

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 29th day of July 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 5:04 P.M. He asked Pastor Thomas Carubba for the invocation. Pastor Thomas Carubba 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 July 25, 2008 at 2:31 P.M.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None were presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

(2) **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. 2 (A) and (K):

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, asked to TABLE these items.

Commissioner Tamayo moved to approve the "Consent and Travel Items", tabling Consent Items No. 2 (A) and (K).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

(A) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/ RFP'S/ RFQ'S FOR : (MF-PURCHASING) (TABLED)**

- a. **INSURANCE - DENTAL VOLUNTARY (EMPLOYEE PURCHASED) - ANNUAL RFP # 1466D**
- b. **INSURANCE - DENTAL VOLUNTARY (EMPLOYEE PURCHASED) - ANNUAL RFP # 1466V**
- c. **THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION FOR SECTION IRC 125 AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT SPECIFICATIONS- ANNUAL RFP #1460**

(B) **CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL COMPLETION OF THE CAMERON PARK COLONIA PROJECT, SECT-3, DIRT & CONCRETE HAULING SERVICES PROJECT: BID NO 070103. (EH-CCDoT)**

(C) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM AUGUST 31, 2008 TO AUGUST 31, 2009 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT MERCER SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDoT)**

The Documentation is as follows:

(D) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM AUGUST 18, 2008 TO AUGUST 18, 2009 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEM) AT COLONY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4. (EH-CCDoT)**

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(E) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S JUNE 2008 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)**

The Documentation is as follows:

(F) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE-HARLINGEN. (YS- HEALTH) (Contract No. 2008C07224)**

The Contract is as follows:

(G) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF "CAS COMPANIES" QUOTE NO. 2008-192ST-06 THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, TO CONSTRUCT A FOUNDATION, CANOPY, AND RELATED WORK AT A COST OF \$21,975 FOR THE MASTER GARDENERS COMPOSING PROJECT. (FB-PD&M) (Contract No. 2008C07226)**

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- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDGE TO REQUEST INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS BY AEP TEXAS IN THE CAMERON PARK AND LAGUNA HEIGHTS COLONIAS. (FB-PD&M)**
The Documentation is as follows:
- (I) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CORNETT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$116,870.85, FOR WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS ON BEDDOES AVENUE IN CAMERON COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2 (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 727051). (FB-PD&M) (Contract No. 2008C07225)**
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The Documentation is as follows:
- (K) **CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF ORDER APPROVING THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE JUNE 2008 TERM. (DAB-TREASURER) (TABLED)**

TRAVEL ITEMS

- (3) **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) **EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, ON 7/20 TO 7/23/08, TO ASSIST WITH THE PRIME TIME 08.**
- (B) **JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 8/4 TO 8/7/08, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT WRITING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING.**
- (C) **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 8/4 TO 8/5/08, TO ATTEND THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**
- (D) **TREASURER TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS , ON 9/15 TO 9/19/08, TO ATTEND THE COUNTY TREASURER’S ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS 60TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

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ACTION ITEMS

(4) ACTION ITEMS.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo 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 Wood moved to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Benavides

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00204423, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks System, in the amount of \$191.61 and Warrant No. 00204477, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$9,353.72 and Commissioner Tamayo as to Warrant No. 00204478, made payable to Red River Service Corp., in the amount of \$128.96.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

(C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)

Commissioner Wood motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, informed the Court that preliminary information has been received in advance of Thursday's TxDOT Commission Meeting regarding the County's Third Call Border Colonia Access Project. He reported that (3) competitive projects which were awarded funding included El Ranchito (\$927,256), Cameron Park (\$6.6 million) and Las Palmas (\$1.9 million).

Judge Cascos noted that the initial request for Cameron Park was \$11 million for 8.3 miles and only \$6.6 million was awarded and questioned whether the project will have to be scaled back.

Mr. Garcia replied that staff will have to re-evaluate the project to determine what work can be done with the amount allocated. He also reported the non-competitive project allocations: Glenwood Acres (\$358,673), Villa Del Sol (\$218,552), Villa Pancho (\$204,963), Grande Acres (\$205,653), Las Yescas (\$118,247), Colonia Iglesia Antigua (\$251,149), Graham Subdivision (\$276,849), Laguna Escondida Heights #2 (\$138,176), Illinois Heights (\$456,067), Laguna Escondida Heights (\$140,859), Alto Real (\$60,925), La Feria Gardens (\$139,674), Reed Hope King (\$322,255), Bonaville Terrace (\$317,267) and La Paloma Townsite (\$475,027) with the total amount allocated being \$3,684,336.

Mr. Garcia announced that on July 31, 2008, the Brownsville Economic Development Council will be holding a Trade Forum and has invited Cameron County to attend.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report by David Garcia regarding the County's State and Federal Legislative Agenda.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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 5:17 P.M.

APPROVED this 12th day of **August 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