

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 21st day of SEPTEMBER, 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

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

INELDA T. GARCIA, Deputy  
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

NATIVIDAD VALENCIA  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Antonio O. Garza, Jr. He then asked Mr. Mark Yates, newly appointed County Auditor, 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 September 17, 1993 at 2:52 P. M.

**(6) AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5**

**(7) APPROVAL OF BONDS FOR CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Oath of Office administered by Judge Garza be acknowledged and that the Bonds be approved for the following Cameron County Drainage District No. 5 Board of Directors:

- a) Mr. Nathan Berry, Palm Valley,
- b) Mr. Jaret E. Cummings, Harlingen and
- c) Mr. Robert L. Hensz, Harlingen

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Jack Brown, Project Engineer, noted that the first Board Meeting would be held September 24, 1993 at 3:00 P. M. at Palm Valley, said Notice to be posted by the County Clerk's Office.

**The Certificates, Bonds and Notice are as follows:**

**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the County Claims be approved as presented and recommended by the County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried the following vote:

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Matz and Valencia

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Judge Garza as to the claim of E. de la Garza, Inc., Warrant No. 84909 in the amount of \$493.22; and Commissioner Cascos as to Landair Travel, Inc., Warrant No. 84991 in the amount of \$88.00.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos requested that the County Auditor provide a listing of cellular telephones being utilized by the County, the total amount spent and the type of Service Plans being provided.

**The Affidavits are as follows:**

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget Amendment No. 36 and the Salary Schedules for the Engineering Department, Department No. 15-622, the Health Department, Department No. 27-635 and No. 27-637, the 5th Judicial Administration, Department No. 57-436 and the Financial Disruption Task Force No. 2, Department No. 22-476, were approved.

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

**(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 1993**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 31, 1993 at 1:30 P. M. were approved.

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**(4) APPROVAL TO REFUND TAXES TO RUBEN H. EDELSTEIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,413.80 FOR THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**(5) APPROVAL TO REFUND TAXES TO AMWEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,010.63 FOR THE ERRONEOUS PAYMENT OF TAXES**

Judge Garza noted that the amount of refund on Item No. 5 should be corrected to read "\$2,010.63" instead of "\$42,010.63."

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum, the erroneous payment of taxes were refunded to the following individuals on the recommendation of the County Auditor:

- a) Mr. Ruben H. Edelstein \$1,413.80, and
- b) Amwest Savings Association \$2,010.63.

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**(8) APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE PORT OF HARLINGEN FOR NOVEMBER 21, 1993, ELECTION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Agreement between Cameron County and the Port of Harlingen for the November 21, 1993, Election was approved.

At this time, Ms. Tencha de la Peña, Elections Administrator, requested approval of the Voting Machine Lease Agreement with the Port Isabel School District for the Election held September 11, 1993.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Voting Machine Lease Agreement with the Port Isabel School District was approved, subject to ratification.

**The Agreements are as follows:**

(9) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO  
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE COLONIA  
PLANNING FUND**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Colonia Planning Fund be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO  
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE COLONIA  
CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Colonia Construction Fund was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(11) **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Community Development Fund be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

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**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO  
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE  
PLANNING/CAPACITY BUILDING FUND**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Planning/Capacity Fund was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(13) AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR LAS PALMAS, SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the County Judge be authorized to execute the Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Las Palmas, Section Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sanitary Sewer Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

(14) **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO NAME THE  
NEW BROWNSVILLE HEALTH CLINIC THE  
MARY LOUISE LUCIO BUILDING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the "new" Brownsville Health Clinic was named "Mary Louise Lucio Building".

At this time, Mr. Rolando Martinez, Health Administrator, explained that Ms. Mary Louise Lucio served the Cameron County Health Department for over twenty (20) years and added that she was a very deserving individual who gave much of her adult life to the service of the County and the Community.

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(15) **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
CAMERON COUNTY AND DIETICIAN L. TERI  
MCCABE RETANA (OCTOBER 10, 1993 -  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1994)**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the annual Contract between Cameron County and Ms. L. Teri McCabe Retana, Dietician, be approved for the period of October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(16) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN  
CAMERON COUNTY AND DR. JAMES A.  
FREEBERG (OCTOBER 1, 1993- SEPTEMBER 30,  
1994)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the annual Contract between Cameron County and Dr. James A. Freeberg, for the period of October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994, was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

(17) **AUTHORIZATION TO PASS A RESOLUTION  
ENDORING AND  
SUPPORTING EFFORTS REGARDING THE  
EXTENSION OF INTERSTATE 37 FROM CORPUS  
CHRISTI TO BROWNSVILLE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution endorsing and supporting the efforts regarding the extension of Interstate 37 from Corpus Christi to Brownsville be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(18) IN THE MATTER TO APPOINT A RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO MANAGE THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

**(19) IN THE MATTER TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE NEEDS AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, recommended that an "on-site operator" be appointed to manage the operations and maintenance of the County Airport and suggested that Bob A. Steenbock, Vice- President of Southwinds Aviation Inc., be designated as the "fixed-based" operator.

At this time, Commissioner Matz referred to the following letters from Mr. Steenbock and the Texas Department of Transportation which outlined the work that needed to be done at the Airport:

Commissioner Matz questioned whether Mr. Steenbock was prepared to assume the responsibility of Airport Manager, without pay, and Mr. Steenbock responded that he would like to discuss the matter regarding the scope of responsibility and authority with the members of the Court.

There was some discussion concerning the responsibilities and the suggestion was made to continue discussing the matter with the individuals involved in order to reach an understanding.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the group composed of Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer; Commissioner Matz and Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, were designated to discuss the matter of the maintenance and operations of the County Airport with Mr. Robert A. Steenbock, Vice-President of Southwinds Aviation Inc., and to report to the Court in two (2) weeks.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT AN OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE**

Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Budget Officer, explained that the District Clerk had discussed the possibilities of obtaining an Optical Disk System identical to the one currently in County Clerk's office. She stated that the District Clerk was behind five (5) years in microfilming and the Proposal included two (2) Business Records Employees to do two (2) years of imaging, one (1) current year and one (1) delinquent year, within the period of one (1) year. She added that the Optical Disk System would be funded by the Records Management Fees that are included in the Budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the implementation of an Optical Imaging System for the District Clerk's Office was authorized, said funds to be allocated from the Records Management Fees.

**The Service Agreement is as follows:**

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**AUTHORIZATION TO REVIEW THE SALARIES,  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SALARY  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, FOR CONSTABLE  
PRECINCT NO. 3 - JUAN SANCHEZ, CONSTABLE  
PRECINCT NO. 8 - JUAN MENDOZA, AND SALLIE  
GONZALEZ, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT  
NO. 6-1**

Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Budget Officer, reported that the Grievance Committee met on Friday, September 17, 1993 at 10:00 A. M. to hear the Salary Grievances filed by the following Elected Officials:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>1994 BUDGET</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>
Constable Juan Sanchez, Precinct No. 3	\$30,097	\$33,507	\$3,410
Constable Juan Mendoza Precinct No. 8	\$30,081	\$33,507	\$3,426
Judge Sallie Gonzalez Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6-1	\$27,489	\$30,000	\$2,521

Ms. Martinez explains that the three (3) grievances received eight (8) votes in favor of the request and one (1) vote against and added that the statutes provide that if the vote was between six (6) to eight (8) in favor, then it was considered a "recommendation" to the Court.

Judge Garza questioned whether the Court had to consider the recommendations from the Grievance Committee as presented, or whether the Court had the latitude to recommend an amount "short" of the request and Ms. Martinez responded that the Court could approve any amount between zero (0) and the amount being requested.

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel, stated that the Court had the latitude to approve up to the amount recommended by the Grievance Committee.

At this time, the following Elected Officials expressed their concerns regarding an increase in salary to the Court:

Constable Juan Sanchez - Precinct No. 3

Constable Juan Mendoza - Precinct No. 8, and

Justice of the Peace Sallie Gonzalez - Precinct No. 6-1.

At this time, Commissioner Matz questioned how the salaries for the Constables and Justices of the Peace were determined and Judge Garza briefly explained the efforts made for uniformity by creating three (3) broad categories based on the workload, the revenues generated and the incidents handled. He added that the system was not very precise because the data provided was not uniform and was difficult to quantify.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos stated that it was unfortunate that two (2) Justices of the Peace working within the same jurisdiction had a vast difference in revenues and that it was unfortunate that the Court could not reduce any Elected Official's salary if they were not performing their duties as compared to other Elected Officials.

Commissioner Cascos added that it was unfortunate that discrepancies existed in the salaries between Constables and Justices of the Peace and he suggested that a statistical formula be developed, similar to the one used to evaluate professional services which utilizes a point system and dollar values designated to those points, in order to reach an equitable compensation system.

**CONSTABLE JUAN SANCHEZ:**

At this time, Judge Garza stated that the salary for Constable Juan Sanchez as filed in the 1994 Budget was in the amount of \$30,097.00, inclusive of the three percent (3%) increase, and he was requesting \$33,507.00 and he called for a motion on the salary as recommended.

There were no motions on said recommendation.

He then called on a motion to increase the salary at a sum between the budgeted amount and the requested amount.

Commissioner Matz moved that the annual salary of Constable Juan Sanchez, Precinct No. 3, be increased by the amount of \$1,000.00.

The motion died for lack of a second.

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that he believed that he was making a motion for Constable Juan Mendoza and he apologized for his mistake.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the matter of the salary increase for Constable Juan Sanchez was reconsidered.

There were no motions made for Constable Sanchez's request; therefore, the amount of \$30,097.00, inclusive of the three percent (3%) increase as filed in the 1994 Budget, remained unchanged.

**CONSTABLE JUAN MENDOZA:**

Judge Garza stated that the salary for Constable Juan Mendoza as filed in the 1994 Budget was in the amount of \$30,081.00, inclusive of the 3% increase, and that he was requesting \$33,507.00 and called for a motion on the salary as recommended.

There were no motions on said recommendation.

Commissioner Matz moved that the annual salary of Constable Juan Mendoza, Precinct No. 8, be increased by the amount of \$1000.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**JUDGE SALLIE GONZALEZ**

Judge Garza explained that the annual salary for Justice of the Peace Sallie Gonzalez was \$27,489.00, inclusive of the three percent (3%) increase, and she was requesting \$30,000.00, and called for a motion on that recommendation.

There were no motions on said recommendation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the annual salary of Judge Sallie Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace Precinct 6-1, was increased by the amount of \$1,000.00.

At this time, Judge Garza noted that he was comfortable with the three percent (3%) across-the-board Budget recommendations and he would support that decision.

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

(23) **REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

At this time, Mr. Victor Bañuelos, Assistant to the County Engineer, noted that Item No. 23 "d" should be corrected to read Precinct "No. 3" instead of Precinct "No. 4."

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

**PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL:**

- a) **Precinct No. 4 - F. Stewart Subdivision** - being a subdivision containing 1.11 Gross Acres out of the South 10.00 acres of the South West 20.00 acres of Lot 19, Cameron County Development Company Subdivision, Cantu Tract;
- b) **Precinct No. 3 - JLS Subdivision** - being 1.2189 acres out of a 10 acre tract of land in Block 1, Survey 137, Stuart Place Subdivision;
- c) **Precinct No.3 - 732 Estates Subdivision** - being a subdivision of 4.21 acres of land out of Farm Lot No. 199 of the San Benito Irrigated Company Subdivision, San Pedro De Carricitos Grant; and
- d) **Precinct No. 3 - Stambaugh Subdivision** - being a 2.516 acres of land out of Lot 125, Tract A,A & R Country Acres, Inc. Subdivision.

**FINAL APPROVAL:**

- a) **Precinct No. 4 - Robert Jr. & Dustin Lee Subdivision** - being a 10.01 acre resubdivision comprised of 3.82 acres out of Block 19-A and 6.19 acres out of Block 19-B, Dougherty and Paillet Subdivision; and
- b) **Precinct No. 3 - Tierra Rica South Subdivision** - being 13.26 acres comprised of 10.02 acres out of Block 28 and 3.24 acres out of Block 32, Harris-Gentry Subdivision, Share 28, Espiritu Santo Grant.

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(24) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR ONE (1) X-RAY MACHINE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the sole bid of Sempco X-Ray, Co., Harlingen, Texas, in the amount of \$16,500.00, be accepted for one (1) X-Ray Machine for the Health Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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(25) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR CASH OR LEASE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PNEUMATIC ROLLER FOR PRECINCT NO. 4**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the low bid of B. D. Holt, Weslaco, Texas, in the amount of \$46,506.00, be accepted for the Lease Purchase of one (1) pneumatic roller for Precinct No. 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Garza noted that Commissioner Precinct No. 4 had discussed the matter with the Purchasing Agent and was in agreement with the recommendation.

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**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ANNUAL BIDS 1993/1994**

**ITEM A - FUEL**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the low bid for fuel was awarded to the following bidder as outlined and on the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent:

**HICK'S OIL AND BUTANE, HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

Regular	.7610 per gallon
Unleaded	.7960 per gallon
Diesel	.5975 per gallon

**ITEM B - CARPETING**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the low bid of Design Depot, Pharr, Texas, in the amount of \$5.63 per yard, was accepted for the Carpeting, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Building Maintenance Director.

**ITEM C - ROAD SURFACING MATERIALS (REJECTED)**

Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, stated that only one bid was received concerning the Road - Surfacing Materials, and that it appeared that there was some reluctance to bid because of the dollar amount of the bid Bonds, and he recommended that the bid be rejected and to re-advertise.

The Purchasing Agent explained that the Bid Bond required was in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the suggestion was made to lower the Bid Bond to between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00 for the Road Surfacing Materials.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the bid Bond required for Road - Surfacing Materials was lowered to \$1,000.00.

**ITEM D - ROAD EMULSION OILS-MATERIALS (REJECTED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the bids for the Road - Emulsion Oils - Materials were rejected.

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**NOT ON AGENDA APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN BENITO FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

At this time, Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, County Tax Assessor-Collector, explained that the City of San Benito had placed an Item on their Agenda for that evening, to consider an Interlocal Agreement with the County for the collection of taxes and he requested the Court's approval for a similar Agreement.

Judge Garza stated that the Interlocal Agreement would be supported and suggested that the Item be placed on the Agenda for the following Meeting.

Ms. Rosemary Martinez, Budget Officer, explained that the monies generated by this Agreement would be designated for software needed by the Department.

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**(27) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEW FACILITY, BROWNSVILLE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for the Telephone System for the Health Department's New Facility Center, Brownsville, Texas, and to refer the bids to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid in one (1) week.

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

**(28) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1)  
VAN FOR TASK FORCE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for one (1) van for the Task Force and to refer the bids to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid in one (1) week.

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

**(29) IN THE MATTER TO OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1)  
TOLL BOOTH FOR GATEWAY BRIDGE  
(REJECTED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, approval was given to open bids as received for one (1) Toll Booth for the Gateway International Bridge.

At this time, Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent, recommended to reject all the bids and to re-advertise because some changes were made to the bid specifications.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the bids for (1) Toll Booth for Gateway International Bridge were rejected.

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**(30) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN ANNUAL BIDS  
1993/1994**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, approval was given to open the 1993/1994 Annual Bids as received for a) Toner Recycling and b) Road - Flexible Base-Materials, and to refer the bids to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation to the Court of the best bid.

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

**(31) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR ISLA  
BLANCA PAVING**

At this time, Mr. Jack Brown, Project Engineer, explained that the Parks Director was recommending that Items A-2, 3 and 4, and Items B-2, 3 and 4, in the total amount of \$14,182.50, be awarded.

Commissioner Matz moved that the bid of J. L. Williams Construction, Harlingen, Texas, be accepted for the following items for the Isla Blanca Paving Project:

<b>ITEM A-2</b>	MC-30 Prime at 0.20 Gallon
<b>ITEM A-3</b>	H. M. A. C. Type D Paving
<b>ITEM A-4</b>	4" Wide, Yellow Pave, Marking
<b>ITEM B-2</b>	MC-30 at 0.20 Gallon
<b>ITEM B-3</b>	H. M. A. C. Type D Paving
<b>ITEM B-4</b>	4" Wide, Yellow Pave, Marking
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	\$14,182.50.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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**(32) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR  
APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES**

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

- a) Ms. Catherine Rivera, Health Department, to attend Nutrition and Cardiovascular Disease Meeting in McAllen, Texas, on October 12, 1993;
- b) Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, County Tax Assessor-Collector, and three (3) Deputies to attend the 11th Annual County Tax Assessor-Collectors Seminar at Texas A & M (College Station, Texas) on November 20-23, 1993;
- c) Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks Director, to travel to Austin, Texas, to participate in "FOCUS" Group pertaining to establishing Rules and Procedural Guidelines for newly created Texas Recreation and Parks Account;
- d) Three (3) Drug Enforcement Task Force Officers to travel to San Antonio, Texas, to exchange Lease Vehicle on September 10, 1993 and again in thirty (30) days;
- e) Ms. Tencha de la Peña, Elections Administrator, and one (1) Deputy to attend Meeting in Austin, Texas, on October 6, 1993 with Secretary of State;
- f) Judge Everardo Garcia, County Court Law No. 1, to attend Seminar in Houston, Texas, for Judge's Judicial Seminar on September 21-24, 1993;
- g) Mr. Andy Cueto, County Engineer, the Right-of-Way Agent and any County Commissioner, to attend a TXDOT Commissioners Meeting in Austin, Texas, on September 28, 1993;
- h) Mr. Amador Rodriguez, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, to travel to El Paso, Texas, on September 25-28, 1993, to meet with Juvenile Authorities on the Border Children Justice Project and visit Programs in Juarez with Mexican Authorities;
- i) Lieutenant Gus Reyna, Mr. Roy Quintanilla and Mr. Gene Morales, Sheriff's Department, to travel to Rio Grande City to attend Sheriff's Association Civil Process Seminar on October 2-8, 1993;
- j) Mr. Daniel Chapa, Assistant Veterans Officer, to attend Fall Training Conference for County Service Officers in Dallas, Texas, from September 27, 1993 - October 1, 1993; and
- k) Commissioner Valencia to travel to Austin, Texas, to attend the Texas Jail Standards Conference, September 20-22, 1993.

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**(33) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- a) Discuss Loop 590/509, Sections 6 and 7, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes);
- b) Discuss Dakota Avenue South, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes);
- c) Discuss Lease of Jetties Restaurant, pursuant to Section 2(f) of Article 6252-17 (of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes); and
- d) Discuss evaluation of the Country Veteran Service Officer, pursuant to Section 2(g) 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 3:50 P.M.

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

- a) Discuss Loop 590/509, Sections 6 and 7.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session concerning said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the (County Engineer) be directed to proceed with the matter of Loop 590/509, Sections 6 and 7, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- b) Discuss Dakota Avenue South.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the County Engineer's Office should proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session regarding said matter.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the County Engineer's Office be directed to proceed with the matter of Dakota Avenue South, along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- c) Discuss Lease of Jetties Restaurant.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should be directed to prepare the appropriate response to the Lessee regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to prepare the appropriate response to the Lessee concerning to the Lease of the Jetties Restaurant.

- d) Discuss evaluation of the County Veterans Service Officer.

Judge Garza reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the County Veterans Service Officer be evaluated "favorably" and that the Court was satisfied with the job that he was doing. He reported that the Veterans Service Officer would provide Monthly Reports of the activities in the Office, as

well as the various initiatives that he outlined, and that an increment in the amount of \$1,000.00 should be added to the salary based on the "meritorious" evaluation.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the favorable evaluation of the County Veterans Service Officer be acknowledged and that a merit-based increment in the amount of \$1,000.00 be added to his annual salary.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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(21) **AUTHORIZATION TO REVIEW THE SALARIES,  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SALARY  
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, FOR CONSTABLE  
PRECINCT NO. 3 - JUAN SANCHEZ, CONSTABLE  
PRECINCT NO. 8 - JUAN MENDOZA, AND SALLIE  
GONZALEZ, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT  
NO. 6-1**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Item No. 21 concerning the salary review of Judge Sallie Gonzalez be reconsidered.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

Judge Garza explained that Judge Sallie Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6-1, was previously awarded an increase of \$1,000.00 to the annual salary during the discussion of Item No. 21.

Commissioner Cascos moved that in lieu of \$1,000.00 increase, that the annual salary for Judge Sallie Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6-1, be increased by the sum of \$1,500.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Garza noted his standard objections for not following the original Budget as filed, which included a three percent (3%) salaries increase for everyone.

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

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APPROVED this **12th** day of **October**, 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**  
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