

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 1st day of MARCH, 1993 there was conducted a REGULAR Session 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:  
1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:  
ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.  
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

JOE G. RIVERA  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:  
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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked Ms. Vivian Benbow, T V Channel 5 News Reporter, to lead the Court and the Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on February 26, 1993, at 8:43 A. M. ^

**(14) PRESENTATION ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER - SOUTH TEXAS/NORTHERN MEXICO**

Mr. Larry Osborn, General Manager of the World Trade Center, McAllen, Texas, explained the goals and objectives of the World Trade Center - South Texas/Northern Mexico and added that the facility was designed to help the members compete in the import and export trade in the International Market.

Mr. Osborn presented "Honorary" Memberships to the members of the Court and requested the Court's support in their efforts to compete in the International Market Trade.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Presentation on the World Trade Center-South Texas/Northern Mexico was acknowledged.

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**(15) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE**

Mr. Mark Maddy, Brownsville Community Partners, briefly outlined the adverse impact on the community that the proposed Legislative Budget reductions to the Health and Human Services would create as illustrated in the following document:

He requested that the Court adopt a Resolution in support of their efforts for continued funding to meet the health needs of the County.

At this time, Commissioner Matz remarked that the Document was the most informative "briefing packet" that he had seen regarding the health issues and stressed the importance of the services to the Community.

Commissioner Valencia moved that the Resolution supporting the continuation of funding for the Health and Human Services by the State Legislature be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Garza expressed his appreciation to Mr. Maddy for his assistance in the preparation of the County's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Plan.

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**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the County Claims as presented and on the recommendation by the County Auditor's Office be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried the following vote:

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum, Matz and Valencia

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Judge Garza as to the claim of Brownsville Community Health Clinic, Warrant No. 73206, in the amount of \$791.14; and Commissioner Cascos as to the claim of Waters Implement Co., Inc., Warrant No. 73511 in the amount of \$43.10

**The Affidavits are as follows:**

**(2) APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget Amendment No. 15 and the Salary Schedule for the Health - Women and Infant (WIC) Department, Department No. 32-630 were approved.

**The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedule are as follows:**

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES' OF FEBRUARY 17TH AND  
FEBRUARY 22, 1993**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 17, 1993 at 1:30 P. M. and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 22, 1993 at 1:30 P. M. be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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At this time, Commissioner Valencia stated that Mr. Terry Julian, Supervising Inspector, Texas Commission of Jail Standards, reported that the Jail and Detention Center were being maintained according to standards, except for the overcrowding, and he extended his appreciation and compliments to Chief Jesse Masso, Chief Jail Administrator, for the outstanding work being done.

Chief Carlos Tapia, Sheriff's Department, stated that Mr. Julian complimented the Court for providing the additional manpower and the continued support for the maintenance of the Jail.

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(4) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AND AWARD ANNUAL BIDS  
FOR VHF/UHF RADIOS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for the annual bids for the VHF/UHF Radios for various Departments.

**The bids received and opened are as follows:**

The bids were referred to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court prior to the end of the Meeting.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR  
OVERHEAD LIGHT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for the overhead lights for various Departments.

**The bids received and opened are as follows:**

At this time, the bids were referred to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court prior to the end of the Meeting.

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**(6) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR ONE (1) TOLL BOOTH FOR GATEWAY BRIDGE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the low and sole bid of Carrol Adams, Los Fresnos, Texas, in the amount of \$14,502.00, was accepted for one (1) Toll Booth for the Gateway International Bridge, on the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent.

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**(7) AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL COUNTY AUCTION ON APRIL 3, 1993**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Annual County Auction be scheduled for April 3, 1993.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, stated that the Auction would be held at the Precinct No. 3 Warehouse, located at FM 510 and Bayview Road, and that proper notices would be given in the newspaper concerning the items to be auctioned.

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**(8) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION APPROVING A REVISED APPLICATION AND BUDGET FOR SBA TREE PLANTING FUNDS FROM THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, explained that half of the original Application was approved and the revised budget reflected a \$500.00 cash contribution from the County.

Commissioner Matz, as a member of the Grant Review Committee, explained the reasons for the reduced allocations and suggested that the Planning Department request smaller trees in order to double the number being requested in the application.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the revised Application and Budget for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Tree Planting Funds from the Texas Forest Services be approved, for the landscape improvements in and around the County Courthouse.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Application is as follows:**

**(9) APPROVAL TO INCREASE RECORDING FEES FOR PLATS FROM \$15.00 TO \$30.00 EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1993**

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, stated that a Survey was conducted to determine the rates currently charged by other Counties and added that the Recording Fees had remained the same for a number of years but the cost to Record them had increased.

Commissioner Cascos questioned how much additional revenues would be generated by the increase and Mr. Rivera responded that he did not have the budget amount but that the recommended Fee increase from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per plat would off-set the cost for Recording, and the monies would go to the General Fund.

Mr. Rivera stated that the effective date of May 1, 1993 would provide adequate time to notify the engineers and developers of the increased Recording Fees.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Recording Fees for "Plats" be increased from \$15.00 to \$30.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried the following vote:

**AYE:** Commissioners Cascos and Matz and Judge Garza

**NAY:** Commissioners Rosenbaum and Valencia.

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**(10) APPROVAL OF TDH DOCUMENT NO. C3000282, CHANGE ORDER NO. 04, ATTACHMENT NO. 024, AMENDMENT FOR WIC PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GROUP NUTRITION EDUCATION, INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AND PRESCRIBE FOODS AT NO COST TO INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES/NUTRITIONAL RISK**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Texas of Department Health (TDH) Document No. C3000282, Change No. 04, Attachment No. 024, Amendment for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program be approved to provide Group Nutrition Education, Individual Counseling and to prescribe foods at no cost to individuals identified as having nutritional deficiencies and/or nutritional risks.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Document No. C3000282 is as follows:**

**(20) IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT FOR A GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER (REJECTED)**

Dr. Kermit Black, Architect with Texas A & M, recommended that the bid be rejected because the cost was over the budgeted amount. He stated that they would attempt to negotiate with the interested contractors in order to keep the Project within the budget and would report to the Court at a later date.

Commissioner Cascos moved to reject the sole bid received for a General Contractor for Cameron County Park Community Center Project and to defer action until requested by the Project leaders.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF SEA RANCH MARINA FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the low bid of Gulf Coast Dredging, Mission, Texas, in the amount of \$62,500.00, was accepted for the Maintenance Dredging of the Sea Ranch Marina for the Parks Department, on the recommendation of the Project Engineer.

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**(12) CONSIDERATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S CURRENT POSITION REGARDING EXPANSION OF APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD**

Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, County Tax Assessor-Collector, explained that the Appraisal District adopted a Resolution to increase the Board Membership from five (5) to nine (9) members. He said that the Cities of Brownsville and Harlingen would be guaranteed a position and that two (2) positions would be "at-large" representing the smaller Communities.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Cameron County Appraisal District's current position regarding the expansion of the Appraisal District Board was acknowledged.

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**(13) AUTHORIZATION FOR PARKS SYSTEM DIRECTOR TO  
SUBMIT PERMIT APPLICATION TO U. S. ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS FOR:**

- a) Marina Pier extension within Sea Ranch Marina Basin and
- b) Erosion prevention bulkhead at Children's Beach Shore Line.

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks Director, reviewed the proposed Projects and added that although there was no money budgeted for construction, the Parks System wanted to apply for the Permits in order to start the process for next year.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Parks System Director be authorized to submit Permit Applications to the U. S.

Army Corps of Engineers for the following:

- a) Marina Pier extension within Sea Ranch Marina Basin and
- b) Erosion prevention bulkhead at Children's Beach Shore line.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously.

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**(16) AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR  
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WITH COASTAL BEND YOUTH  
CITY FOR PLACEMENT OF JUVENILES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Contract for Residential Services with Coastal Bend Youth City for placement of juveniles was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

(17) **IN THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF "BOCA CHICA ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE I" - BEING A 77.755 ACRE TRACT OUT OF 251 ACRE TRACT, OUT OF A 1245.25 ACRE TRACT IN SHARE 1 OF SAN MARTIN GRANT IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

Judge Garza suggested that no action be taken due to the pending litigations on the area that might encompass this property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, No Action was taken on this Item.

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(18) **IN THE MATTER OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MARINE SPILL RESPONSE CORPO-RATION, TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND GEOCHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH GROUP OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY FOR USE OF THE CAMERON COUNTY AIRPORT AS A TEST SITE (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was TABLED.

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**NOT ON AGENDA APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER MATZ AS LIAISON FOR THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

At this time, Judge Garza recommended that Commissioner Matz be designated as the liaison for the County Airport. He said that his Office receives numerous calls regarding the Airport and he would like to refer the calls to Commissioner Matz and he, in turn, could consult with County Counsel before presenting the matters to the Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Commissioner Matz was designated as the liaison for the County Airport.

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(19) **IN THE MATTER OF WAIVER OF SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS FOR MARIA DE JESUS GARCIA (REJECTED)**

At this time, Ms. Maria de Jesus Garcia, Brownsville resident, appeared before the Court requesting a waiver of the subdivision regulations concerning her property in the Pancho Villa Subdivision. She stated that she could not sell or build on her property because of the high Platting fees, that being about \$2,200.00. She added that she had discussed the matter with several law firms and that no one had been able to assist her.

Commissioner Valencia remarked that the situation regarding property owners who cannot build because of the high Platting and Engineering fees was a problem throughout the County. He said that he favored that the Subdivisions follow the proper standards, but when the poor people do not have enough money to pay the fees, then the County should consider each individual family. He said that if that was the only reason, that the amount was too much for the family to pay, he would support the waiver and he asked the County Engineer for comment.

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, reminded the Court that the County had adopted Subdivision Regulations and, by State Law, they should be enforced in order not to jeopardize State funding.

Commissioner Valencia stated that if the subdivision was up to County Standards, but the family did not have the money to pay for the subdivision, then the County Engineer should help.

Mr. Cueto responded that he would then be doing it free for everyone and he did not have the staff to do that work.

Commissioner Rosenbaum questioned how long it would take the County Engineer to work in that subdivision and the County Engineer responded that it would be a matter of months, and Commissioner Valencia added that if the property owners were willing to wait, they should have that option.

Commissioner Cascos expressed his concern regarding who was going to decide who could afford it and who could not, who would set the criteria and who would make the judgment call.

Judge Garza remarked that if there was a cause for action, the property owner had a cause of action for deceptive practice against the one that sold her that property and that matter could not be addressed by the Court.

Judge Garza stated that the Commission routinely and unanimously had supported the adoption of the Subdivision Regulations, and that just two (2) weeks ago, the Court was asking for expanded authority to include zoning and ordinance making authority for the un-incorporated areas of the County. He explained that on Wednesday, March 3, 1993, he would be meeting with a representative from the Texas Water Commission to review the status of various Water Development Projects in Cameron County. He added that the ten million dollars worth of Projects provided services to the very same people that could not afford the Engineering fees, and that the question of concern was "how was the County enforcing the Subdivision Regulations and how seriously was the enforcement," and added that the County was not in a position to waive the Regulations.

Commissioner Valencia questioned whether the Engineering fees were included in the Subdivision Standards and Judge Garza responded that the Court could not tell the Engineers what to charge nor could an Indigent Engineering Office be created.

Commissioner Valencia stated that he did not mean to tell the Engineers what to do but that there should be a way, if the Commissioners Court supported this action, and he favored that support.

Mr. Cueto clarified that Ms. Garcia's property was inside the City of Brownsville's ETJ and since the City's Ordinances were stricter, the property would fall under the jurisdiction of the City.

Commissioner Valencia questioned how long it would take if the County Engineer's Office was authorized one (1) staff member to work directly with the subdivision, but the fees would be half of the Engineering fees and the property owners were willing to wait on a waiting list.

Mr. Cueto stated that it would take a three (3) man survey crew, a Surveyor, an Engineer, equipment, computers and additional Office space to provide that service.

Commissioner Matz stated that he sympathized with Mrs. Garcia but that he opposed the waiver for the following reasons: 1) the concerns as mentioned by Commissioner Cascos regarding who was going to establish the guidelines and make the decision as to who qualifies, and 2) the Realty Company had offered to buy back the property, they had offered to pay the cost associated with the purchase and had even allowed her to rent. He stated that it was a similar situation throughout the County, including his Precinct, where property was purchased with the understanding that the land had been platted and subdivided only to find out later that it was not, including the fact that they are not told that the roads are private and not County roads.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the waiver of the Subdivision Regulations for Maria de Jesus Garcia be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Valencia and the vote was as follows:

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum and Valencia

**NAY:** Commissioners Cascos, Matz and Judge Garza.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the waiver of the Subdivision Regulations for Maria de Jesus be rejected.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried the following vote:

**AYE:** Commissioners Cascos, Matz and Judge Garza

**NAY:** Commissioners Rosenbaum and Valencia.

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**(21) REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, preliminary approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer's Office:

- a) Precinct No. 3 -**Paredes Norte Subdivision** - being a 21.51 acre subdivision comprised of the north 11.51 acres out of Block 68, and the north ten (10) acres of Block 69 Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, preliminary approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer's Office:

- b) Precinct No. 3 -**Country Boy Subdivision** - being a subdivision of 20.0 acre being the south 1/2 of Block 69, Wilson Tract Subdivision, out of Survey 25.

(22) **REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, preliminary and final approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer's Office:

- a) Precinct No. 2 -**Sylvia Subdivision** - being a 1.0 acre tract out of the east 5.0 acres out of the south 20.0 acres Block 141 El Jardin Subdivision, Share 27, Espiritu Santo Grant.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, preliminary and final approval was given to the following subdivision, on the recommendation of the County Engineer's Office:

- b) Precinct No. 3 -**Nicolas Barrera Subdivision** - being a 2.268 acre tract of land out of Block 6, Citrus Gardens Subdivision.

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(23) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CLEAR LAND AT THE CAMERON COUNTY/PORT ISABEL AIRPORT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, approval was given to open proposals as received for Professional Services to clear land at the Cameron County/Port Isabel Airport.

**The proposals received and opened are as follows:**

The proposals were referred to the County Engineer for tabulation and recommendation to the Court prior to the end of the Meeting.

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**(24) AUTHORIZATION FOR A 5% CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOTAL COST FOR THE FACILITY PLAN FOR THE OLMITO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM STUDY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that the approximate contribution by the County for the Study would be \$1,970.00 to be allocated from the General Fund.

Commissioner Cascos moved to authorize the five per cent (5%) contribution of the total cost for the Facility Plan for the Olmito Water Supply Corporation Wastewater Treatment System Study to be submitted to the Economically Distressed Areas Program of the Texas Water Development Board.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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**(25) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Valencia, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the following travel and/or travel expenses were approved, subject to availability of funds in their budget:

- a) Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Department Administrator, to Lubbock, Texas, on March 21-24, 1993, for Public Health Association Meeting; and
- b) Constable Gonzalez, Precinct No. 2, to Laredo, Texas, for South Texas Justice of the Peace and Constables Association Workshop and Meeting on March 12-13, 1993.

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**(26) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Valencia and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:45 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Discuss request by Shane Customhouse Brokers and Freight Forwarders to use and/or lease a tract of County-owned land near the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios for trucking operations, short-term parking and transloading, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes).

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:15 P.M.

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**(27) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Discuss request by Shane Customhouse Brokers and Freight Forwarders to use and/or lease a tract of County-owned land near the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios for trucking operations, short-term parking and transloading.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the County Judge be authorized to execute a Lease Agreement along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session, subject to final negotiations and final approval of the written Document by the Court at a subsequent Meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to execute a Lease Agreement, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session, with Shane Customhouse Brokers and Freight Forwarders to use and/or lease a tract of County-owned land near the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios for trucking operations, short-term parking and transloading, subject to final negotiations and final approval of the written Document by the Court at a subsequent Meeting.

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**(23) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD PROPOSAL FOR  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO CLEAR LAND AT THE  
CAMERON COUNTY/PORT ISABEL AIRPORT**

At this time, Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, recommended that the proposal by Leal Maintenance and Landscaping, Brownsville Texas, in the amount of \$48,459.00, be accepted.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of the proposal and the work involved and the heavy machinery needed and the suggestion was made to try to negotiate with the low bidder to reduce the cost.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Engineer was directed to negotiate with the low bidder and present his recommendation to the Court in one (1) week.

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(5) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR OVERHEAD LIGHT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the bids were awarded to the following bidders as outlined, and on the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent:

**Rio Radio Supply - Brownsville, Texas**

A. Overhead Lights \$1,150.53 each

**Alamo Auto Center - Brownsville, Texas**

B. Grill Lights \$ 229.00 each

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(4) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ANNUAL BIDS FOR VHF/UHF RADIOS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the bids were awarded to the following bidders, as outlined and on the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent:

**800 MHZ RADIOS:**

**Rio Radio Supply - Brownsville, Texas**

A. Portable Radios \$727.47 each  
800 MHZ

B. Remote Speaker 78.35

C. Mobile Radios 497.36  
800 MHZ

D. Mobile Radio Antennas 15.88

**150 MHZ RADIOS:**

**Rio Radio Supply - Brownsville, Texas**

a) Portable Radios \$488.35 each

b) Remote Speaker Mike 50.00

At this time, Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, explained his reluctance to recommend the bid award regarding the 150 MHZ Mobile Radios (Item "c"). He stated that South Texas Communications, San Benito, Texas, was the low bidder meeting the specifications but that the low bid received from Rio Radio Supply, Brownsville, Texas, would meet their needs if the specifications were re-written, but it was not what the Constables wanted. He stated that the Constables wanted a "consolidated" package in the radio that only South Texas Communications could provide and he recommended to lower the specification requirements and to re-bid the Item.

Judge Garza suggested that the Item not be awarded and to re-bid.

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There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

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APPROVED this **8th** day of **March**, 1993.

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**ANTONIO O. GARZA, JR.**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

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