

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of September 2009, 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

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COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:



The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at _____ P.M.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 31, 2009 at 2:32 P.M.:

CONSENT ITEMS

- (1) **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 ITEMS:

Consent Item No. 1 (B):

Commissioner Garza asked to discuss this item separately.

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the "Consent Items", excluding Consent Item No. 1 (B).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

- (A) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR LOUCANO SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING A 23.44 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF BLOCK 38, LA FERIA LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 35, MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (B) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR BASS LAKE R. V. PARK SUBDIVISION, PCT. 4, BEING AN R.V. 2.38 ACRES OF LAND BEING ALL OF BLOCK 6A, RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1-8 INCL., ADAMS GARDENS SUBDIVISION "B" CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO MAP THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 9, PAGE 50, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

- (C) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR FJMR SUBDIVISION, PCT. 3, BEING 10.00 ACRES CONSISTING OF BLOCK 71, F.Z. BISHOP'S PALM SUBDIVISION, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP RECORDS IN VOLUME 7, PAGE 2, MAP RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (EH-CCDoT)**

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Commissioner Tamayo motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

(2) ACTION ITEMS.

- (A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET. (MG-AUDITOR)

1:04-1:30

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Auditor's Office, presented

Commissioner Garza asked to see a report from as to the impact that

Commissioner Garza stated that he had been approached by several JPs objecting to the elimination of the Warrant Officer Program when one of the JPS has a warrant officer on their staff.

Commissioner Tamayo

Judge Cascos mentioned that Cameron County has more JPs per capita than much larger counties, specifically Travis County, and recommended that the Court review the number of JPs in the future.

Mr. Villarreal

Commissioner Benavides

Commissioner Wood

Commissioner Garza

Commissioner Tamayo -

Judge Cascos

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

(B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET. (MG-AUDITOR)

Commissioner Wood motioned to open the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Upon sensing and hearing no public comments, Commissioner Garza motioned to close the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

(C) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2009-2010 AT OR BELOW \$0.363191 PER EVERY \$100 VALUATION. (MG-AUDITOR)

1:31:20-2:00

Commissioner Wood motioned to open the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

Ms. Leticia Perez Garzoria expressed opposition (From CoB) to the proposed ad valorem tax increase stating that it would affect the local low income population. She noted that the City lacked industry businesses and jobs. She suggested that the Commission be creative when considering the possibility of an ad valorem tax increase.

Judge Cascos

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera read a statement asking the Court to prevent debt from being accumulated

Judge Cascos noted that the Budget does not include any new debt.

Ms. Rebecca Gomez expressed opposition regarding the proposed increase to the tax rate as many property owners cannot afford any increases.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to close the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at _____ P.M.

APPROVED this 5th day of **October 2009**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JOE G. RIVERA,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
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ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order by Judge _____ at _____ P.M.

He asked _____ for the invocation. _____ 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 Supplemental Agenda as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 31, 2009 at 4:42 P.M.:

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS

- (1) **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) **SHERIFF LUCIO, CHIEF LEINART, CAPTAIN J. REYNA, AND NORMA HAWKINS TO TRAVEL TO WINTERHAVEN, CALIFORNIA ON 9/21 TO 9/24/09, TO ATTEND THE SOUTHWESTERN BORDER SHERIFF'S COALITION ANNUAL MEETING.**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Travel for one individual, either Sheriff Omar Lucio or his representative, to Winterhaven, California on 9/21 to 9/24/09, to attend the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition Annual Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo.

Commissioner Benavides asked to amend the motion to allow the Sheriff and another individual to attend the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition Annual Meeting due to the fact that the Travel will be paid from grant funds.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Travel for one individual, either Sheriff Omar Lucio or his representative, to Winterhaven, California on 9/21 to 9/24/09, to attend the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition Annual Meeting.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Tamayo and Judge Cascos

NAY: Commissioner Benavides and Commissioner Wood

The Documentation is as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

- (2) **ACTION ITEMS.**
- (A) **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO REVIEW VARIANCES TO PADRE ISLAND ZONING REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 231.018 (ROB-LEGAL)**

Mr. Richard Burst, Legal Counsel, stated that the statute that permits the Commissioners' Court to appoint a Zoning Commission on Padre Island also authorizes the Court to appoint a Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Garza inquired as to whether statute allows for the current members of the Padre Island Zoning Commission to serve on the Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Burst explained that the Board of Adjustment is made up of five members that can be comprised of persons that serve on the Padre Island Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Wood motioned to acknowledge the discussion regarding the appointment of a Board of Adjustment to review variances to Padre Island Zoning Regulations, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Local Government Code, Section 231.018.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at _____ P.M.

APPROVED this 5th day of **October 2009**

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