

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 10th day of MARCH, 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:

4:00 P. M.

PRESENT:

GILBERTO HINOJOSA  
COUNTY JUDGE

PEDRO "PETE" BENAVIDES  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

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

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  
March 7, 1997, at 2:13 P.M.:

(15) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE RENE OLIVEIRA REGARDING A MODIFICATION TO THE JURY SUMMONS CARD FOR DONATIONS (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Ms. Aurora De La Garza, District Clerk, explained that the Jury Summons Card had been revised, in order to offer the Jurors an option of retaining the Jury Fee or donating the Fee to a Non-Profit Organization and recommended that the Family Crisis Center in Harlingen and the Women-s Shelter in Brownsville be added to the Jury Summons Card; noting that the Child Protective Services recommended that the Child Abuse Victims be added to the card.

Commissioner Cascos questioned whether a statement would be provided to the jurors with the total amount of money donated to the charities and the County Auditor responded that the in-house mechanisms were not available to implement the process.

There was some discussion regarding a method of providing the total amount of money donated by the Jurors to the different entities and the suggestion was made to provide the Jurors with a blank form to be filled out by the Jurors for their records, along with the Certificates issued indicating the number of days served on the Jury.



(2) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Court meet in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña.

At this time, the motion and the second to convene in Executive Session were withdrawn.



(1) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 97-02-01-1460 FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Request for Proposal No. 97-02-01-1460 for Employee Health Insurance be opened after 3:30 P.M. on March 11, 1997.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Request for Proposal is as follows:**

(2) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 4:25 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, recommended that Items a, b, c, d and e, not be discussed in Executive Session and stated that the Items were Real Estate Items, as opposed to Counsel Items, which would be taken care of in the interim without discussion.

- a) In the matter of conferring with County Council to discuss the Cameron County Property known as Port Isabel Unsubdivided Point, Part 1, Tract D, 4.41 Acres; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2); **(TABLED)**
- b) In the matter of conferring with County Council to discuss the possible lease of Cameron County Property known as Port Isabel - Original Townsite Lot No. 12, Block No. 81, Cameron County, Texas, also known as Old Port Isabel Warehouse; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2); **(TABLED)**
- c) In the matter of conferring with County Council to discuss the possible lease for the Justice of the Peace, the Constable Precinct No. 1, the Tax Office Personnel, et. al., Juvenile Probation Officers, of 313 Queen Isabella Boulevard, Port Isabel, Texas, also known as Le Gourmet Coffee Shop; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2); **(TABLED)**
- d) In the matter of conferring with County Council to discuss the Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Lot No. 17, Linda Vista - 3, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2); **(TABLED)**
- e) In the matter of conferring with County Council to discuss the possible lease of the Mobile Office Building, to be located at the Cameron County Airport; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2); **(TABLED)**
- f) Confer with County Council to discuss the possible land donation of Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company, Blocks Nos. 92, 93 and 94, located in Laureles, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2);
- g) Confer with County Council on the possible litigation concerning Cause No. 03-87-890-A, Tax Account No. 06-8190-0810-0120-00, Lot No. 12, Block No. 81-A Stillman Extension, City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)&(2);
- h) Confer with County Council concerning Right-of-Way and property acquisition for the Los Tomates International Bridge Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- I) Confer with County Council to discuss and obtain authority for mediation on the case styled Maria V. Longoria, et. al., vs. Cameron County, et. al., B-9465, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A&B).

The Court reconvened in Regular Session at 5:30 P.M.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa asked Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- a) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the Cameron County Property, known as Port Isabel Unsubdivided Point, Part 1, Tract D, 4.41 acres; **(TABLED)**
- b) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the possible lease of the Cameron County Property, known as Port Isabel - Original Townsite Lot No. 12, Block No. 81, Cameron County, Texas, also known as the Old Port Isabel Warehouse; **(TABLED)**
- c) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the possible lease for the Justice of the Peace, the Constable Precinct No. 1, the Tax Office Personnel, et. al., Juvenile Probation Officers, of 313 Queen Isabella Boulevard, Port Isabel, Texas, also known as Le Gourmet Coffee Shop; **(TABLED)**
- d) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the Cameron County Trustee Property, known as Lot No. 17, Linda Vista - 3, Cameron County, Texas; **(TABLED)** and
- e) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the possible lease of the Mobile Office Building to be located at the Cameron County Airport. **(TABLED)**

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

- f) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the possible land donation of the Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company, Blocks Nos. 92, 93 and 94, located in Laureles, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the donation should be accepted regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the donation of the Fresnos Land and Irrigation Company, Blocks Nos. 92, 93 and 94, located in Laureles, Cameron County, Texas, be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- g) Confer with County Counsel on the possible litigation concerning Cause No. 03-87-890-A, Tax Account No. 06-8190-0810-0120-00, Lot No. 12, Block No. 81-A, Stillman Extension, City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the possible litigation concerning Cause No. 03-87-890-A,

Tax Account No. 06-8190-0810-0120-00, Lot No. 12, Block No. 81-A, Stillman Extension, City of Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.

- h) Confer with County Counsel concerning the Right-of-Way and property acquisition for the Los Tomates International Bridge Project.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report of County Counsel should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the Right-of-Way and property acquisition for the Los Tomates International Bridge Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- I) Confer with County Counsel to discuss and obtain authority for mediation on the case styled Maria V. Longoria, et. al. vs. Cameron County, et. al., B-9465, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that County Counsel should be directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session for mediation regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, County Counsel was directed to proceed along the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session regarding the authority for mediation on the case styled Maria V. Longoria, et. al. vs. Cameron County, et. al., B-9465, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.



**(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented an additional late claim as to the Purchases of Juvenile Services, Warrant No. 31025, in the amount of \$9,000.00, for approval.

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. 31025, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

**The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:**

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

Commissioner Matz moved that the Fiscal Year Budget Amendment No. 97-13 and the following Salary Schedules be approved;

County Jail/Detention Centers - Fund No. 10-512; and

Jail Infirmary - Fund No. 10-5181.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

**The Budget Amendments and Salary Schedules are as follow:**

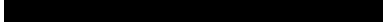
(1) **IN THE MATTER TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 97-02-01-1460 FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that this Item had been discussed and authorized before Executive Session.



(6) **IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES (NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At this time, the Deputy County Clerk reported that there were no Minutes for approval.



(7) **IN THE MATTER OF THE PROGRESS REPORT BY TROOPER T. J. CESPEDES OF THE TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL REGARDING THE STATISTICS ON CITATIONS ISSUED FROM 1994, 1995 AND 1996 (NO ACTION TAKEN)**



(8) **PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF THE SELECTIVE OFFICES, VOLUMES 1 AND 2, FROM MR. JOHN SHARP, COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Presentation of the Report on the Financial Management Review of the Selective Offices, Volumes No. 1 and No. 2, from Mr. John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Judge Hinojosa stated that Memorandums would be sent to the Elected Officials and Department Heads for their time lines needed to respond to the Reports for recommendations and/or changes and added that the responses would be placed on the Agenda or scheduled to be discussed in a Workshop, based on the nature of the responses.

**The Reports are as follow:**

**(9) AUTHORIZATION OF THE CAMERON COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING FACILITIES IN CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that the Rio Grande Valley Partnership was setting up a \$100,000.00 Fund for the first phase of Legislative efforts to bring the Major League Baseball to the Valley and that the second phase of the Project would be the Feasibility Study. He stated that contribution amounts would be equally divided between the Counties of Cameron and Hidalgo, and added that Cameron County's share would consist of Cameron County, the Cities of Brownsville and Harlingen, in the amount of \$15, 000.00 each, noting that the Cities of San Benito and South Padre Island were being solicited to participate in the contribution.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Cameron County's contribution, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, in connection with the acquisition of the Major League Baseball Spring Training Facilities in Cameron County was approved, said funding to be allocated from the General Administration - Contingencies - Fund No. 10-409-033.



**(10) APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOSE RUBIO, JR., TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. CARLOS AYALA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, Mr. Jose Rubio, Jr., was appointed and Mr. Carlos Ayala, was re-appointed to the Emergency Service District Board.



**(11) ACTION APPOINTING MS. YOLANDA DE LEON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MR. JOE G. RIVERA, COUNTY CLERK, AND MR. EDDIE A. GONZALEZ, COUNTY TREASURER, TO THE PROPERTY TAX COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Cascos moved that Ms. Yolanda de Leon, District Attorney; Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk; and Mr. Eddie A. Gonzalez, County Treasurer; be appointed to the Property Tax Committee.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Matz recommended that the Elected Officials involved should not accept any kind of political contributions from the Firms being evaluated.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Committee should enforce full disclosure and added that a Meeting was scheduled to discuss the ground rules for evaluating the proposals.



Judge Hinojosa requested that the Committee submit a list of no more than three (3) final candidates, along with any comments, to the Court for consideration.

- [REDACTED]**
- (12) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES OF 3.3425 ACRES OF BLOCK NO. 41, OF THE PALMETAL SUBDIVISION**
  - (13) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES OF 1.1085 ACRES OF BLOCK NO. 69 OF THE PALMETAL SUBDIVISION**
  - (14) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES OF 1.0188 ACRES OF BLOCK NO. 69, OF THE PALMETAL SUBDIVISION.**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the Preliminary and Final Approvals of the Subdivisions and the Condemnation Items.

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, stated that the Preliminary and Final Approvals should be Tabled and added that the Subdivision Items could only be considered in a Regular Meeting and not in a Special Meeting.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that there were no restrictions for the Condemnation Items regarding subdivisions, as long as the Items were placed as Regular Items on the Agenda.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolutions authorizing the condemnation for Right-of-Way purposes of 3.3425 acres of Block No. 41; 1.1085 acres of Block No. 69, and 1.0188 acres of Block No. 69, of Palmetal Subdivision, were adopted.

At this time, Mr. Wright explained that said Items were Texas Department of Transportation Projects and added that the Right-of-Way was necessary for drainage of the roadway.

**The Resolutions are as follow:**

**(15) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE RENE OLIVEIRA,  
REGARDING A MODIFICATION TO THE JURY  
SUMMONS CARD FOR DONATIONS**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa explained that said Resolution would support the Legislation which would provide the Juror with an option of donating their Jury Fee to a Non-Profit Organization of their choice and added that a monthly check would be forwarded to the entities.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Resolution supporting the Legislation sponsored by State Representative Rene Oliveira regarding a modification to the Jury Summons Card for donations be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Resolution is as follows:**

(16) **APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
NO. 97-03-1300 FOR THE COLLECTION OF  
DELINQUENT FINES AND COURT COST AND  
THE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

At this time, Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, presented the Proposal No. 97-03-1300 for the Collection of Delinquent Fines and Court Costs, noting the modifications that were made to the Proposal and added that the Collections Department had collected the amount of over \$155,000.00, during the month of February, 1997.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Request for Proposal No. 97-03-1300 for the Collection of Delinquent Fines and Court Costs and the following Selection Committee be approved:

Mr. Doug Wright, County Counsel,

Mr. Eddie Gonzalez, County Treasurer,

Judge Migdalia Lopez, County Court at Law No. 2,

Mr. Joe G. Rivera, County Clerk, and

Ms. Nellie Garcia, Chief Administrator - County Clerk's Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**The Request for Proposal is as follows:**

**(17) APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH MULTI-MINI  
STORAGE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES OF  
SEIZED OR STORED PROPERTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Contract with Multi-Mini Storage for storage purposes of seized or stored property was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(18) APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE (1) HEAVY DUTY UTILITY VEHICLE (TAHOE, YUKON OR EQUIVALENT MODEL) WITH A TRADE-IN FOR THE SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bids be advertised for one (1) heavy duty utility vehicle (Tahoe, Yukon or equivalent model) with a trade-in for the Sheriff-s Department, said funding to be allocated from Fund No. 90.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(19) APPROVAL OF THE RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCTS NOS. 1, 4, 6 AND 7**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the number of Reserve Deputies to one (1) paid Deputy had been changed to four (4) Reserve Deputies for Constable Precinct No. 1.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Reserve Deputy Constables for Constable Precinct Nos. 1, 4, 6 and 7, were approved.

**The Bonds are as follow:**

**(20) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 716097 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ROAD REPAIRS**

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that the work for said Project would be contracted out and that an Engineer would need to be hired for the plans and specifications, noting that the State was allowing to waive the Request for Proposal requirements since said Project was a Disaster Relief Fund.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 716097, with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Disaster Relief Road Repairs, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**The Contract is as follows:**

**(21) APPROVAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE FOR A WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CONNECTION PROGRAM IN THE CAMERON PARK SUBDIVISION, PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 715165**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Implementation Agreement with the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, was approved for a Water and Sewer Utility Connection Program in the Cameron Park Subdivision, pursuant to the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 715165.

**The Agreement is as follows:**

**(22) APPROVAL TO SET A MEETING DATE  
CONDUCT A WORKSHOP ON THE 1997 TEXAS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND  
SELECT 1997 PROJECTS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Meeting date be set for March 19, 1997, in order to conduct a Workshop on the 1997 Texas Community Development Program and to select the 1997 Projects.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

**(23) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMPUTER  
CENTER DIRECTOR TO SPEND THIRTY  
PERCENT (30%) OF HIS TIME FOR THE NEXT  
SIX (6) MONTHS, WORKING DIRECTLY WITH  
THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

At this time, Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director, expressed his support for said issue and added that he would assist the Health Department one (1) to (2) two hours a week.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that funds be allocated from Enterprise Funds, in order to charge a Department for the time and services provided by a County employee.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Departments which had separate funding would benefit from said issue and added that the Health Department was a General Fund issue, noting that the accounting facility was not currently available for this process.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Computer Center Director was authorized to spend thirty percent (30%) of his time for the next six (6) months, working directly with the Health Department.

**(24) AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AN ASSISTANT  
HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos, questioned the Salary Range for the position of the Assistant Health Administrator, and Ms. Tina Fields, Health Administrator, responded that the Salary Range would be an annual amount of \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00, plus car allowance and fringe benefits, which would be a total of \$49,970.00.

Judge Hinojosa stated that creating the position would create sufficient revenue in the Health Department, in order to fund the Slot and added that Ms. Fields specialized in Grant writing and needed an Assistant to handle the day-to-day issues that traditionally were performed by the Director. He stated that criticisms were made due to the lack of Grant writing in the Health Department and added that the position would allow Ms. Fields additional time to create Grant Proposals.



Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the position had existed before, but was utilized to create two (2) Clerk Positions and added that the position would be in charge of Grant Programs, with the exception of the Women-s, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Assistant Health Administrator Position be created for the Health Department.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

**(25) APPROVAL FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE BEACH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND CAMERON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1996/1997**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Parks System Director was authorized to execute the Beach Cleaning and Maintenance Assistance Project Agreement between the Texas General Land Office and the Cameron County Parks System for the Fiscal Year 1996/1997.

**(26) IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR PASSENGER FERRY DEVELOPMENT, PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 96-07-09-02, SUBJECT TO THE NECESSARY PERMIT, FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND THE COMMISSIONERS= COURT ATTORNEY REVIEW (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the there were no responses to the Request for Proposal and suggested that this Item be Tabled.

Commissioner Peña moved that this Item be **TABLED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz.

Commissioner Matz questioned the steps to be taken for said Item and Mr. Wright recommended that any interested individual should submit a presentation to the Court regarding said issue.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that a Workshop should be scheduled to discuss and review the details regarding said matter.

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR A CONSENT 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 travel and/or travel expenses were approved as follow, subject to funds in their Budget:

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

- a) Personnel/Safety Risk Director and six (6) Sheriff's Department employees to attend a Safety Training Session in Bexar County Sheriff's Office, San Antonio, Texas, on March 12-14, 1997;
- b) Juvenile Probation Officer to attend Training on Chemical Dependency Counseling conducted by the Rio Grande Valley Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, in Weslaco, Texas, on February 20-21, 1997;
- c) Juvenile Detention Assistant Superintendent and five (5) Child Care Workers to attend the Texas Youth Commissioner Reception Center in Marlin, Texas, on March 24-26, 1997;
- d) County Extension Marine Agent to attend the Fisheries Recruitment Workshop in College Station, Texas, on February 26-27, 1997;
- e) County Extension Marine Agent to attend the South Atlantic and Gulf Sea Grant Network Workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 23-25, 1997;
- f) Two (2) Assistant County Auditor to attend the Professional Development Seminar for County Auditors in Austin, Texas, on April 1-4, 1997;
- g) Two (2) Engineering Building Inspectors to attend the 28th Annual Municipal Inspectors Training School in College Station, Texas, on May 13-16, 1997;
- h) Two (2) Engineering employees to attend the 1997 National Hurricane Conference in Houston, Texas, on April 22-25, 1997;
- I) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Assistant Director, Tactical Intelligence Agent and Intelligence Research Specialist to attend an Analytical Investigation Course in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 14-18, 1997;
- j) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force Director to attend the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Association Executive Committee Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on February 11,

1997, and a Briefing and Presentation in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 13-14, 1997;

- k) County Judge, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, International Bridge Systems Director and County Engineer, to attend the XXXI United States - Mexico Binational Meeting in Mexicali, Mexico, on March 17-19, 1997;
- l) Three (3) Health Department employees and four (4) Jail Infirmity employees to attend the ALVNAT Workshop in Harlingen, Texas, on March 8, 1997;
- m) Health Administrator to attend the 19th Annual Hurricane Conference in Houston, Texas, on April 23-25, 1997;
- n) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATPA Planning Committee Meeting in Weslaco, Texas, on March 20, 1997;
- o) Computer Center Data Processing Manager to attend Continuing Education Classes in Edinburg, Texas, on Tuesday evenings starting on March 11, 1997, through April 8, 1997;
- p) Computer Center Data Processing Manager to attend a One-day Basic Supervision Seminar in Brownsville, Texas, on May 1, 1997;
- q) Computer Center Data Processing Manager and Senior Analyst to attend an IBM AAS/400 as the Premier Server Seminar in Austin, Texas, on March 12-13, 1997;
- r) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5 - 1 and five (5) Clerks to attend the TJCTC Training Seminar in San Antonio, Texas, on March 26-28, 1997; and
- s) Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Deputy to attend the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association Jurisprudence Committee Meeting in Austin, Texas, on March 25, 1997.

**(28) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

**a) Precinct No. 4**

Luz Del Cielo Subdivision, Section 3, Phases I and II - being 30.784 acres of land out of the 45.40 acre tract being out of the East half of Private Survey No. 424.

**(29) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL**

**a) Precinct No. 2**

Vermillion Estates Mobile Home Subdivision - a replat being 22.704 acres, consisting of the North one half of Lot No. 1, Block No. 209, El Jardin Resubdivision.

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

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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**.

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**APPROVED** this **25th** day of **March, 1997**.

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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**