

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 2nd day of APRIL, 1996, there was conducted a **REGULAR Public 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:

1:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:



The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on March 29, 1996, at 2:34:

(9) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW VAN FOR THE PRISONERS AT WORK (PAW) PROGRAM

Commissioner Cascos moved that one (1) new van be purchased for the Prisoners at Work (PAW) Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

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(10) AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TWO (2) NEW DETENTION OFFICERS TO ASSIST IN THE PRISONERS AT WORK (PAW) PROGRAM

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, two (2) new Detention Officers were retained to assist in the Prisoners at Work (PAW) Program.

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(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, the County Auditor presented the following late claims as to Warrant Nos. 10029 through 10313 for approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the late claims as to Warrant No. 10029 through No. 10313.

The List is as follows:

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

At this time, Commissioner Cascos questioned whether an evaluation had been performed in the Health Department and if the duties of the position had been enhanced concerning the Salary Schedules.

The County Auditor responded that all evaluations were performed prior to the Salary increases.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Amendment No. 96-09 and the following Salary Schedules be approved:

Health Department - Fund No. 10-630,

Pre-Trial Release - Fund No. 42-576, and

Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit - Fund No. 91-578.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 19, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved.



(4) APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Resolution proclaiming the Month of April as Fair Housing Month, was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

(5) **ACTION ON FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE MULTI STORY PARKING GARAGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, explained that the action requested was for authority to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Brownsville, in order to determine the cost and the size of the Parking Garage, and noted that the cost of the Study had not been determined.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the County's responsibility of funding the Project and questioned whether a temporary fund would be created for the up-front cost that would be required for the Project.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that surveys would need to be performed to determine the parking needs, space availability, and the cost of the revenues based on the parking fees, and noted that the Project would cost an estimated amount of \$50,000.00.

The County Auditor suggested that the Project might qualify for funds from the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Commissioner Cascos noted that the Metropolitan Planning Organization had numerous pending projects and that it might take several years for the process to be completed.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended to form a Negotiation Team and the suggestion was made to include the Auditor's Office, County Judge's Office, Engineering Department, and County Counsel, in said Negotiation Team.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Feasibility Study for the Multi Story Parking Garage, in partnership with the City of Brownsville, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.



(6) AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE BUDGET OFFICER'S COMMENTS ON THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING AGENDAS IN THE MINUTES OF THE COURT TO BE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA INCLUDED WITH THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING

There was a question as to whether the comments made by the Court would be in the Budget Officer's Comments Report and the County Auditor responded that comments regarding Specific Items would be included in the Minutes.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the Tax Rates Projected on the Juvenile Boot Camp, since the Project would not be implemented until the next fiscal year and he suggested to encumber the amount of \$150,000.00 to avoid a large impact on the County.

The County Auditor stated that the Tax Rates were designed to elicit direction from the Court for next year's Budget and requested that the Court submit cost estimates for the Project.

Judge Hinojosa stated he was pursuing sources of funding for the Project and added that the County was in the process of negotiating with South Texas Independent School Districts regarding the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed concern regarding the Tax Collections compared to the previous year and the amount of uncollectible taxes, and the County Auditor responded that the delinquent collections had decreased and that a program query would be conducted to determine the delinquent accounts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Budget Officer's Comments on the Commissioners' Court Regular and Special Meeting Agendas in the Minutes of the Court were approved to be attached to the Agenda included with the Minutes of each Meeting.

The Budget Officer's Comments are as follow:

**(7) APPROVAL TO HIRE A COMMUNITY
MANAGER FOR PRECINCT NO. 4**

Commissioner Peña moved that a Community Manager be retained for Precinct No. 4.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**(8) APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, LAGUNA VISTA,
INDIAN LAKE, AND BAYVIEW FOR THE
PROVISION OF SANITATION SERVICES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Agreements between Cameron County and the Cities of South Padre Island, Laguna Vista, Indian Lake, and Bayview for the Provision of Sanitation Services, were approved.

**(11) APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTY TREASURER TO
RELEASE WARRANTS, ON AN AS NEEDED
BASIS, TO PURCHASE CERTIFICATES OF
DEPOSIT OR TRANSFER FUNDS TO
AUTHORIZED MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Treasurer be authorized to release Warrants, on an as needed basis, to purchase Certificates of Deposit or transfer funds to authorized Money Market Accounts.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(12) INTERIM REPORT ON BANK AND
INVESTMENT BALANCES WITH RELATED
INTEREST EARNED REPORT FROM OCTOBER
1, 1995, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 1996**

At this time, Mr. Eddie Gonzales, County Treasurer, reported that the interest earned as of the end of February 29, 1996, was sixty percent (60%), as opposed to the forty percent (40%) Budgeted, excluding the Reports from the District Clerk, the County Clerk, and the Tax Assessor-Collector and highlighted the interest earned on the Funds invested by the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Interim Report on Bank and Investment Balances with related Interest Earned Report from October 1, 1995, through February 29, 1996, was acknowledged.

The Report is as follows:

(13) **ADOPTION OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

At this time, Mr. Eddie Gonzales, County Treasurer, reported that this Policy conformed with the State Statutes and noted that the County Auditor had comments regarding the diversification of funds.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the Investment Officer would soon receive his Certification as required by the Investment Policy and added that some complexity of staff was needed in order to diversify the investments as required by the Public Funds Investment Act.

Judge Hinojosa questioned whether the County was maximizing the resources of investments with the limited staff in the Treasurer's Office and questioned whether investing in staff would increase the County's Investments and suggested that the County Treasurer's Office should budget additional staff in order to comply and gain profits from the County's Investments.

At this time, the County Treasurer explained the differential gains acquired from a Treasury Bill Rate under the Certificate of Deposit arrangement with the Bank and added that for every 100 basic points gained on one million dollars, the total amount gained would be \$10,000.00.

The County Auditor stated that liquidity was a primary focus upon the County's Investments and noted that the type of instruments that would comply under the Public Investments Policy would have a short margin range in regards to legality and noted that in order to avoid any risk, the County had to keep short terms and liquidity.

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed concerns regarding the appointment of the Investment Advisory Committee by the Court.

The County Treasurer suggested that the Investment Advisory Committee should consist of an Investment Banker, a Banker, a Private Citizen, the Auditor's Office, the County Attorney's Office, the County Treasurer, and members from the Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Investment Policy and Procedures for Cameron County, Texas, was adopted.

The Policy is as follows:

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BANK ACCOUNT(S) WITH INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved to open Bank Account(s) with International Bank of Commerce.

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

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos, Matz, and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Contract is as follows:

(15) AUTHORIZATION TO SEPARATE THE PERSONNEL/INSURANCE COMMITTEE INTO TWO (2) INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES

At this time, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, explained that the Committee workload was too much for one (1) group to handle and requested that the Committee be divided into two (2) groups.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Personnel/Insurance Committee was separated into the following two (2) Committees:

Personnel Committee

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk,
Ms. Aurora de la Garza, District Clerk,
Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector,
Mr. Ronald Saenz, Sheriff's Department,
Ms. Amalia Cano, Elections Administrator,
Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director,
Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director,
Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director,
Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator,
Mr. Richard Santellana, Adult Probation Director, and
Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge Systems Director.

Insurance Committee

Ms. Nellie Garcia, Chief Administrator, County Clerk's Office,
Judge Darrell Hester, District Judge,
Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,
Ms. Rosie Sotello, District Clerk's Office,
Mr. Eddie Gonzales, County Treasurer,
Ms. Maria San Pedro, Health Department, and
Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator.

(16) ACTION CREATING CASHIER/TELLER POSITION FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR'S RIO HONDO BRANCH OFFICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 1996

At this time, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, stated that the Tax Assessor-Collector and the County Clerk requested that an employee and funds be transferred to the Rio Hondo Tax Office.

Commissioner Matz expressed some concern regarding the Budget Officer's Comments regarding the availability of funds in the Vehicle Maintenance Department, and the Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator responded that the funds would be to hire part-time help.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, a Cashier/Teller Position was created for the Tax Assessor Collector's Rio Hondo Branch Office effective March 29, 1996.

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**(17) APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO
CONTRACT WITH BARREDA APPRAISAL
SERVICES FOR APPRAISAL OF A PARCEL OF
LAND IN THE CAMERON PARK SUBDIVISION**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Amendment to the Contract with Barreda Appraisal Services for the appraisal of a parcel of land in the Cameron Park Subdivision be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(18) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEA RANCH RESTAURANT AND ISLA BLANCA PARK REGISTRATION OFFICE, SUBJECT TO AND CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE FINAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS BY COUNTY STAFF

Commissioner Matz moved that the advertisement for Bids for the Construction of the Sea Ranch Restaurant and the Isla Blanca Park Registration Office be approved, subject to and contingent upon approval of the final construction plans and specifications by the County Staff.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(19) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO CONSTRUCT THE LOS CUATES WASTEWATER PROJECT

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved to advertise for Bids to construct the Los Cuates Wastewater Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(20) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, INC. CONTRACT ON THE LOS TOMATES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PROJECT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SURVEYING FOR THE LEVEE RELOCATION BY HOLDAR-GOMEZ AND ASSOCIATES

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, requested to amend the comments made on the Budget Officer's Comments Report concerning Items No. 20.

Mr. Michael Martin, County Engineer, explained that the additional work concerned the Villarreal Property where two (2) points needed to be assessed in order to provide roadway access to the Property.

Commissioner Cascos moved to amend the Traffic Engineers, Inc. Contract on the Los Tomates International Bridge Project, to include additional surveying for the Levee Relocation by Holdar-Gomez and Associates, as recommended by the County Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa reported that he had notification on Friday, March 29, 1996, that the Chief Engineer from Mexico had approved the County's conceptual engineering plans and noted that it was the first step towards the construction of the Los Tomates International Bridge.

Judge Hinojosa added that he had met with the Regional Director of the Economic Development Administration regarding the Los Indios Bridge and reported that the County was in the process of applying for a Planning Grant in the amount \$75,000.00 for the Project.

There was some discussion regarding the financial status of the Los Tomates Project, and the costs incurred by the County and the reimbursements to be provided by the Bond issues.

[REDACTED]

(21) APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CROSLIN AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL FOR A JUVENILE BOOT CAMP AT THE ARMORY IN SAN BENITO AND TO DESIGNATE THE FUNDING SOURCE

At this time, Mr. Michael Martin, County Engineer, stated that final wording had been corrected on the Contract and sent to Croslin and Associates for signature.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Professional Services Contract with Croslin and Associates, Austin, Texas, was approved, in order to prepare a Proposal for a Juvenile Boot Camp at the Armory in San Benito, said funding to be allocated from Fund No. 5, Bond Fund.

The County Auditor stated that Fund No. 5, with the available amount of \$500,000.00 from Bond proceeds and remaining Interests would be utilized for the Project.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa questioned whether said funds could be utilized for the Parking Garage Project.

The County Auditor responded that the Bond Funds were specific as to the utilization and added that the funds could possibly assist in the smaller parking lot projects.

There was some discussion concerning the limited space available for parking around the Courthouse and the options available to utilize the area around the warehouse.

The Contract is as follows:

**(22) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH DOCUMENT #7460004207 97;
CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Texas Department of Health Document No. 7460004207 97; Contract for Public Health Services for Fiscal Year 1997, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

- (23) **APPROVAL OF THE HTE UPGRADE OF CRIMES RECORDS MANAGEMENT FROM VERSION 2.11 TO VERSION 2.14 TO FACILITATE MIGRATION TO IBM AS/400 RISC BASED PROCESSOR MODEL NO. 510**
- (24) **APPROVAL OF THE EMO CONTRACT ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR THE IBM AS/400 MODEL F45 UPGRADE TO THE MODEL NO. 510 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EMO CONTRACT, FROM APRIL 1, 1996, TO NOVEMBER 23, 1998, UPGRADE CHARGE FOR THE NO. 510 MODEL UPGRADE IS \$6,356.00**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the HTE Upgrade of Crimes Records Management from Version 2.11 to Version 2.14 be approved, in order to facilitate the migration to the IBM AS/400 Risc Based Processor Model No. 510 and the EMO Contract for the additional charge for the IBM AS/400 Model F45 Upgrade to the Model No. 510 for the remainder of the EMO Contract, from April 1, 1996, to November 23, 1998, with an upgrade charge for the No. 510 Model upgrade in the amount of \$6,356.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL AND/OR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the following travel and "Consent" Agenda Items were approved, subject to funds in their Budget:

- a) Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Commissioner Cascos, to attend the "Thirty-Eighth County Auditor's Institute" on May 8-10, 1996, at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, in Austin, Texas;
- b) Administrative Assistant to the County Judge to attend the "Chief Elected Officials Meeting" on April 3, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- c) Parks Director to attend the "Statewide Leadership Training" on April 24-27, 1996, in Beaumont, Texas;
- d) Planning, Development and Management Director and Community Development Coordinator to File County's 1996 Texas Community Development Program Applications on April 8, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- e) Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Deputies to attend the "Texas School Assessors Association 29th Annual Conference and Workshop" on April 28, 1996, through May 1, 1996, in Austin, Texas;
- f) Three (3) Health Department employees to review the "Findings of the Hidalgo County Health Department" on April 2, 1996, in Edinburg, Texas;
- g) County Extension Agent to attend the "District Texas Agriculture Family and Consumer Education (TAFCE) Planning and Training Meeting" on March 25-26, 1996, in Jourdanton, Texas; and
- h) Health Department employee to attend "Conference Mobilizing for Health; The ABC's of Community Assessment" on April 8-10, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR "CONSENT" AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:

(26) AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND AND AWARD ANNUAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-02-01, FINANCING FOR EQUIPMENT

G.E. CAPITAL - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Item	Description	Base Finance Rate
a)	3 year	4.98%
b)	4 year	5.03%
c)	5 year	5.08%
d)	7 year	5.16%

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ANNUAL BID FOR ROAD MATERIALS - FLEXIBLE BASE

BEN'S CALICHE HAULING - Edinburg, Texas

Item	Description	Cost
a)	Crushed Caliche Gravel	
Zone 1	Price per cubic yard	\$8.94
	Price per ton	\$7.15
Zone 2	Price per cubic yard	\$10.55
	Price per ton	\$8.44
Zone 3	Price per cubic yard	\$10.81
	Price per ton	\$8.65
Zone 4	Price per cubic yard	\$11.19
	Price per ton	\$8.95
Zone 5	Price per cubic yard	\$13.44
	Price per ton	\$10.75

REDLAND STONE - Corpus Christi, Texas

Item	Description	Cost
b)	Flex Base Type "D" Caliche Grade 2	
Zone 1	Price per cubic yard	\$6.91
Zone 2	Price per ton	\$7.38
Zone 3	Price per ton	\$7.50
Zone 4	Price per ton	\$8.77
Zone 5	Price per ton	\$9.70
c)	Rock Caliche	
Zone 1	Price per ton	\$9.11
Zone 2	Price per ton	\$9.58
Zone 3	Price per ton	\$10.20
Zone 4	Price per ton	\$10.97
Zone 5	Price per ton	\$11.91

GLOBAL STONE - Brownsville, Texas

Item	Description	Cost
d)	Crushed Limestone	
Zone 1	Price per ton	\$12.97
Zone 2	Price per ton	\$12.42
Zone 3	Price per ton	\$11.87
Zone 4	Price per ton	\$11.47
Zone 5	Price per ton	\$11.22



(28) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:30 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel for approval of expenditure of funds on the condemnation cases for Los Tomates Bridge, Parcels Nos. 004 and 006; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.0712(1B&2);
- b) Confer with County Counsel concerning Tax Foreclosure Property Sales; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); and
- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning authorization to retain outside Counsel to represent former County employee concerning conduct while employed by the County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:10 P.M.

(29) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel for approval of expenditure of funds on the condemnation cases for Los Tomates Bridge, Parcels Nos. 004 and 006.

Commissioner Matz reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the expenditure of funds should be approved as recommended by County Counsel and should proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the expenditure of funds on the condemnation cases for the Los Tomates Bridge, Parcels Nos. 004 and 006 were approved as recommended by County Counsel, and County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

- b) Confer with County Counsel concerning Tax Foreclosure Property Sales.

Judge Hinojosa reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Report from County Counsel should be acknowledged.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Tax Foreclosure Property Sales Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged, and County Counsel be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning authorization to retain outside Counsel to represent former County employee concerning conduct while employed by the County.

Judge Hinojosa reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling that outside Counsel should be retained to represent a former County employee concerning conduct while employed by the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, outside Counsel was retained to represent a former County employee concerning conduct while employed by the County, and County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

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

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APPROVED this **16th** day of **April, 1996**.

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GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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