

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 21st day of AUGUST, 1996, there was conducted a SPECIAL 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:**

**2:00 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. The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on August 21, 1996, at 11:16 A.M.:

**(1) AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND PROTECTIVE GEAR AND CLOTHING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that Hurricane Dolly appeared to be diminishing, but added that the County should still take precautions and purchase the necessary equipment in order to be prepared, such as satellite phones for each of the Precincts.

Commissioner Cascos stated that Mr. Lee Thompson, Code 3, had volunteered his mobile unit and offered ten (10) to fifteen (15) satellite phones that would be loaned to the County, at no charge.

Judge Hinojosa recommended to purchase three (3) satellite phones and added that generators would be set aside by the rental companies for the County's use.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Auditor's Office had purchased two (2) generators due to the weakness in the fueling system.

There was some discussion concerning the existing Protective Gear and Clothing, and the recommendation was made that an estimated number of twenty (20) raincoats and rubber boots should be purchased. Judge Hinojosa noted that ten thousand sand bags were purchased and would be distributed among the Precincts.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the purchases of three (3) satellite phones, two (2) generators, Public Safety Equipment, and Protective Gear and Clothing for Law Enforcement Officials and Emergency Personnel, were approved.

Commissioner Peña stated that the County should also consider the rental of pumps in the case of flooding for drainage purposes.

Commissioner Matz noted that Code 3 had offered the pumps to the County.



**(2) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS A SIGNATORY AND/OR DECISION AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT DURING THE STORM EMERGENCY**

Commissioner Matz moved that the County Judge be authorized to act as a signatory and/or decision authority on behalf of the Commissioners' Court during the Storm Emergency.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(3) EMERGENCY NOTICE UNDER SECTION 551.045 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

