

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

8:00 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:  
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**NOTE: Commissioner Benavides was not present when the Meeting commenced.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 8:01 P.M. He asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Ken Jones, Executive Director of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, 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 matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on December 4, 2009 at 1:24 P.M.:

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (A) CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING CAMERON COUNTY VS. TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES; CAUSE NO. 2009-07-4234-B, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1) (A), (TABLED)**

Judge Cascos informed the Court that Executive Session Item No. 1 (A) will not be discussed.

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE Executive Session Item No. 1 (A).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 8:02 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

**(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POTENTIAL BREACH OF THE U.S. MARSHAL'S CONTRACT TO HOUSE FEDERAL INMATES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (2).**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 9:04 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

**NOTE: Commissioner Benavides joined the Meeting when the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 9:04 a.m.**

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

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Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report by Legal Counsel and to approve authorization to proceed along the terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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**(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Jerry Hartzog, Rio Hondo City Commissioner, asked that the City of Rio Hondo be included in the discussions regarding the Method of Distribution on Round 2 of HUD Hurricane Dolly Funding.

Mr. Javier Mendez, City Administrator for the City of Primera, presented the Court with the following letter expressing his concerns that the City of Primera is being excluded within the proposed Method of Distribution for Round 2 of the Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery Funding.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

**(A) PRESENTATION OF TEXAS FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANIES “TEXAN OF THE WEEK” TO THOR LASSEN OF OCEAN TRUST. (DAG-COMM. PCT. 3) (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

Judge Cascos read and presented Mr. Thor Lassen, of Ocean Trust, with the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies “Texan of the Week” award.

## **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.**

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONSENT ITEMS:

**Consent Item No. 5 (D):**

Judge Cascos asked to discuss this item separately.

**Consent Item No. 5 (A):**

Commissioner Wood asked to discuss this item separately.

**Consent Items No. 5 (C), (E) and (G):**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, asked to TABLE Consent Items No. 5 (C), (E) and (G).

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the “Consent Items”, excluding Consent Items No. 5 (A), (C), (D), (E) and (G).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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**INTERIM CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR HILTON GARDEN INN AT ANDY BOWIE PARK. (JM-PARKS) (Contract No. 2009C12421)**

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Commissioner Tamayo motioned to authorize the increase to Budget 150-6190 Slot #2 by \$3,000.00 and Budget 150-1690 Slot #3 by \$2,000.00 using Budget 150-622.

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- (D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CAMERON COUNTY RIO HONDO BUILDING. (RL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

Mr. Robert L. Lopez, Director of Administrative Services, stated that he has met with Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Auditor's Office, regarding funding for the renovation and advised the Court that there are sufficient funds within lapsed salaries to cover the costs.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the proposed Budget for the Renovation of the Cameron County Rio Hondo Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

**(B) DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION ON ROUND 2 OF HUD HURRICANE DOLLY FUNDING FOR LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REGION. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

Mr. Ken Jones, Executive Director of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, presented the following “Summary regarding the Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery Funding” and explained the funding allocations for Round 1 and Round 2. He stated that the State changed the Method of Distribution (MOD) for Round 2 funding such that there will only be one Regional MOD amongst Cameron County, Hidalgo County and Willacy County.

Ms. Sonia Lambert further explained the Round 2 Non-housing allocation funds for the three projects within Cameron County.

Commissioner Wood motioned to acknowledge the presentation regarding the Method of Distribution for Round 2 of the HUD Hurricane Dolly Funding for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Region.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**(6) ACTION ITEMS.**

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

**NOTE: Commissioner Benavides left the Meeting at 10:57 a.m.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo 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 Garza motioned to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Garza, Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00230073, made payable to Brownsville Independent School District, in the amount of \$245.00, Warrant No. 00230104, made payable to Phillip T. Cowen, in the amount of \$2,200.00, Warrant No. 00230180, made payable to Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$395.85 and Warrant No. 00230230, made payable to Public Utilities Board, in the amount of \$21,129.57.

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

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**(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:  
OCTOBER 29, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2009 – SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2009 – SPECIAL MEETING**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Minutes for the October 29, 2009-Regular Meeting, the November 12, 2009-Special Meeting and the November 20, 2009-Special Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(D) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY CHILD  
WELFARE BOARD. (DJV-LEGAL)**

Judge Cascos explained that the Cameron County Child Welfare Board is currently a 15-member Board and often has difficulty in obtaining a quorum. He informed the Court that he met with Ms. Melva Montemayor to discuss lowering the number of Board members to seven.

Judge Cascos stated that there are three Board members who wish to continue serving on the Child Welfare Board and requested that each member of the Court appoint one member.

Commissioner Tamayo asked for clarification as to when and how often the Board meets.

Judge Cascos replied that he will ask Ms. Montemayor to give a presentation at a future Meeting to answer any questions the Court may have.

Commissioner Wood motioned to acknowledge the discussion.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC  
HEARING TO DISCUSS THE REALLOCATION OF 2007 CIAP FUNDS  
TOWARDS A NEW PROJECT: THE BEACH EROSION RESPONSE  
PROJECT ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (JM-PARKS)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to open the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

Ms. Joni Clarke, Town of South Padre Island City Manager, presented to the Court a letter from Alderwoman Alita Bagley and another from herself requesting that the Court approve the reallocation of the 2007 CIAP funds for the Beach Erosion Response Project on South Padre Island.

Commissioner Garza motioned to close the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**



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**(F) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TX GLO TO REALLOCATE 2007 CIAP FUNDS TOWARDS THE BEACH EROSION RESPONSE PROJECT ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. (JM-PARKS)**

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the submittal of the Grant Application to the TX GLO to reallocate 2007 CIAP Funds towards the Beach Erosion Response Project on South Padre Island.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(G) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PARK PLAN  
AND BUDGET FOR PHASE ONE OF EL RANCHITO COMMUNITY  
PARK. (JM-PARKS)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Conceptual Park Plan and Budget for Phase One of the El Ranchito Community Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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

Mr. Robert L. Lopez, Director of Administrative Services, stated that Mr. Emmet Lopez, of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, recently came to Cameron County to review the County's audit documentation. Mr. Robert Lopez informed the Court that discrepancies were identified in the documentation and those clarifications have since been corrected and re-submitted.

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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**(I) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES TO THE CAMERON COUNTY COASTAL TASK FORCE. (DAG-COMM. PCT. 3)**

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the selection of the recommended Appointees to the Cameron County Coastal Task Force.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:13 A.M.

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**APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2010**

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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**