

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 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

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

EDNA TAMAYO  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:  
DAVID A. GARZA

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:00 P.M. He asked Pastor Thomas Carubba for the invocation. He then asked any veterans in attendance to lead 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 October 12, 2009 at 2:58 P.M.:

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(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Ms. Mary Helen Flores, on behalf of Property Owners Who Care-South Padre Island, read the following resolution in support of preventing Cameron County from leasing for private development any of the beach properties in Andy Bowie and Isla Blanca Park.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**(2) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

**(A) PRESENTATION BY THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION ON THE STREET LIGHT PROJECT AWARD. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the presentation by the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation on the Street Light Project Award.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(B) PRESENTATION BY MS. JENNIFER CATALANI, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES REGARDING CAMERON COUNTY SPECIAL TASK UNIT. (CHC-JUDGE)**

Ms. Jennifer Catalani explained the background, purpose and composition of the Special Task Unit.

Commissioner Wood motioned to acknowledge the Presentation by Ms. Jennifer Catalani, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, regarding the Cameron County Special Task Unit.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(4) ACTION ITEMS.**

- (D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEND A FORMAL LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ERIC SHINESKI, ASKING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Wood motioned to authorize sending a formal letter to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shineski, asking for the Construction of a Veterans Affairs Hospital in the Rio Grande Valley.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS AND THEIR EFFORTS  
TO PASS PROPOSITION 8 ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 BALLOT.  
(PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Resolution No. 2009R10110)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to authorize the issuance of a statement in support of Veterans and their efforts to pass Proposition 8 on the November 3, 2009 Ballot.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

# **PRESENTATIONS**

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**(C) PRESENTATION OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, reported that the Gateway Bridge had a total of 910,681 crossings, a 4% decrease, with revenues amounting to \$1.324 million, an 8% decrease, the Free Trade Bridge had a total of 163,000 crossings, a 6% decrease, with revenues amounting to \$529,000, a 4% decrease, and the Veteran's Bridge had a total of 406,206 crossings, a 16% decrease, with revenues amounting to \$1.5 million, a 15% decrease.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report for the International Bridge System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(D) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE OF ON GOING CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE STUDY. (DG-ADMINISTRATION)**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the Presentation and Update of the on-going Cameron County Drainage Study.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**CONSENT ITEMS**

**(3) 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. 3 (I) and (O):**

Judge Cascos asked to discuss these items separately.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the “Consent Items”, excluding Consent Items No. 3 (I) and 3 (O).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**(A) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH LGC 114.023 AND 114.024. (MG-AUDITOR)**

**(B) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND HARLINGEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT CAMERON COUNTY NO. 1 FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY RELOCATION AND RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR THE LAS PALMAS SUBDIVISION – BCAP – 3<sup>RD</sup> CALL, ROAD & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS. (EH-CCDoT) (Contract No. 2009C10360)**

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**The Documentation is as follows:**
- (O) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW INDEPENDENT PROCEDURES. (MF-PURCHASING) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**
- (P) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING ALLIANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING: OFFICE & TONER SUPPLIES – ANNUAL (STAPLES). (MF-PURCHASING)**  
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- (V) **103<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR MARIA G. CORTINA, AND COURT COORDINATOR SOCORRO T. HERRERA TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

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- (W) **197<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR NORA N. ANDERSON, AND COURT COORDINATOR JESSICA CARRIZALES TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

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**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (Y) **444<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR PRISCILLA GUAJARDO, AND COURT COORDINATOR MARISOL LOYA TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (Z) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 STAFF (3): COURT ADMINISTRATOR BRENDA CANTU, COURT COORDINATOR MIGUEL SANCHEZ, AND COURT CLERK LORRAINE PEREZ TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (AA) **COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 STAFF (3): COURT COORDINATOR PERLA DIAZ, COURT ADMINISTRATOR MARY ESTHER GARCIA, AND RECORDS COORDINATOR ELVIRA GONZALEZ TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (BB) COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3 STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR NELLY SANCHEZ, AND COURT COORDINATOR ADELA BLANCO TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (CC) COUNTY JUDGE TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 11/5/09, TO ATTEND THE 2009 ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AHIMT TEC) AS GUEST SPEAKER.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (DD) DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON 10/27 TO 10/29/09, TO ATTEND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE SYMPOSIUM.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (EE) DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (4): INTELLIGENCE ANALYST FOSTER J. WATKINS, INTELLIGENCE ANALYST RICARDO BARRERA, INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JUAN MIJARES, AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JESUS VILLANUEVA, TO TRAVEL TO HARLINGEN, TEXAS, ON 10/26 TO 10/28/09, TO ATTEND THE FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (FF) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (3): COORDINATOR JOHNNY CAVAZOS, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR CHARLES HOSKINS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND PLANNER NAT FLORES TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 11/3 TO 11/6/09, TO ATTEND THE 2009 ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AHIMT TEC)  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (GG) ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT STAFF (1): SURVEYOR DANIEL ORIVE, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 10/24/09 TO ATTEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE FOR RESOLVING BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (HH) EXTENSION OFFICE: ENRIQUE PEREZ CEA-AG TO TRAVEL TO VICTORIA, TEXAS, ON 10/28 TO 10/29/09 TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS CAREER LADDER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (II) HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (1): CLINICAL SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SANDRA DE LA CRUZ, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/3 TO 11/5/09, TO ATTEND TITLE V STAKE HOLDER SUMMIT.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (JJ) JUVENILE COURT STAFF (1): COURT COORDINATOR ELVIRA LEAL TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (KK) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (4): JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS ROSA CASTILLO, AMANDA DRASH, RICHARD SOLIS, AND ADRIAN GOMEZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/25 TO 10/28/09, TO ATTEND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TRAINING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (LL) JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (5): QUALITY CONTROL AUDITOR JANICE MEDINA, TRAINING COORDINATOR LAURA TORRES, OPERATION MANAGER JAVIER PEREZ, CAPTAIN SANTIAGO HERNANDEZ AND JJAEP ADMINISTRATOR KARLO RUIZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/28 TO 10/30/09, TO ATTEND THE STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM TRAINING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

- (MM) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (1): CD COORDINATOR RAUL GARCIA, TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 10/8/09, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RANKING MEETING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (NN) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (1): CD COORDINATOR RAUL GARCIA, TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 10/14/09, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL (PARP).  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (OO) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (1): DEPUTY ROBERT OYERVIDEZ, TO TRAVEL TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON 10/25 TO 10/31/09, TO ATTEND THE BASIC URBAN MARKSMAN COURSE (TTPOA).  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (PP) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2): OFFICER WILLIAM JACKSON, AND OFFICER HUGO MARTINEZ, TO TRAVEL TO FORT HOOD, TEXAS, ON 11/13 TO 11/21/09, TO ATTEND THE BASIC SWAT COURSE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (QQ) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2): INVESTIGATOR MARY ANN FLORES, AND INVESTIGATOR PALMIRA FERNANDEZ, TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON 11/16 TO 11/20/09, TO ATTEND THE STATE OF TEXAS SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**
- (RR) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2009C10359)  
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The Documentation is as follows:**



- (Y) 444<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR PRISCILLA GUAJARDO, AND COURT COORDINATOR MARISOL LOYA TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

- (Z) COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1 STAFF (3): COURT ADMINISTRATOR BRENDA CANTU, COURT COORDINATOR MIGUEL SANCHEZ, AND COURT CLERK LORRAINE PEREZ TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**

- (AA) COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 STAFF (3): COURT COORDINATOR PERLA DIAZ, COURT ADMINISTRATOR MARY ESTHER GARCIA, AND RECORDS COORDINATOR ELVIRA GONZALEZ TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(BB) COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3 STAFF (2): COURT ADMINISTRATOR NELLY SANCHEZ, AND COURT COORDINATOR ADELA BLANCO TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(CC) COUNTY JUDGE TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 11/5/09, TO ATTEND THE 2009 ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AHIMT TEC) AS GUEST SPEAKER.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(DD) DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON 10/27 TO 10/29/09, TO ATTEND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE SYMPOSIUM.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

- (EE) DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (4): INTELLIGENCE ANALYST FOSTER J. WATKINS, INTELLIGENCE ANALYST RICARDO BARRERA, INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JUAN MIJARES, AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYST JESUS VILLANUEVA, TO TRAVEL TO HARLINGEN, TEXAS, ON 10/26 TO 10/28/09, TO ATTEND THE FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(FF) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF (3): COORDINATOR JOHNNY CAVAZOS, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR CHARLES HOSKINS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND PLANNER NAT FLORES TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 11/3 TO 11/6/09, TO ATTEND THE 2009 ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (AHIMT TEC)  
The Documentation is as follows:**



**(GG) ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT STAFF (1): SURVEYOR DANIEL ORIVE, TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON 10/24/09 TO ATTEND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE FOR RESOLVING BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(HH) EXTENSION OFFICE: ENRIQUE PEREZ CEA-AG TO TRAVEL TO VICTORIA, TEXAS, ON 10/28 TO 10/29/09 TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS CAREER LADDER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

- (II) HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF (1): CLINICAL SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SANDRA DE LA CRUZ, TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON 11/3 TO 11/5/09, TO ATTEND TITLE V STAKE HOLDER SUMMIT.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(JJ) JUVENILE COURT STAFF (1): COURT COORDINATOR ELVIRA LEAL TO TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, ON 11/10 TO 11/13/09, TO ATTEND THE 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TACA EDUCATION CONFERENCE.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(KK) JUVENILE PROBATION STAFF (4): JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS ROSA CASTILLO, AMANDA DRASH, RICHARD SOLIS, AND ADRIAN GOMEZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/25 TO 10/28/09, TO ATTEND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS TRAINING.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(LL) JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF (5): QUALITY CONTROL AUDITOR JANICE MEDINA, TRAINING COORDINATOR LAURA TORRES, OPERATION MANAGER JAVIER PEREZ, CAPTAIN SANTIAGO HERNANDEZ AND JJAEP ADMINISTRATOR KARLO RUIZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON 10/28 TO 10/30/09, TO ATTEND THE STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM TRAINING.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(MM) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (1): CD COORDINATOR RAUL GARCIA, TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 10/8/09, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RANKING MEETING.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(NN) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT STAFF (1): CD COORDINATOR RAUL GARCIA, TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS, ON 10/14/09, TO ATTEND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY REVIEW PANEL (PARP).  
The Documentation is as follows:**



**(OO) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (1): DEPUTY ROBERT OYERVIDEZ, TO TRAVEL TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON 10/25 TO 10/31/09, TO ATTEND THE BASIC URBAN MARKSMAN COURSE (TTPOA).  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(PP) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2): OFFICER WILLIAM JACKSON, AND OFFICER HUGO MARTINEZ, TO TRAVEL TO FORT HOOD, TEXAS, ON 11/13 TO 11/21/09, TO ATTEND THE BASIC SWAT COURSE.**

**The Documentation is as follows:**

**(QQ) SHERIFFS OFFICE STAFF (2): INVESTIGATOR MARY ANN FLORES, AND INVESTIGATOR PALMIRA FERNANDEZ, TO TRAVEL TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON 11/16 TO 11/20/09, TO ATTEND THE STATE OF TEXAS SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION CONFERENCE.  
The Documentation is as follows:**

**(RR) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Contract No. 2009C10359)**  
**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

**(3) CONSENT ITEMS.**

**(I) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY BAPTIST TO FUND 2 POSITIONS FOR TRANSPORTING MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS TO MENTAL FACILITIES. (DJV-LEGAL) (Contract No. 2009C10352)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Agreement with Valley Baptist to fund 2 positions for transporting mental health patients to mental facilities.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(O) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW INDEPENDENT PROCEDURES. (MF-PURCHASING)**

Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, explained the new Independent Procedures for the Purchasing Department.

Judge Cascos instructed Mr. Forbes to distribute the new Independent Procedures to each County Department and to include an acknowledgement form to be returned by the department head/elected official verifying that they received the documents.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the new independent procedures.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(4) 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 motioned to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides and Commissioner Wood

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00227072, made payable to Harlingen Waterworks System, in the amount of \$466.56 and Warrant No. 00227144, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$1,571.04 and Commissioner Tamayo as to Warrant No. 00227148, made payable to Red River Service Corp., in the amount of \$8,036.99.

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



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**(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 – SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Minutes for the September 17, 2009-Special Meeting and the September 17, 2009-Regular Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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**(F) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING THE CAMERON COUNTY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN OR IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES. (EH-CCDoT)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to open the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

Upon sensing no comments, Commissioner Wood motioned to close the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(G) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE RESULTS FROM THE ANDY BOWIE PARK LAND USE (ADHOC) COMMITTEE. (JM-PARKS)**

Ms. Mary Helen Flores read the following statement regarding the Andy Bowie Park Land Use Committee's recommendations.

Mr. Rob Nixon informed the Court that a nature trail, a for-profit tent camping area, a launch/landing area within the South Flats, a for-profit fishing pier and the establishment of small vending kiosks are the proposed uses for Andy Bowie Park that the Committee has determined to be of minimal impact to the integrity of the land.

Mr. Ruben Pena stated that the public hearings will allow for the optimum amount of participants to voice their suggestions and recommended that future hearings take place in various locations across the County such as South Padre Island and San Benito.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the results from the Andy Bowie Park Land Use (Adhoc) Committee.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(H) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A BEACH FRONT CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE AND DUNE PROTECTION PERMIT FOR LARRY MARK POLSKY, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEA BREEZE ESTATES. (JM-PARKS) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(I) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENTS FROM FEMA. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. Robert L. Lopez, Director of Administrative Services, reported that audits are on-going and that he has been meeting with the Governor's Division of Emergency Management to discuss the pending reimbursements.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report regarding the reimbursements from FEMA.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:05 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009

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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**