

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 20th day of **DECEMBER, 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:

9:00 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:



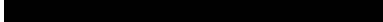
The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on December 17, 1996, at 8:52 A.M.:

At this time, the Court reconvened in Regular Session for the Regular Meeting of December 17, 1996.

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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



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

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended that the amount of \$6,000.00, funded through Drug Forfeiture Funds should be funded from the General Fund regarding the Civil Division Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Budget Amendment Fund No. 97-07 and the following Salary Schedules for the Civil Division be approved, as recommended by the County Auditor:

County Commissioners - Fund No. 10-410;

County Attorney - Fund No. 10-475;

County Attorney-Drug Forfeiture - Fund No. 90-475; and

Property Management - Fund No. 11-475.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follow:

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

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Precinct No. 1 was to be transferred over to the Engineering Department until the completion of the Cameron Park Project, and the suggestion was made to retain the Secretary, Part-time Secretary and the Administrative Assistant Slots in Precinct No. 1.

Commissioner Rosenbaum moved that Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules be approved regarding the transferring of Precinct No. 1 personnel to the Engineering Department, with the exception of the Secretary, Part-time Secretary and the Administrative Assistant Slots.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos.

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed his opposition to the issue and stated that the issue might be illegal and was "bad" policy.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that the transferring of the employees should be maintained consistent within the Precincts on a number or percentage basis, in order to comply with good public policy.

Commissioner Peña suggested that the input of the Commissioner Elect for Precinct No. 1 should be considered. Commissioner Matz suggested that the decision regarding said issue should be made based on the new Court in January 1997 and added that the process of the transferring of the Precincts should be in compliance with the Unified Road Consolidation Policy implemented by the Court.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rosenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Cascos, the Budget Amendment No. 97-07, and the following Salary Schedules, regarding the transferring of Precinct No. 1 personnel to the Engineering Department, with the exception of the Secretary, the part-time Secretary and the Administrative Assistant Slots, were approved as follows:

Maintenance and Operation Consolidated Precincts - Fund No. 15-621; and

Maintenance and Operation Consolidated Precinct No. 1 - Fund No. 15-617.

AYE: Commissioners Rosenbaum, Cascos and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioners Matz and Peña.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follow:

(4) AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER ONE (1) RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE FROM PRECINCT NO. 4 TO CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 7

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the transferring of one (1) Reserve Deputy Constable from Precinct No. 4 to Constable Precinct No. 7 was approved.

(5) IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTRACT WITH CROSLIN AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED, FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY BOOT CAMP AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER (TABLED)

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

(6) APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE 1997 LOCAL SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Budget Amendment for the 1997 Local Solid Waste Enforcement Program was approved.

(7) APPROVAL OF THE CLINICAL EDUCATION BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - BROWNSVILLE

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that the Contract included an Indemnity Provision that was not consistent with the State Law and stated that the language in the clause was confusing and did not provide protection. He suggested that the participating students should be required to maintain the University's Professional Policy.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Clinical Education Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Agreement between the Cameron County Health Department and the University of Texas - Brownsville, be approved, subject to Legal review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously.

(8) APPROVAL OF THE ORGANIZATION CHART, GENERAL OVERVIEW OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES CLINIC SUPERVISOR AND MECHANISM BY WHICH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY HEALTH CLINIC WILL MAKE PURCHASES THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

At this time, Ms. Maria S. San Pedro, Health Department, highlighted the Organizational Chart describing the Line of Supervision for the Nursing Staff at the Cameron County Health Clinics and noted that the Sheriff's Department recommended that the Health Department should visit the Correctional Facility Clinics in Nueces and Harris Counties, to view the similar Projects.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his support for the Consolidation of the County Clinics and added that the safety issues of the employees and the inmates should be further examined. He recommended that the employees should seek training regarding the structure of the Program and the type of safeguards that needed to be implemented, in order for the Program to operate smoothly.

There was some discussion regarding the clarification of the Health Administrator being over the Medical Director and County Counsel suggested that the Chart should reflect said issue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum and carried unanimously, the Organization Chart, General Overview of Correctional Facilities Clinic Supervisor and the Mechanism by which the Correctional Facility Health Clinic will make purchases through the Health Department were approved, subject to the changes of the Chart regarding the Medical Director.



(9) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Rosenbaum, and carried unanimously the following travel and/or travel expenses were approved, subject to funds in their Budget:

- a) Sheriff's Department Lieutenant and thirteen (13) Jail Guards to attend the "Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) Jailers Examination" in Austin, Texas, on December 16, 1996;
- b) County Drug Enforcement Task Force Field Supervisor to attend the "Regional Commanders Meeting" in Austin, Texas, on December 17-18, 1996; and
- c) Health Department employee to attend the "Legislative Briefing on the Texas Department of Health Legislative and Budget Request Proposals for the Upcoming Legislative Session" in Austin, Texas, on December 16-17, 1996.



(6) AUTHORIZATION OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIAL BONDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OATHS AND SWEARING IN AND THE APPROVAL OF THE CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN ON JANUARY 1, 1997

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Bonds were filed with the County Clerk's Office and were reviewed by County Counsel and recommended approval of the Bonds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Elected Official Bonds in conjunction with the Oaths and Swearing In and the Ceremonial Swearing In on January 1, 1997, were approved.

The Bonds are as follow:

(26) APPROVAL OF A POLICY PERMITTING MOBILE FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS AT THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE AT LOS INDIOS

At this time, Judge Hinojosa suggested that the County should consider placing four (4) additional portable sanitary facilities at the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios, in order to retain the support of the crossing vehicles, which generated revenue for the County.

There was some discussion regarding the Mobile Food Vendors and the Prisoners at Work (PAW) taking care of the litter and Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge Systems Director, recommended that the Prisoners at Work (PAW) should not be mixed with the "Transmigrantes" at the Bridge. He suggested that the Prisoners at Work (PAW) should be sent after the Bridge was clear of the Transmigrantes and recommended that the Mobile Vendors should not be allowed inside the Square at the Free Trade Bridge, due to the congestion in the area.

Mr. Ray Rodriguez, Chief Sanitarian, stated the County would be required to provide the sanitary facilities and would need to enforce the Mobile Food Vendors to meet the requirements and added that the Sanitation Department would monitor the Program.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the current Policy, which does not allow Mobile Food Vendors on County Property, be retained.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(22) IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF DENNETT ROAD (TABLED)

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

(3) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONER LUCINO ROSENBAUM, JR.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa presented the Resolution honoring Cameron County Commissioner Lucino Rosenbaum, Jr., and highlighted his accomplishments and dedication to Precinct No. 1 and the Commissioners' Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution honoring Cameron County Commissioner Lucino Rosenbaum, Jr., was adopted.

Commissioner Rosenbaum expressed his gratitude to the community and Court for his time as County Commissioner for Precinct No. 1.

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**.



APPROVED this **7th** day of **January, 1997**.

COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

**COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS.**