

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23rd day of **JULY, 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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

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

JAMES R. MATZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

R. HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:
LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.



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 July 19, 1996, at 2:09:

**(4) ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION OF
COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT ROBERT
RODRIGUEZ, JR. OF THE CAMERON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recognized and commended Sergeant Robert Rodriguez, Jr. of the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, for his courageous service to the community and read the Proclamation to the Court and audience.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Proclamation of the Commendation for Sergeant Robert Rodriguez, Jr. of the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

Sergeant Robert Rodriguez, Jr., Sheriff's Department, expressed his gratitude to the Court and audience for the commendation.

The Proclamation is as follows:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

There was some discussion regarding the excessive Purchases without Purchase Orders and the County Auditor stated that said matters should be centralized within the Purchasing Department in order to reduce the excessive number of excluded Purchase Orders.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor.



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

There was a lengthy discussion concerning budget overages in on Department being utilized in another Department, and the County Auditor clarified that the Auditor's Office identified the overall resources available and presented the available funds to the Commissioners' Court for approval.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Amendment No. 96-15, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment is as follows:

**(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 1996,
AND JULY 9, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 2, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., and the Regular Meeting held July 9, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved.

**(5) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
CORRIDOR 18, PROJECT STUDY
ALTERNATIVE NO. 7, FOR INTERSTATE 69**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Resolution supporting Corridor 18, Project Study Alternative No. 7, for Interstate 69, was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

**(6) RATIFICATION OF THE RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MR. JOE G. RIVERA AS
COUNTY CLERK OF THE YEAR, AS
DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT
CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, ON JULY 4, 1996,
ACKNOWLEDGED JULY 9, 1996**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Resolution acknowledged July 9, 1996, recognizing Mr. Joe G. Rivera as County Clerk of the Year as designated by the County and District Clerks' Association on July 4, 1996, be ratified.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

**(7) AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED
TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997, AND
PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH TAX
RATE INFORMATION**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, highlighted the Fiscal Year 1997 Tax Rate Analysis and recommended that the Commissioners' Court should levee the current Fiscal Year 95-96 current Tax Rate that being the rate of 32.2698.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the discussion on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 1997, that being the Roll Back Rate of 31.5480,+ and the Publication of Tax Rate Information, was authorized.

The Report is as follows:

(8) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEDICATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVE BY PRESCRIPTIVE STATUS

Commissioner Cascos moved that South Dakota Drive be dedicated by Prescriptive Status.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

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(9) AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE FULL-TIME ROAD CREWMAN FOR PRECINCT NO. 3

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, Mr.

Modesto Medrano, full-time Road Crewman, was hired for Precinct No. 3.

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(10) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO CONSOLIDATE PROPERTY TAXES WITH THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES AS PER SECTION 6.24 OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX CODE

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Agreement to consolidate Property Taxes with the City of Palm Valley and the Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes, as per Section 6.24 of the State Property Tax Code be authorized.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(11) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO INITIATE A CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES THAT WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE LEGAL EXPENSES

Upon motion by Judge Hinojosa, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to initiate a Contract with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services that would allow the State to reimburse the County for a percentage of the Legal Expenses.

The Contract is as follows:

**(12) AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE ASBESTOS
TILES FROM CAMERON COUNTY BUILDING
LOCATED AT 35 ORANGE STREET,
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Asbestos Tiles be removed from the Cameron County Building located at 35 Orange Street, Brownsville, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(13) APPROVAL TO LEASE THREE (3) VOTING
MACHINES TO THE TOWN OF SOUTH PADRE
ISLAND FOR USE IN AN ELECTION TO BE
CONDUCTED ON AUGUST 10, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, three (3) Voting Machines to be leased to the Town of South Padre Island for use in an Election to be conducted on August 10, 1996, were approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(14) IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ELECTION
PRESIDING AND ALTERNATE JUDGES FOR
THE TERM 1996-1997 (TABLED)**

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

**(15) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE TO
REQUEST PROPOSALS TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY TO CONSTRUCT A MULTISTORY
PARKING GARAGE TO SERVE THE NEW
FEDERAL COURTHOUSE AREA AND
DESIGNATE THE FUNDING SOURCE**

**(16) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE TO
REQUEST PROPOSALS TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY TO CONSTRUCT A MULTISTORY
PARKING GARAGE TO SERVE THE GATEWAY
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND SURROUNDING
AREA**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Request for Proposals be prepared for the feasibility to construct the Multistory Garages as one package and separately, and noted that the funding source would be designated based on the different Proposals.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that since the Project would be an Enterprise Activity, Bonds would need to be sold and recommended that a Resolution be adopted in order to reimburse the costs to the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the advertisement to request Proposals to study the Feasibility to construct the Multistory Parking Garage to serve the new Federal Courthouse Area and the Gateway International Bridge and surrounding area was authorized, noting that the funding source would be designated based on the Proposals.

**(17) AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL
LOCAL MATCH FUNDS FOR TWO (2) BRIDGES
REPLACED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND DESIGNATE THE
FUNDING SOURCE AS THE BRIDGE FUND OF
THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

At this time, Mr. Michael Martin, County Engineer, stated that the construction cost was higher than anticipated and noted that the funding would be allocated from the Bridge Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the submission of additional local matching funds for two (2) bridges replaced by the Texas Department of Transportation were approved, said funding to be allocated from the Bridge Fund, Engineering Department.

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**(18) AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE REVISED
ADOLPH THOMAE, JR. COUNTY PARK
RESIDENCY AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the revised Adolph Thomae, Jr. County Park Residency Agreement be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(19) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE CAMERON COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE ON THE JOB TRAINING (OJT) PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 1996, TO JUNE 30, 1997, AND DESIGNATING MR. MARIANO AYALA, PERSONNEL/SAFETY RISK DIRECTOR AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CONTRACT

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Contract between Cameron County and the Cameron County Workforce Development Board for the "On the Job Training (OJT) Program" was approved for the period of July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, and Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Director, was designated as the authorized Representative for the Contract.

(20) AUTHORIZATION TO AUCTION OR SELL SET OF BOOKS AT THE FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 2, 1996, TO BENEFIT THE CAMERON COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Commissioner Matz moved that the sets of books be auctioned or sold at the Fundraiser to be held to benefit the Cameron County Law Library, noting that the date of the fundraiser was delayed until late August.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Roger Hughes, Law Library, stated that the date had been delayed for late August, in order to obtain an outside speaker and explained that the books to be sold were discontinued and would generate the estimated amount of \$5,000.00 for the County Law Library.

(21) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-06-02, FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

At this time, Mr. Amador Rodriguez, Juvenile Detention Director, stated that the four (4) Request for Proposals were received and recommended that Southwest Key, Austin, Texas, be awarded the Contract.

Judge Hinojosa stated that Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program was intended to be placed at the Armory, and added that a Computer/Learning Lab would be constructed at the site, noting that the computers would be available to the Texas Key Program.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Request for Proposal No. 96-06-02, was awarded to Southwest Key, Austin, Texas, for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

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 concern regarding Items No. 22 'l', 'o', and 'q', and the County Auditor stated that the funds were available within said Departments' Budgets.

Commissioner Peña moved that the "Consent" Agenda Items be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Cascos and Judge Hinojosa, as to Items No. 22 'l' and 'o':

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

- a) Deputy Constable Precinct No. 1 to attend the "Civil Process Seminar" in Austin, Texas, on July 21-22, 1996;
- b) Constable Precinct No. 1 to attend the "Civil Process Seminar" in Galveston, Texas, on August 7-8, 1996;
- c) Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) Director to attend the "Mandatory Training for Foxfire Report Writer" in Austin, Texas, on July 25-26, 1996;
- d) Health Department employee to attend the "Tuberculosis 101 Training of the Trainer Workshop" in Austin, Texas, on July 28, 1996, through August 1, 1996;
- e) Two (2) Health Department Employees to attend the "Grant Writing Workshop" in Edinburg, Texas, on July 30, 1996, through August 1, 1996;
- f) Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) Director to attend the "Management Concepts Course" in Dallas, Texas, on September 9-11, 1996;
- g) Four (4) Health Department employees to attend the "Title V Training Workshop" in Austin, Texas, on August 7-9, 1996;
- h) Assistant Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) Director to attend the "Seminar on Fundamental Graphic Design Skills and Techniques" in McAllen, Texas, on September 20, 1996;
- l) Three (3) Health Department employees to attend the "Texas Department of Health Assistance Workshop and Texas Colonias Strategic Plan" in Falfurrias and Austin, Texas, on July 26-28, 1996;

- j) Four (4) Sheriff's Department Deputies to attend the "Intoxilizer Course" in San Antonio, Texas, on July 7-12 1996;
- k) Jail Lieutenant and ten (10) Jail and Detention Guards to attend the "Required Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education Jailers Examination" in Austin, Texas, on July 10, 1996;
- l) Computer Center Director to attend the "PCSS User Conference" in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on September 12-22, 1996;
- m) Planning, Development and Management Director to attend the "Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Professional Advisory Review Panel Meeting" in Weslaco, Texas, on July 10, 1996;
- n) Agriculture Agent to attend the "Texas 4-H Congress at the State Capital" in Austin, Texas, on July 14-19, 1996;
- o) County Clerk to attend the "Secretary of State Elections Seminar" in Austin, Texas, on July 31, 1996, through August 2, 1996;
- p) County Clerk and Deputy to attend the "Information Technology Task Force Hearing" in Austin, Texas, on July 22-23, 1996;
- q) Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and two (2) employees to view and/or purchase "Surplus Machinery and Equipment for Hurricane Preparedness" in San Antonio and Houston, Texas, on July 23-26, 1996;
- r) County Auditor to attend the "Tax Insurance Trust Fund Board of Trustees Meeting and Texas Association of Counties Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees Meeting" as well as the "1996 Texas Association of Counties County Investment Officer Training Level II, Class I" in Austin, Texas, on July 24-26, 1996;
- s) County Auditor Assistant to work on the "Texas County Auditors' Audit Guide" in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 2, 1996;
- t) Two (2) Juvenile Probation employees to attend the "Budget and Statistical Training" in Austin, Texas, on July 23-24, 1996;
- u) Two (2) Juvenile Probation employees (2) and two (2) part-timers to transport a Group of Juveniles to the "Texas Department of Corrections Segovia Unit" in Edinburg, Texas, on July 25, 1996;
- v) Assistant District Attorney to attend the "Update Civil Process Seminar" in San Antonio, Texas, on August 6-8, 1996;
- w) Four (4) Sheriff's's Department Civil Process Deputies to attend the "Update Civil Process Seminar" in San Antonio, Texas, on August 6-8, 1996;

- x) Assistant County Attorney to attend the "Employment Law Seminar" in Houston, Texas, on August 14-16, 1996;
- y) Administrative Assistant to the County Judge to attend the "Meeting on the Coastal Coordination Committee regarding the Laguna Station Grant" in Austin, Texas, on July 11-12, 1996; and
- z) Chief and Assistant Chief Juvenile Officers to attend the "Juvenile Chief's Meeting" in Corpus Christi, Texas, on July 25-26, 1996.

(23) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

- a) **Precinct No. 4**
Southwest Subdivision - being a subdivision of a 8.078 acre tract of land out of Block No. 2, F.H. Handley Subdivision, out of Survey No. 40; and
- b) **Precinct No. 3**
Richmond Hill Estates - being a subdivision of the West 10.00 acres of Block No. 80, Wilson Tract Subdivision.

(24) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

- a) **Precinct No. 3**
Sauve Subdivision Section II - being a resubdivision of Lot 1-A, Block No. 1, Sauve Subdivision.

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE CUT OFF DATE FOR ALL PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 1996, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

(26) AUTHORIZATION TO

- a) **ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE PURCHASING CONTRACTS AND STATE CATALOG PURCHASING WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 96/97**

The Resolution follows:

- b) **CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PURCHASING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS

- a) **USED CONCRETE PIPE - PRECINCT NO. 1**
G & T PAVING COMPANY - Brownsville, Texas
Concrete Reinforced Pipe 18" x 8' - \$45.00

b) ANNUAL BID NO. 2440-96 - OFFICE SUPPLIES

CORPORATE EXPRESS - Brownsville, Texas

Stock Supplies - \$38,482.68

c) ANNUAL BID NO. 2060-96 - DIETARY DISH SOAP

ECOLAB - St. Paul, Minnesota

Dietary: Soap/Cleaner Dishes - \$8,951.60

d) ANNUAL BID NO. 2380-96 - LUBRICANTS: OILS,
GREASE AND ANTI-FREEZE

OIL PATCH - Brownsville, Texas

Category A - \$3,389.92

BURTON AUTO SUPPLY - Weslaco, Texas

Category B - \$407.40

e) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2210-96 - FOOD: SPICES

SYSCO - San Antonio, Texas

Food: Spices - \$765.98

f) QUARTERLY BID NO. 2050-96 - DIETARY SUPPLIES:
MISCELLANEOUS

SYSCO - San Antonio, Texas

Dietary Supplies: Miscellaneous - \$1,951.74



(26) AUTHORIZATION TO

- a) ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE PURCHASING CONTRACTS AND STATE CATALOG PURCHASING WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 96/97**

The Resolution is as follows:

(28) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible sale of Harlingen Primera Hancock, Lot No. 21; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss status of the Los Indios Bridge Properties; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Adult Detention Center II; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A); (TABLED)
- d) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Juvenile Detention Center; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A);
- e) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Sheriff's Radio License and possible authority to hire Counsel; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A);
- f) Confer with County Counsel to discuss Pro-Star Incorporated Lease at the Cameron County Airport; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- g) Confer with County Counsel to discuss Curves International Lease at the Cameron County Airport; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- h) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel on the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property Harlingen - Primera Hancock, Lot No. 21; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; (TABLED)
- I) Confer with County Counsel and County Park Director on a possible Lease at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, and authorization to negotiate with Director of Laguna Station, Boy Scouts of America; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- j) Confer with County Counsel to discuss a Proposed Site for the County Engineering Department and authorization to negotiate for a Lease; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- k) Confer with County Counsel to advise status and discuss settlement on the case styled Simon Soto vs. Cameron County, 90-12-7794-A; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(1)(A)&(B); and
- l) Confer with County Counsel on the possible Real Estate Development at Isla Blanca Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 3:55 P.M.

(29) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible sale of Harlingen Primera Hancock, Lot No. 21.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the sale in the amount of \$4,500.00 should be authorized regarding said property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Harlingen Primera Hancock, Lot No. 21, was authorized to be sold in the amount of \$4,500.00.

- b) Confer with Counsel to discuss the status of the Los Indios Bridge Properties.

The County Attorney reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Status Report from the Bridge Systems Director and the Property Management Coordinator should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Status Report by the Bridge Systems Director and the Property Management Coordinator be acknowledged regarding the Los Indios Bridge Properties.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- c) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Adult Detention Center II. **(TABLED)**

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Status Report of County Counsel should be Tabled regarding said matter.

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

- d) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Juvenile Detention Center.

The County Attorney reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should be authorized to proceed with the Litigation regarding said matter.

Commissioner Peña moved that County Counsel be authorized to proceed with the Litigation regarding the Juvenile Detention Center.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation regarding the Sheriff's Radio License and possible authority to hire Counsel.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should be authorized to contact and attain outside Counsel to represent the litigation of said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, County Counsel was authorized to contact and retain outside Counsel to represent the Litigation regarding the Sheriff's Radio License.

- f) Confer with County Counsel to discuss Pro-Star Incorporated Lease at the Cameron County Airport;
- g) Confer with County Counsel to discuss Curves International Lease at the Cameron County Airport.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Status Reports by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, should be acknowledged and that Mr. Ardito should be authorized to continue further negotiations regarding said matters.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Status Reports by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, were acknowledged and Mr. Ardito was authorized to continue further negotiations regarding Pro-Star Incorporated Lease and Curves International Lease at the Cameron County Airport.

- h) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel regarding the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property Harlingen - Primera Hancock, Lot No. 21.
(TABLED)

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

- I) Confer with County Counsel and County Parks System Director on a possible Lease at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, and authorization to negotiate with Director of Laguna Station Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, should be acknowledged and that Mr. Ardito should be authorized to continue further negotiations with the Director of the Laguna Station Boy Scouts of America regarding said matter.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, be acknowledged and that Mr. Ardito be authorized to continue further negotiations with the Director of the Laguna Station, Boys Scouts of America regarding the Lease at Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County.

- j) Confer with County Counsel to discuss a Proposed Site for the County Engineering Department and authorization to negotiate for a Lease.

Commissioner Cascos reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Engineer's Office should be authorized to negotiate the Lease regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Engineer's Office was authorized to negotiate the Lease regarding the Proposed Site for the County Engineering Department.

- k) Confer with County Counsel to advise status and discuss settlement on the case styled Simon Soto vs. Cameron County, 90-12-7794-A.

The County Attorney reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that County Counsel should be directed to proceed with the Litigation regarding said matter.

Commissioner Peña moved that County Counsel proceed with the Litigation regarding the case styled Simon Soto vs. Cameron County, 90-12-7794-A.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- l) Confer with County Counsel on the possible Real Estate Development at Isla Blanca Park.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that after some discussion, it was the consensus of the Court as determined by polling, that the Status Report presented by the Parks System Director and the Property Management Coordinator should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Status Report by the Parks System Director and the Property Management Coordinator was acknowledged regarding the Real Estate Development at Isla Blanca Park.



(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 18, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., were approved.

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

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APPROVED this **30th** day of **July, 1996**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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