

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 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**

**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**

**Mayra Medrano** **Deputy Clerk**

**ABSENT:**  
**SOFIA C. BENAVIDES**

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:30 P.M. He asked for a moment of silence. The Court 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 August 8, 2008 at 9:51 A.M.:

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**(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Francisco Sifuentes stated his opposition to any tax increase for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Gloria Moreno asked the Court to consider adding a polling location in Cameron Park for the General Election.

Judge Cascos clarified that there is an Early Voting Polling Location for the Cameron Park area and noted that there is an item concerning Early Voting Polling Locations and Election Day Polling Locations that will be discussed later during the meeting.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**(6) ACTION ITEMS.**

**(I) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS, AND ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION. (RO-ELECTIONS) tabled on 8/5/08**

Commissioner Garza recommended that the Early Voting polling location at Gutierrez Middle School be changed to the Harlingen Annex and that the dates and times remain the same for that location.

Mr. David Pearson, Vice President for Partnership Affairs at UTB-TSC, asked the Court to add an Election Day polling location at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Judge Cascos recommended that the Election Day polling location for Precinct 7 be changed from the Central Fire Station to the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Commissioner Tamayo asked that an Early Voting polling location be added at Riverside Middle School in La Paloma for (2) days.

Ms. Norma Carrillo, Elections Department, suggested that the Early Voting polling location for Riverside Middle School be held on the last (2) days of early voting.

Commissioner Wood clarified that the Early Voting polling location at Cameron Park would run from October 20<sup>th</sup> thru October 24<sup>th</sup>, the location at the Browne Road Community Center would run from October 27<sup>th</sup> thru October 29<sup>th</sup> and the location at Riverside Middle School would run from October 30<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the he Early Voting Polling Locations and the Election Day Polling Locations for the November 4, 2008 General Election as discussed.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jared Hockema, Cameron County Democratic Party, expressed concern over the General Election polling locations for Precinct 28 and 64. He explained that Precinct 28 is located in Combes and Precinct 64 is located in Primera and recommended that Precinct 34 be relocated to the Harlingen area and that Precinct 28 be relocated to the Combes Community Building.

Judge Cascos asked if the Early Voting Polling Locations and the Election Day Polling Locations comply with all regulations.

Ms. Carrillo replied in the affirmative.

Judge Cascos recommended that Precincts 28, 34, 34A, 34B, 57 and 87 be reviewed by the Elections Administrator to ensure that all precincts are located accordingly.

Commissioner Garza asked Mr. Hockema to meet with the Elections Administrator to discuss his concerns regarding Precincts 28, 34, 34A, 34B, 57 and 87.

Commissioner Garza amended his motion to approve the Early Voting Polling Locations and the Election Day Polling Locations for the November 4, 2008 General Election as discussed excluding the Election Day Polling Locations for Precincts 28, 34, 34A, 34B, 57 and 87.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(K) CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF ONE OR MORE PROJECTS  
FOR APPLICATION TO THE 2009-2010 TEXAS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.  
(FB-PD&M)**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, PD&M Director, informed the Court that the Laguna Madre and East Rio Hondo have requested that the Court consider splitting the available funding in their favor.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if splitting the funding would work for both projects.

Mr. Bejarano replied that any cost overrun becomes the responsibility of the project that is selected.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the recommendation by Mr. Frank Bejarano.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: Commissioner Wood

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(L) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO DESIGNATE ONE (1) COLONIA  
IN CAMERON COUNTY PRECINCT 1 FOR THE 2008-2012 CAMERON  
AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER.  
(PD&M)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to authorize Mr. Frank Bejarano, PD&M Director, to meet with Commissioner Benavides concerning the designation of a colonia location.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## CONSENT ITEMS

- (4) 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", tabling Consent Items No. 4 (G) and 4 (H).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

- (A) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL TO PAY \$5,100 TO COVER 941 CAMERON COUNTY EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAX LIABILITY FOR QUARTER ENDED 3/07 AND 6/07. (MG-AUDITOR)
- (B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE ARGUS FIRE SYSTEM INSPECTION AGREEMENT. (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE) (Contract No. 2008C08238)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (C) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR CITRUS ESTATES NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A 5.786 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF BLOCK FIVE (5), STUART PLACE SUBDIVISION OF SURVEY 294, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 TO JULY 30, 2009 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT PUERTO DEL CIELO SUBDIVISION SECTION I AND PUERTO DEL CIELO SUBDIVISION SECTION II, PCT. 2. (EH-CCDoT)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (E) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TIME EXTENSION FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 FOR PROVIDING SEWER FACILITIES (SEPTIC SYSTEMS) AT HIGGINBOTHAM ACRES, PCT. 1. (EH-CCDoT)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (F) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FY2009 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKPLANS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. (YS-HEALTH) (Contract No. 2008C08284)  
The Contract is as follows:
- (G) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FY2009 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EARLY WARNING INFECTIOUS DISEASE SURVEILLANCE WORKPLAN FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. (YS-HEALTH) (TABLED)
- (H) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO GIVE NOTICE OF TERMINATION TO CEBALLOS FUNERAL HOME. (DJV-LEGAL) (TABLED)
- (I) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MERGER BETWEEN TEXAS STATE BANK AND BBVA, A GLOBAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. (DJV-LEGAL)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (J) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE COMPASS E-ACCESS AUTOMATED FUNDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT AND RELATED FORMS TO THE AGREEMENT. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2008C08286)  
The Contract is as follows:

- (K) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT NO. 2006C11085 WITH CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. TO INCLUDE OPEN BURNING OF DEBRIS. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2008C08287)  
The Contract is as follows:
- (L) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN WAIVERS OR DISCLAIMERS IN FEDERAL CONDEMNATION ACTIONS WHERE CAMERON COUNTY IS NAMED AS A TAXING ENTITY FOR TAXES ONLY. (DJV-LEGAL)
- (M) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION DEDICATING 2 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE FOR THE LAURELES OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY PARK. (JM-PARKS) (Resolution No. 2008R08065)  
The Resolution is as follows:
- (N) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LICENSE AGREEMENT 2008C08241 BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE AT FORMER JEREMIAHS PROPERTY AND NORTH SANDS FLATS. (JM-PARKS)  
The Contract is as follows:
- (O) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP TO VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009. (JM-PARKS)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (P) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3 FOR CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER CONTRACT NO. 722023. (FB-PD&M) (Contract No. 2008C08288)  
The Documentation is as follows:
- (Q) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR:  
(MF-PURCHASING)  
a. TREATMENT ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION PROGRAM SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES (TAIP) FOR CAMERON – WILLACY COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION & CORRECTIONS DEPT. (CSCD) – ANNUAL RFP #1727.

## TRAVEL ITEMS

- (5) 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) CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 7/28/08, TO ATTEND MEETING ON THE CARRIZALEZ RUCKER DETENTION CENTER JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT WITH YATES CONSTRUCTION.
- (B) EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 8/20/08, TO ATTEND 4-H CONNECT/ONLINE 4-H ENROLLMENT TRAINING.
- (C) LEGAL DIVISION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 9/4 TO 9/5/08, TO ATTEND THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ADVANCED CIVIL APPELLATE PRACTICE.
- (D) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 8/13/08, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW.
- (E) TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/19 TO 8/20/08, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAPTER/TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF VEHICLE THEFT INVESTIGATORS BOARD MEETING (TAVTI).

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**(6) ACTION ITEMS.**

**(O) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C08282)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County and the International Boundary and Water Commission with the exception of removing the last (2) paragraphs.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: Commissioner Wood

**The Contract is as follows:**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 6:22 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- (1) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING OUTSTANDING 2006-2007 INVOICES FROM INDIGENT CARE PROVIDERS AND IMPACT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION NO. GA-0652, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**
  - (B) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY V. SECRETARY OF STATE, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. D-1-GV-07-002464, TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CASE AND AUTHORITY TO NAME ADDITIONAL PARTIES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A).**
  - (C) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ABSTRACT NO. 2-BARRIOS LOT NO. 2, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 6:51 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**NOTE: Judge Cascos did not return to the meeting after Executive Session.**

- (2) **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING OUTSTANDING 2006-2007 INVOICES FROM INDIGENT CARE PROVIDERS AND IMPACT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION NO. GA-0652, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**

Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, informed the Court that the County Auditor's Office requested an AG Opinion concerning the constitutionality of paying indigent healthcare of one fiscal year from general revenues of the next fiscal year. He stated that the Attorney General has responded in Opinion No. GA-0652 and has stated that, under the facts represented, Cameron County did not contemplate when it entered into these obligations to satisfy them from the current revenues for the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year and that it would be an illegal debt; and the Commissioners' Court cannot pay or ratify them and that the County Auditor cannot authorize their payment. He recommended that the motion include that the County Auditor be directed to send a letter to all of the healthcare providers that remain unpaid for the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report and to direct the County Auditor to send a letter to all of the healthcare providers that remain unpaid for the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year.

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

AYE: Commissioner Tamayo and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Garza

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY V. SECRETARY OF STATE, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. D-1-GV-07-002464, TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CASE AND AUTHORITY TO NAME ADDITIONAL PARTIES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A).**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Report was acknowledged and authorization to proceed along the terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ABSTRACT NO. 2-BARRIOS LOT NO. 2, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, authorization to proceed along the terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session was approved.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(6) 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:**

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**(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Claims.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Claims are as follows:**

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- (C) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:  
JULY 22, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 22, 2008 - EMERGENCY MEETING (11:30 AM)  
JULY 22, 2008 - EMERGENCY MEETING (5:00 PM)  
JULY 24, 2008 - EMERGENCY MEETING  
JULY 29, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Minutes for the July 22, 2008- Regular Meeting, July 22, 2008- Emergency Meeting (11:30AM), July 22, 2008- Emergency Meeting (5:00 PM), July 24, 2008- Emergency Meeting, and July 29, 2008- Regular Meeting were approved.

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- (D) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LA FERIA FOR THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTER. (COMM. COURT)**

Commissioner Tamayo informed the Court that the City of La Feria is applying for a grant to build a Boys & Girls Club and have asked the County for assistance. She recommended that an in-kind donation valued at \$70,000 be granted to the City of La Feria.

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, Request from the City of La Feria for the Indoor Recreation Center was approved.

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- (E) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET AND TAX RATE. (XV-BUDGET)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Presentation regarding the Fiscal Year-2009 Budget and Tax Rate was acknowledged.

**The Documentation is as follows:**



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**(F) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING DATES TO SET COUNTY TAX RATES FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR. (XV-BUDGET)**

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Budget Officer, stated that the first public hearing date will be set for August 25, 2008 at 8 AM and the second public hearing date will be set for September 2, 2008 at 5 PM.

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the Scheduling of Public Hearing Dates to set the County Tax Rates for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year as stated by the Budget Officer.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(G) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ALICE SOUTHERN EQUIPMENT FOR THE RENTAL OF A BACK-UP GENERATOR FOR THE JUDICIAL COMPLEX/OLD COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE. (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, Authorization to pay Alice Southern Equipment for the Rental of a Back-Up Generator for the Judicial Complex/Old County Jail without a Purchase Order was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(H) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF A CAT C27-750KW GENERATOR PACKAGE THROUGH HOLT-CAT, VIA BUYBOARD & TO ALLOCATE A FUNDING SOURCE. (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE) (Contract No. 2008C08289)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Purchase & Installation of a CAT C27-750kw Generator Package through HOLT-CAT, via Buyboard, was approved.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(J) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND THE ALTERNATE JUDGE FOR EACH COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCT AND CENTRAL COUNTING STATION AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2008 AND ENDING JULY 31, 2010. (RO-ELECTIONS)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Democratic and Republican Parties' recommendations for appointment of the presiding judge and the alternate judge for each County Election Precinct and Central Counting Station as required by the Texas Election Code for a two year period beginning August 1, 2008 and ending July 31, 2010 with the remaining vacancies to be brought back to the Court for approval at a later date.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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- (M) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING ENGAGEMENT OF A FIRST PARTY PROPERTY CLAIM PROFESSIONAL LOSS CONSULTANT UTILIZING JANSEN INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER ORDER #2006O08001. (MF-PURCHASING) (Contract No. 2008C08290)**

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the item subject to Legal Counsel reviewing the agreement.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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

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

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**(P) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST  
ASSISTANCE FROM KEN WETHE INSURANCE CONSULTANT FOR  
EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CAFETERIA PLAN AND  
EMPLOYEE PURCHASED DENTAL AND VISION PLAN. (MV-  
HUMAN RESOURCES)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, Authorization to request assistance from Ken Wethe Insurance Consultant for Evaluation of Proposals for Cafeteria Plan and Employee Purchased Dental and Vision Plan was approved with a cap of \$2,000.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:03 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of **September 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**