

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CAMERON         §

**BE IT REMEMBERED** on the 1st day of **OCTOBER, 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 September 27, 1996, at 2:38 P.M.:

**(4) PRESENTATION BY DR. JULIET V. GARCIA ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE/TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, President of the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College

highlighted the progress and achievements since the Partnership of the University and Texas Southmost College on the occasion of their Seventieth (70th) Anniversary, and briefly highlighted the institutional goals for the future.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his gratitude to Dr. Garcia on behalf of the Court.



**(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented the following late claims for approval:

Warrant No. 21452 - 1996 Toll Bridge Series A - in the amount of \$508,056.00;

Warrant No. 21453 - 1996 Toll Bridge Series A - in the amount of \$655,000.00;

Warrant No. 21454 - Gustavo Cantu - in the amount of \$33.00; and

Warrant No. 21455 - Doubletree Hotel - in the amount of \$62.15.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the following late claims:

Warrant No. 21452 - 1996 Toll Bridge Series A - in the amount of \$508,056.00;

Warrant No. 21453 - 1996 Toll Bridge Series A - in the amount of \$655,000.00;

Warrant No. 21454 - Gustavo Cantu - in the amount of \$33.00; and

Warrant No. 21455 - Doubletree Hotel - in the amount of \$62.15.



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

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of hiring of the Sheriff's Deputies in time to coincide with the arrival of the Sheriff's vehicles and the County Auditor recommended that the Deputies be hired effective October 1, 1996, in order to alleviate the compensation and vacation time for the current employees.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos stated that it was his understanding from previous discussions, that the Jailer slots would be approved and that the hiring of the Deputies would be deferred until January 1, 1997, in order to save the estimated amount of \$100,000.00, for the potential contingency.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the cost of the current Deputies' compensation time was not significant compared to the cost of hiring the Deputies effective October 1, 1996.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-01 and the Annual Salary Schedules be approved noting that the eight (8) Sheriff's Deputies be funded, but deferred until April 1, 1997, or sooner, based on the outcome of the evaluations by the new Sheriff.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented a list of exceptions to the three percent (3%) increase submitted by various Departments noting that the exceptions were within each Department's Budget.

There was some discussion concerning Fund 90 and the County Auditor stated that no more than a three percent (3%) increase was given to the slots in Fund 90 and added that any additional increases would be given at the discretion of the Administrator.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the lack of control over Fund 90 by the Court and stated that checks and balances should be reviewed by the Court in order to avoid misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that Fund 90 was required to follow the County Purchasing Practices, but noted that the discretion as to the allocation of the funds was ruled by the Attorney General and suggested that the Court's vote be ministerial as opposed to discretionary against Fund 90.

Commissioner Matz questioned the various percentages regarding the exceptions to the three percent (3%) Salary increases; and the County Auditor responded that the County Clerk's Office and the District Clerk's Office performed reorganization of slots, noting that the total increases did not exceed three percent (3%) and the changes were within the respective Department's Budget.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-01 and the Annual Salary Schedules were approved, noting that the eight (8) Sheriff's Deputies be funded, but deferred until April 1, 1997, or sooner, based on the outcome of the evaluations by the new Sheriff.

**The Budget Amendment and Annual Salary Schedules are as follow:**

**(3) IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF  
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996 (TABLED)**

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

**(5) ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING OCTOBER 2, 1996, AS "BECKY LEE  
MEZA DAY"**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Proclamation declaring October 2, 1996, as "Becky Lee Meza Day" was adopted.

**The Proclamation is as follows:**

**(6) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROJECT NO. 96-10-04 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PREPARE A TRANSITION AND OPERATION PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recommended that an Engineering Consulting Firm should be hired to study the issue of Consolidation and to prepare the Transition Plan, in order to determine each component for a Consolidation Program.

Commissioner Peña suggested that the Court should be given the opportunity to create and implement the Transition and Operation Plan, which would affect the Court directly, as opposed to hiring an outside firm.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that a Workshop should be scheduled with the Engineering Department and any interested Departments to develop a plan, in order for the transition to be successful and effective.

Commissioner Matz questioned how much assistance the State Comptroller's Office could provide Cameron County concerning information they have obtained from State wide Consolidation Programs.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the State Comptroller's Office has projected a savings of about twenty-five percent (25%) of the total Budget and added the number of improved roads would increase. He suggested that in order to remove politics from the Project, an outside Consulting Firm should be contracted.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Request for Proposal No. 96-10-04, for Professional Engineering and Management Services be advertised, in order to prepare a Transition and Operation Plan for the proposed Consolidated County Road Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



**(7) ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa reported that the Salary Grievance Committee had met on October 27, 1996, and noted the following unanimous results:

Item No. 7 - Constable Robert Lopez, Precinct No. 4, as to the amount of \$1,500.00, for auto allowance, nine (9) For - zero (0) Against;

Item No. 8 - Constable Jose Alfredo Jimenez, Precinct No. 7, as to the amount of \$2,500.00, for auto allowance, nine (9) For - zero (0) Against;

Item No. 4 - Judge Benito Ochoa, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, as to the amount of \$681.00 above his current salary, nine (9) for - zero (0) against, noting that the document reflected an erroneous vote of eight (8) For - one (1) Against;

The following Items died for a lack of a motion;

Item No. 8 - Constable Jose Alfredo Jimenez, Precinct No. 7, as to the total compensation amount of \$28,000.00, the Item died for a lack of a motion;

Item No. 6 - Constable Mike M. Barbarena, Precinct No. 1, as to the amounts of \$2,500.00 for auto allowance and \$1,200.00, above the current salary. Constable Barbarena was not present (no motion);

The following Items were non-unanimous and were recommended to be considered by the Commissioners' Court:

Item No. 1 - Aurora de la Garza, District Clerk, as to the total compensation amount of \$55,235.00, eight (8) For - one (1) Against;

Item No. 2 - Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, as to the total compensation amount of \$55,235.00, eight (8) For - one (1) Against;

Item No. 3 - Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector, as to the total compensation amount of \$55,235.00, eight (8) For - one (1) Against;

Item No. 5 - Judge Luis Romero, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 8, Place 1, as to the \$3,000.00 above the current salary, eight (8) For - one (1) Against; and

Item No. 9 - Constable Juan Mendoza, Jr., Precinct No. 8, as to the amount of \$4,000.00 above the current salary, eight (8) For - one (1) Against.

Judge Hinojosa noted that the Committee's recommendations were based on the Presentations made by the Elected Officials and the Public and noted that there were no Elected Officials on the Committee.

The following individuals expressed their support for the Grievance Committee recommendations as to Items No. 1, 2, and 3:

Mr. David Merrill, Private Citizen, and

Mr. Ed Stapleton, Attorney at Law.

The following individual opposed the Grievance Committee's recommendations as to Items No. 1, 2, and 3:

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that Item No. 4, regarding Judge Benito Ochoa, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, be included in the Court's motion as an eight (8) to one (1) recommendation, in order to avoid future conflicts, based on the Jurisdictional Statute.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that Recommendations of the Salary Grievance Committee be approved, inclusive of Item No. 4.

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

**AYE:** Commissioners Rosenbaum, Peña and Judge Hinojosa

**NAY:** Commissioners Cascos and Matz.

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, clarified that the amount of the Annual Salary for Item Nos. 1, 2, and 3, would be the amount of \$55,235.00, as requested on the Grievance letters.

Judge Hinojosa specified that the Annual Salaries for said Items would be the total "flat" salary of \$55,235.00.

There was some discussion regarding the position descriptions and compensations being standardized and the conflicts between a Uniform Salary System and the Grievance Committee's recommendations, which added to the difficulty for the Court to maintain the salaries standardized.

**The Items and Letters are as follow:**

**(8) APPROVAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF \$19,703.00, IN FUNDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE PRESIDING JUDGE'S ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997, FOR THIS REGION FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1996, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1997**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Contract to provide the amount of \$19,703.00, in funding, be continued for the Administrative Presiding Judge's Assistance Project for Fiscal Year 1997, for this Region for the period of September 1, 1996, through August 31, 1997.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**(9) IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (TABLED)**

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

**(10) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMPUTER CENTER TO INSTALL TWO (2) TERMINALS AT THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Computer Center install two (2) terminals at the Elections Department to provide Voter Registration Public Information.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(11) APPROVAL OF THE FUNDING FOR THE TEMPORARY BRANCH POLLING PLACES (MOBILE VOTING) FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 1996 ELECTION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the funding for the Temporary Branch Polling Places (Mobile Voting) for the November 5, 1996 Election, was approved, said funding to be allocated from the Fund Balance.



**(12) ACTION ON A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING  
TEMPORARY BRANCH POLLING PLACES FOR  
THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that the Resolution designating temporary Branch Polling Places be adopted for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 1996.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

- (13) **APPROVAL TO LOAN OUT THREE (3) VOTING MACHINES TO JAMES PACE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A 1996 STUDENT NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 1996**
  
- (14) **APPROVAL TO LOAN OUT ONE (1) VOTING MACHINE TO R. E. DEL CASTILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 1996**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the lending of three (3) Voting Machines to James Pace High School for a 1996 Student National Party Convention to be held on October 10, 1996, and one (1) Voting Machine to R.E. Del Castillo Elementary School for a Student Council Election to be held on October 29, 1996, were approved.



- (15) **AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution in support of the Contractual Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation was adopted.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

**(16) AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT/PERMIT OFFICE ON OCTOBER 4, 1996, FROM 1:00 P.M., THROUGH 5:00 P.M., AND OCTOBER 7, 1996, FROM 8:00 A.M. THROUGH 12:00 P.M. NOON FOR RELOCATION PURPOSES**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Engineering Department/Permit Office be closed on October 4, 1996, from 1:00 P.M. through 5:00 P.M., and October 7, 1996, from 8:00 A.M. through 12:00 P.M. noon, for relocation purposes.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**(17) IN THE MATTER OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. JAMES A FREEBERG, ED. D., P.C. TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC CARE TO INMATES IN THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL (TABLED)**

**(18) IN THE MATTER OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MS. L. TERI MCABE RETANA, M.S., R.D., L.D., TO PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL CARE TO INMATES IN THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL (TABLED)**

**(19) IN THE MATTER OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MR. JOSE ROLANDO OLVERA, TO ACT AS PHARMACIST FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, these Items were **TABLED**.

**(20) APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER FROM PC SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118.00**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Purchase without the Purchase Order from PC Solutions, Harlingen, Texas, in the amount of \$118.00, was approved.

**(21) APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Agreement between the Texas Department of Human Services and the Cameron County Health Department be approved, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(22) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DOCUMENT NO. 7460004207-97, CHANGE NO. 03: ATTACHMENT NO. 05- REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Texas Department of Health Document No. 7460004207-97, Change Order No. 03: Attachment No. 05- Regional Administrative Services was approved, subject to Legal review.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(23) AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE BURSTER/DETACHER FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,136.00**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Service Agreement be renewed for the Burster/Detacher for the Treasurer's Office, in the amount of \$2,136.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.



**(24) APPROVAL OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH PERSONNEL TITLES AND FUNCTIONS TO THE PERSONNEL/SAFETY RISK DEPARTMENT**

At this time, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, stated that the Health Department had agreed that a Health Department employee, with a Personnel title, would assist the Personnel Department.

Ms. Maria S. San Pedro, Health Department, affirmed the authorization of the Health employee with the condition that the employee would continue to perform the usual duties for the Health Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Consolidation of a County employee with Personnel Title and Functions was approved for the Personnel/Safety Risk Department.



**(25) APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 4 AND CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 8**

Commissioner Peña moved that the following Reserve Deputy Constables be approved for Constable Precinct No. 4 and Constable Precinct No. 8:

Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez, Precinct No. 4,

Mr. Ricardo Juarez, Precinct No. 8,

Mr. Conrado Cantu, Precinct No. 8, and

Mr. Francisco Saldaña, Jr., Precinct No. 8.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Bonds are as follow:**

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**APPOINTMENT OF THE CAMERON COUNTY  
BOOT CAMP DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the following Cameron County Boot Camp Development Advisory Committee was appointed:

Mr. Tony Martinez, Brownsville, Texas, (Committee Chairman),

Ms. Edna Tamayo, Youth Commissioner and San Benito Independent School District,

Representative of the Auditor's Office,

Representative of the County Engineer's Office,

Representative of the County Judge's Office,

Mr. Amador Rodriguez, Representing the Juvenile and the District Judge's Department, and

Mr. Fred Allbee, San Benito resident.

(27) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
"KIDS VOTING BROWNSVILLE"**

At this time, Ms. Elaine Pearson, Brownsville Herald, highlighted the "Kids Voting Brownsville" Program, noting that the Program was a private non-profit organization and added that the Program would be expanded throughout the Rio Grande Valley in the future Elections.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution supporting "Kids Voting Brownsville" be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution 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:**

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

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

- a) Five (5) Juvenile Probation Supervisors to attend a "One Day Seminar on Handling Employee Discipline and Performances Mistakes" in McAllen, Texas, on October 18, 1996;
- b) Juvenile Probation Training Officer to attend the "Training for Trainers Workshop" in Austin, Texas, on October 14-18, 1996;
- c) County Extension Agent to attend the "Leadership Extension Training" in College Station, Texas, on November 11-15, 1996;
- d) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the "Texas Perinatal Association Conference" in McAllen, Texas, on October 11, 1996;
- e) Health Department Employee to make a "Presentation for Perinatal Nurse Practitioner Students" in Edinburg, Texas, on October 29, 1996; and
- f) Bail Bond Administrator to attend the "Texas Association for Court Administrators Seminar" in San Antonio, Texas, on October 21-25, 1996.

**(29) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 4**  
Lonesome Dove Subdivision - being a resubdivision of 5.04 acres of land out of Block No. 21, Dougherty and Paillet Subdivision.

**(30) FINAL APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 4**  
Country Home Estates Subdivision - being and 11.406 acre subdivision comprised of 4.752 acres of Block No. 7, 4.752 acres of Block No. 8, and 1.901 acres out of the North 2 acres of Block No. 9, Stuart Place Subdivision of Survey 40.

**(31) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

- a) **Precinct No. 4**  
Madero Subdivision - being a 23.62 acre tract of land out of Block No. 21, Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey 297;
- b) **Precinct No. 1**  
Travis Acres Subdivision - being a 5.265 acre tract of land, consisting of 2.542 acres out of Lot No. 2 and 2.723 acres out of Lot No. 3, of Wentz Subdivision out of Partition Share No. 32, Espiritu Santo Grant; and
- c) **Precinct No. 4**  
Tilden Gardens Subdivision - being 2.177 acres of land out of 25.50 acres of land out of Block No. 100, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision.



**(32) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRACTOR WITH SHREDDER FOR PRECINCT NO. 1**

**(33) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-02, FOR JUVENILE - RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT**

**(34) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR FURNITURE II - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**OFFICE DEPOT - McAllen, Texas**

Item	Description	Cost
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- c) **Filing Cabinets** \$544.75

**CORPORATE EXPRESS - Brownsville, Texas**

Item	Description	Cost
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- a) **Chairs Various Styles** \$9,606.00
- b) **Desks, tables, credenzas** \$5,191.00
- d) **Literature Racks** \$181.00
- e) **Tables Pyramid** \$270.00



**(35) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 3:15 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Interview Applicants for County Health Administrator; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(A)(1);
- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the property in San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Block No. 15; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);



- c) Confer with County Counsel on condemnation cases concerning FM/1419, for Parcel Nos. 39 and 78; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072 (1)(A);
- d) Confer with County Counsel for authorization for expenses for West Retention Basin, Los Tomates Bridge Project, on appraisal costs; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- e) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation involving the Restoration of the Dancy Building; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1) and (2).

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 4:40 P.M.

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

- a) Interview Applicant for County Health Administrator.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the interview of the applicant for the position of the County Health Administrator should be acknowledged.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the interview of the applicant for the position of the County Health Administrator was acknowledged.

- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the property in the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Block No. 15.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the property in the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Block No. 15.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel on condemnation cases concerning FM/1419, for Parcel Nos. 39 and 78.

The County Attorney recommended that the County Judge should be authorized to sign the Resolution authorizing the condemnation regarding said matters.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to sign the Resolution authorizing the condemnation of Parcel Nos. 39 and 78, for FM/1419 Project.

- d) Confer with County Counsel for authorization for expenses for West Retention Basin, Los Tomates Bridge Project, on appraisal costs.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the County Engineer should be authorized to expend funds for the appraisal and the survey regarding said property.

Commissioner Peña moved that the County Engineer be authorized to expend funds for the appraisal and survey of the West Retention Basin Los Tomates Bridge Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation involving the Restoration of the Dancy Building.

The County Attorney recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the possible litigation involving the Restoration of the Dancy Building.

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

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**APPROVED** this **15th** day of **October, 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**