



**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
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REGULAR MEETING

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on
Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor
at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas.

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JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2008 AT 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, V.T.C.A., AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **REGULAR 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. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LINDA MARTINEZ VS. CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT; EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CHARGE NO. 451-2008-01515, FOR DISCUSSION AND AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY AND CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY VS. SECRETARY OF STATE, ET. AL., CAUSE NO. D-1-GV-07-002464, TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A).
 - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING 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, AS ALLOWED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §418.183(F).
 - D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO FILE SUIT AGAINST RED RIVER SERVICE CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).

2. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- D. POSSIBLE ACTION.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

PRESENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTION ITEMS:

4. PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.

- A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION (SB 1838) BY SENATOR JOHN CORNYN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE BUDGET. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

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 APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR BORDER COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) AND RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM TxDOT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
 - B. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE RESTORATION AND BUILD-BACK ESTIMATE(S) PURSUANT TO THE APPROVED CAS COMPANIES/TEXAS INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS), THE TERMS & CONDITIONS AND RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAMAGED COUNTY BUILDING(S). (RL-BUILDING MAINTENANCE)
 - C. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR ISLA BLANCA PARK R.V. PARK ADDITION SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, BEING 1.237 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF CAMERON COUNTY PARK NO. 1, KNOWN AS ISLA BLANCA PARK, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)
 - D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSFER OF DUTIES IMPOSED BY LAW UPON A JUSTICE OF PEACE RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS OF A PRECINCT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY CLERK, (SECTION 191.022, TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK)

- E. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES REGIONAL AND LOCAL SERVICES SECTION TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY. (YS-HEALTH)
- F. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGES ON SECTION 10.04 REGARDING ON-THE-JOB INJURIES SECTION - MEDICAL ATTENTION. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND BOB FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN FOR "SAND CASTLE DAYS". (JM-PARKS)
- H. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND MERI HEGGIE, EVENT ORGANIZER FOR "SURF & TURF ADVENTURE RACE". (JM-PARKS)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERTAKE A DRAINAGE STUDY FOR CAMERON COUNTY. (FB-PD&M)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO NOMINATE VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL TO APPLY FOR A TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CYCLE 14 GRANT TO CONTINUE THE CAPTAIN CRAB CLEAN BEACH MEDIA AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2010. (FB-PD&M)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. AIR CONDITIONER PARTS, SUPPLIES, REFRIGERANTS - ANNUAL BID #1998 (BAKER DIST. & CARRIER)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFPs/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. SELF HELP PROVIDER - 2008 CAMERON & WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF HELP CENTER - ANNUAL RFP #080801
- M. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSORS-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE CITY OF McALLEN, TEXAS, THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF EDINBURG, TEXAS REGARDING A MUTUAL AID (BURGLARY AND THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE) LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE TO COOPERATE IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. (TY-TAC)
- N. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MYRIAD SYSTEMS INC. FOR PRINTING SERVICES. (TY-TAC)

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. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/27 TO 8/29/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 TAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
 - B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/15/08, TO MEET WITH COUNCIL OF URBAN COUNTIES STAFF REGARDING THE JUDICIAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE INTEGRATION.
 - C. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS ON 8/20 TO 8/22/08 TO ATTEND THE 2008 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.
 - D. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO VICTORIA, TEXAS, ON 8/13/08, TO ATTEND AND ASSIST WITH THE 2008 TEXAS 4-H RECORD BOOK COMPETITION.
 - E. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 8/14/08, TO ATTEND THE MASTER WELLNESS TRAINING.
 - F. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 8/25 TO 8/29/08, TO ATTEND THE TB NURSING FELLOWSHIP.
 - G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/26 TO 8/27/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BEST PRACTICE AWARDS PRESENTATION.
 - H. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 9/16 TO 9/19/08, TO ATTEND THE CLINICAL LACTATION PRACTICUM.
 - I. INDIGENT DEFENSE DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/27/08, TO ATTEND THE INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT MEETING.
 - J. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 8/24 TO 8/29/08, TO ATTEND THE PARENT PROJECT FACILITATOR TRAINING.
 - K. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 9/15 TO 9/17/08, TO ATTEND THE DATA COORDINATORS WORKSHOP.
 - L. SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL, COUNTY JUDGE, BUDGET OFFICER AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 9/4/08, TO ATTEND A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION HEARING ON COUNTY OF CAMERON VS. TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE AND TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.
 - M. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 8/19 TO 8/22/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 SAVE A LIFE SUMMIT.

- N. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS, ON 8/21/08, TO ATTEND THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS GRANTS WORKSHOP.
- O. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON 8/24 TO 8/26/08 TO VIEW MILITARY SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.
- P. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS, ON 9/5/08, TO ATTEND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONFERENCE.
- Q. TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 8/6 TO 8/7/08, TO MEET WITH JIM LEWIS FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO DISCUSS THE OCCUPATION TAX ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, RECEIVING A 2008 COUNTY BEST PRACTICE AWARD FOR INNOVATION.
- R. TAX OFFICE STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ON 8/23 TO 8/27/08, TO ATTEND THE 69TH TAAO & ICTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO.

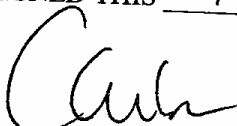
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

7. ACTION ITEMS.

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
- B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
- C. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF RABB ROAD. SAID ROAD IS LOCATED IN PCT. #4, IN RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION 1 AND 2, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 71 AND VOLUME 6, PAGE 67 OF THE MAP RECORDS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- D. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF RABB ROAD. SAID ROAD IS LOCATED IN PCT. #4, IN RABB HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION 1 AND 2, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 71 AND VOLUME 6, PAGE 67 OF THE MAP RECORDS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- E. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE BROWNSVILLE URBAN SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COST ESTIMATE FOR THE VETERANS BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT AND AUTHORITY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE HIRING OF AN EXPERT AND OTHER RELATED COSTS FOR THE CAPITAL MURDER TRIAL OF JOHN ALLEN RUBIO IN WHICH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS SEEKING THE DEATH PENALTY. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

- H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CLARIFY THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF COURT INTERPRETERS. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
- I. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET AND TAX RATE. (XV-BUDGET)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SETTING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FOR 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR. (XV-BUDGET)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SETTING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION. (XV-BUDGET)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FOR ALL PENDING EQUIPMENT INVOICES FROM THE GENERAL FUND. (DJV-LEGAL)
- M. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR MARINA RESTAURANT CONCESSION AT ISLA BLANCA PARK (LOCATION #10) AND APPROVAL OF R.F.P. #080601. (JM-PARKS)
- N. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR RESTAURANT AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION AT DOLPHIN COVE (LOCATION #11) AND APPROVAL OF R.F.P. #080602. (JM-PARKS)
- O. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE PROPOSALS FOR PROVIDER SERVICES FOR THE 2008 CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER. (FB-PD&M)
- P. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINUING FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM NATIONAL FLOOD SERVICES PROGRAM COUNTY PROPERTIES. (MG-AUDITOR)
- Q. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS 15 DAY OF AUGUST 2008.



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE