

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008, there was conducted a **SPECIAL 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:**

**8:00 A.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 8:00 A.M. He asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, and Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, 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 February 28, 2008 at 2:31 P.M.:

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(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Commissioner Garza announced that the first public hearing to discuss the I-37 extension from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande Valley will be held in Raymondville, Texas this evening. He encouraged other members of the Court to attend.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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(2) **PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

- (A) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE TO APPLY TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2009 SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING COMPOSTING PROJECT AND CONTINUE CAMERON COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CAMERON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION. (EP-EXTENSION OFFICE) (Resolution No. 2008R03024)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing Cameron County Extension Service to apply to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the 2009 Source Reduction and Recycling Composting Project and Continue Cameron County's Partnership with the Cameron County Master Gardener Association was approved.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**(B) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE 2009 SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECT AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR REQUIRED MATCH. (FB-PD&M) (Resolution No. 2008R03023)**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, PD&M Director, stated that the continuation grant application includes a local match of \$86,896 with the grant amount of \$30,000. He informed the Court that the project staff is requesting a 3% pay increase and noted that the request is included in the application.

Judge Cascos inquired as to the local match for 2008.

Mr. Bejarano replied that the County's match for 2008 is \$86,587.

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the Cameron County Sheriff's Department to submit a continuation grant application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the 2009 Solid Waste Local Enforcement Project and designation of funding source for required match.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza.

Commissioner Garza stated that the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is moving away from the enforcement aspect of solid waste and attempting to do more recycling efforts. He commented on the fact that each year the local match has increased and asked if there are any plans to incorporate recycling efforts in addition to this continuation grant.

Mr. Bejarano replied that law enforcement is a local responsibility and is a reason why the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council is moving away from those efforts.

Commissioner Garza recommended that the Court consider a program that would educate residents that are being cited or arrested for solid waste violations.

**NOTE: Commissioner Benavides joined the meeting at 8:06 a.m.**

Mr. Bejarano informed the Court that the County applies for monies from the Valley Proud Environmental Council and those funds include an educational component concerning anti-littering.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the Cameron County Sheriff's Department to Submit a Continuation Grant Application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the 2009 Solid Waste Local Enforcement Project and Designation of Funding Source for Required Match was approved.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**(C) PRESENTATION HONORING CHIEF CARLOS GARCIA FOR BEING NAMED BOARD CHAIRMAN TO THE AUTOMOBILE BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY BY GOVERNOR RICK PERRY. (TY-TAX OFFICE)**

Judge Cascos presented Chief Carlos Garcia with a Resolution honoring him for being named board chairman of the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

Chief Carlos Garcia thanked the Court for this honor and commented on how privileged he feels for having served in law enforcement for over (26) years.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Presentation was acknowledged.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**(3) 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.**

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items".

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(A) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PEDERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR THE CAMERON PARK – SECTION 3, CURB & GUTTER AND SIDEWALKS PROJECT. (EH-CCDoT) (Contract No. 2008C03079)**

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE NEW FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) LICENSING FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM. (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(C) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BECK DISASTER RECOVERY (BDR) FOR "DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL MONITORING AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SUPPORT SERVICES" (REFERENCE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #080104). (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BIENESTAR COUNSELING SERVICES SO THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE SERVICES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S VICTIM'S GRANT. (TR-JUVENILE DEPARTMENT) (Contract No. 2008C03066)**

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID TO THE BEACH SERVICE OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND LLC FOR BID NO. 080201 – CONCESSION FOOD SERVICE /SNACK BAR AT ANDY BOWIE PARK, LOCATION NUMBER 9. (JM-PARKS)**

- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE PARK SYSTEM TO SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 2008 COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANT PROGRAM COUNTY SHARE OF FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE TO FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES AS LAST YEAR. (JM-PARKS)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (G) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. 2008C02061 WITH GREEN, RUBIANO & ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN OF THE RENOVATION OF THE JOSE DE LA ROSA MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER IN SANTA MARIA PARK. (JM-PARKS)**  
**The Contract is as follows:**
- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)**  
 a. **LIGHT BULBS & BALLASTS – ANNUAL BID #2004 (ELECTRIC FIXTURE SUPPLY)**  
 b. **GLASS (DETENTION – SECURITY) JAILS & DETENTION FACILITIES – ANNUAL BID #2003 (BEN'S GLASS)**  
 c. **ROAD SURFACING MATERIALS – ANNUAL BID #2580 (VULCAN MATERIALS & FRONTERA MATERIALS)**  
**The Tabulation is as follows:**
- (I) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S: (MF-PURCHASING)**  
 a. **PATROL CARS (SHERIFF'S – 7 EA.) (CONSTABLE 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 = 5 EA.) – TOTAL 12 EA + VAN 15 PASSENGER – JAIL 1 EA AND APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS.**
- (J) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)**  
 a. **ROAD MATERIALS: FLEX BASE – ANNUAL BID #2560 (MARTIN MARIETTA & VULCAN MATERIALS)**  
**The Tabulation is as follows:**
- (K) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION IN CLOSING THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2008 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. FOR THE ANNUAL TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S TRAINING SEMINAR TOGETHER WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CAMERON COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CRIMES ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE. (TY-TAC)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**

## TRAVEL ITEMS

- (4) **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) **CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4 STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 3/18 TO 3/21/08, TO ATTEND THE 20 HOUR CIVIL PROCESS SEMINAR HELD BY TEXAS JUSTICE COURT TRAINING CENTER.**
- (B) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 3/26 TO 3/28/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS COLLEGE OF PROBATE JUDGES.**
- (C) **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON 5/20 TO 5/22/08, TO ATTEND HURRICANE CONFERENCE.**
- (D) **EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO HOUMA, GULPORT, BON SECOUR, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AND TO WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, ON 3/3 TO 3/7/08, TO ATTEND THE FISHERIES SPECIALIST TRAINING.**

- (E) EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 5/5 TO 5/9/08, TO ATTEND THE CYFAR 2008 CONFERENCE.**
- (F) HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ON 3/17 TO 3/20/08 TO ATTEND THE 2008 SPRING CONFERENCE FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.**
- (G) HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ON 5/11 TO 5/13/08, TO ATTEND THE MARIE BIANCUZZO'S LACTATION EXAM REVIEW 2008.**
- (H) JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, ON 2/22/08 TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DRILL INSTRUCTORS INSTITUTE TRAINING.**
- (I) JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (6) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 3/6 TO 3/7/08, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS AREA REGIONAL TRAINING.**
- (J) TAX OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/16 TO 3/21/08, TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN AN ADVANCED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT INVESTIGATION COURSE.**
- (K) TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/29 TO 4/2/08 TO ATTEND THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS SCHOOL ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION INC. CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP.**

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(5) ACTION ITEMS.**

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

Commissioner Garza motioned to pass over this item as there are no Budget Amendments, Line Item Transfers and/or Salary Schedules to approve.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Commissioner Garza moved to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00196264, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$2,921.60.

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



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**(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the February 19, 2008-Regular Meeting were approved.

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

Commissioner Garza motioned to pass over this item as there is no new information to discuss.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:17 A.M.

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**APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2008**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**JOE G. RIVERA,**  
**COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK**  
**OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF**  
**CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**