



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
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REGULAR MEETING

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor
at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe, Brownsville, Texas.

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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 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.

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.

2. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID N. GARZA TO THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
3. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RAY RAMON TO THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
4. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL SCAIEF TO THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
5. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH GUZMAN MUNOZ TO INCLUDE DESIGN OF 4TH FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ALLOWING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THE USE OF THE 4TH FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND CONVERT THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE JUDICIAL BUILDING INTO A COURTROOM. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
7. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO COORDINATE WITH SAN BENITO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO PAINT MURALS ON THE INTERIOR WALLS OF THE LEVI'S BUILDING. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF ANNUAL RFP #1200, TO TEXAS AUTO TITLE AND REGISTRATION FOR AUCTIONEER SERVICES. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
9. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 32 PRINTERS USING TDIR – TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES AND TCPN – THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK. (RS-COMPUTER CENTER)
10. CONSIDERATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. VIRGINIA V. WOOD TO THE TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE)
11. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007 AS “MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH” IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (COMM. COURT)
12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID TO HANSON PIPE & PRECAST FOR THE CAMERON PARK SECTION 3, CONCRETE INLETS & MANHOLES. (EH-DOT)
13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO R. MARTINEZ HAULING FOR THE CAMERON PARK (SECTION 3), DIRT HAULING AND DEBRIS DISPOSAL SERVICES. (EH-DOT)
14. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR A 17 DAY CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE ARROYO CITY FIRE STATION AND FAMILY LEARNING CENTER DUE TO WEATHER RELATED DELAYS. (EH-DOT)
15. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR CLOSNER-GARCIA SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT WATER WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-DOT)
16. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM APRIL 1, 2007, TO JANUARY 16, 2008, FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT RESACA DE CARRICITOS SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, PCT. 3. (EH-DOT)
17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST AMENDMENT OF PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON COUNTY (9-1-1) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT; WHEREIN, CCECD WILL INCREASE THEIR FUNDING OF \$562,000.00, FOR THE NICE RECORDING SYSTEM BY \$8,000.00, TO A TOTAL OF \$570,000.00. THIS INCREASE TO COVER THE COST FOR A NEW SERVER AT BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)

18. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP WITHIN ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARKS)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP's/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. ROAD MATERIALS: DRAINAGE – ANNUAL BID #2520
 - B. ROAD MATERIALS: SURFACING – ANNUAL BID #2580
 - C. ROAD MATERIALS: FLEXIBLE BASE – ANNUAL BID #2560
 - D. LIGHT BULBS & BALLASTS – ANNUAL BID #2004
 - E. LUBES, OILS, GREASE, ANTI-FREEZE – ANNUAL BID #1993
 - F. JAIL PHYSICIAN – RFQ #070104
 - G. DENTAL SERVICES (INFIRMARY) – RFP #1366
 - H. WATER HEATER – BID #070203
 - I. SANTA ROSA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CONSTRUCTION – BID #070202
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE TEXAS BUILDING & PROCUREMENT COMMISSION TBPC STATE OF TEXAS CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PICK-UP TRUCK. (OL-SHERIFF)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE BUY BOARD COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT #208-04 TO PURCHASE TWO (2) TAHOES. (OL-SHERIFF)
22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO DISPLAY TWO SILENT WITNESSES (WOODEN SILHOUETTES) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL TO BRING AWARENESS ON FAMILY VIOLENCE. (VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)
23. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 22 TO APRIL 28, 2007 AS CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHT WEEK IN CAMERON COUNTY. (VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

TRAVEL ITEMS:

24. 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 AUDITOR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 3/14/07, TO MEET WITH UNION PACIFIC REGARDING THE RAIL RELOCATION PROJECTS.

- B. COUNTY CLERK'S STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS, ON 4/12 TO 4/13/07, TO ATTEND THE AREA VIII REGIONAL CONFERENCE.
- C. COMMISSIONER EDNA TAMAYO TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/20 TO 2/22/07, TO ATTEND THE RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING WITH THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.
- D. COMMISSIONER EDNA TAMAYO TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/7/07, TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH THE TEXAS JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE.
- E. COMMISSIONER EDNA TAMAYO TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS ON 3/22/07, TO MEET WITH DR. L. MAXIMILIAN BUJA AND DR. MARGARET C. McNEESE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH AND SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON TO DISCUSS THE TELEMEDICINE CLINIC FOR CAMERON COUNTY.
- F. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO PORTLAND, OREGON, ON 3/13/ TO 3/15/07, TO INTERVIEW EXPERT WITNESS IN UPCOMING MURDER TRIAL.
- G. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STAFF (2) BUILDING INSPECTORS, TO ATTEND TRADE SHOW AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE ON GROUNDING AND BONDING, PART I, IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 3/17/07.
- H. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 3/29 TO 3/30/07, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS PREPAREDNESS SCHEDULING WORKSHOP (TPSW).
- I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON 5/7 TO 5/10/07, TO ATTEND A TEXAS HURRICANE CONFERENCE.
- J. EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 3/3 TO 3/4/07, TO ACCOMPANY THE CAMERON COUNTY 4-HER'S WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE 4-H AND FFA MEAT JUDGING CONTEST.
- K. EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, ON 3/6 TO 3/8/07, TO PICK UP FISH FROM THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE HEWOOD FISH HATCHERY.
- L. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1 JUDGE TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 3/25 TO 3/28/07, TO ATTEND A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SEMINAR.
- M. JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/19 TO 3/22/07, TO ATTEND "CHAPTER 343 AND DETENTION OVER POPULATION TRAINING".
- N. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 3/5 TO 3/8/07, TO ATTEND A FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.
- O. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/13 TO 3/14/07, TO MEET WITH COMMISSION OF JAIL STANDARDS.

- P. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/25 TO 3/31/07, TO ATTEND THE BORDER SHERIFF'S OPERATION COALITION TRAINING.
- Q. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (3) JAIL DIVISION TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 5/13 TO 5/18/07, TO ATTEND THE 21ST ANNUAL TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION SPRING CONFERENCE.
- R. TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN BENITO, TEXAS, ON 3/26 TO 3/27/07, TO ATTEND COURSE #30 (ETHICS) AT THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE.
- S. UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 2/27/07, TO ATTEND THE STX HIDTA QUARTERLY MEETING.
- T. UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, ON 3/19 TO 3/23/07, TO ATTEND I2 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SEMINAR.
- U. VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE) STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 4/30 TO 5/4/07, TO ATTEND TDCJ-TEXAS CRIME VICTIM CLEARINGHOUSE CONFERENCE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- 25. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. 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).
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SETTLEMENT WITH MUTUAL OF OMAHA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(B).
 - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LUIS A. QUEZADA VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 2007-02-0844-D, FOR DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).
- 26. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

27. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
28. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. FEBRUARY 6, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
 - B. FEBRUARY 13, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - C. FEBRUARY 13, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
29. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
30. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO UTILIZE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM AT DANCY BUILDING FOR A MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM. (CHC-JUDGE)
31. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE TEMPORARY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF AUTOPSIES FOR CAMERON COUNTY. (AV-DA)
32. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT RFQ FOR A PATHOLOGIST TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES. (AV-DA)
33. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT RFP FOR LABORATORY RELATED SERVICES TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES. (AV-DA)
34. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE SOLICIT TERMS FROM ADJOINING COUNTIES FOR AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 49.25 SEC. 1-A OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. (AV-DA)
35. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON FUNDING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13, WHICH THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2007, AND WHICH REQUIRES A STATE WIDE ELECTION, PLACING A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT FOR THE MAY 12, 2007 GENERAL ELECTION. THIS REQUIRES THE COUNTY TO FUND THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION ON MAY 12, 2007. (RO-ELECTIONS)
36. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 80TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
37. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE



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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RACIAL PROFILE REPORT FROM JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2006. (OL-SHERIFF)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

2. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING A CLAIM OF LORINDA SALINAS, FOR DISCUSSION OF CLAIM, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A)&(2). (BWH-CIVIL DIVISION)

SIGNED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.

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