

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 1st day of December 2009, there was conducted a SPECIAL 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:

10:00 A.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:



The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 10:00 A.M. He asked for a moment of silence for Bill Summers who recently passed away. The Court then led the 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 November 25, 2009 at 1:54 P.M.:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Benavides motioned to not go into Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

(1) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (A) **CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACT ISSUES WITH SPI WATERPARK, LTD FOR A 6.730 ACRE IN ISLA BLANCA PARK, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**

(2) **ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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(3) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Francisco Sifuentes urged the Court to continue reviewing ways to keep Cameron County from being “in the red” and recommended that the Court review the effectiveness of the satellite offices across the County and asked that Maintenance staff be supervised more closely as he often sees them congregating and being unproductive.

CONSENT ITEMS

- (4) **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. 4 (B) and (D):

Commissioner Garza asked to discuss these items separately.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the “Consent Items”, excluding Consent Items No. 4 (B) and (D).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (A) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TO TEXAS TASK FORCE ON INDIGENT DEFENSE FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2010-12/31/2010. (KS-INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM)**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (B) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ADD TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR: (MF-PURCHASING) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

a. **INFIRMARY MEDICAL SERVICES – RFP #090902**

- (C) **EXTENSION OFFICE STAFF (1): CEA ENRIQUE PEREZ, TRAVELED TO FORT BEND, TEXAS ON 11/22 TO 11/23/09, TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH REGION MARKETING AND PROGRAM INTERPRETATION.**

The Documentation is as follows:

- (D) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR THE USE OF THE LEVIS BUILDING FOR A HOLIDAY SALE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

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(4) CONSENT ITEMS.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ADD TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR: (MF-PURCHASING) (TABLED)

a. INFIRMARY MEDICAL SERVICES – RFP #090902

Commissioner Garza asked for clarification as to who is being added to the Evaluation Committee.

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE Consent Item No. 4 (B).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR THE USE OF THE LEVIS BUILDING FOR A HOLIDAY SALE. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the request from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service for the use of the Levis Building for a Holiday Sale.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

ACTION ITEMS

(5) ACTION ITEMS.

**(A) BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS
AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.**

NOTE: Judge Cascos stepped out of the Meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, 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:

(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

NOTE: Judge Cascos returned to the Meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00229965, made payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$72.03 and Warrant No. 00229982, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$667.87.

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

**(C) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER
ELIMINATING THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT PRECINCT 7
PLACE 2, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A TEXAS CONSTITUTION CODE,
ARTICLE V, SECTION 18. (CHC-JUDGE) (Order No. 2009O12062)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to adopt the Order eliminating the Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 7
Place 2, pursuant to V.T.C.A Texas Constitution Code, Article V, Section 18.

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:

(D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2009C12419) WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FOR REPAIRS AND OVERLAY OF PARK ROAD 100. (JM-PARKS)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of South Padre Island for Repairs and Overlay of Park Road 100.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

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

Mr. Robert L. Lopez, Director of Administrative Services, informed the Court that he will soon be meeting with Emmet Lopez, Recovery Specialist for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, to discuss audit close-out reimbursements.

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

(4) CONSENT ITEMS.

(B) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ADD TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR: (MF-PURCHASING)

a. INFIRMARY MEDICAL SERVICES – RFP #090902

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the addition of Mr. Mike Leinart, Chief Jail Administrator, to the evaluation committee for Infirmary Medical Services – RFP #090902.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 12:02 P.M.

APPROVED this 22nd day of **December 2009**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

JOE G. RIVERA,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS