

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 26TH of August 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:

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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:

NOTE: Commissioner Benavides was not present when the Meeting was called to order.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Cascos at 5:00 P.M. He then asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Dagoberto Barrera 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 August 23, 2010 at 1:52 P.M.:

NOTE: Commissioner Benavides joined the Meeting at 5:02 P.M.

(3) PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera mentioned a recent trip he made to Niagra Falls and commented on how beautiful the United States is. He also strongly encouraged the Court to not raise property taxes.

The Documentation is as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.

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

Mr. Carlos Nunez presented a check for \$2,500.00 for the Laureles Park from the Improved Order of Black Crow Tribe #16 to the County Judge.

ACTION ITEMS

(6) ACTION ITEMS.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS OF SECTION II-D(2), OF THE CAMERON COUNTY PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS AND DUNE PROTECTION PLAN. (JM-PARKS)

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Wood and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider increasing Beach User Fees and amending the Beach Access & Dune Protection Plan. He presented the following proposal as to the justification for increasing fees and noted that the information provided has been given to the Texas General Land Office.

Mr. Mendez then presented the Proposed Access Fee Schedule and Options I, II and III showing various increases to the beach user fees and mentioned that the fees listed are the maximum amount that the County could consider to include in the proposed Plan amendment. He requested that the recommended changes be adopted in order to submit the Plan Amendment and advised the Court that the actual increase to the beach user fees can be approved at a later date.

Judge Cascos inquired as to the last time beach user fees were increased at Isla Blanca Park.

Mr. Mendez replied that the daily entrance fee at Isla Blanca Park has been \$4.00 for at least the last 12 years.

Judge Cascos stated that there have been concerns raised such that the revenues collected at Isla Blanca Park are being used to supplement other County Parks.

Mr. Mendez stated that one initiative where beach user fees will be allotted is to the proposed Trash Abatement Initiative.

Judge Cascos recommended that any significant increase to the beach fees be phased-in over several years.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera urged the Court not to increase fees at a time when people are hurting financially.

Mr. Rob Nixon, Surfrider Foundation, stated that he was present at the Parks Advisory Board Meeting where balancing the Parks Budget was discussed and commented that any increase to the beach user fees will be a shock to people as the fees have been low for so long. He noted that residents will expect to see improvements at the Parks that are on par with the increase in fees.

Mr. Nixon recommended addressing the littering issues across all County beaches and asked that the current facilities be maintained and improved prior to adding new facilities. He also asked that the roadways be remarked. He then commented on the distrust between the public, the Parks System and the County and suggested that a remedy to the issue be such that information and reports pertaining to the Parks System be made available on the County's website.

Mr. Tom Saenz, Surfrider Foundation, expressed concern that there will be no accountability after fees are increased and commended the Court on the Trash Bag Refund Program and suggested that the program be implemented at Isla Blanca Park.

Mr. Saenz then informed the Court that the Constables are constantly patrolling the beaches but not citing people for littering and remarked on the the lack of maintenance. He inquired as to where the revenues from the RV sites and concessions are allocated and if those funds could be used to maintain the Park in which the revenues are generated.

Mr. Mendez responded that the revenues generated are shared between the entire Parks System.

Mr. John Gillam, Texas General Land Office, clarified that the GLO is not recommending any particular fee increase and advised the Court that if they vote to approve a maximum fee amount, then there would not be a need to submit a formal Plan amendment when implementing the increase to beach user fees in increments.

Mr. Delton Lee, Friends of Isla Blanca Park, questioned the need to spend \$80,000 on a compactor and inquired as to the percentage of revenues that is allocated for Isla Blanca Park.

Judge Cascos commented on the fact that the Parks System is an enterprise fund and acknowledged that Isla Blanca Park needs to be well-maintained.

Mr. Lee stated that the Friends of Isla Blanca Park are concerned that Isla Blanca Park is being "choked to death" and mentioned several other concerns including the minor maintenance issues at Isla Blanca Park and the safety of residents at the crosswalks.

Mr. Tom Saenz suggested that speed bumps be placed at the crosswalks in an effort to increase safety.

Mr. John Hancock, Surfrider Foundation, stated that there does not appear to be a plan in place to make the current system for picking up trash more effective in the proposal and recommended that trash cans be placed in more high traffic areas.

Ms. Mary Helen Flores, Friends of Isla Blanca Park, asked the Court to consider doing a quarterly performance review of the Parks Administration.

Mr. Tom Saenz recommended researching as to whether outside companies would be willing to donate trash cans or ATVs in exchange for free advertisement.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Documentation is as follows:

(E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE ORDER NUMBER 2010O8049, APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION II-D(2), OF THE CAMERON COUNTY PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS AND DUNE PROTECTION PLAN. (JM-PARKS)

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, explained that if the Order is adopted it will amend the Cameron County Public Beach Access and Dune Protection Plan and allow an increase to beach user fees up to a maximum of \$12.00 per day.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Order Number 2010O8049, approving the Amendment to Section II-D (2) of the Cameron County Public Beach Access and Dune Protection Plan.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Order is as follows:

(F) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTING AN R.V. RATE INCREASE FOR ISLA BLANCA, ANDY BOWIE AND ADOLPH THOMAE, JR. COUNTY PARK COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010. (JM-PARKS)

Mr. Javier Mendez, Parks Director, informed the Court that the last time R.V. rates were increased was five years ago. He then explained the following “Staff Recommended Monthly Rate Increase” and noted that the recommended rates are projected to generate an additional \$424,141. He then briefly explained the difference in R.V. rate and amenities between KOA and the County R.V. sites.

Judge Cascos inquired as to whether there is a financial plan associated with the increase in revenue.

Mr. Mendez responded that one of the projects discussed is to improve and repair restrooms.

Judge Cascos stated that KOA is often used as a benchmark when comparing R.V. rates and commented on the fact that their rates are higher than the County’s due to the fact that KOA has better amenities and they pay property taxes. He also noted that KOA’s occupancy rate is practically equal to the County’s.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrera expressed concern with raising rates and possibly losing tenants.

Judge Cascos noted that as expenditures increased over the years, the revenues and R.V. rates were not increased systematically.

Mr. Delton Lee thanked the County Judge for mentioning the vast difference in amenities between KOA and Isla Blanca Park R.V. sites.

Mr. Barrera asked if there are plans to expand the Parks System.

Mr. Mendez informed the Court that he instructed the Parks Manager to interview the summer residents at the R.V. Parks to get their input as to what improvements they would like to see.

Judge Cascos asked for clarification as to why the monthly rates vary in increases from 3% to 22%.

Commissioner Garza replied that Commissioner Benavides and himself assisted in reviewing the rate increases and made their own recommendations as to what they felt is a fair increase.

Judge Cascos recommended that the rate increases be set at a maximum of 8% to 10% and then in the next (2) to (3) years, the fees be increased another 5%.

Commissioner Garza requested that a priority list as to how the increase in fee revenue is going to be utilized for maintenance and capital improvements be presented to the Court within the next 30 days.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve implementing an R.V. Rate Increase for Isla Blanca, Andy Bowie and Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park commencing October 1, 2010 as per staff recommendation.

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

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

NAY: Judge Cascos

The Documentation is as follows:

**(G) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET.
(PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR)**

NOTE: Commissioner Garza left the Meeting at 6:59 P.M.

Judge Cascos asked for clarification as to the amount of the Budget shortfall.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, replied that the shortfall is currently projected at \$4,929,281.

Judge Cascos asked the Court members if they are in agreement with the proposed toll rates increases of \$.50 for passenger vehicles and \$.10 for pedestrians. He asked that the additional revenue associated with the increase in toll rates be recognized at 85%.

Commissioner Wood stated that his Budget recommendation list shows the increase in bridge toll revenues at 100% based on conversations he has had.

Commissioner Tamayo expressed her belief that bridge toll revenues should not be projected at 100%.

Judge Cascos informed the Court that the District Attorney has agreed to transfer \$200,000 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund into the General Fund, which will be disbursed over (4) installments, and the District Clerk has agreed to transfer one employee slot (\$30,000) from the General Fund to the AG Child Support Fund.

In comparing the Budget Recommendations submitted by each member of the Court, Judge Cascos stated that it appears that the Court agrees on the Effective Tax Rate Revenue (\$149,000), the Scofflaw Revenue (\$120,000), the SCAAP Revenue (\$500,000), the reduction in Jail Expansion (\$1.3 million) and equalizing the revenue in Records Management (\$65,000).

Commissioner Wood inquired as to which HR positions are being eliminated.

Ms. Galarza advised the Court that the HR positions being eliminated are the HR Director, who is retiring, and the law enforcement safety officer. She noted that the HR Director's salary is split between the General Fund and the Health Insurance Fund.

Commissioner Wood expressed opposition for eliminating the law enforcement safety officer.

Judge Cascos asked Commissioner Wood for explanation as to his recommendation for revenue from the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (\$72,000).

Commissioner Wood responded that the \$72,000 would be for compensation of services provided by the County to the CCRMA.

Ms. Galarza noted that the RMA does provide \$70,000 to the Road & Bridge Fund as an administrative fee.

Commissioner Wood clarified that his recommendation is for the use of office space, supplies and equipment.

Ms. Galarza informed the Court that the CCRMA has a budget for office supplies, advertising and travel.

Judge Cascos instructed staff to meet with the CCRMA to negotiate an amount for the use of office space. He then commented on the recommendation from Commissioner Wood for the repayment of an initial start-up loan for the CCRMA (\$250,000).

Ms. Galarza explained that the loan is booked in the Road & Bridge Fund as a receivable and cannot be recognized as revenue to balance the General Fund.

Judge Cascos asked the County Auditor for her recommendation as to the proposed decrease of the transfer to the Health Insurance Fund.

Ms. Galarza responded that her recommendation is to decrease the amount per employee from \$4,900 to \$4,800 with the understanding that next Fiscal Year the amount be reverted back to the original \$4,900.

Judge Cascos then asked for explanation as to Commissioner Wood's recommendation for the Indigent Defense Grant (\$199,000).

Ms. Galarza responded that the grant is a reimbursement from the Task Force on Indigent Defense for the extraordinary expenses in the Rubio Trial. She explained that for the 2009-2010 Budget, there was \$1.4 million budgeted for legal fees and those funds have been exhausted and the grant funds to be received would be a replenishment of the Fund Balance.

Judge Cascos stated that he has directed the Purchasing Agent to review all rolling stock and eliminate unnecessary vehicles.

Ms. Galarza informed the Court that the number of vehicles in General Fund has increased from (197) in 2005 to (291) for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Mike Forbes, Purchasing Agent, presented the recommendation to reduce the County's vehicle fleet and stated that the recommendation is to remove (38) vehicles at a projected savings of \$171,158.

Mr. Tom Gozdalski, Assistant Auditor, presented his recommendation list of the (49) vehicles to be removed from the vehicle fleet.

Mr. Forbes stated that the County went out for RFPs for cost reduction consulting and received (8) proposals and explained that the purpose of the study is to find ways to reduce cost and redirect funding.

Judge Cascos noted that he has included \$25,000 for the cost reduction study in his Budget recommendation.

Mr. Forbes stated that staff will soon begin negotiations for the inmate phone commissions contract.

Judge Cascos summarized the Budget recommendations the Court is in agreement with: Increase in Bridge Tolls at \$.50 for passenger vehicles and \$.10 for pedestrians; Decrease in the Health Insurance Transfer (\$110,000); District Attorney Transfer (\$200,000); District Clerk slot transfer (\$30,000); Cost Reduction Study at \$25,000; Effective Tax Rate Revenue (\$149,000); Scofflaw Revenue (\$120,000); SCAAP Revenue (\$500,000); Reduction in Jail Expansion (\$1.3 million); Eliminating the HR Director position; Equalizing the revenue in Records Management (\$65,000); Eliminating the JP 7-2 Clerks (\$72,000); Reduction in the UPL transfer (\$474,000); Reduction of rolling stock (\$125,000); and the Increase in inmate phone commissions (\$52,000). He stated that the recommendations pending are the RMA revenue for office space, the elimination of the law enforcement safety officer position and the percentage at which to certify bridge toll revenues.

Commissioner Tamayo motioned to acknowledge the discussion regarding the FY 2010-2011 Budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Documentation is as follows:

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

NOTE: Commisisoner Wood stepped out of the Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, 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 Benavides motioned to approve the Claims.

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

AYE: Commissioner Benavides and Commissioner Tamayo

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Cascos as to Warrant No. 00243808 made payable to Laguna Madre Water District and
Warrant No. 00243852 made payable to Public Utilities Board.

ABSENT: Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Garza

The Claims and Affidavits are as follows:

**(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:
AUGUST 5, 2010 – REGULAR MEETING**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Minutes for the August 5, 2010-Regular Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

NOTE: Commissioner Wood returned to the Meeting at 7:38 P.M.

(H) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO FOR THE WEST RAIL RELOCATION PROJECT. (PSJ-ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)

Commissioner Wood motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Robert L. Lopez, Director of Administrative Services, advised the Court that there are no new updates.

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

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 (R):

Ms. Dylbia Jeffries-Vega, Legal Counsel, asked the Court to TABLE this item.

Commissioner Wood motioned to approve the “Consent Items”, tabling Consent Item No. 5 (R).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

(A) CONSIDERATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. MINERVA MARTINEZ AS BOARD MEMBER AND MR. MIKE VASQUEZ AS ALTERNATE TO THE AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC. DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CHC-JUDGE)

The Documentation is as follows:

(B) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO DISPLAY FOUR SILENT WITNESSES (WOODEN SILHOUETTES) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO BRING AWARENESS ON FAMILY VIOLENCE. (ARV- DISTRICT AND COUNTY ATTORNEY)

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The Agreement is as follows:
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- (R) **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ALAN JOHNSON FOR ACCESS TO FM 509. (DJV-LEGAL) (TABLED)**
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, L.P. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; IN THE 357TH DISTRICT COURT, CAUSE NO. 2010-DCL-04230, FOR AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT AND/OR HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).**
- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING DORA TORRES, ET. AL. VS. OMAR LUCIO, ET. AL.; IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-cv-83, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A)&(B).**

NOTE: Commissioner Wood did not return to the Meeting when the Court reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Regular Session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

(2) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LAGUNA MADRE ENHANCEMENT GROUP, L.P. VS. CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; IN THE 357TH DISTRICT COURT, CAUSE NO. 2010-DCL-04230, FOR AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT AND/OR HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to authorize representation by the Civil Division.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING DORA TORRES, ET. AL. VS. OMAR LUCIO, ET. AL.; IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-cv-83, FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CASE AND POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (1)(A)&(B).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the Report of Legal Counsel regarding the Dora Torres case.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Tamayo, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:46 P.M.

APPROVED this **9th** day of **September 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