

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 18th day of JUNE, 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:**  
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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 June 14, 1996, at 9:10 A.M.:



**(5) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO SUBMIT A CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Resolution authorizing Cameron County to submit a Continuation Grant Application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, was adopted for the Cameron County Solid Waste Enforcement Program.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAMERON COUNTY TO SUBMIT CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE VALLEY PROUD AMNESTY DAY, AND A NEW GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LITTER ABATEMENT PSA'S PROGRAM**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution authorizing Cameron County to submit the Continuation Grant Application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council be adopted, on behalf of the Valley Proud Amnesty Day, and a new Grant Application for a Litter Abatement Public Service Announcements' Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(7) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF THE  
PRECINCT ROAD SYSTEM**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution in support of the possible consolidation of the Precinct Road System, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum.

At this time, the following residents expressed their support for the possible consolidation of the Precinct Road System:

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident,

Ms. Frances Domanski, El Ranchito resident, and

Mr. Pete Benavides, Brownsville resident.

The following residents spoke against the possible consolidation of the Precinct Road System:

Mr. Ernesto Lopez, Brownsville resident, and

Mr. Francisco Cinfuentes, Brownsville resident.

There was some discussion regarding the same matter of consolidation considered in the past and and not being successful due to "caliche politics" and the Court's misinterpretation of the consolidation. The suggestion was made that the road repair requests should be submitted by the Commissioners to the appropriate person in charge of the Consolidated Precinct Road System, in order to maintain the political relationships with the public, and Ms. Brodecky noted her interest in serving as a member of the Committee to be created.

Commissioner Peña stated that the Committee should be appointed prior to approving the Resolution in order to retrieve recommendations and direction.

Commissioner Cascos explained that the Resolution was intended to demonstrate the support from the Court and would unify dollars, machinery, and personnel, and added that the Court should express their concerns in order to agree on the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Peña expressed concern that the roles of the Commissioners would be changed with consolidation.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the main issue was the concern of each Commissioner losing the ability to control the roads in their Precincts for political reasons. He stated that Commissioners would still be involved in creating

policies and the supervision of the work being performed in the Precincts and added that the decisions regarding the roads would require input from the Commissioners.

At this time, Commissioner Matz noted his support for the Consolidation of the Road and Bridge System for the past four (4) years and added that he was involved in obtaining signatures on a petition for a Referendum. He stated that he was in support of the Resolution, subject to a modification regarding the appointment of the Committee to research the feasibility.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos to adopt the Resolution in support of the possible consolidation of the Precinct Road System, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried as follows:

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Peña.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(8) AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE PRECINCT ROAD SYSTEM**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the Precinct Road System:

Mr. Michael Martin, County Engineer,  
Mr. Rick Bennett, County Engineer's Office,  
Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,  
Mr. Michael Forbes, County Purchasing Agent,  
Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel,  
Mr. Orlando Cruz, Consulting Engineer,  
Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management,  
Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge System Director,  
Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director,  
Ms. Rosario Flores, Secretary Office Manager, Precinct No. 1, and  
Three members to be appointed by Commissioners Cascos, Matz, and Peña.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**(9) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE VALLEY INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Administrative Support Agreement between Cameron County and the Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement was amended.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(10) APPROVAL OF THE REPAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY PARKS LOCATED AT SANTA MARIA, SANTA ROSA AND EL RANCHITO**

There was some discussion regarding a plan of action being implemented for the repairs of the parks that impacted the pending approval of the Cameron Park Grants and the County Auditor requested that a cost estimate of the repairs be submitted to the County Auditor's Office.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Commissioner Peña was directed to submit the cost estimates of repairing the Community Parks located at Santa Maria, Santa Rosa and El Ranchito in order to comply with the State Parks and Wildlife Department.



**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO DESIGNATE A STAFF COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WATER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the following Staff members were designated to serve on the Committee to develop and implement a Water Conservation Management Plan for County Owned Properties:

- Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator,
- Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management,
- Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director,
- Major Gus Reyna, County Jail, and
- Mr. Pete Blanco, Maintenance Superintendent.



**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WATER CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Matz moved that a Water Conservation Training Program be developed and implemented for the County Employees

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.





**(13) CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH MR. WILLIE CARDOSA REGARDING CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE COUNTY CEMETERY IN SAN PEDRO, TEXAS**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that Mr. Willie Cardosa, San Pedro resident, needed to be appointed and authorized as custodian of the County cemetery in order to designate the burial sites, and added that a letter would be drafted to define and confirm the custodianship.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Memorandum of Agreement with Mr. Willie Cardosa, San Pedro resident, regarding Custodianship of the County Cemetery in San Pedro, Texas, was approved.



**(14) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY BONDS FOR THE H.E. BUTT GROCERY COMPANY AND THE LOPEZ GROCERY STORES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE RENEWAL LICENSE STICKERS FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE AS PROVIDED IN V.C.S. ARTICLE 6675A-13C CAMERON COUNTY**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Surety Bonds for the H.E. Butt Grocery Company and the Lopez Grocery Stores be acknowledged, for the Issuance of Automobile Renewal License Stickers for the Tax Assessor-Collector Office, pursuant to V.C.S. Article 6675A-13C Cameron County, subject to the County Auditor's review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Surety Bonds are as follow:**

**(15) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND GREEN VALLEY FARMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and Green Valley Farms Owners Association, was executed.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(16) APPROVAL TO UTILIZE SLOT NO. 19, FOR TEMPORARY PART-TIME HELP IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 1996, THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 1996**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that Slot No. 19 be utilized for temporary part-time help in the County Clerk's Office effective July 6, 1996, through October 27, 1996.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(17) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING UNDER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LANDSCAPE COST SHARING PROGRAM FOR LANDSCAPING AT FM/509 AND 281**

At this time, Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge Systems Director, highlighted the Letter dated June 12, 1996, describing the Project and cost sharing by the Texas Department of Transportation and Cameron County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the request for funding under Texas Department of Transportation Landscape Cost Sharing Program for landscaping at FM/509 and 281, was approved.

**The Letter is as follows:**

**(18) APPROVAL OF A RESERVE DEPUTY  
CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT NO. 7**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the appointment of Mr. Daniel E. Cruz, Reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct No. 7, was approved.

**(19) APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REQUEST TO  
RECLASSIFY A POSITION IN THE COMPUTER  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Personnel Request to reclassify a position in the Computer Service Department, was approved that being the Training and Support Specialist.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(20) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL  
MOBILE VENDORS PERMIT TO MR. SERGIO  
LAMAS, DOING BUSINESS AS, EL AZ DEL  
ELOTES NO. 3**

**(21) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL  
MOBILE VENDORS PERMIT TO MR. SERGIO  
LAMAS, DOING BUSINESS AS, EL AZ DEL  
ELOTES NO. 4**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Renewal Mobile Vendor's Permits be issued to Mr. Sergio Lamas, doing business as, El Az del Elotes Nos. 3 and 4.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(22) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CALLE  
RANCHO GRANDE SOUTH AS A COUNTY  
DEDICATED ROAD WITHIN PRECINCT NO. 4,  
LOCATED IN RANCHO GRANDE SOUTH  
SUBDIVISION, SECTION III, ABOUT 2000' EAST  
OF FM/732, AND FRONTING THE SOUTH SIDE  
OF US 281**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Calle Rancho Grande South was accepted as a County dedicated road within Precinct No. 4, located in Rancho Grande South Subdivision, Section III, about 2000' East of FM/732, and fronting the South side of US 281.

**(23) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT WILLIAM CIRCLE AND JANET CIRCLE AS COUNTY DEDICATED ROADS WITHIN PRECINCT NO. 2, LOCATED IN BARREDA JARDIN SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, FRONTING THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF THE EXPRESSWAY 77, AND SHARE 100 INTERSECTION**

Commissioner Matz moved that William Circle and Janet Circle be accepted as County dedicated roads within Precinct No. 2, located in Barreda Jardin Subdivision, Phase I, fronting the Southwest side of the Expressway 77, and Share 100 Intersection.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.



**(24) APPROVAL TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT AT BOCA CHICA TOWER**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Lease Agreement at Boca Chica Tower was renewed, subject to Legal review.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

## **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:**

There was some discussion regarding Travel Items not funded by the County being placed on the Agenda, and the County Auditor stated that all County travel should be approved by the Court in order to ensure Worker's Compensation coverage.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the "Consent" Agenda Items were approved as follow:

At this time, the following individuals expressed their concerns with the travel items funded by the taxpayers, noting that the citizens did not seem to benefit from personnel travel:

Mr. Francisco Cinfuentes, Brownsville Resident, and

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident.

**(24) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:**

- a) Commissioner Precinct No. 3, to attend the "Texas Energy Coordination Council Meeting and Subsequent Meetings as scheduled by the Texas Energy Coordination Council" in Austin, Texas, on June 19, 1996;
- b) 103rd District Court Bailiff to attend the "Court Security Conference" in San Antonio, Texas, on July 1-3, 1996;
- c) 357 District Court Bailiff to attend the "Court Security Conference" in San Antonio, Texas, on July 1-3, 1996;
- d) Parks System Director and Property Management Coordinator to tour the "Coastal Projects/Developments that may be considered for County Parks Sites" in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina, on June 28-30, 1996;
- e) District Clerk and two (2) Deputies to attend the "101st Annual County and District Clerks' Conference" in San Antonio, Texas, on June 30, 1996, through July 4, 1996;
- f) County Clerk and Collections Clerk to attend view the "Collections Program in Dallas County" in Dallas, Texas, on June 10, 1996;

- g) County Engineer Quality Assurance Clerk to attend the "Receptionist's Guide to Front Desk Security" in Harlingen, Texas, on June 24, 1996;
- h) County Extension Agent to attend the "Coastal Regional Advisory Group Meeting" in Victoria, Texas, on June 13, 1996;
- l) Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) Director and Coordinator to attend the "Texas Perinatal Association Planning Committee Meeting" in Weslaco, Texas, on June 18, 1996; and
- j) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, Place No. 1, to attend the "State Commission Meeting" in Austin, Texas, on June 13, 1996.



**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

- a) ANNUAL BIDS - LUBRICANTS: OILS, GREASES, ANTI FREEZE
- b) ANNUAL BIDS - LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS
- c) ANNUAL BIDS - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Bids received and opened follow:

**(27) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS**

- a) ANNUAL BIDS - TYPEWRITERS NO. 980-96

DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY - Harlingen, Texas

Item	Description	Cost
a)	Typewriter WW15/AP800III/AE830	\$440.00
b)	Typewriter 1000/AP110/AE710	\$282.00

- b) DEMOLITION OF MARCHAN PROPERTY

F.A. CONSTRUCTION - Port Isabel, Texas

Demolition charge to County - \$8,500.00

- c) OFFSET PRINT SET

AM MULTI GRAPHICS - Dallas, Texas

Offset Press - Automated without trade - \$28,000.00

**(28) IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BIDS (TABLED)**

- a) CONSTRUCTION OF ISLA BLANCA PARK REGISTRATION OFFICE AND SEA RANCH RESTAURANT

**(29) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICE**

**TERRY RAY CONSTRUCTION - Brownsville, Texas**  
**\$256,907.00**





**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

- a) ANNUAL BIDS -  
LUBRICANTS: OILS,  
GREASES,  
ANTIFREEZE**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

**b) ANNUAL BIDS -  
LASER PRINTING OF  
TAX STATEMENTS**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS**

- c) ANNUAL BIDS -  
SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL - PARKS  
DEPARTMENT**

**The Bids received and opened follow:**

**(30) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 2:55 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding settlement of condemnation case concerning Parcel No. 009, for County Clerk's cost for FM/1419 Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) Confer with County Counsel regarding additional expenses for FM/1419 Project on closing costs for Parcel No. 014-C; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding Curves International, Incorporated Lease, Cameron County, Brownsville, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); and
- d) Confer with County Counsel regarding Prostar Aircraft, Incorporated Lease, Cameron County, Brownsville; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2).

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



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

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding settlement on condemnation case concerning Parcel No. 009, for County Clerk's cost for FM/1419 Project.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the settlement in the amount of \$101.00 should be approved regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the settlement in the amount of \$101.00 was approved regarding the condemnation case concerning Parcel No. 009, for the County Clerk's cost for FM/1419 Project, and County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

- b) Confer with County Counsel regarding additional expenses for FM/1419 Project on closing costs for Parcel No. 014-C.

Commissioner Cascos reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the additional expenses in the amount of \$609.00 should be approved regarding said matter.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the additional expenses in the amount of \$609.00, be approved for FM/1419 Project on closing costs for Parcel No. 014-C.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding Curves International, Incorporated Lease, Cameron County, Brownsville, Texas, and
- d) Confer with County Counsel regarding Prostar Aircraft, Incorporated Lease, Cameron County, Brownsville, Texas.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Property Management Coordinator should continue to negotiate with Curves International, Incorporated, and Prostar Aircraft, Incorporated, regarding said matters.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Property Management Coordinator be directed to continue negotiations with Curves International, Incorporated and Prostar Aircraft, Incorporated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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

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**APPROVED** this **23rd** day of **July, 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**