

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 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

DAVID A. GARZA  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:00 P.M. He asked for a moment of silence for Mr. David Abrego, a Bridge System employee who recently passed away, and Mr. Lauro Banos, a Public Works employee who is currently in the care of emergency services. Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, 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 September 26, 2008 at 9:51 A.M.:

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza 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 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).**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 5:28 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(2) ACTION RELATIVE TO 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).**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report by Legal Counsel and to instruct Counsel to proceed along the terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Ms. Brenda Heredia, Executive Director for the Family Crisis Center, announced the following events on behalf of the Family Crisis Center: October 2, 2008- Candlelight Vigil at Texas State Technical College in Harlingen from 6 pm - 8 pm, October 11, 2008- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser from 8 pm - 12 am at Casa de Amistad and October 16, 2008-A Legal Training on Domestic Violence for law enforcement officers.

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

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**(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

- (A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MARCO PONCE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMERON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL. (COMM. COURT) (Resolution No. 2008R10077)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Resolution honoring Marco Ponce for his contributions to the Cameron County 4-H Council.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**(B) PRESENTATION BY THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY-INDIGENT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION ON THE INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM. (YS-HEALTH)**

Ms. Pam Magouirk, Director of the Rio Grande Valley Indigent Health Care Corporation, presented the following information to the Court.

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the Presentation by the Rio Grande Valley-Indigent Health Care Corporation on the Indigent Health Care Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation 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 (A) and (F):**

Commissioner Tamayo asked to discuss these items separately.

**Consent Item No. 5 (E):**

Judge Cascos asked to discuss this item separately.

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

(A), (E) and (F).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (A) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RACHEL M. KRAM, COURT REPORTER'S CONTRACT AS COURT REPORTER FOR THE FAMILY LAW COURT AND FOR THE DISTRICT JUDGES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. (ACN-138<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (B) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO REQUEST RFQ'S FOR EVERGREEN SURVEYING SERVICES. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**
- (C) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT RIGHT OF ENTRY AND POSSESSION FOR PARCEL 25 (E), FOR FM 511 DRAINAGE OUTFALL EASEMENTS BETWEEN FM 1847 AND STATE HIGHWAY 48. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C09344)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A CERTIFICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATING THAT CAMERON COUNTY HAS ACQUIRED ALL THE NEEDED RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE DIXIELAND ROAD PROJECT FROM GARRETT ROAD TO FM 1479. (PSJ- ADMINISTRATOR)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RECLASSIFICATION OF JOB TITLES TO FUND/DEPT. NO. 100-4030 SLOT NO. 12, FUND/DEPT. NO. 100-425 SLOT NUMBERS 02,03,05,06,07,08,10,11,12,15,18,22,23, FUND/DEPT. NO. 100-4040 SLOT NUMBERS 03,09,12,16 AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS TO FUND/DEPT. NO. 100-4040 SLOT NUMBERS 02,03,09,12,14,16 AND FUND/DEPT. NO. 100-4041 SLOT NUMBERS 01,02. (JGR-COUNTY CLERK) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT (\$27,000.00 TO \$1,300.00) FOR SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS REQUIRED FOR HIDDEN OAKS SUBDIVISION, PCT. 2. (EH-CCDoT) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (G) **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2008 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY) (Resolution No. 2008R10076)**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**
- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR "FIRE MARSHALL SERVICES" BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CAMERON COUNTY. (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) (Contract No. 2008C09345)**  
**The Contract is as follows:**
- (I) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR "EMERGENCY SERVICES CONSULTING" BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY**

**SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CAMERON COUNTY. (JC-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) (Contract No. 2008C09346)**

**The Contract is as follows:**

- (J) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR 60 MONTHS LEASE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS TCPN/ARCHER BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. CONTRACT 985-01-12200-0 FOR A NEW SHARP DIGITAL COPIER. (EP-EXTENSION OFFICE) (Contract No. 2008C09347)**  
**The Contract is as follows:**
- (K) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MARY ANN PERALEZ TO SERVE AS THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY ALCOHOL BREATH TEST PROGRAM. (DJV-LEGAL) tabled on 9.23.08 (Contract No. 2008C09348)**  
**The Contract is as follows:**
- (L) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CAMERON, TEXAS AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR DRAWDOWNS ON GRANTS FROM THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. (FB-PD&M) (Resolution No. 2008R10075)**  
**The Resolution is as follows:**
- (M) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PAY (2) INVOICES, (WHICH INCLUDES DAMAGED 4" PUMP, PROPERTY OF RENTAL WORLD), WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER. (LHA-PUBLIC WORKS)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (N) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)**
- a. **TIRE REPAIR – ANNUAL BID #1850**
  - b. **VOTING SUPPLIES – ANNUAL BID #2680**

## **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) **138<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
  - (B) **COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3 TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 10/1/08, TO ATTEND THE I-69 CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.**
  - (C) **CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4 STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON 10/7 TO 10/8/08, TO ATTEND THE HOME OF THE STREET SURVIVAL SEMINAR.**
  - (D) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 AND 3 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
  - (E) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
  - (F) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
  - (G) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3 STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/21 TO 10/24/08, TO ATTEND THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**
  - (H) **COUNTY JUDGE TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 9/29 TO 9/30/08, TO ATTEND A BORDER SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
  - (I) **TAX OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 10/6 TO 10/10/08, TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAPTER TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF VEHICLE THEFT INVESTIGATORS TRAINING CONFERENCE.**

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Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Contract with Rachel M. Kram as Court Reporter for the Family Law Court and for the District Judges on an as needed basis.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

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Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Annual Reclassification of Job Titles to Fund/Dept. No. 100-4030 Slot No. 12, Fund/Dept. No. 100-425 Slot Numbers 02,03,05,06,07,08,10,11,12,15,18,22,23, Fund/Dept. No. 100-4040 Slot Numbers 03,09,12,16 and Salary Adjustments to Fund/Dept. No. 100-4040 Slot Numbers 02,03,09,12,14,16 and Fund/Dept. No. 100-4041 Slot Numbers 01,02.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously,

**The Documentation is as follows:**



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**(F) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT (\$27,000.00 TO \$1,300.00) FOR SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS REQUIRED FOR HIDDEN OAKS SUBDIVISION, PCT. 2. (EH-CCD0T)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve reducing the amount of the Letter of Credit (\$27,000.00 to \$1,300.00) for Septic Tank Systems required for Hidden Oaks Subdivision, Pct. 2.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation 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 Benavides 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 Benavides moved to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00207349, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks System, in the amount of \$393.12 and Warrant No. 00207242, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$4,823.36 and Commissioner Tamayo as to Warrant No. 00207426, made payable to Red River Service Corp., in the amount of \$126.55.

**The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:**

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**(C) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ALEJANDRO J. GARCIA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C09349)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County and Alejandro J. Garcia was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

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**(D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND AGUIRRE CORPORATION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CARRIZALEZ RUCKER ADDITION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2008C09350)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Amendment to the Contract between Cameron County and Aguirre Corporation for the Design of the Carrizalez Rucker Addition was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

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(E) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN “ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2008”; AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE CONTRACT AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

(F) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN “ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS UNLIMITED TAX ROAD BONDS, SERIES 2008”; AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE CONTRACT AND A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO”. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, announced that Action Items No. 7 (E) and (F) will be heard at the next Regular Commissioners’ Court Meeting to be held on October 7, 2008 at 5 pm.

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE Action Items No. 7 (E) and (F).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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(G) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE STORM GENERATED DEBRIS ON FARM TO MARKET, STATE AND FEDERAL ROADS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, stated that he sent a letter dated September 17, 2008 to Mr. Mario Jorge, Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer, informing him of the situation regarding Hurricane Dolly generated debris and added that he has spoken with Mr. Jorge and was told that TxDOT has (1) contractor that is assisting in picking up debris and TxDOT is in the process of issuing another emergency contract to hire an additional contractor.

Commissioner Tamayo added that she spoke with Mr. Arnold Cortez, TxDOT Area Engineer, and was told that possibly the storm generated debris would be picked up by the end of the year.

Judge Cascos instructed the County Administrator to draft a letter to Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Executive Director for TxDOT, expressing the County’s concern as to how the situation is being handled.

Commissioner Wood motioned to acknowledge the discussion regarding the storm generated debris on Farm to Market, State and Federal roads and to authorize the County Administrator to send a letter on behalf of the Commissioners’ Court signed by the County Judge to the Executive Director for TxDOT.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(H) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FINAL DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AND TO ALLOW PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT BID PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAURELES OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY PARK. (JM-PARKS)**

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, informed the Court that funding for this project includes \$1.4 million from Certificates of Obligation and \$400,000 from Parks and Wildlife and the total cost for the project is \$1.9 million which includes \$154,000 for the consultant, \$119,000 for the land purchase and \$1.7 million for the construction estimate. He stated that he has met with Commissioner Precinct 3 to discuss parking lot issues and with the Master Gardeners Association to receive a recommendation regarding the plant species.

Commissioner Wood inquired as to whether the design includes handicap access.

Mr. Mendez replied that he met with the vendor for the playground equipment earlier in the day to ensure that the equipment is wheel-chair accessible.

Mr. Mendez stated that in order for the project to be closer to budget the lighting for the soccer field has been removed and added that he has spoken with Mr. Louis Ara to consider reducing the asphalt from 3 inches to 2 inches and reducing the caliche from 9 inches to 7 inches.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Final Design, Construction Budget and to allow the Parks Department to Solicit Bid Proposals for the Construction of Laureles Outdoor Recreational Community Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(I) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S  
STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-  
ADMINISTRATOR) (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

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Commissioner Garza announced that Mr. Lauro Banos passed away at Valley Baptist Medical Center.

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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 6:34 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of **October 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**