

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 3rd day of September 2015, 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:

8:45 A.M.

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

SOFIA C. BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

ALEX DOMINGUEZ
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

DAVID A. GARZA
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

DAN SANCHEZ
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ
COUNTY CLERK

Aide A. Trejo Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:



The meeting was called to order by Judge Sepulveda at 8:45 A.M. He then asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. Xavier Villarreal 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 31, 2015 at 8:19 a.m.:

(1) **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Mr. Oscar Martinez, with Valley Interfaith, commented on the tax rate and asked that a plan be developed, specifically regarding public lighting, if a tax rate increase is to be approved.

Ms. Mary Helen Flores spoke in opposition to the tax abatement for LNG.

Ms. Yvonne Peck commented on the selection of the grievance committee and asked the Court to deny the tax abatement for LNG and to not raise taxes.

Ms. Ruth Hernandez commented on the tax rate and mentioned that many of her neighbors have lost their homes because they are unable to pay their taxes.

ACTION ITEMS

(3) **ACTION ITEMS.**

(S) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. (MG-AUDITOR)**

Mr. Xavier Villarreal presented the most recent budget projections and asked the Court for their recommendations.

Commissioner Sanchez recommended a \$1,000 discretionary allowance for non-law enforcement, a 10% salary increase for all law enforcement and to include the budget requests for the Civil Division and Elections Department.

Judge Sepulveda expressed support with a three to three-and-a-half percent salary increase across the board and noted that he is against any proposal that will utilize Fund Balance.

Commissioner Sanchez inquired as to the number of days the County has in reserves.

Mr. Villarreal replied that the bond companies recommend (90) days and the County currently has (92) days.

Commissioner Garza suggested a 3.5% salary increase across the board and expressed his opposition for using Fund Balance.

Commissioner Benavides stated that she does not want to jeopardize the County's bond rating and spoke in support of a 4% increase across the board.

NOTE: Commissioner Sanchez exited the Meeting at 9:53 A.M.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Column "K" which includes the toll rate increases, certification

of Constable revenues, a 4% increase across the board, Juvenile Probation at approximately \$157,000, (1) deputy constable each for Constable Precincts No. 2, 4 and 5, JP Court staff at a total increase of 5%, Court at Law Records Coordinator equalization, the increase for the Civil Division, the Elections Office Matrix, the \$5,000 back to the position in Emergency Management, and a 5% total increase for the Magistrate Court Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(T) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COUNTY TAX RATES FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR. (MG-AUDITOR)

Commissioner Garza motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garza thanked the public for their comments and clarified that statute requires the Court to publish the elected officials' salaries in advance with a maximum salary to be considered.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Dominguez motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

(2) 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. 2 (X):

Judge Sepulveda stated that he was asked to TABLE this item.

Consent Item No. 2 (T):

Mr. Rene Garza, District Attorney's Office, stated that there is correction to this item such that the date of the Meeting is October 7, 2015.

Consent Items No. 2 (D) and (E):

Mr. Eric Garza, District Clerk, asked to discuss these items separately.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the "Consent Items", excluding Consent Items No. 2 (D) and (E); tabling Consent Item No. 2 (X); and with the correction to Consent Item No. 2 (T).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

(A) CONSIDERATION AND REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER DAVID A. GARZA TO THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (PSJ-COUNTY JUDGE)

(B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA GOMEZ RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT 4 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPOINT THE RESERVE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE

**BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT.
(AL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**

- (C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JORGE L. CORDOVA RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT 5 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINDING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPOINT THE RESERVE DEPUTY IN ORDER TO PROPERLY HANDLE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONSTABLE'S OFFICE THAT ORIGINATES IN THE CONSTABLE'S PRECINCT. (AL-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)**
- (D) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE IMAGING, INDEXING AND IMPORTING OF THE INDEX TO CRIMINAL MINUTES VOLUME 1 (1940 TO 1954) AND THE INDEX TO CRIMINAL MINUTES VOLUME 2 (1954 TO 1971) INTO THE ODYSSEY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. (PHASE 3 OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROJECT). (EG-DISTRICT CLERK) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)**
- (E) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPORT THE IMAGES AND INDEXES OF THE CRIMINAL INDEX BOOK NO. 3 (JANUARY 1972 – AUGUST 1977), CRIMINAL INDEX BOOK NO. 4 (SEPTEMBER 1977 – MAY 1981), CRIMINAL INDEX BOOK NO. 5 (JUNE 1981 – MARCH 1983), CRIMINAL INDEX BOOK NO. 6 (APRIL 1983 – JULY 1985), AND CRIMINAL INDEX BOOK NO. 7 (AUGUST 1985 – 1989) INTO THE ODYSSEY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,665.00. (PHASE 2 OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROJECT). (EG-DISTRICT CLERK) (*ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY*)**
- (F) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MR. JUAN BERROUT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES TO THE CAMERON COUNTY DIVERT COURT PARTICIPANTS. (AN-DIVERT COURT)**
- (G) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF WORK AT&T EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS – VOICE EQUIPMENT RESALE AND SUPPORT SERVICES ADDENDUM BETWEEN SBC GLOBAL SERVICES, INC. DBA AT&T GLOBAL SERVICES (“AT&T”) AND CAMERON COUNTY FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WIC PROGRAM. (EG-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)**
- (H) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C08209) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE A RESOURCE CENTER AT THE BOB CLARK SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (I) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 2015C08210) BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE A RESOURCE CENTER AT THE EL CENTRO CULTURAL-CAMERON PARK. (JEV-PARKS)**
- (J) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH RM WALSDORF INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS IN THE ST. LOUIS AVENUE, N. ILLINOIS AVENUE AND BONHAM ROAD NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE BROWNSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD SERVICE AREA (TDA CONTRACT NO. 713025). (RG-PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**
- (K) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CONTRACT NO. 712023 FOR THE CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER. (RG-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**
- (L) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDS IN THE SAN VICENTE COLONIA WASTE WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM ACQUISITION SURPLUS FUNDS (TDA CONTRACT NO. 713025). (RG-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**

- (M) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CAMERON, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE CAMERON-WILLACY COUNTIES COLONIA SELF HELP CENTER PROGRAM. (RG-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)**
- (N) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS/RFP'S/RFQ'S FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)**
 - a. **GASOLINE/DIESEL FUEL – COUNTY AND CONVENIENCE STORE SITES – ANNUAL BID NO. 2280-1 (STRIPES, OIL PATCH)**
- (O) **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DAVID A. GARCIA TRAVELED TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 8/11/ TO 8/12/2015 TO ATTEND THE TEXAS CONFERENCE OF URBAN COUNTIES POLICY MEETING AND LUNCHEON. (TRAVEL WAS APPROVED ON 8/20/15, BUT MILEAGE WAS NOT INCLUDED)**
- (P) **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DAVID A. GARCIA TRAVELED TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 8/26 TO 8/27/15 TO ATTEND MEETINGS WITH CITY OF MCGREGOR AND MCLENNAN COUNTY OFFICIALS.**
- (Q) **COUNTY AUDITOR MARTHA GALARZA AND OFFICE STAFF (3): ASSISTANT AUDITORS YARIM ENRIQUEZ, MARLENE HERNANDEZ AND GUILLERMO SERMENO TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 11/2 TO 11/3/15 TO ATTEND THE NEW UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT.**
- (R) **COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE STAFF (1): ASSISTANT AUDITOR ISABEL RODRIGUEZ TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS AND SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 11/2 TO 11/4/15 TO ATTEND THE NEW UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT.**
- (S) **COUNTY CLERK SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 9/30 TO 10/2/15 TO ATTEND THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERKS' REGION 8 CONFERENCE.**
- (T) **DISTRICT ATTORNEY LUIS V. SAENZ TO TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON 9/9/15 TO ATTEND THE SOUTHWEST BORDER HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) – SOUTH TEXAS REGION QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**
- (U) **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TOM HUSHEN AND OFFICE STAFF (2): DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR CHARLES D. HOSKINS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER NAT FLORES TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS ON 9/3/15 TO ATTEND THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.**
- (V) **EXTENSION AGENT/COUNTY-AGRICULTURE DR. ENRIQUE PEREZ TRAVELED TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 8/11 TO 8/13/15 TO HOST THE ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE FOR ALL 254 COUNTIES IN TEXAS.**
- (W) **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE STAFF (3): TUBERCULOSIS SUPERVISOR ERICA SILVA, COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE DIANA MEZA AND CONTACT INVESTIGATOR CYNTHIA GALINDO TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 9/8 TO 9/11/15 TO ATTEND THE TUBERCULOSIS SURVEILLANCE SYMPOSIUM.**
- (X) **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE STAFF (1): HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PLANNER CRISTINA L. MADRID TO TRAVEL TO LAREDO, TEXAS ON 9/9 TO 9/10/15 TO ATTEND THE AFTER ACTION REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN WRITING COURSE. (TABLED)**
- (Y) **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR ESMERALDA GUAJARDO AND OFFICE STAFF (1): TUBERCULOSIS SUPERVISOR ERICA SILVA TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 9/21 TO 9/24/15 TO ATTEND THE DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) REGIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAM CONTRACTOR MEETING.**

- (Z) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE STAFF (8): WIC DIRECTOR LETY LOPEZ, NUTRITION EDUCATION COORDINATOR TED O'DOWD, CERTIFYING AUTHORITY (CA)/CLINIC SUPERVISOR CATHY RIVERA, BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR (BFPC) MARY GUETZOW, WIC CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST (WCS)/CLINIC SUPERVISOR LUZ VEGA, BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELORS GILDA ALEJANDRO AND LAURA CERVANTES AND WIC CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST SANDRA CAMACHO TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS ON 10/13/15 TO ATTEND THE LACTATION COUNSELING AND PROBLEM SOLVING (LCAPS) COURSE.**
- (AA) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE PRO TEM, ALEX DOMINGUEZ, TO SIGN THE REQUISITION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF PROJECT COSTS FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS REVENUE AND TAX BONDS, SERIES 2012 (STATE HIGHWAY 550 PROJECT). (DJV-LEGAL)**
- (BB) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM LONG CHILTON, LLC. (DJV-LEGAL)**
- (CC) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE AN RFQ TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE PREPARATION OF APPLICATIONS, IMPLEMENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS SUSTAINABILITY, TOURIST OPPORTUNITIES AND REVIVED ECONOMIES OF THE GULF COAST STATES ACT DOLLARS. (PSJ-COUNTY JUDGE)**

CONSENT ITEMS

- (2) CONSENT ITEMS.**
- (D) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE IMAGING, INDEXING AND IMPORTING OF THE INDEX TO CRIMINAL MINUTES VOLUME 1 (1940 TO 1954) AND THE INDEX TO CRIMINAL MINUTES VOLUME 2 (1954 TO 1971) INTO THE ODYSSEY CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. (PHASE 3 OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION PROJECT). (EG-DISTRICT CLERK)**
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Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Consent Items No. 2 (D) and (E).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- (3) ACTION ITEMS.**
- (S) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. (MG-AUDITOR)**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to re-open Action Item No. 3 (S).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Judge Sepulveda asked that another motion be made for clarification.

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve Action Item No. 3 (S) as discussed including the General Fund, The Bridge System, Parks, Road & Bridge, and with the changes to Road & Bridge.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the budget amendments, line item transfers and/or salary schedules.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(B) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.

Ms. Martha Galarza, County Auditor, asked the Court to approve the Claims as follows: Warrant No. 00348765 thru 00349049; a Payroll claim in the amount of \$557.24; and to VOID Warrant No. 00349194 and Warrant No. 00345833.

Commissioner Benavides motioned to approve the Claims as presented.

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

AYE: Commissioner Dominguez and Commissioner Garza

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Benavides as to Warrant No. 00348998 and Judge Sepulveda as to Warrant No. 00348815

ABSENT: Commissioner Sanchez

**(C) APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (TABLED)
JULY 2, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 16, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 30, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING**

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC TO BEGIN THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COUNTY WIDE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RFQ NO. 140804. (DAG-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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- (E) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES BY THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES FOR 2016 AS AUTHORIZED PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 118.131. FEES SET BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT. (DAG- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the fees to be charged for services by the Office of the Sheriff and Constables for 2016 as authorized per Government Code Section 118.131. Fees set by Commissioners' Court.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

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- (F) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CAMERON COUNTY TO JOIN THE BINATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BINED) ZONE ORGANIZATION. (DAG-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

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- (H) **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEEDED EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUSTIN AREA HIDTA TASK FORCE FROM SELEX ES COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,495.00 QUOTE PROVIDED UNDER TXMAS 8-840130. (MG-AUDITOR)**

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the purchase of needed equipment for the Austin Area HIDTA Task Force From Selex ES Company in the amount of \$47,495.00 quote provided under TXMAS 8-840130.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

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- (I) **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, BETWEEN BLOCKS 13, 14 AND BLOCKS 31 AND 32 IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ROADSITE 1). (RFW-CCDøT-ROW DIVISION)**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dominguez inquired as to whether the proper signatures were obtained.

Mr. Richard Walker, Right of Way Agent, replied in the affirmative.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Garza motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

(J) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (RFW-CCD_oT-ROW DIVISION)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to adopt an Order authorizing the closing of a portion of an unnamed and unopened road in Pct. 3, in Laguna Vista Club Subdivision, recorded in Volume 1, Page 13, of the Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(K) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, BETWEEN BLOCKS 60 AND 73 IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ROADSITE 2). (RFW-CCD_oT-ROW DIVISION)

Commissioner Benavides motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Upon sensing no comments, Commissioner Garza motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(L) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (RFW-CCD_oT-ROW DIVISION)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to adopt an Order authorizing the closing of a portion of an unnamed and unopened road in Pct. 3, in Laguna Vista Club Subdivision, recorded in Volume 1, Page 13, of the Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(M) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, BETWEEN BLOCKS 144 AND 145 IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ROADSITE 3). (RFW-CCD_oT-ROW DIVISION)

Commissioner Benavides motioned to OPEN the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously.

Judge Sepulveda inquired as to whether the procedure was followed.

Mr. Richard Walker, Right of Way Agent, replied in the affirmative.

Upon sensing no further comments, Commissioner Garza motioned to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(N) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF AN UNNAMED AND UNOPENED ROAD IN PCT. 3, IN LAGUNA VISTA CLUB SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 13, OF THE MAP RECORDS, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (RFW-CCD&T-ROW DIVISION)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to adopt an Order authorizing the closing of a portion of an unnamed and unopened road in Pct. 3, in Laguna Vista Club Subdivision, recorded in Volume 1, Page 13, of the Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(P) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW VENDORS PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR TO BILL FOR SERVICES THROUGH PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS. (EG-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES) (DENIED)

Commissioner Garza motioned to deny the request.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(R) CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PUBLIC WORKS SLOT NO. 03 BY \$1,772.00, SLOT NO. 10 BY \$1,000.00 AND DECREASE SLOT NO. 5 BY \$220.00, SLOT NO. 91 BY \$2,888.00, SLOT NO. 65 BY \$1,384.00 AND INCREASE PLANNING & INSPECTION SLOT NO. 05 BY \$1,500.00. (RGJ-PUBLIC WORKS)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve authorization to increase Public Works Slot No. 03 by \$1,772.00, Slot No. 10 by \$1,000.00 and decrease Slot No. 5 By \$220.00, Slot No. 91 by \$2,888.00, Slot No. 65 by \$1,384.00 and increase Planning & Inspection Slot No. 05 by \$1,500.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

(4) PRESENTATIONS/RESOLUTIONS.

(A) PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM FISCAL YEAR 2015 THIRD QUARTER REPORT. (DAG-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)

Commissioner Garza motioned to acknowledge the Cameron County International Bridge System Fiscal

Year 2015 Third Quarter Report.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(B) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF 2014 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF LA FERIA TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 1. (RG-PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT)

Commissioner Garza motioned to approve the 2014 Annual Report for the City of La FERIA Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Dominguez, seconded by Commissioner Garza and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 11:04 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(5) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE TOMPKINS VS. CAMERON COUNTY CASE, CAUSE NO. 2009-10-5624-B, IN THE 138TH DISTRICT COURT, POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE, THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE CASE, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED HANDLING, POST-TRIAL MOTIONS, PREPARATIONS FOR APPEAL, AND LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING THERETO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)(B)&(2).**
- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF PARKS DEPARTMENT'S (THE COUNTY'S) CLAIM FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AGAINST CORTEZ BRYAN, LABATT FOODS, TECHNOLOGY INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., AND SEDGWICK CMS INC., PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(B)&(2).**
- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION WITH CES NETWORK SERVICES, INC., PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071(1)(A) AND (2).**
- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL DISPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR LARGE ANIMAL CARCASSES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (2).**
- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF LOS INDIOS REQUEST FOR THE PORTABLE COUNTY BUILDINGS (OR THEIR USE) LOCATED AT THE LOS INDIOS COMMUNITY PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH CITY SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUCH AS "SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN," "AMIGOS DE VALLE," "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES" AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES TO AREA RESIDENTS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY POSSIBLE AGREEMENT PERTAINING THERETO AS AUTHORIZED BY V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**

NOTE: Commissioner Garza did not return to the Meeting when the Court reconvened into Special Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened into Special Session at 11:33 A.M. to discuss the following matters:

(6) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- (A) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE TOMPKINS VS. CAMERON COUNTY CASE, CAUSE NO. 2009-10-5624-B, IN THE 138TH DISTRICT COURT, POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE, THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE CASE, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUED HANDLING, POST-TRIAL MOTIONS, PREPARATIONS FOR APPEAL, AND LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING THERETO, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(A)(B)&(2).**

Commissioner Benavides motioned to acknowledge the Report.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dominguez and carried unanimously.

- (B) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF PARKS DEPARTMENT'S (THE COUNTY'S) CLAIM FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AGAINST CORTEZ BRYAN, LABATT FOODS, TECHNOLOGY INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., AND SEDGWICK CMS INC., PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(1)(B)&(2).**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (C) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION WITH CES NETWORK SERVICES, INC., PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071(1)(A) AND (2).**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to acknowledge the Report.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (D) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL DISPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR LARGE ANIMAL CARCASSES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (2).**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- (E) CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF LOS INDIOS REQUEST FOR THE PORTABLE COUNTY BUILDINGS (OR THEIR USE) LOCATED AT THE LOS INDIOS COMMUNITY PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH CITY SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUCH AS "SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN," "AMIGOS DE VALLE," "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES" AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES TO AREA RESIDENTS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY POSSIBLE AGREEMENT PERTAINING THERETO AS AUTHORIZED BY V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to acknowledge the Report.

The motion was seconded by Judge Sepulveda and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

(3) ACTION ITEMS.

- (O) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO ENACT THE TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE CLAUSE OF THE CES NETWORK SERVICES CONTRACT. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to enact the termination for convenience clause of the CES Network Services Contract.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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- (G) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCOMMODATE THE CITY OF LOS INDIOS REQUEST FOR THE PORTABLE COUNTY BUILDINGS (OR THEIR USE) LOCATED AT THE LOS INDIOS COMMUNITY PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH CITY SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUCH AS "SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN," "AMIGOS DE VALLE," "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES" AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES TO AREA RESIDENTS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY AGREEMENT PERTAINING THERETO. (DAG-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR) (TABLED)**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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- (Q) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR LARGE ANIMAL CARCASSES. (BWH-LEGAL)**

Commissioner Dominguez motioned to TABLE this item.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Dominguez, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 11:35 A.M.

APPROVED this 1st day of **December 2015**

PETE SEPULVEDA, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

SYLVIA GARZA-PEREZ,
COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS