

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 1st day of JANUARY, 1997, 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:

12:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

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

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

JAMES R. MATZ

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. He then asked 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 27, 1996, at 1:12 P.M.:

(1) **APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

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

(2) **IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, the County Auditor reported that there were no Budget Amendments and/or Salary Schedules for approval.

(3) **APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE PRO-TEM**

Upon motion by Judge Hinojosa, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Commissioner Carlos H. Cascos, C.P.A., was reappointed as County Judge Pro-tem.

(4) **DESIGNATION OF THE DAY OF THE WEEK AND THE HOUR OF THE DAY, AS THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS= COURT MEETINGS**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Meetings be held on Tuesdays, at 5:05 P.M., in order to make the meetings more accessible for the public and County employees to voice their concerns.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, clarified that the Court was establishing the date and time, and had the prerogative to change the Meetings at the Court-s discretion.

Commissioner Cascos moved that Tuesdays, 5:05 P.M. be designated as the day and time for the Regular Commissioners= Court Meetings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(5) **APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**

NOTE: COMMISSIONER PEÑA JOINED THE MEETING.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the temporary easement for the Nourishment Project on South Padre Island, was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(4) DESIGNATION OF THE DAY OF THE WEEK
AND THE HOUR OF THE DAY, AS THE
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS= COURT
MEETINGS**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Court reconsider the motion on this Item as a courtesy to Commissioner Peña, who was not present for the motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the motion to designate the day of the week and hour of the day, as the Regular Commissioners= Court Meetings, was reconsidered.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, Tuesday, at 5:05 P.M. was designated as the day of the week and the hour of the day, for the Regular Commissioners= Court Meetings.

At this time, Mr. Manuel Hernandez, Brownsville resident, suggested that the Meetings should be held in other locations within the County, in order to give the public an equal chance to attend.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the issue had been discussed and that arrangements were being made to hold the Meetings once a month at other locations within the County.

**(6) AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE A PART-TIME
SLOT FOR THE COUNTY JUDGE-S OFFICE**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that the Office needed assistance with the workload of the Emergency Management Section and proposed that the funding for the part-time Slot be allocated from the Surplus Fund.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended that the Slot be allocated from the available budget in the Emergency Management Coordinator-s position, which was vacant and the Salary lapsed into the Fund Balance.

Commissioner Cascos moved that a part-time Slot be created for the County Judge-s Office, said funding to be allocated from the unused position of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

AYE: Commissioners Cascos, Peña and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Benavides.

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 **13th** day of **January, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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