

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010, 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:

4:00 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:  
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The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 4:03 P.M. He then asked for a moment of silence. 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 April 12, 2010 at 1:32 P.M.:

# **PRESENTATIONS**

**(1) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.**

**(B) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF AMENDMENTS TO CAMERON COUNTY'S PADRE ISLAND ZONING ORDINANCE. (JM-PARKS)**

Mr. Herb Houston, Chairman of the Padre Island Zoning Commission, reported that the Commission has been meeting since September at least once a month and will likely need another six months of discussion in order to update the current ordinance that was adopted in 1954.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the presentation and update on the progress of the amendments to Cameron County's Padre Island Zoning Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(A) PRESENTATION OF A CHECK FROM IMPROVED ORDER OF REDMAN BLACK CROW TRIBE #16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR THE LAURELES COMMUNITY PARK. (JM-PARKS)**

Mr. Carlos Nunez presented a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Laureles Community Park to the Court.

Commissioner Garza thanked the Improved Order of Redman Black Crow Tribe #16 for their continued support and announced that the ribbon-cutting for the Park is to be held on April 29, 2010.

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the presentation of a check from Improved Order of Redman Black Crow Tribe #16 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Laureles Community Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(C) PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 BY OUTSIDE AUDITING FIRM, LONG CHILTON, LLP. (MG-AUDITOR)**

Mr. Carlos Barrera, of Long Chilton, LLP, stated that he met with the County Audit Committee prior to the start of the audit and met again after the audit was complete to discuss the findings.

Commissioner Garza inquired as to who constitutes the Audit Committee.

Mr. Barrera responded that the Audit Committee was made up of Commissioner Benavides, Judge Cascos, Mr. Pete Sepulveda, County Administrator, Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, and Mr. Xavier Villarreal, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Barrera presented page 76 of the Report regarding the General Fund, Budget to Actual, and noted that the County had a loss of \$1.5 million in "Transfers In" which was due primarily to the Bridge System revenues. He

explained that there is a prior period adjustment totaling \$720,110 which was a capital improvement project that was carried over as a receivable from 1996 and noted that at that time the County was to rent out the parking lot and never did and thus the receivable never generated revenue.

Judge Cascos further explained that the receivable was intended for the parking lot across from the Federal Courthouse and when that receivable was created, it increased the Fund Balance to the General Fund. He asked why this adjustment is being done now.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, replied that the item was overlooked and had never been reviewed and stated that the receivable was discovered during this past audit.

Mr. Barrera explained that there were two findings relating to this audit: 1) the bank reconciliation process is not being balanced to the general ledger as there are inter-fund payables and receivables that are being utilized to post adjustments; and 2) the internal controls governing the recognition of funds deposited into the District Attorney's Drug Forfeiture Fund have not been adequately established.

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the presentation regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009 by outside Auditing Firm, Long Chilton, LLP.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

**The Documentation is as follows:**

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**(E) PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CONJUNTO LEGEND RUBEN VELA. (CHC-JUDGE)**

Judge Cascos read and presented the resolution to the family of conjunto legend Ruben Vela.

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the presentation of a resolution honoring and celebrating the life of Conjunto Legend Ruben Vela.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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**(D) PRESENTATION OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

**NOTE: Judge Cascos left the Meeting at 5:10 P.M.**

Mr. David Garcia, Deputy County Administrator, reported that the Gateway Bridge had a total of 841,534 crossings, a 3% decrease, with revenues totaling \$1.2 million, a 2% increase; the Free Trade Bridge had a total of 139,000 crossings, a 17% decrease, with revenues totaling \$18,294, a 4% decrease; and the Veteran's Bridge had a total of 405,000 crossings, a 6% decrease, with revenues totaling \$1.6 million, a 7% increase.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the Presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for the International Toll Bridge System.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 5:13 P.M.

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**APPROVED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of **April 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**