

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 11th day of March 2008, 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:

5:00 P.M.

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

SOFIA C. BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

JOHN WOOD
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:
DAVID A. GARZA

The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:00 P.M. He asked Commissioner Tamayo for the invocation. Mr. Joe Gavito and Mr. Peter Goodman 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 7, 2008 at 11:02 A.M.:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 5:03 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- (1) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING TERMS OF RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BE GRANTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY AND DO SITE EVALUATIONS ON CAMERON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ALONG THE RIVER FOR THE BORDER SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "BORDER FENCE", AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY IN SAID LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A).**
 - (B) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6 ON A CLAIM FOR PAYMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A) & (2).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 5:18 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- (2) **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING TERMS OF RIGHT OF ENTRY TO BE GRANTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY AND DO SITE EVALUATIONS ON CAMERON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY ALONG THE RIVER FOR THE BORDER SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "BORDER FENCE", AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY IN SAID LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A). (Contract No. 2008C03071)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to allow the Federal Government, based on the conditions that were set forth, to survey the County property.

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

AYE: Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: Commissioner Wood

The Documentation is as follows:

(B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6 ON A CLAIM FOR PAYMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A) & (2).

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the Report by Legal Counsel.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos

(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Ms. Arge Miller presented the Court with a document detailing discrepancies she witnessed during the March 4, 2008 Election Day.

Juan Montoya commented on the fact that the Election results for Cameron County were one of the last to be reported in the State of Texas.

Roger Ortiz, Elections Administrator, commented on Ms. Miller's criticism regarding the March 4, 2008 Election Day. He commended his staff for their hard work and diligence and added that issues were corrected as soon as they came to light.

The Documentation is as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.

(A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CAMERON, TEXAS, PROVIDING TAX ABATEMENT TO CERTAIN HISTORICAL PROPERTIES INCLUDED IN THE 2008 CITY OF BROWNSVILLE HERITAGE PLAN. (FB-PD&M) (Resolution No. 2008R03025)

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the Resolution providing Tax Abatement to certain Historical Properties included in the 2008 City of Brownsville Heritage Plan.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to 647 E. St. Charles, known as the M. Hansen House

The Resolution is as follows:

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.**

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT AND TRAVEL ITEMS:

Consent Items No. 5 (B) and (C):

Commissioner Tamayo asked to discuss these items separately.

Consent Item No. 5 (A):

Judge Cascos asked to TABLE this item.

Consent Item No. 5 (Q):

Commissioner Wood asked to discuss this item separately.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items" excluding Consent Items No. 5

(B), (C) and (Q) and tabling Consent Item No. 5 (A).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (A) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF AT&T PHONE SERVICES AND CONTRACT FROM HIPCS TO VOICE DNA UTILIZING THE TDIR CONTRACT (#TEXAN-SBC-MA1, SDD-233, SDD-232). (RL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES) (TABLED)**
- (B) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CARLOS ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ, ASSISTANT STAFF ENGINEER. (EH-CCDoT) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (C) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BROWN PELICAN LANE, SEAHAWK LANE, SEAGULL LANE, ALBATROSS STREET, SPOONBILL STREET, CURLEW STREET, OSPREY STREET AND PINK FLAMINGO STREET LOCATED IN PELICAN'S LANDING ESTATES PHASE I SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, AS RECORDED IN CABINET 1, PAGE 2810-B, 2811-A AND 2811-B OF THE CAMERON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (EH-CCDoT) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR JESUS LOPEZ SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, BEING 4.91 ACRES OUT OF A 27.0 ACRE TRACT OUT OF ABANDONED SOUTH POINT TOWNSITE, EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION, SHARE 32 ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR BLANCO SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, BEING THE WEST 16.850 ACRES OUT OF THE NORTH 27.44 ACRES OF BLOCK 1, EL JARDIN SUBDIVISION CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR BUCHALTER SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF 2.6761 ACRES (116,571 S.F.) OUT OF LANDRUM'S RESERVE AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SUBDIVISION NO.1 LANDRUM'S RESERVE IN CONCEPCION DE CARRICITOS GRANT CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CC-DoT)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (G) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR MERCER SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF 19.263 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK 70, STUART PLACE SUBDIVISION, SURVEY 295, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (H) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE DRAWING PROCESS ON LETTER OF CREDIT FOR TAMM LANE NORTH NO. 3 SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, FOR UNBUILT WATER WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS. (EH-CCDoT)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (I) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (FOR INTERNET SERVICE). (JR-COMPUTER CENTER) (Contract No. 2008C03074)**

The Agreement is as follows:

- (J) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2007 SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON COUNTY FOR LETPP AND SHSP GRANT FUNDING. (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) (Contract No. 2008C03073)**

The Agreement is as follows:

- (K) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALBERT LOPEZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR REFUGIO PEREZ IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUIT STYLED ROSA MONTES RAMOS, ET AL. VS. OMAR LUCIO, ET AL.; CAUSE NO. M-08-11; UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS; McALLEN DIVISION. (ROB-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2008C03072)**

The Agreement is as follows:

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The Agreement is as follows:

- (M) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SEEDING OF THE COMMUNITY PARKS, LA PALOMA, RIO HONDO, AND LA ESPERANZA. (JM-PARKS)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (N) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING FORM IN ALL BIDS, RFP'S, RFQ'S: (MF-PURCHASING)**

a. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION INELIGIBILITY

The Documentation is as follows:

- (O) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE REQUISITIONS PURCHASED WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER FOR SCOTT MERRIAM INC. FOR THE EMERGENCY ORDER OF BANKNOTE SECURITY LETTER SIZE PAPER FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND POLY JACKETS FOR LETTER SIZE BIRTH CERTIFICATES. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (P) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THIRTEEN GOODLINK BASIC BUSINESS HOUR SUPPORT FROM GOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$607.00. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C03081)**

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- (Q) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH JOE SANTOPETRO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN THE EXPANDED NUTRITION PROGRAM FLOOR PLAN LOCATED AT THE CAMERON COUNTY SAN BENITO ANNEX. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

- (R) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND NATIONAL SKY SIGNS FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY AIRPORT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C03068)**

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(Contract No. 2008C03069)
The Agreement is as follows:**

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) **COUNTY CLERK STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 4/23 TO 4/25/08 TO ATTEND THE 2008 COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK'S LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
 - (B) **HUMAN RESOURCES STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 4/1/08 TO ATTEND THE 2008 HR REGIONAL WORKSHOPS.**
 - (C) **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 3/12/08, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL (PARP).**
 - (D) **TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 3/17 TO 3/19/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY GRANT WORKSHOP AND BOARD MEETING.**

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(B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CARLOS ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ, ASSISTANT STAFF ENGINEER. (EH-CCDoT)

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, Authorization to pay Professional Engineering License Renewal for Carlos Alejandro Sanchez, Assistant Staff Engineer, was approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

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- (C) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BROWN PELICAN LANE, SEAHAWK LANE, SEAGULL LANE, ALBATROSS STREET, SPOONBILL STREET, CURLEW STREET, OSPREY STREET AND PINK FLAMINGO STREET LOCATED IN PELICAN'S LANDING ESTATES PHASE I SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, AS RECORDED IN CABINET 1, PAGE 2810-B, 2811-A AND 2811-B OF THE CAMERON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM. (EH-CCDoT)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Authorization to accept Brown Pelican Lane, Seahawk Lane, Seagull Lane, Albatross Street, Spoonbill Street, Curlew Street, Osprey Street and Pink Flamingo Street located in Pelican's Landing Estates Phase I Subdivision, Pct. 4, as recorded in Cabinet 1, Page 2810-B, 2811-A and 2811-B of the Cameron County Map Records, Cameron County, Texas, into the County Road System was approved.

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(Q) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH JOE SANTOPETRO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DESIGN THE EXPANDED NUTRITION PROGRAM FLOOR PLAN LOCATED AT THE CAMERON COUNTY SAN BENITO ANNEX. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C03070)

Commissioner Wood asked if this service could be performed in-house.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, replied that the design cannot be done in-house but the construction will be.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Authorization to Contract with Joe Santopetro for Professional Services to Design the Expanded Nutrition Program Floor Plan located at the Cameron County San Benito Annex.

The motion was seconded by Judge Cascos and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Tamayo and Judge Cascos

NAY: Commissioner Wood

The Contract is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

(7) ACTION ITEMS.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood 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:

(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Tamayo, Commissioner Benavides and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00196555, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks System, in the amount of \$547.60 and Warrant No. 00196640, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$43,455.21.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

FEBRUARY 26, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the February 26, 2008- Regular Meeting were approved.

**(D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENTS TO THE ISLA BLANCA PARK
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (JM-PARKS)**

Judge Cascos asked if the amendments have been presented to the Parks Advisory Board.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, replied in the affirmative.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Amendments to the Isla Blanca Park Policies and Procedures were approved.

The Documentation is as follows:

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

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, stated that on the trip to Washington D.C. last week there was a meeting with the Coast Guard and the State Department to discuss international bridge projects. He added that there were meetings with Congressman Ortiz, Congressman Hinojosa, Congressman Cuellar, Senator Cornyn and Senator Hutchinson and that each were presented with a list of County projects.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Report by David Garcia regarding the County's State and Federal Legislative Agenda was acknowledged.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

**(1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ISSUES
RELATED TO THE DUNE PROTECTION PERMIT FOR THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (PSJ-
ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Wood motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benavides thanked Precinct 1 and all County residents who participated in the March 4, 2008 Election. She commended Mr. Roger Ortiz and his staff for their efforts.

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that the March 4, 2008 Election was an extraordinary one and expressed his opinion that Roger Ortiz is one of the best Elections Administrator that the County has ever had. He added that often the Election Precinct Judges are not trained properly because they do not show up to the trainings.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:10 P.M.

APPROVED this 1st day of **April 2008**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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