

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 7th day of JANUARY, 1997, 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:

5:05 P. M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES
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 Benavides 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 January 3, 1997, at 10:09 A.M.:

(1) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented an additional late claim as to Quest Software Systems, Warrant No. 27109, in the amount of \$5,800.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the additional late claim, as to Warrant No. 27109, in the amount of \$5,800.00, for approval.

The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:

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

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-08/A and the Salary Schedule for Maintenance and Operation Precinct No. 1, Fund No. 15-617, be approved, with the exception of two (2) Slots to remain under the Engineering Department for the Cameron Park Consolidated Road System Project.

At this time, Commissioner Benavides clarified his support for the Road Consolidation Project and stated that the Project would be operated in a correct manner.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

At this time, Commissioner Matz presented the Proposed Cameron County Road Consolidation Plan regarding the proposed basis in which the Consolidation process should be followed.

The Budget Amendment, Salary Schedule and Plan are as follow:

(3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 1996, AND DECEMBER 20, 1996

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 17, 1996, at 1:30 P.M., and the Special Meeting held December 20, 1996, at 9:00 A.M., were approved, subject to the correction on Item No. 2, of the Minutes of December 20, 1996.



(4) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING CERTAIN TAX EXEMPTIONS TO CERTAIN HISTORIC SITES UNDER THE 1997 BROWNSVILLE HERITAGE PLAN

At this time, Mr. Michael W. Garza, City of Brownsville Heritage Officer, explained that the Resolution was reviewed and adopted annually by all the participating taxing entities and noted that the City of Brownsville had adopted the 1996 Brownsville Heritage Plan with amendments to the Resolution, which allowed the Alonso Building to receive a one hundred percent (100%) ad valorem tax abatements.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Resolution granting certain tax exemptions to certain Historic Sites under the 1997 Brownsville Heritage Plan, be adopted.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Cascos, as to the M. Hansen Home, 647 E. St. Charles, Brownsville, Texas.

The Order and Plan are as follow:

**(5) APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE DEPUTY
CONSTABLES FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO.
6**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Reserve Deputy Constables for Constable Precinct No. 6 were approved.

The Bonds are as follow:

(6) AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER SUPERVISION OF THE SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES TO THE CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 2

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that the logical route would be to transfer the supervision of the Solid Waste Enforcement employees to the Sheriff's Department and supported the recommendation by the Budget Officer on the Comments Report, to place said employees under the supervision of the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Solid Waste Enforcement Department was County-wide enforcement, noting that the Sheriff's Dispatch System was centralized, and added that said Department could be utilized as backup for the Sheriff's patrol.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the supervision of the Solid Waste Enforcement employees be transferred to the Constable Precinct No. 2.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Peña

NAY: Commissioner Matz.

(7) ADOPTION OF AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) PLAN FOR JANUARY 1, 1997, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan for January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, was adopted.

The Plan is as follows:

(8) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ISLA BLANCA PARKS REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

(9) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMUNITY PARKS REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that the County refunded Bonds for the Padre Island Park Projects and added that additional funds were requested and were available from the Bond Market to renovate the County Parks.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Proposals be solicited for the Engineering Services for the Isla Blanca and the Cameron County Community Parks Repair and Renovation Projects.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(10) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BEACH CLEANING SERVICE AGREEMENT TO MR. CARLOS J. GALVAN, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Commissioner Peña moved that the Beach Cleaning Service Agreement be awarded to Mr. Carlos J. Galvan, Independent Contractor.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(11) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT TO MR. HECTOR GARCIA, DOING BUSINESS AS, ROLLING SNACKS

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Renewal Mobile Vendor-s Permit was issued to Mr. Hector Garcia, doing business as, Rolling Snacks.

(12) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER AS A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Commissioner Peña moved that the Valley Baptist Medical Center be acknowledged as the sole source vendor for Pathology Services, and that the Pathology Services Contract be negotiated for the Cameron County Indigent Health Care Program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

(13) DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PARKING LOT

At this time, Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge System Director, stated that Ms. Terry Sixta, U.E.T.A., had proposed to pay for half of the cost of resurfacing the asphalt parking lot behind the Gateway International Bridge Offices. He added that the cost of the Project would be \$5,000.00. and noted that half of the cost would be allocated from the Gateway Bridge Fund.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the discussion regarding improvements to the Gateway International Bridge Parking Lot was acknowledged.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa questioned whether Bond Funds were available for the demolishing of the County Warehouse and the proposed additional parking lot and the County Auditor responded that the remaining Bonds Funds were available from the construction of the Detention Center II.

(14) APPROVAL OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1996-1997, FOR DEPARTMENT 10-514, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (M&O) OF COURTHOUSE

At this time, Mr. Mariano Ayala, Personnel/Safety Risk Coordinator, explained that a Slot was left opened in the Maintenance and Operations Department as a result of the Administrative Assistant Slot being created. He added that the Salary was reduced on the vacant Slot and that the remaining funds were to be equally allocated to increase the Department's employees' salaries.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Salary Schedule for the Fiscal Year 1996-1997, be approved for Department 10-514, Maintenance and Operations (M&O) of the Courthouse.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Salary Schedules are as follow:

(15) IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTRACT WITH MR. RAY K. ACOSTA FOR PHARMACY SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (TABLED)

Commissioner Peña moved that the Contract with Mr. Ray K. Acosta be approved for Pharmacy Services for the Cameron County Health Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, requested that this Item be Tabled, noting that the hourly rate on the Contract had increased from the amount of \$25.00 to \$75.00.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Services were not being provided to the Jail Facilities and expressed concern regarding the Professional Liability Disclaimer for Sheriff-s Deputies in the Contract.

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



(16) AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (ORAS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998

Commissioner Cascos moved that the request for funds for the Office of Regional Administrative Services (ORAS) be submitted for the Fiscal Year 1997-1998.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.



(17) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE ON THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-S STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE CHILDREN-S HEALTH TRANSITION PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Cameron County Health Department Health Administrator was authorized to serve on the Texas Department of Health-s Steering Committee for the Children-s Health Transition Project.



(18) AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A BIKE HELMET PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CAMPUS CARE CENTER, BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, (BROWNSVILLE) BIKE CLUB AND AMERICORP, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Commissioner Cascos moved that a Bike Helmet Project be developed in conjunction with the Campus Care Center, Brownsville Independent School District, (Brownsville) Bike Club and Americorp, in response to a Request for Proposals from the Texas Department of Health.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.



(19) AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OUT STATIONED ELIGIBILITY WORKERS IN THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES PROGRAM (CONTRACT NO. 1165044)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Contract with the Texas Department of Human Services was approved for the participation in the Out-stationed Eligibility Workers in the Health Care Facilities Program (Contract No. 1165044).

The Contract is as follow:

(20) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER IN A JOINT HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT (DENGUE AND ST. LOUIS ENCEPHALITIS INTERVENTION PROJECT) WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cascos moved that the County Health Department enter into a Joint Health Education Project (Dengue and St. Louis Encephalitis Intervention Project) with the City of Brownsville Health Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(21) APPROVAL OF THE LEGAL SERVICES PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. JOHN WILLIAMSON, REGARDING THE SUNNY SKIES COLONIA PROJECT

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Legal Services Proposal submitted by Mr. John Williamson, Attorney at Law, regarding the Sunny Skies Colonia Project, was approved, said funding to be allocated from the General Fund No. 10-409.

(22) IN THE MATTER OF THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON/WILLACY COUNTIES, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE NON-PROFIT HOUSING RESOURCE GROUP, AND THE TEXAS STATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION (TABLED)

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

(23) AUTHORIZATION TO TEMPORARILY RE-ASSIGN SUPERVISION OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT NO. 5, PLACE 2, STAFF TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT NO. 5, PLACE 1

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place 2 staff was temporarily re-assigned under the supervision of the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place 1.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR ACONSENT® AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the

AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow, and Item 24 »= was **(TABLED)**.

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

- a) Two (2) Tax Assessor-Collector Deputies to attend the AT.A.A.O. Property Tax Law Course® in San Benito, Texas, on January 6, 1997;
- b) Solid Waste Enforcement Program Supervisor and Officer to attend the ATexas Code Enforcement Officer Certification Course and Exam® in McAllen, Texas, on January 10, 1997;
- c) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend an AImmunization Training In Service® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on January 9, 1997;
- d) One (1) Deputy District Clerk to attend the ACounty and District Clerks=Legal Education Conference® in Austin, Texas, on January 8-10, 1997;
- e) In the matter of the Parks System Director to meet with Texas Recreation and Parks System (T.R.A.P.S.) Members in Houston, Texas, on January 8, 1997; **(TABLED)**
- f) Assistant Veterans Service Officer to attend the AInitial Training Session® in Waco, Texas, on January 13-17, 1997;
- g) Health Administrator to attend a ASteering Committee Meeting for the Children=s Health Transition Project® in Austin, Texas, on January 6, 1997;
- h) Health Administrator to observe AHealth Care Administration in the Harris County Jails® and to meet with the City of Houston Health Department in Houston, Texas, on January 2, 1997;
- I) County Clerk and two (2) Deputies to attend the ATexas College of Probate Seminar® in San Antonio, Texas, on March 4-7, 1997; and
- j) Bridge System Executive Secretary, Manager and Supervisor to attend the AExceptional Assistant Seminar® in McAllen, Texas, on January 27, 1997.

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL ANNUAL BIDS DURING THE 1996/1997 FISCAL YEAR

- a) **FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE**
- b) **TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS**
- c) **TOWING SERVICES**
- d) **AUTOMOTIVE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (O.E.M.) SUPPLIES**
- e) **AUTOMOTIVE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (O.E.M.) BRAKE PADS (G.M., FORD, OTHER)**
- f) **AUTOMOTIVE AFTER MARKET (FORD, CHEVROLET, OTHER)**
- g) **BUILDING SUPPLIES - PAINT AND MISCELLANEOUS**
- h) **BUILDING SUPPLIES - ELECTRICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS**
- i) **BUILDING SUPPLIES - LUMBER AND MISCELLANEOUS**

(26) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-06-01 II FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE PORT ISABEL HEALTH CLINIC

The Request for Proposals follow:

(27) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Cowboy Estates, being a resubdivision of the North eleven (11) acres of Block No. 103, Hooks and Hodges Subdivision No. 2.

(28) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Weaver Road Subdivision, a replat being 65.270 acres, comprised of all of Block No. 81, and the South 3.450 acres out of Block No. 82, F.Z. Bishop Subdivision.

b) Precinct No. 4

Rodriguez Subdivision, being a 4.87 acre tract in Block No. 89, Minnesota-Texas Land and Irrigation Company Subdivision.

c) Precinct No. 1

Salazar Acres Subdivision, being 3.001 acres of land of Block 19-1, El Jardin Subdivision, Share 32.

d) Precinct No. 2

Clear Lake Subdivision, being a plat of a 46.418 acre tract out of Blocks Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and a portion of Block No. 1, lying North of the centerline of FM 511, Swan Nelson Subdivision, Share 12.

- (26) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-06-01 II FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF THE PORT ISABEL HEALTH CLINIC**

The Request for Proposals are as follow:

(29) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 5:45 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the settlement offer in the case styled Isys C. Chamberlain vs. Cameron County, 95-10-5582-C, in the 197th Judicial District Court; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(a)(b);
- b) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible termination of the Lease Agreement between Cameron County and Kenneth J. and Kathy Brewer, doing business as, Seconds; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding the renewal of a Lease Agreement between Fun n= Shade and Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- d) Confer with County Counsel regarding the potential litigation resulting from the change in the Administration of the Cameron County Attorney with Felony Jurisdiction; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(a) and (2);
- e) Confer with County Counsel regarding the potential litigation resulting from the changes in the Administration of the Cameron County Sheriff-s Office; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(a) and (2);
- f) Confer with County Counsel regarding Services of America Corporation and Financial Medical, Incorporated; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);
- g) Confer with County Counsel to Contract with Allen, Williford and Seale, Incorporated, for Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the U.S. 77/83 Extension and the East Loop Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- h) Confer with County Counsel regarding property acquisition for the U.S. 77/83 Extension, and the East Loop Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- I) Confer with County Counsel for authorization to pay expenses for the irrigation pipeline for the F.M. 1419 Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 7:20 P.M.



(30) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel regarding the settlement offer in the case styled Isys C. Chamberlain vs. Cameron County, 95-10-5582-C, in the 197th Judicial District Court.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that County Counsel should proceed with the settlement offer as recommended in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to proceed in accepting the settlement offer as recommended in Executive Session in the case styled Isys C. Chamberlain vs. Cameron County, 95-10-5582-C, in the 197th Judicial District Court.

- b) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible termination of the Lease Agreement between Cameron County and Kenneth J. and Kathy Brewer, doing business as, Seconds.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the termination of the Lease Agreement between Cameron County and Kenneth J. and Kathy Brewer, doing business as, Seconds should be authorized.

Commissioner Matz moved that the termination of the Lease Agreement between Cameron County and Kenneth J. and Kathy Brewer, doing business as, Seconds be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding the renewal of the Lease Agreement between Fun n- Shade and Cameron County.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Lease Agreement between Fun n- Shade and Cameron County should be renewed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Lease Agreement between Fun n- Shade and Cameron County was renewed.

The Agreement is as follows:

- d) Confer with County Counsel regarding the potential litigation resulting from the changes in Administration of the Cameron County Attorney with Felony Jurisdiction.
- e) Confer with County Counsel regarding the potential litigation resulting from the changes in the Administration of the Cameron County Sheriff's Office.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matters and that County Counsel should be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the potential litigation resulting from the change in Administration of the Cameron County Attorney with Felony Jurisdiction and the change in the Administration of the Cameron County Sheriff's Office and that County Counsel be directed to proceed along terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- f) Confer with County Counsel regarding Services of America Corporation and Financial Medical, Incorporated.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report of County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter and that the Health Director should be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding Services of America Corporation and Financial Medical, Incorporated and the Health Director was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

- g) Confer with County Counsel to Contract with Allen, Williford and Seale, Incorporated, for the Right-of-Way acquisition services for the U.S. 77/83 Extension and the East Loop Project.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Right-of-Way Acquisition Services should be contracted with Allen, Williford and Seale, Incorporated, as per the instructions in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the contract with Allen, Williford and Seale, Incorporated, was approved as instructed in Executive Session for the Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the U. S. 77/83 Extension and the East Loop Project.

The Agreement is as follows:

- h) Confer with County Counsel regarding the property acquisition for the U.S. 77/83 Extension and the East Loop Project.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Engineering Department should proceed with the acquisition of said property as discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Engineering Department proceed with the acquisition of said property for the U.S. 77/83 Extension and the East Loop Project as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- I) Confer with County Counsel for authorization to pay the expenses for the irrigation pipeline for the F.M. 1419 Project.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the expenses should be approved regarding said matter, said funding to be allocated from Department 15, Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1 Budget, Department 617.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the expenses for the irrigation pipeline for the F.M. 1419 Project were approved, said funding to be allocated from Department 15, Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1 Budget, Department 617.



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

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-08-A and the Salary Schedule for the County Attorney - Drug Forfeiture, Fund No. 90-475, Slots No. 43, 44, 45, and 46, were approved, noting that the hiring be consistent with the County Hiring Policy, that being through the Personnel Department.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedule are as follow:

(2) **IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES (TABLED)**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Salary Schedule for t
County Attorney were (**TABLED**).

There being no further business to come before the Court, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commi
ADJOURNED.

APPROVED this 21st 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