

## **TRAVEL ITEMS:**

16. 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. COMPUTER CENTER EMPLOYEE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/27/07, TO ATTEND AN EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES POLICY, MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES FACING COURTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. (DG-DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR)
  - B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON 2/20 TO 2/21/07, TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - C. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/22/07, TO MEET WITH THE COMMISSION OF JAIL STANDARDS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - D. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA, ON 2/22 TO 2/23/07, TO MEET WITH UNION PACIFIC OFFICIALS REGARDING THE WEST RAIL PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - E. COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 2/25 TO 2/28/07, TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND FEDERAL AGENCIES REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR FY-2008. (CHC-JUDGE)
  - F. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/12 TO 2/16/07, TO ATTEND TDCAA'S INVESTIGATOR'S SCHOOL SEMINAR. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
  - G. DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/22 TO 2/23/07, TO MEET WITH TRAVIS COUNTY ATTORNEY, AUDITOR AND TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR ON COUNTY CENTRALIZED COLLECTIONS. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
  - H. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/26 TO 2/27/07, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SYSTEM ASSESSMENT (TPHLSA) CONFERENCE. (YS-HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR)
  - I. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DAVID GARZA TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 3/25 TO 3/28/07, TO ATTEND A TWENTY HOUR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SEMINAR. (DG-JUSTICE OF THE PEACE)
  - J. JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO WACO, TEXAS, ON 2/25 TO 3/2/07, TO ATTEND "TRAINING FOR STAFF TRAINERS". (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)

- K. SHERIFF STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 2/18 TO 2/19/07, TO ATTEND A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING – HORSE THEFT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. (OL-SHERIFF)
- L. SHERIFF STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/19 TO 2/22/07, TO ATTEND COURT SECURITY & EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR COURTS TRAINING SEMINAR. (OL-SHERIFF)
- M. SHERIFF STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/20 TO 2/22/07, TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. (OL-SHERIFF)
- N. SHERIFF STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/21 TO 2/22/07, TO VIEW EQUIPMENT ARMY SURPLUS. (OL-SHERIFF)
- O. SHERIFF STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/22/07, FOR A MEETING WITH COMMISSION OF JAIL STANDARDS. (OL-SHERIFF)
- P. SHERIFF STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/15 TO 3/16/07, TO ATTEND A DPS TLETS SECURITY PACKET CLASS. (OL-SHERIFF)
- Q. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO EDINBURG, TEXAS, ON 3/5/07 TO 3/9/07, TO ATTEND COURSE #1 - INTRODUCTION TO THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
- R. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR STAFF (9) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 3/2 TO 3/3/07, TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS REGION 5 TIP-O-TEX CONFERENCE. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)
- S. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/21 TO 2/22/07, TO ATTEND AN AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY GRANT REVIEW MEETING. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING FRED ROCHA vs. CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND TOMMY RAMIREZ, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT; CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-07-000339, FOR AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY, CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, TOMMY RAMIREZ, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND JUDGE BEN EURESTI, JR., 107<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT JUDGE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(1).

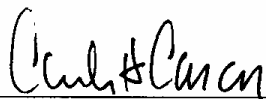
- B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERN END OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
  - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF APPEAL AND CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM UNDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN, 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. 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).
18. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - D. POSSIBLE ACTION.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- 19. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
- 20. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
  - A. JANUARY 29, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 21. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
- 22. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2007" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

23. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INITIATE REPAIRS PROCESS AT THE CARRIZALES RUCKER DETENTION CENTER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2007. (OL-SHERIFF)
24. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE THE CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION FUND DEPARTMENT 100-4100 DIRECTLY UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT AND CONTROL OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN ITS GENERAL LEGAL BUSINESS AND CONDUCT OF ORDINARY CIVIL ACTIONS. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
25. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL LEASE WITH THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROWNSVILLE FOR THE COUNTY PARK AT SANTA MARIA. (DJV-CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION)
26. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN ALL RFQ's/RFP's/BIDS. (MF-PURCHASING)
27. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP's AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL DRAFT: (MF-ASST. AUDITOR/PURCHASING)
  - A. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION ATTORNEY – ANNUAL RFP #1730
28. CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF A HISTORICAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DANCY BUILDING RENOVATION, RESTORATION AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO CAMERON COUNTY. (DAG-COMMISSIONER PCT. 3)
29. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR AN ADDENDUM TO THE DEPOSITORY BID TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT TERM FROM 2 YEAR TO A 4 YEAR DURATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 116.02. (MY-AUDITOR)
30. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADDITION OF LANGUAGE TO ANNUAL BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS: #2520 DRAINAGE, #2580 SURFACING AND #2560 FLEXIBLE BASE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
31. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 80<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
32. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA  
COUNTY JUDGE



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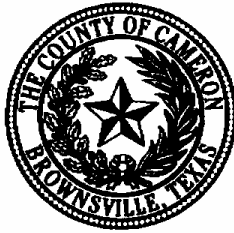
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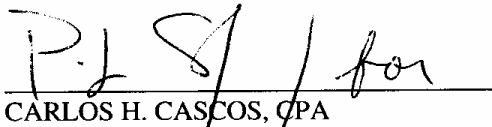
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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CANDLEWICK APARTMENTS IN THE BROWNSVILLE AREA AS A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA. (CHC-JUDGE)
2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE LAS PALMAS APARTMENTS IN THE LOS FRESNOS/BROWNSVILLE AREA AS A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AREA. (CHC-JUDGE)

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.

  
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