



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
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SPECIAL MEETING

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Special Public Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas.

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COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.

AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, V.T.C.A., AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **SPECIAL 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 1, WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING JUANITA E. PATERSON VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; COURT AT LAW NO. 2; CAUSE NO. 2008-CCL158-B, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (A)&(2).
2. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
 - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

PRESENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTION ITEMS:

4. PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.
 - A. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING ANGELICA VALE ON THE OCCASION OF HER SELECTION AS "MR. AMIGO 2007". (CHC-JUDGE)

CONSENT ITEMS:

5. 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.
 - A. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR VILLA DE RAMOS SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-CCDoT)
 - B. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR VICTORIA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 3, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-CCDoT)
 - C. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR RANCHO BLANCO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-CCDoT)
 - D. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID NO. 080103 TO PETERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE CAMERON PARK, SECTION 3, CURB & GUTTER AND SIDEWALKS PROJECT. (EH-CCDoT)
 - E. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL OF LEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ASIM ZAMIR, M.D. TO RENT SPACE FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICES. (YS-HEALTH)
 - F. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL OF LEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND DAGOBERTO MARTINEZ, M.D. TO RENT SPACE FOR WIC PROGRAM SERVICES. (YS-HEALTH)
 - G. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES BY KEN WETHE, INDEPENDENT INSURANCE CONSULTANT TO EVALUATE OUR EXISTING HEALTH PLAN TO INCLUDE MUTUAL OF OMAHA RUN-OUT CLAIMS AND OR REQUEST TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO PROVIDE US WITH A STATUS REPORT ON OUR EXISTING HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)
 - H. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER IN THE WORKING AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE THE TRUANCY REDUCTION PROGRAM. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)

- I. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES: DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH URGENT CARE CENTER. (DJV-LEGAL)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO COMMENCE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR PARCEL 5, WEST RAIL PROJECT. (DJV-LEGAL)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO COMMENCE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR PARCEL 6, WEST RAIL PROJECT. (DJV-LEGAL)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS AND APPROVAL OF RFP DOCUMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 20.91 ACRES AT ANDY BOWIE PARK. (JM-PARKS)
- M. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT #2008C02042 BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND AMERICAN ELECTRIC & POWER TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD TRANSFORMER, AIRCRAFT AERIAL WARNING LIGHTS, AND LINE MARKERS FOR THE HELIPAD AT ISLA BLANCA PARK. (JM-PARKS)
- N. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM THE BETTERMENT FUND ON CONTRACT #2007C09218 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,320.00 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR THE LEARNING CENTER AT LA PALOMA. (JM-PARKS)
- O. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. MOSQUITO INSECTICIDE – ANNUAL BID #2430 (UNIVAR USA AND B&G CHEMICALS)
- P. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – CC JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPT. – RFQ #071101
 - b. ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING SERVICES – PUBLIC POOL FACILITIES – PARKS DEPT. PUBLIC POOLS – EL RANCHITO, SANTA MARIA, SANTA ROSA – RFQ #080101
- Q. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY TREASURER AS A COUNTY INVESTMENT OFFICER. (DAB-TREASURER)
- R. 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:

6. 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. AUDITORS OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/11 TO 2/15/08, TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL HIDTA ASSISTANCE CENTER TRAINING.
 - B. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, ON 2/19 TO 2/20/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS DISASTER RECOVERY COURSE.
 - C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON 5/20 TO 5/22/08, TO ATTEND THE HURRICANE CONFERENCE.
 - D. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/20 TO 2/21/08, TO ATTEND A TEEEX FLAGGER TRAINING COURSE.
 - E. DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 2/11 TO 2/15/08, TO ATTEND THE TDCAA'S INVESTIGATOR'S SCHOOL SEMINAR.
 - F. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 2/12 TO 2/17/08, TO SUPPORT THE CAMERON COUNTY 4-HER'S AT THE SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW, ALSO TO ATTEND A MASTER BEEF AND SWINE PLANNING MEETING.
 - G. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 2/14 TO 2/16/08, TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CIAP GRANT FUNDING FOR THE ARROYO COLORADO PROJECT.
 - H. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 2/5 TO 2/8/08, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROFESSIONAL CAREER LADDER SYSTEM FOR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS STATE REVIEW COMMITTEE.
 - I. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 2/26 TO 2/28/08, TO REPRESENT SEA GRANT EXTENSION AND CAMERON COUNTY AT THE TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LAB REFRESHER COURSE FOR THE SHRIMP INSPECTION PROGRAM.
 - J. JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO PORTLAND, OREGON, ON 3/3 TO 3/6/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 WEED AND SEED STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.
 - K. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 4 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 3/3 TO 3/5/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR.

- L. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 6 PLACE 1 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO TYLER, TEXAS ON 12/4 TO 12/7/07, TO ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PROVIDED BY TEXAS JUSTICE COURT TRAINING CENTER.
- M. PUBLIC WORKS STAFF (7) TO TRAVEL TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, ON 2/19 TO 2/20/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS DISASTER RECOVERY COURSE.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

7. ACTION ITEMS.

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
- B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
 - JANUARY 22, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING
 - JANUARY 29, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING
- D. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CAMERON COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY. (DAB-TREASURER)
- E. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE REMODELING OF VITAL STATISTICS DEPARTMENT 2ND FLOOR ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING ROOM 215, BY CAMERON COUNTY BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK)
- F. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COMPUTER CENTER EQUIPMENT LIST. (XV-BUDGET)
- G. DISCUSSION OF CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SECURE FACILITIES FUNDS. (TR-JUVENILE PROBATION)
- H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE EXCESS PASSPORT REVENUES TO INCREASE THE EXTRA HELP AND OVERTIME LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE BUDGET TO INCLUDE SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES AS AN EXEMPTION OF THE COUNTY OVERTIME POLICY BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK TO BE DONE BY EMPLOYEES ON PASSPORTS.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.

Carlos H. Cascos
CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE