

Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Courthouse, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas.

Carlos H. Cascos, CPA County Judge (956) 544-0830

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COUNTY CLERK

# **NOTICE**

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 JOE R. JONES CONTRACT AND THE STATUS OF SETTLEMENT OFFER, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A)(B) & (2).
  - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING RAMOS, ET AL VS. LUCIO, ET AL; CIVIL ACTION NO. B-08-CV-00122, AUTHORITY TO RETAIN EXPERTS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A).
- 2. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
  - B. POSSIBLE ACTION.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

## PRESENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTION ITEMS:

- 4. PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.
  - A. PRESENTATION OF THE RX SENSE DISCOUNT CARD FOR ALL COUNTY CONSUMERS. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)

#### **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 AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S: (RL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
    - a. DOCUMENT AND MEDIA CONVERSION SERVICES (DA'S OFFICE).
  - B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FABIAN LIMAS, JR.'S, ATTORNEY AT LAW CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS OF THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1. (AM-COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1)
  - C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ATTORNEY PAUL FOURT AND ROBERT LERMA TO PROVIDE INDIGENT REPRESENTATION FOR THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3. (NS-COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3)
  - D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES CHS-FEE FOR SERVICE TO PROVIDE PREVENTIVE AND PRIMARY CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IN CAMERON COUNTY. (YS-HEALTH)
  - E. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUAN ALANIZ JR., DEPUTY CONSTABLE PCT. #3 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THE ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS VALID ONLY THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE OR THE CURRENT TERM OF THE ELECTED CONSTABLE WHICH EVER ENDS SOONER. (MV-HUMAN RESOURCES)
  - F. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2008, AS "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (CHC-JUDGE)
  - G. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA E. GARZA TO THE TEXAS COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, INC., TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CAMERON, HIDALGO AND WILLACY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER, PLACE 6. (CHC-JUDGE)

- H. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF RUBEN TORRES, JR., TO THE TEXAS COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER, INC., TROPICAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CAMERON, HIDALGO AND WILLACY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (CHC-JUDGE)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MINERVA MARTINEZ AS BOARD MEMBER AND MR. MIKE VASQUES AS ALTERNATE TO THE AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC. DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CHC-JUDGE)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND SCOTT PAJESKI, SSP DESIGN TO ACCESS CAMERON COUNTY PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING AND RELOCATING PALM TREES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE. (JM-PARKS)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING AND SET UP A COMMAND ELEMENT AT ANDY BOWIE PARK. (JM-PARKS)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARROYO NET AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION WITH SECOND HIGH SCORE VENDOR ORBITZ FOR FIXED WIRELESS BROAD BAND SERVICES AT ISLA BLANCA PARK, ADOLPH THOMAE PARK AND ANDY BOWIE PARK. (JM-PARKS)
- M. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JUDGE TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 11 FROM THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONTRACT NOS. 726005 AND 726015 AND RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL WORK. (FB-PD&M)
- N. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY TO INSTALL 22,250 WATT, STREET LIGHTS IN CAMERON PARK. (FB-PD&M)
- O. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT SECOND LOW BID FROM AGUA WORKS PIPE AND SUPPLY LLC., PURSUANT TO THE EL JARDIN WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT ON SOUTHMOST AND OKLAHOMA ROADS (TCDP CONTRACT NO. 727051). (FB-PD&M)
- P. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES (COUNTY FACILITIES) ANNUAL CSP #080902 AND APPROVAL OF CSP.
- Q. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. PAINT (STAIN, VARNISH, ENAMEL) ANNUAL BID #2008
  - b. PAPER & ENVELOPES ANNUAL BID #2460

R. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO FILE THE OPERATION LINEBACKER-CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED FUNDS APPLICATION THROUGH THE TEXAS BORDER SHERIFF'S COALITION AND TO ACCEPT THE AWARD. (OLSHERIFF)

#### **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. 107<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION, FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 9/23/08, TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON MANAGING ENERGY BUDGETS IN TEXAS.
  - C. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE STAFF (5) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 10/2 TO 10/3/08, TO ATTEND THE AREA VIII REGIONAL FALL CONFERENCE.
  - D. COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 9/10 TO 9/13/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS COLLEGE OF PROBATE JUDGES ANNUAL MEETING.
  - E. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SIERRA MADRE ORIENTAL, MEXICO, ON 9/13 TO 9/19/08, TO CONDUCT A COOPERATIVE PROJECT BETWEEN SEA GRANT, PROBIOSPHERE, MX, UTB AND GORGUS FOUNDATION.
  - F. FAMILY COURT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION 2008 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - G. JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO KERRVILLE, TEXAS, ON 8/14 TO 8/15/08, TO ATTEND THE START BI-LAW COMMITTEE AND START GENERAL TRAINERS MEETING.
  - H. JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/5 TO 10/8/08, TO ATTEND THE 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS CONFERENCE.
  - I. MAGISTRATE COURT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION 2008 ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
  - J. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO McALLEN, TEXAS, ON 9/24 AND 10/8/08, TO ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCES.

### **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 ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY GENERAL FUND, THE SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, THE LAW LIBRARY FUND, THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND, THE DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, THE INTERNATIONAL TOLL BRIDGE SYSTEM FUNDS, THE PARK SYSTEM FUNDS, THE AIRPORT FUNDS FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR. (XV-BUDGET)
  - D. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FY 2008-2009 AT \$0.353191 PER EVERY \$100 VALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED ORDER FOR TAX RATE. (XV-BUDGET)
  - E. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COASTAL TASK FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE CIAP FUNDS. (JM-PARKS)
  - F. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADDRESSING CAMERON COUNTY'S CONCERNS TO THE POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S BEACH ACCESS AND DUNE PROTECTION PLAN IN RELATION TO HB 2819. (JM-PARKS) tabled on 9.9.08
  - G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS

DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008.

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA

COUNTY JUDGE