



**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, December 4, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas.

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JULIE RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER 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 APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY'S SPONSORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE BORDER TRADE ALLIANCE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
3. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS), REGION #8, MICO-BORDER BY DESIGN FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ACID STAINING MATERIALS AND LABOR. (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)
4. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT FOR EDMUND K. CYGANIEWICZ, A LICENSED ATTORNEY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO ACT AS A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ON BEHALF OF THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
5. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY LICENSE RENEWAL AND MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR DANIEL ORIVE, COUNTY SURVEYOR. (EH-CCDOT)
6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT LA PALOMA CUT-OFF ROAD SUBDIVISION. (EH-CCDOT)

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT SANTA ROSA GARDENS SUBDIVISION. (EH-CCDOT)
8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT LA RESACA COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE I. (EH-CCDOT)
9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT COTTON ACRES SUBDIVISION. (EH-CCDOT)
10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT POMELO-THOMSON ROAD ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (EH-CCDOT)
11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT TAMM LANE II SUBDIVISION. (EH-CCDOT)
12. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR TIO PANCHO GARZA SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A 11.91 ACRES, SITUATED IN THE NORTH ½ OF THE NORTH ½ OF BLOCK 33 F.Z. BISHOP SUBDIVISION, RANGERVILLE, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDOT)
13. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER'S 2007 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)
14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2008 ILLEGAL DUMPING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT, AND CONTINUING CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL. (FB-PD&M)
15. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AND HOUSING PLUS, INC. TO IMPLEMENT A HOME REPAIR PROGRAM IN RURAL CAMERON COUNTY (CONTRACT NO. 2007C10389). (FB-PD&M)
16. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE TIPS - REGION 8 INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT VIA SOUTH TEXAS MOULDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARPENTRY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES. (MF-PURCHASING)
17. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFPs/RFQS FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. AUTOMOTIVE O.E.M. PARTS CHRYSLER BID #1996C (DON JOHNSON)
 - B. AUTOMOTIVE O.E.M. PARTS FORD BID #1996F (L.T. BOSWELL)
 - C. AUTOMOTIVE O.E.M. PARTS GENERAL MOTORS #1996G (LUKE FRUIA)

18. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFPS/RFQS FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL – COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS #1965 (STERICYCLE)
19. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFPS/RFQS FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - A. SIGNS, POSTS & MISC. FOR ROADS BID #2630 (VULCAN SIGNS)
20. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 90 TO COMPENSATE FOR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE. (OL-SHERIFF)
21. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW TEXAS STATE BANK TO RELEASE SECURITIES HELD BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF. (DAB-TREASURER)

TRAVEL ITEMS:

22. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL REQUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICIES):
 - A. 107TH DISTRICT COURT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 12/11 TO 12/13/07, TO ATTEND THE COURT SECURITY TRAINING SEMINAR.
 - B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TX, ON 12/6 TO 12/7/07, TO ATTEND THE ALLIANCE FOR I-69 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
 - C. COUNTY AUDITOR STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 11/25 TO 11/27/07, TO ATTEND FINANCIAL TRAINING.
 - D. DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO NEW BERLIN, TEXAS, ON 12/2 TO 12/8/07, TO ATTEND FORENSIC RECOVERY OF EVIDENCE DEVICE (FRED) SYSTEMS TRAINING TO CONDUCT FORENSIC COMPUTER EXAMINATIONS.
 - E. DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO DEL RIO, TEXAS, ON 12/12 TO 12/13/07, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS (STX) HIDTA QUARTERLY INTELLIGENCE MEETINGS.
 - F. ENGINEERING STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 12/20/07, TO ATTEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE NEEDED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL – TEXAS BOUNDARY LAW AND LANDOWNER DISPUTES.
 - G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO ROUND ROCK, TEXAS, ON 12/11 TO 12/13/07, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS (TALHO) MEETING.

- H. JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 12/2 TO 12/3/07, TO ATTEND "DO APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL FOR CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT".
- I. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO HIDALGO COUNTY, ON 11/13 TO 11/14/07, TO ATTEND THE TRAINING ACADEMY INTERMEDIATE USE OF FORCE IN A JAIL SETTING.
- J. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 11/14 TO 11/15/07, TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH AGUIRRE CORPORATION ON JAIL EXPANSION ISSUES.
- K. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO HIDALGO COUNTY, ON 11/29 TO 11/30/07, TO ATTEND TRAINING ACADEMY INTERMEDIATE INMATE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.
- L. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 12/9 TO 12/14/07, TO ATTEND A SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRATION CONFERENCE.
- M. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO GARLAND, TX, ON 12/11 TO 12/15/07, TO ATTEND A TACTICAL TEAM LEADER COURSE.
- N. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TX, ON 11/27 TO 11/28/07, TO VISIT THE TRAVIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND OBSERVE TRAINING PROGRAM AS WELL AS RECEIVE MATERIALS FROM THE TRAINING COORDINATOR.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ARNULFO HUERTA VS. CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; EEOC CHARGE NO. 451-2008-00211, FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLE MEDIATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A) & (2).
- B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE CIVIL LEGAL DIVISION TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND TO FILE APPROPRIATE PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS TO PROTECT THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS WITH ITS ATTORNEY IN THE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST MARK YATES, 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 (1)(A) & (2).

24. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

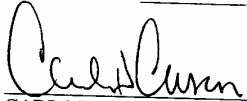
- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.

B. POSSIBLE ACTION.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

25. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
26. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
27. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - A. NOVEMBER 6, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
 - B. NOVEMBER 13, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
28. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL FIRE DEVICES UTILIZING TEXAS MASTER AGREEMENT SCHEDULE (TxMAS)/JOHNSON CONTROL INC. AND TO DESIGNATE FUNDING SOURCE. (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)
29. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CCTV CAMERA REPLACEMENTS AND UPS/SURGE PROTECTORS UTILIZING THE INTER-LOCAL PURCHASE SYSTEM (TIPS)/KLC VIDEO AND DESIGNATE FUNDING SOURCE. (RL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
30. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2008 SHERIFF'S SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECT AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH. (FB-PD&M)
31. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2007.



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE