

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007, 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.**

**THE COURT MET AT:**

**PRESENT:**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**SOFIA C. 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 Cascos at 5:51 P.M. He asked Reverend Bob Clark for the invocation. Brownsville Chief of Police Carlos Garcia then led the Court and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on March 22, 2007 at 3:33 P.M.:

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**(1) PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Pat Ahumada commented on eminent domain and noted that eminent domain is a tool that is used for the good of the public and is also used to protect the landowners' rights. He stated he conducted an appraisal for the (72) acres that is to be acquired for the Right-of-Way for the West Loop Project. He provided those figures to the Court and noted that Mr. Gonzalez is willing to work with the County.

Mr. John Guevara, attorney with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, commented on Agenda Item No. 28. He stated that his firm was hired in 2004 to collect fees & fines on behalf of the County for the County Courts at Law and the Justice of the Peace Courts. He added that at the time the contract was awarded, there was no software was available to work on the JP files. He stressed the fact that there is still no extraction software for the JP Courts.

He presented the Court with a list of communications asking Hamer Enterprises to provide a complete software system. He noted that the collection firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Sampson and Blair has collected \$100,000 for the County Courts at Law.

Mr. Roel Juarez stated that he is representing Mr. Gonzalez concerning Parcel (1). He gave a brief history of the property and noted that that an appraiser hired by the County, Mr. Chris Bernard, established a value of \$378,328. He explained that this value is lower than the \$432,535 value assessed by the Cameron County Appraisal District and the \$695,000 value assessed by Mr. Pat Ahumada.

Mr. Fernando Ruiz commented on how State and Federal laws must be observed. He stated that all persons should be allowed to apply for any and all jobs. He expressed opposition regarding the \$240,000 cost for a security wall and inquired as to why the bidding process was not followed on this matter.

Commissioner Garza informed that Court that on March 31, 2007, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bahia Grande Parade and Cleanup will take place. He noted that those persons interested in participating are asked to meet at the Laguna Heights Community Park at 10 a.m.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- (2) **PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007 AS, "MENTAL RETARDATION AWARENESS MONTH" IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (CHC-COUNTY JUDGE) (Resolution No. 2007R03027)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Month of March 2007 as, "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" In Cameron County, Texas was acknowledged.

**The Proclamation is as follows:**

# **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 ITEMS:

**Item No. 14:**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, asked to TABLE this item.

**Items No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 12 and No. 13:**

Commissioner Garza asked to discuss these items separately.

**Item No. 7:**

Judge Cascos asked to discuss this item separately.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Consent Items" with the exclusion of Items No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 12, No. 13, and No. 14.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- (3) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BORDER COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM SECOND CALL. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2007C03061)**  
**The Agreement is as follows:**
- (4) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REDESIGNATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (5) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPERIOR HEALTH PLAN. (HT-HEALTH) (Contract No. 2007C03069) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (6) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND ALL VALLEY TOWING FOR STORAGE SPACE. (MS-DA) (Contract No. 2007C03066) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (7) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND J. ECHEVARRIA TRUST FOR STOVALL PROPERTY. (MS-DA) (Contract No. 2007C03068) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (8) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR WHITE RANCH MANOR SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-DOT)**
- (9) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE HEATHER SUBDIVISION, PCT. 3, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-DOT)**
- (10) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT VISTA JARDIN CR., TECATE DR., MARIPOSA CR. AND COLIBRI CR., LOCATED IN VISTA JARDIN SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, AS RECORDED IN CABINET 1, PG. 2577-B, & 2578-A & 2578-B, OF THE CAMERON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY TEXAS INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (EH-DOT)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (11) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BENITO DE LA CRUZ DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR PCT. #7, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO**

**APPOINT THE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)**

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- (14) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND HNTB FOR THE LAURELES PARK PROJECT. (JM-PARKS) (Contract No. 2007C03064 (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (15) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN CAMERON COUNTY. (FB-PD&M) (Resolution No. 2007R03032)**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**
- (16) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR A VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH. (FB-PD&M) (Resolution No. 2007R03031)**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**
- (17) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A POINT OF SALE REMOTE STICKER PRINTING SYSTEM (RSPS) AGREEMENTS WITH CARDENAS AUTOPLEX, INC. AND CARDENAS ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR EQUIPMENT USED BY DEALER TITLE APPLICATION PROCESS (DTA) USERS, THROUGH THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOTOR VEHICLE AND TITLE REGISTRATION DIVISION. (TY-TAC) (Contract No. 2007C03067) (Contract No. 2007C03063)**  
**The Contracts are as follows:**
- (18) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE NEW CAR DEALERS PARTICIPATING WITH THE DEALER TITLE APPLICATION PROGRAM; CARDENAS AUTOPLEX, INC. AND CARDENAS ENTERPRISES, INC. WITH THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE TO CHARGE A FULL-SERVICE DEPUTY FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSPORTATION CODE § 502.112 (FULL SERVICE DEPUTY). (TY-TAC)**  
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- (19) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO ADOPT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY TO COLLECT OCCUPATION TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR ALL COIN OPERATED MACHINES WITHIN THE CITY FOR A FEE OF \$2.00 PER MACHINE. (TY-TAC) (Contract No. 2007C03065)**  
**The Agreement is as follows:**

## **TRAVEL ITEMS**

Judge Cascos asked to discuss Travel Item No. 20 (I) separately.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Travel Items" with the exclusion of Item No. 20 (I).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

- (20) **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) COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, AND DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS ON 3/20 TO 3/21/07 TO ATTEND THE BI-NATIONAL BRIDGES AND BORDER CROSSING MEETING.
- (B) COMPUTER CENTER STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 4/2 TO 4/6/07 TO ATTEND THE USERS TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR USE IN JP 5-1 & 5-2 COURT AS APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON MARCH 6, 2007.
- (C) COUNTY CLERK STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 5/2 TO 5/4/07 TO ATTEND THE "COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERKS' LEGAL CONFERENCE".
- (D) COUNTY TREASURER TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 4/1 TO 4/5/07 TO ATTEND THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COUNTY TREASURERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR.
- (E) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO VICTORIA, TEXAS ON 3/19 TO 3/20/07 TO ATTEND THE G620 DISASTER RECOVERY COURSE.
- (F) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 5 PLACE 1 STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 4/2 TO 4/6/07 TO ATTEND THE NET DATA CORPORATION USER'S CONFERENCE.
- (G) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 5 PLACE 2 STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS ON 4/2 TO 4/6/07 TO ATTEND THE NET DATA CORPORATION USER'S CONFERENCE.
- (H) BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 4/4/07 TO ATTEND THE FREE WORKSHOP FOR IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES.
- (I) SHERIFF STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS, OHIO ON 3/29 TO 3/30/07 TO VIEW MOBILE COMMAND CENTER. (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)

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**The Agreement is as follows:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:18 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(21) 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 THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF UNDERTAKING ROOF REPAIR AT THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN CLINIC IN PORT ISABEL, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**
- (C) 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).**
- (D) 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.**

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**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 6:44 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(22) ACTION RELATIVE TO 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).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Status Report by the County Administrator was acknowledged.

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF UNDERTAKING ROOF REPAIR AT THE FATHER JOSEPH O'BRIEN CLINIC IN PORT ISABEL, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**

Commissioner Garza motioned to authorize County workers to repair the roof.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**(C) 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).**

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

**(D) 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.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Status Report by the County Administrator was acknowledged.

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**(4) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REDESIGNATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Judge Cascos recommended Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, Ms. Yvette Salinas, Health Administrator, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, and himself for the Audit Committee.

Commissioner Garza moved to approve the Redesignation of the Audit Committee as stated by Judge Cascos.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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**(5) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND SUPERIOR HEALTH PLAN. (HT-HEALTH) (Contract No. 2007C03069) (TABLED)**

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

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**(6) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND ALL VALLEY TOWING FOR STORAGE SPACE. (MS-DA) (Contract No. 2007C03066)**

Judge Cascos asked if this item has gone out for bids.

Mr. Armando Villalobos, District Attorney, replied in the negative. He stated that this contract is for the Cameron County District Attorney Special Operations Group (the old Cameron County Drug Task Force), which is grant-funded. He noted that this space is used as a staging area for raids and to store equipment and files that are of a sensitive nature.



Mr. Villalobos stated that the lease agreement is for a 6-month extension as the grant was extended for (6) months.

Judge Cascos questioned why this item was not bid out.

Mr. Villalobos replied that this item was not bid out in order to keep the location of the storage space confidential.

Judge Cascos asked if the property insurance cost is included in the monthly cost.

Mr. Villalobos stated that the \$500 per month cost includes the cost of the property insurance.

Commissioner Garza asked Mr. Villalobos if the County storage facility is used to house confiscated vehicles.

Mr. Villalobos replied that the County storage facility is seldom used.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, Lease Agreement between Cameron County District Attorney's Office and All Valley Towing for Storage Space was approved.

**The Lease Agreement is as follows:**

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(7) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND J. ECHEVARRIA TRUST FOR STOVALL PROPERTY. (MS-DA) (Contract No. 2007C03068)**

Commissioner Garza questioned whether the rate was the same.

Mr. Armando Villalobos, District Attorney, replied in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Lease Agreement between Cameron County District Attorney's Office and J. Echevarria Trust for Stovall Property was approved.

**The Lease Agreement is as follows:**

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**(12) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH PARKHILL DOLPHIN COVE, INC., PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 321.043. (JM-PARKS) (TABLED)**

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

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**(13) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF SERVICES AND FEE WITH HNTB FOR THE LAURELES PARK PROJECT. (JM-PARKS)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Scope of Services and Fee with HNTB for the Laureles Park Project was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(14) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND HNTB FOR THE LAURELES PARK PROJECT. (JM-PARKS) (Contract No. 2007C03064) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: Commissioner Wood

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Judge Cascos and carried unanimously, the Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules were approved.

**The Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules are as follows:**

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**(24) 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 and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00178006, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks, in the amount of \$375.68 and Commissioner Tamayo as to Warrant No. 00178097, made payable to Red River Services Corp., in the amount of \$189.45.

**The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:**

## TRAVEL ITEMS

**(20) CONSIDERATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):**

**(I) SHERIFF STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS, OHIO ON 3/29 TO 3/30/07 TO VIEW MOBILE COMMAND CENTER.**

Sheriff Omar Lucio explained to the Court that this travel item will through a federal grant and will cover the cost of travel for (3) Officers. He noted that the grant will also cover the cost of the Mobile Command Center itself.

Judge Cascos inquired as to the cost of the Mobile Command Center.

Sheriff Lucio replied that the cost is approximately \$238,000. He added that the total amount of the federal grant is approximately \$700,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, Travel Item No. 20 (I) was approved.

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**(25) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TEMPORARY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF AUTOPSIES FOR CAMERON COUNTY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for one (1) week.

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**(26) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE SWAT COUNTER ATTACK TRUCK, UTILIZING THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD PROCUREMENT PROCESS – 1122 AND UTILIZING THE TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT 1122 PROGRAM. “LENCO ARMORED VEHICLE”. (OL-SHERIFF) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item and to address this item during the budgetary process.

The motion was seconded by Judge Cascos and carried unanimously.

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(27) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS AND THE ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13, STATE CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2007. (RO-ELECTIONS)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, The Early Voting Polling Locations and the Election Day Polling Locations for the Senate Joint Resolution 13, State Constitutional Election to Be Held On May 12, 2007 was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(28) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF CONTRACT FOR COURT FEES AND FINES COLLECTION SERVICES WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR, & SAMPSON, LLP. (DJV-CIVIL DIVISION)**

Commissioner Garza motioned that a 30-day notice of termination letter be sent to Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson, LLP for Justice of Peace Courts Precinct 5-1 and Precinct 5-2.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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**(29) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO ZIWA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SANTA ROSA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. (JM-PARKS)**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, informed the Court that the bid is within budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, to Award Bid to Ziwa Construction for the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**



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**(30) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FURNITURE PLAN & BUDGET FOR THE SAN BENITO ANNEX BUILDING. (MF-PURCHASING)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Furniture Plan & Budget for the San Benito Annex Building was approved.

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**(31) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET CALENDAR AND SETTING OF PRIORITIES. (XV-BUDGET) (TABLED)**

Judge Cascos asked to table this item.

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

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**(32) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 80<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, informed the Court that he will be meeting with Senator Lucio and Representative Oliveira to discuss the creation of (2) District Courts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Report regarding the County's Legislative Agenda for the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session was acknowledged.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(33) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

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

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:28 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of **May 2007**

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**CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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