



**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, November 18, 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 C. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 RIGHT OF WAY FOR FLOR DE MAYO BRIDGE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072.
 - B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING RED RIVER SERVICE CORPORATION'S CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED ACCOUNTING AND DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A) & (2).
 - C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, L.P., VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 2007-03-001695-G, FOR DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF CASE, 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.
 - C. POSSIBLE ACTION.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

PRESENTATION AND/OR RESOLUTION ITEMS:

4. PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.
 - A. PRESENTATION ON THE RIO SOUTH TEXAS ECONOMIC COUNCIL. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
 - B. PRESENTATION BY MR. JOHN GUEVARA, ATTORNEY PARTNER, WITH LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LAW FIRM REGARDING DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REPORT YEAR END OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR)

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 FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR A.M. SUBDIVISION, PCT. 1, BEING A 5.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF LOT 7, BLOCK 409, EL JARDIN RESUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 4, PAGE 48 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF 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)
 - B. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE DIAZ DESIGN GROUP FOR THE STRUCTURAL STUDY OF THE CAMERON COUNTY HANGAR. (AG-CCDoT)
 - C. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RE ROOF PROJECT. (AG-CCDoT)
 - D. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE OWNER ENGINEER AGREEMENT WITH VANGUARD ENGINEERING TO CONDUCT A STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT, REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR SEA RANCH RESTAURANT. (JM-PARKS)
 - E. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND MERCEDES PEREZ DE COLON, AVANCE, INC.-NATIONAL TO PROVIDE PARENTING CLASSES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COLONIAS OF CAMERON PARK. (JM-PARKS)

- F. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND MERCEDES PEREZ DE COLON, AVANCE, INC.-NATIONAL TO PROVIDE PARENTING CLASSES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COLONIAS OF BROWNE ROAD. (JM-PARKS)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE OWNER ENGINEER AGREEMENT WITH MEJIA & ROSE INCORPORATED TO PREPARE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE SEA RANCH MARINA BULKHEAD REPAIR. (JM-PARKS)
- H. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT AWARD FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (FB-PD&M)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. CONSTRUCTION OF LAURELES OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY PARK – LOS FRESNOS, TX. – BID #081003
- J. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN THE FOLLOWING BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES AND RELATED SOFTWARE – RFP #081102
 - b. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A STORM DRAINAGE STUDY – RFQ #081101
 - c. TIRES – AUTOMOTIVE, POLICE PATROL, OFF ROAD & HEAVY DUTY – ANNUAL BID #1997
- K. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A CELLULAR PHONE TO BE PAID FROM TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX ACCOUNT. (TY-TAX ASSESSOR)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRIAN G. JANIS, JOHN W. HUDSON, P.E., AND OTHERS TO PREPARE AND FILE A BRIDGE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A U.S. COAST GUARD BRIDGE PERMIT, ON BEHALF OF CAMERON COUNTY, TO ENABLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WEST (SIDE OF BROWNSVILLE) RAILROAD REPLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE UPSTREAM FROM THE BROWNSVILLE & MATAMOROS (RAILROAD) BRIDGE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

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. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRAVEL TO TIJUANA, MEXICO ON 12/1 TO 12/3/08 TO ATTEND A BI-NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONFERENCE.

- B. CONSTABLE PRECINCTS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 11/30 TO 12/4/08, TO ATTEND THE CONTINUED EDUCATION FOR CONSTABLE COURSE HELD BY LIMIT.
- C. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 7 STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, ON 12/1 TO 12/5/08, TO ATTEND THE CONTINUED EDUCATION SEMINAR.
- D. CONSTABLE PRECINCT 7 STAFF (2) TO TRAVEL TO NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ON 12/9 TO 12/11/08, TO ATTEND THE LINGUISTIC STATEMENT ANALYSIS TRAINING SEMINAR.
- E. DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 11/19/08, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS HIDTA COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS MEETING.
- F. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (3) TO TRAVEL TO GEORGE WEST, TEXAS, ON 11/15/08, TO ASSIST WITH THE DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW.
- G. EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (5) TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON 12/4 TO 12/5/08, TO ATTEND AND ASSIST THE CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS.
- H. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (7) TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, ON 11/12 TO 11/14/08, TO ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS AREA REGIONAL TRAINING.
- I. LEGAL DIVISION STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO VENTURA AND SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ON 11/23 TO 11/26/08, TO ATTEND THE DEPOSITION OF RONALD J. O'HALLORAN, M.D. & GARY M. VILKE, M.D., EXPERT WITNESS IN THE RAMOS, ET. AL. VS. LUCIO, ET. AL.; CIVIL NO. B-08-CV-122.
- J. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (1) TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 11/19/08, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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:
 - OCTOBER 28, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING
 - NOVEMBER 4, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING
- D. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE HIRING OF EXPERTS, PAYMENT OF INVOICES WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDER NUMBERS AND OTHER RELATED COSTS IN CAPITAL MURDER TRIALS IN WHICH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS SEEKING THE DEATH PENALTY. (AV-DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

- E. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH LEXISNEXIS (ACCURINT FOR GOVERNMENT) TO ASSIST THE CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE – COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT WITH THE COLLECTIONS OF COURT COSTS, FEES, FINES AND ATTORNEYS FEES FROM DEFENDANTS WHO ARE SENTENCED BY THE DISTRICT COURTS. (AdelaG-DISTRICT CLERK) tabled on 11/10/07
- F. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF RFQ REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR EDA FUNDED DRAINAGE STUDY. (FB-PD&M)
- G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN UPDATE OF FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)
- H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

SIGNED THIS 13 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008.



CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE