

Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court
Cameron County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
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Brownsville, Texas 78520
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#### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a Regular Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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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# **NOTICE**

# COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 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. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 8, FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE WEST RAIL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - B. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 111-A, B AND C, PRIMERA ROAD IN THE PRECINCT 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - C. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 129, PRIMERA ROAD IN PRECINCT 4 AREA, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - D. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CONCERNING RIGHT OF WAY FOR FLOR DE MAYO ROAD, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
  - E. 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).

- F. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING ARNULFO HUERTA VS. CAMERON COUNTY; EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CHARGE NO. 451-2008-00211, FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (B).
- G. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING DIANA ARRIAGA VS. CAMERON COUNTY AUDITOR; EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) CHARGE NO. 31C-2008-01692C, FOR AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT CAMERON COUNTY AND COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).
- H. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL ON POSSIBLE LITIGATION AGAINST IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC. CONCERNING COPIER/PRINTER CONTRACTS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (A) & (2).
- I. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE LITIGATION AGAINST THYSSENDRUPP ELEVATOR, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (A) & (2).
- J. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CONTRACT ISSUES WITH SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BEACH SERVICES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).

#### 2. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- E. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- F. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- G. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- H. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- I. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- J. POSSIBLE ACTION.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

#### PRESENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTION ITEMS:

- 4. PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.
  - A. PRESENTATION BY THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - B. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR COUNTY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - C. PRESENTATION ON THE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED IN CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF REFUSE AND OTHER NUISANCES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 343 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, V.T.C.A. (YS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

#### **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 PROPOSAL FROM PARSONS ROOFING INC., FOR ROOF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY/PORT ISABEL AIRPORT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) tabled on 10.14.08
  - B. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST RFP'S FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INDIGENT CARE SERVICES. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
  - C. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE FREE TRADE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS. (EH-CCDoT)
  - D. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR A.M. SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, BEING A 5.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK 409, EL JARDIN RESUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 4, PAGE 48 OUT OF MAP RECORDS CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 5.00 ACRE TRACT FURTHER DESCRIBED IN A DEED CONVEYED TO HUMBERTO TORRES AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 14477, PAGE 150 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)
  - E. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (FOR INTERNET SERVICE). (JR-COMPUTER CENTER)
  - F. CONSENT TO PURCHASE HP SUPPORT SERVICES UTILIZING STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT CONTRACTS. MASTER AGREEMENT # DIR-BUSOP-178. (JR-COMPUTER CENTER)

- G. CONSENT TO PURCHASE IBM SUPPORT SERVICES UTILIZING STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT CONTRACTS. (JR-COMPUTER CENTER)
- H. CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK'S SEPTEMBER, 2008 MONTHLY FEE, FINES AND CRIMINAL REPORTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PAYMENT WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE BROWNSVILLE HERALD FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT. (ROELECTIONS)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PAYMENT WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER TO VALLEY MORNING STAR FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT. (RO-ELECTIONS)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE PAYMENT WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER TO ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SERVICES INC., FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO THE CAMERON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT. (RO-ELECTIONS)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN. (YS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT)
- M. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION DIVISION. (YS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT)
- N. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMERON AND THE BOARD OR REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (DJV-LEGAL) tabled on 10.14.08
- O. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. SOFTWARE INTEGRATION & DATA CONSULTING SERVICE (JUDICIAL SOFTWARE) RFP #080405
- P. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. TIRE REPAIR ANNUAL BID #1850 (SOUTHERN TIRE MART & JAIME'S TIRE STORE)
- Q. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S RFQ'S: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. SIGNS, POSTS & MISCELLANEOUS FOR ROADS ANNUAL BID #2630 (VULCAN SIGNS)

- R. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REBID/RE-ADVERTISE FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
  - a. DOCUMENT AND MEDIA CONVERSION SERVICES RFP #080901 (DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEPARTMENT)
- S. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TAXES ON CORRECTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT AS PER SECTION 25.25 (C) OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE TO: (TY-TAX ASSESSOR)

GREATER BROWNSVILLE INVENTIVES COR	\$22,805.57	ADDED ABSOLUTE EXEMPTION
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 3,549.38	DELETED PROPERTY ACCOUNT
HELENA CHEMICAL CO.	\$ 7,841.34	CHANGE VALUE
FERNANDEZ REMIGIO CANGAS EST OF	\$ 6,295.16	CHANGE VALUE
ESPINOZA ROSANA	\$ 2,602.84	CHANGE VALUE
KEPPELS AMFELS	\$ 9,063.75	REMOVED LATE RENDITION PENALTY
TRANSMONTAIGNE PRODUCT SERVICE INC.	\$ 11,336.77	REMOVED LATE RENDITION PENALTY
COUNTRYWIDE TAX SERVICES	\$ 4,573.39	ADDED ABSOLUTE EXEMPTION
PINNACLE TOWERS LLC	\$27,822.86	CHANGE VALUE
PINNACLE TOWERS LLC	\$ 9,717.44	CHANGE VALUE
HITACHI CAPITAL AMERICA CORP	\$ 4,471.77	DELETED PROPERTY ACCOUNT
HITACHI CAPITAL AMERICA CORP	\$ 5,538.99	DELETED PROPERTY ACCOUNT
HITACHI CAPITAL AMERICA CORP	\$ 4,899.40	DELETED PROPERTY ACCOUNT

#### **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. COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/19 TO 11/21/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS INDIGENT HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
  - B. COUNTY CLERK STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 11/20 TO 11/21/08, TO ATTEND THE "2008 TEXAS PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENTS CONFERENCE".
  - C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO ROUND ROCK, TEXAS, ON 10/28 TO 10/30/08, TO ATTEND GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (GDEM) TEXAS PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP.
  - D. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS, ON 11/14 TO 11/23/08, TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
  - E. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 10/22/08, TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA PROGRAM (EDAP).

- F. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ON 10/26 TO 10/30/08, TO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTION OF NEW MAS LEADER.
- G. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, ON 10/21/08, TO MEET WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FROM LAREDO, HIDALGO AND STARR COUNTY.
- H. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 10/29 TO 10/31/08, TO ATTEND THE GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FY 2009 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING AND HURRICANE SEASON 2009 MEETING.
- I. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/13 TO 11/14/08, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS WIC DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING.
- J. HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/12 TO 11/14/08, TO ATTEND THE 2008 TCDRS ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE.
- K. JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (4) TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 12/9 TO 12/12/08, TO ATTEND THE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ABUSE CONFERENCE.
- L. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 10/27 TO 10/28/08, TO ATTEND THE HUD LOW & MODERATE INCOME SURVEY WORKSHOP.
- M. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/12 TO 11/14/08, TO ATTEND THE TDHCA BOARD MEETING AND SELF-HELP PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP.
- N. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SAN JUAN, TEXAS, ON 10/27 TO 10/30/08, TO ATTEND THE TACTICAL SHIELD INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE.
- O. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SAN MARCOS, TEXAS, ON 11/3 TO 11/6/08, TO ATTEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING TRAINING.
- P. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 11/14 TO 11/15/08, TO ATTEND A FORENSIC SCIENCE SEMINAR.
- Q. SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/16 TO 11/20/08, TO ATTEND THE BI ANNUAL TEXAS STATE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING CONFERENCE.
- R. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS, ON 11/17/08, TO ATTEND THE SECOND RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

- 7. ACTION ITEMS.
  - A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.

- B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:

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- D. 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 on 9.30.08
- E. 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 on 9.30.08
- F. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF SUN HARBOR, PHASE I SUBDIVISION PLAT. (EH-CCDoT)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF SUN HARBOR, PHASE I SUBDIVISION PLAT. (EH-CCDoT)
- H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO THE CUC/TECHSHARE RESOURCE SHARING ADDENDUM ORIGINALLY APPROVED ON JUNE 2008. (RL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN THE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE AS OUTLINED IN CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF REFUSE AND OTHER NUISANCES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 343 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, V.T.C.A. ON BISHOP HAVEN 17 SUBDIVISION LOT 15 BLOCK (C1 2427-B CCMR RE-PLAT), CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (YS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

SIGNED THIS DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA

**COUNTY JUDGE**