

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 10th day of December 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

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 5:00 P.M. He asked Pastor Thomas Carubba for the invocation. Pastor Carubba 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 7, 2009 3:12 P.M.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

None were presented.

PRESENTATIONS

(2) **PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

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

Mr. Marc Hamlin, Past President of the Texas Association of Counties, presented Cameron County with a plaque for the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation Award for the Deaf Link Project.

NOTE: Commissioner Benavides left the Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Presentation by the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation on the Deaf Link Project Award.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

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 (A):

Judge Cascos asked to discuss this item separately.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the "Consent Items", excluding Consent Item No. 3 (A).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

(A) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE UNITS FROM TEXAS STATE FACILITY COMMISSION LAW ENFORCEMENT SURPLUS DIVISION. (RL-CONSTABLE PCT. 4) (ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY)**

(B) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (1) 2010 DODGE CHARGER POLICE HEMI LXDH48 VENDOR DALLAS DODGE, AS PER H-GAC CONTRACT (UTILIZING OPERATION BORDER EAGLE). (OL-SHERIFF)**

The Documentation is as follows:

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Judge Cascos inquired as to the balance in lapsed salaries.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Auditor's Office, acknowledged that there is approximately \$90,000 within lapsed salaries and that amount is sufficient to cover the purchase.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the purchase of two (2) Police Units from the Texas State Facility Commission Law Enforcement Surplus Division.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

(4) ACTION ITEMS.

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

NOTE: Judge Cascos left the Meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wood, 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:

(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to approve the Claims.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

The Claims are as follows:

(C) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSIGNING NUEVO AMANECER ROAD AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF AN UNNAMED ROAD IN BARREDA GARDENS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 66 OF THE MAP RECORDS. SAID ROAD IS LOCATED IN PCT. 2. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to open the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, stated that all County procedures were followed and that no objections were received as to the request.

Ms. Leticia Perez Garzoria, public resident, commented that “Nuevo Amanecer” could refer to a “new beginning” and expressed concern that the name could have religious connotations.

Commissioner Tamayo asked if all procedures were followed such that all residents of the unnamed road were in agreement with the proposed road name of Nuevo Amanecer Road.

Mr. Sepulveda replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Tamayo inquired as to the origination of the road name.

Mr. Sepulveda replied that the proposed road name is in the petition that was filed on November 4, 2009.

Mr. Victor Espinoza, petitioner, assured the Court that he does not intend to build a shrine and stated that the reason for the petition is so that emergency vehicles are able to locate the road.

Commissioner Wood motioned to close the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

(D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER ACCEPTING THE ROAD NAME OF NUEVO AMANECER ROAD AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF AN UNNAMED ROAD IN BARREDA GARDENS SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 66 OF THE MAP RECORDS. SAID ROAD IS LOCATED IN PCT. 2. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (Order No. 2009O12064)

Commissioner Wood motioned to adopt the Order accepting the road name of Nuevo Amanecer Road as the Official Name of an Unnamed Road in Barreda Gardens Subdivision, recorded in Volume 8, Page 66 of the Map Records; said Road is located in Pct. 2.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Order is as follows:

**(E) DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCING OF POSSIBLE FY 2010
EQUIPMENT REQUESTS. (MG-AUDITOR)**

Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Auditor's Office, advised the Court that a memo will soon be forwarded to Departments asking them to begin submitting their equipment requests for Fiscal Year 2010. He stated that the amount available to be financed within the Road & Bridge System is \$800,000 worth of equipment and the amount available to be financed within the General Fund is \$1.4 million worth of equipment.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Report regarding the financing of possible FY 2010 Equipment requests.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

**(F) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE
UTILIZATION OF GOLDEN EAGLE JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FOR ANNUAL SUPPORT FOR CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER. (OL-SHERIFF)**

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the authorization to continue utilization of Golden Eagle Jail Management System for Annual Support for Cameron County Sheriff's Office as a sole source provider.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:01 P.M.

APPROVED this 7th day of **January 2010**

CARLOS H. CASCOS, CPA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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