

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 19th 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:

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 14, 1997, at 2:29 P.M.:

**(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the following Bids/Request for Proposals be opened:

- a) Sale of Coins - Collection;
- b) Asbestos Removal - County Building;
- c) Pick-ups - Parks System Department;
- d) Quarterly Bid Food - Spices No. 2210-2;
- e) Quarterly Bid Food - Meets, Beef, Poultry No. 2170-2;
- f) Quarterly Bid Dietary Supplies - Miscellaneous No. 2050-2; and
- g) Bank Depository Services No. 1222.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Bids/Request for Proposals follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

a) SALE OF COINS - COLLECTION

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

b) ASBESTOS REMOVAL - COUNTY BUILDING

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

c) PICK-UPS - PARKS SYSTEM DEPARTMENT

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

d) **QUARTERLY BID FOOD - SPICES NO. 2210-2**

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**e) QUARTERLY BID FOOD - MEETS,
BEEF, POULTRY NO. 2170 - 2**

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- f) QUARTERLY BID DIETARY
SUPPLIES - MISCELLANEOUS NO.
2050-2;**

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

g) BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES NO. 1222

The Bids/Request for Proposals are as follow:

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the case styled Ernesto Lopez, Jr. vs. Cameron County, et. al., 96-12-7157-D, in the 103rd District Court; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A);
- b) 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; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A&B);
- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible Contract with Carter and Burgess for Property Acquisition Map on the Los Tomates Bridge Area; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- d) Confer with County Counsel concerning the potential litigation regarding the Adult Probation Office Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2)(A&B);
- e) Confer with County Counsel on the Port Isabel Health Clinic; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);
- f) Deliberation regarding the sale or lease of the Real Property, known as the Port Isabel Original Townsite, Part of Lot No. 2, Block No. 81, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- g) Deliberation regarding the lease of the Real Property, known as the Village at Sea Ranch, located in the Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- h) Deliberation regarding the Real Property regarding the possible purchase of Lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Expressway Subdivision, No. 5, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- I) Deliberation regarding the Real Property regarding the lease of the property, known as 313 Queen Isabel Highway, Port Isabel, Cameron County, Texas; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

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) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the case styled Ernesto Lopez, Jr. vs. Cameron County, et. al., 96-12-7157-D, in the 103rd District Court.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the case styled Ernesto Lopez, Jr. vs. Cameron County, et. al., 96-12-7157-D, in the 103rd District Court.

- b) 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.

Commissioner Cascos recommended that the authorization to settle, as discussed in Executive Session, should be approved regarding said matter.

Commissioner Cascos moved that 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, be settled as discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel regarding the possible Contract with Carter and Burgess for the Property Acquisition Map on the Los Tomates Bridge Area.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, 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 Contract with Carter and Burgess for the Property Acquisition Map on the Los Tomates Bridge Area.

- d) Confer with County Counsel concerning the potential litigation regarding the Adult Probation Office Project.

Judge Hinojosa 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 potential litigation regarding the Adult Probation Office Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel on the Port Isabel Health Clinic.

Judge Pro-tem Cascos recommended that the Title work and the acquisition on the subdivision property should be authorized with funds through the Port Isabel Empowerment Zone Project, noting that Judge Hinojosa was not present for the discussion of said Item.

Commissioner Benavides moved that title work and the acquisition of the subdivision property regarding the Port Isabel Health Clinic, be approved, said funds to be allocated through the Port Isabel Empowerment Zone Project, noting that Judge Hinojosa was not present for said Item.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

- f) Deliberation regarding the sale or lease of the Real Property, known as the Port Isabel Original Townsite, Part of Lot No. 2, Block No. 81, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, should be acknowledged regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, be acknowledged regarding the sale or lease of the Real Property, known as the Port Isabel Original Townsite, Part of Lot No. 2, Block No. 81, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- g) Deliberation regarding the lease of the Real Property, known as the Village at Sea Ranch, located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.

Commissioner Matz recommended that the County Judge should be authorized to sign the Lease regarding said matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the County Judge was authorized to sign the Lease regarding the Real Property, known as the Village at the Sea Ranch, located in Isla Blanca Park, Cameron County, Texas.

- h) Deliberation concerning the Real Property regarding the possible purchase of Lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Expressway Subdivision No. 5, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas.

Commissioner Matz recommended that the Property Management Coordinator should be authorized to continue the negotiations regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Property Management Coordinator be authorized to continue the negotiations concerning the Real Property regarding the possible purchase of Lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Expressway Subdivision No. 5, La Feria, Cameron County, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- I) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the lease of the property, known as 313 Queen Isabel Highway, Port Isabel, Cameron County, Texas.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the Lease should be entered into along the terms as discussed in Executive Session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Lease regarding the Real Property known as 313 Queen Isabel Highway, Port Isabel, Cameron County, Texas, was approved along the terms as discussed in Executive Session

The Agreement is as follows:

(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, presented two (2) additional late claims as to Harding, Schultz and Downs, Warrant No. 31471, in the amount of \$5,267.41, and Raymond's Automotive, Warrant No. 31472, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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 two (2) additional late claims as to Warrant No. 31471, in the amount of \$5,267.41 and Warrant No. 31472, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:

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

Commissioner Peña moved that the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-14 and the Salary Schedule for Planning and Inspection, Fund No. 15-623, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedule are as follow:

(6) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 1997

Commissioner Matz moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 25, 1997, at 4:00 P.M., be approved.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Cascos.

(17) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1997 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the amount of the Valle Escondido Project should be extended from \$300,000.00 to \$320,000.00, to allow for additional costs if necessary.

Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, recommended that the Administrative and Engineering costs be included in the Budget for said Project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Valle Escondido Project was selected, in the amount of \$320,000.00, for the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Community Development Fund, with the remaining fund balance, in the amount of \$28,000.00, to be allocated to the Olmito Water Supply Corporation Project.

(18) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1997 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA CONSTRUCTION FUND

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, recommended that Administrative and Engineering costs be included in the Budget for said Projects.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Military Highway Water Supply Project, in the amount of \$251,124.00, and the Projects of Grande Acres and Tierra Bonita to the North Alamo Water Supply Corporation, in the amount of \$183,975.00, were selected for the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Construction Fund.

(19) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1997 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

Commissioner Cascos moved that Olmito Water Supply Corporation Project be selected for the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Planning and Capacity Building Fund, said amount to be up to \$50,000.00, as determined by the State Matrix.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(20) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1997 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA AREA PLANNING FUND

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Projects of Arroyo Colorado Estates and the Del Mar Heights were selected for the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Area Planning Fund, said amount to be determined by the State Matrix.

(21) ACTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE 1997 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COLONIA COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FUND

Commissioner Peña moved that the County submit the Application for the 1997 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Comprehensive Planning Fund.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(7) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE, WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56.72, FROM BURTON AUTO SUPPLY

Commissioner Matz moved that the Purchase, without the Purchase Order, in the amount of \$56.72, from Burton Auto Supply, for Precinct No. 1, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(8) IN THE MATTER OF THE CAMERON COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER TO PERFORM AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF CAMERON COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCTS, TO DETERMINE RURAL AND URBAN CLASSIFICATIONS, STAFFING NEEDS AND EQUIPMENT (REJECTED)

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that a discussion and an analysis of the Justice of the Peace Precincts were necessary, in order to determine the needs and to resolve the issue regarding the vacancy of the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6, Place 2.

Commissioner Peña stated that a survey was performed in Precinct No. 4, and the response of the community regarding said issue, was the recommendation to fill the vacant Justice of the Peace position.

Judge Hinojosa stated that there should be a desire or a commitment to change the current system, in order to perform the in-depth analysis and expressed his opposition to the reduction of the Justice of Peace or Constable slots. He stated that the vacant Justice of the Peace slot precipitated the issue and added that the response in support of the need for the two (2) Justice of the Peace slots for the City of Harlingen was high.

Commissioner Matz stated that the Agenda Item submitted to the County Judge's Office differed from the Item that was posted on the Agenda and clarified that said Item was not submitted by the County Auditor.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that a similar Item was submitted by the Auditor's Office, but noted that it had been delayed for a week and added that subsequent to that, Commissioners Cascos and Matz submitted an identical Agenda Request for the same process.

Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, stated that the Item had been reworded, in order to discuss the staffing needs and to determine the need of a rural Justice of the Peace as opposed to the urban Justice of the Peace, before considering the hiring of a new Justice of the Peace.

Commissioner Cascos stated that Cameron County had the most Justices of the Peace positions per capita, than any other County which was the same size, or larger, within the State; and suggested that the County should explore the possibility of redistricting or reallocating the districts, in order to reduce the number of Justices of the Peace positions in the County. He added that the population of the cities within the County should be examined to determine the number of Justices of the Peace positions needed County-wide, and suggested that as the Justices of the Peace retired or left office, the County should evaluate the system.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the community's request to fill the Justice of the Peace position in the Harlingen area and whether or not it was appropriate to downsize the number of positions in the County and Judge

Hinojosa stated that the Cities in Cameron County had large distances between them, which was the reason for the need of the number of positions in the County.

At this time, Commissioner Matz stated that numerous issues should be considered and evaluated, as opposed to only considering the revenues and added the analysis should be performed before the consideration of filling the position of the Justice of the Peace. He stated "Unfortunately, and Remi I hope you will never again modify an Agenda Item Request. O.k.? If you do, please show the courtesy to inform the Commissioner or the Commissioners who submitted." Commissioner Matz added that the next step to the process would be to set up a criteria and establish a Committee to make the recommendation, noting that said process should be performed in a professional and orderly point of view.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Cameron County Budget Officer be authorized to perform an in-depth analysis of the Cameron County Justice of the Peace Precincts to determine rural and urban classifications, staffing needs and equipment.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and the vote is as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Matz and Cascos

NAY: Commissioners Benavides, Peña and Judge Hinojosa.

(9) **AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST AND NEGOTIATE THE CONNECTION TO THE - NET (TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK) WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (OTS) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE FOR INTERNET AND FUTURE VIDEO CONFERENCING SERVICES**

At this time, Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management, stated that the Texas Higher Education Network would cost an estimated monthly amount of \$512.00 for unlimited access and hours within the County and added that the up-front installation fee would cost \$7,709.00. She stated that the Network would allow the County to access future video teleconferencing from Universities throughout the State, the Health Net and Mexico, which would enable County employees to attend training sessions without traveling and noted that a Grant would be submitted for equipment regarding the Network and added that the E-Mail system would be accessible through the Network.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the request and negotiation of the connection to the Texas Higher Education Network (THE-NET) with the University of Texas System Office of Telecommunications Services (OTS) and the University of Texas at Brownsville for Internet and future video conferencing services be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(10) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ONE (1) PICK UP TRUCK FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Bids for one (1) pick up truck be advertised for immediate delivery for the County Engineering Department, said funding to be allocated from the Engineering and Right-of-Way, Fund No. 15-622-096.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

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(11) **AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT WITH EMI, ENVIRONMENTAL MATERIALS, INCORPORATED, TO FINALIZE THE COMPLETE CLOSURE OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK, I.E., PLAN AA@ REPORT, FOR THE PRECINCT NO. 1 WAREHOUSE, COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTRACT WHICH ARE REIMBURSABLE BY THE STATE**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Contract be continued with EMI, Environmental Materials, Incorporated, to finalize the complete closure of the underground storage tank, i.e., Plan AA@Report, for the Precinct No. 1 Warehouse, said cost associated with the Contract which are reimbursable by the State.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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(12) **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR BRIDGE STRUCTURE NO. AA00179-001, OLD PORT ISABEL ROAD OVER MAIN DRAIN NO. 2 AND STRUCTURE NO. AA0676-001 DILWORTH ROAD OVER ARROYO COLORADO**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation was approved for the construction and maintenance for Bridge Structure No. AA00179-001, Old Port Isabel Road over Main Drain No. 2 and Structure No. AA0676-001 Dilworth Road over Arroyo Colorado, said funding to be allocated from the Road and Bridge Engineering - Bridge Improvements, Fund No. 15-622-093.

The Agreement is as follows:

(13) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ARCHITECT FIRM FOR THE PORT ISABEL CLINIC (THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE PROJECT)

Commissioner Matz moved that the negotiations with the Architect Firm of Gignac and Associates, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the Port Isabel Clinic (the Empowerment Zone Project) be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



(14) APPROVAL TO CREATE THREE (3) MEDICATION AIDE POSITIONS FOR THE JAIL HEALTH FACILITIES

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, three (3) Medication Aide Positions for the Jail Health Facilities were created, said funding to be allocated from Lapsed Salaries, Fund No. 10-409-33 - Contingencies.



(15) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DOCUMENT NO. 7460004207 98 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1997, TO DECEMBER 31, 1997, FOR A TOTAL OF \$201,131.00, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION

Commissioner Matz moved that the Texas Department of Health, Document No. 7460004207 98, be approved for the period of January 1, 1997, to December 31, 1997, for a total of \$201,131.00, to be utilized for Tuberculosis Elimination.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Document is as follows:

(16) AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN BENITO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO PERFORM SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD) SERVICES

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Professional Services Agreement between the Cameron County Health Department and the San Benito Medical Association, was approved to perform Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Services.

The Agreement is as follows:

(22) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT AND THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS TO NEGOTIATE AN ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GONZALEZ ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, INCORPORATED, FOR CERTAIN DISASTER RELIEF ROAD REPAIRS (TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM [TCDP] CONTRACT NO. 716097)

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Program Development and Management and the Engineering Departments were authorized to negotiate an Engineering Services Contract with Gonzalez Engineering and Surveying, Incorporated, for certain disaster relief road repairs (Texas Community Development Program [TCDP] Contract No. 716097).

(23) APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH CRUZ-HOGAN CONSULTANTS FOR CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE OLMITO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 716151)

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Engineering Contract with Cruz-Hogan Consultants be approved for certain water system improvements on behalf of the Olmito Water Supply Corporation; (Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 716151).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

**(24) AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS TO SELL
AND RELOCATE/DEMOLISH THE OLD ISLA
BLANCA PARK OFFICE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Bids were solicited to sell and relocate/demolish the Old Isla Blanca Park Office.

**(25) APPOINTMENTS TO THE CAMERON COUNTY
CHILD WELFARE BOARD**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the following individuals be appointed to the Cameron County Child Welfare Board:

Ms. Norma Delgado, Brownsville, Texas;

Ms. Lucy Ortega, Cameron County Los Niños Headstart Program;

Mr. Santiago Montes, Long Elementary School Counselor, Rio Hondo, Texas;

Ms. Esther Plata, Milam Elementary School Counselor, San Benito, Texas;

Mr. David Betancourt, Brownsville, Texas; and

Mr. Harold Ebbeage, Harlingen, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**(26) AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE
CONTRACT WITH CARTER AND BURGESS FOR
PROPERTY ACQUISITION MAP ON THE LOS
TOMATES BRIDGE AREA**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Engineering Department be authorized to negotiate with Carter and Burgess on the Property Acquisition Map on the Los Tomates Bridge Area.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

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 Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the

AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

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

- a) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the AWomen=s Health Care Seminar® in Dallas, Texas, on April 16-18, 1997;
- b) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the APediatric Assessment Training Program® in McAllen, Texas, on April 18-26, 1997;
- c) Health Administrator to attend the ALocal Health Directors= Meeting® in Falfurrias, Texas, on March 31, 1997;
- d) Health Administrator to serve as a member of the Steering Committee for the Children=s Health Transition Project in Austin, Texas, on March 17, 1997;
- e) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the APopulation-Based Workshop® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 7-8, 1997;
- f) Health Department employee to attend the ATexas Association of Local Women=s, Infants, and Children (WIC) Directors= Regional Meeting® in Edinburg, Texas, on March 26, 1997;
- g) Health Department employee to attend the APenn State Child Nutrition Teleconference® in Dallas, Texas, on March 17-18, 1997;
- h) Constable Precinct No. 7 and three (3) Deputies to attend the A1021 Mandatory Course® in Raymondville, Texas, on March 11-13, 1997;
- I) Task Force Commander to attend the ARegional Commanders= Meeting® in Laredo, Texas, on March 12, 1997, and a AMulti-Agency Meeting® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 14, 1997;
- j) Personnel/Safety Risk Department Insurance Clerk to attend a ASafety Training Session in the Bexar County Sheriff=s Office® in San Antonio, Texas, on March 12-14, 1997;
- k) Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent to participate in the ADistrict 12-1997 4-H Fashion Show® in Laredo, Texas, on April 5, 1997;

- l) Five (5) Members of the Commissioners= Court to attend the ACounty Judges=and Commissioners=Association Conference@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 21-24, 1997;
- m) Tax Assessor-Collector and five (5) Deputies to attend the A1997 E-Z Team Meeting@ in South Padre Island, Texas, on April 2-4, 1997;
- n) Unified Narcotic Intelligence Task Force Assistant Director to meet with Texas Narcotics Information System Personnel in Austin, Texas, on March 18-19, 1997; and to attend a ACommanders=Meeting@ in San Antonio, Texas, on March 20, 1997;
- o) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6 Clerk to attend the A16 Hour Court Probate Personnel Seminar@ in San Antonio, Texas, on March 26-28, 1997;
- p) Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 6 to attend the A20 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on April 6-9, 1997;
- q) Program Development and Management Assistant Planner and Fiscal Analyst to attend a ACriminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting@ in Weslaco, Texas, on March 20, 1997;
- r) County Clerk to testify on Senate Bill 436 and House Bill 1341, pertaining to County Clerk Fees in Austin, Texas, on March 11-12, 1997; and
- s) Commissioners= Court to attend the ALegislative Meeting@ in Austin, Texas, on March 11-12, 1997.



(28) AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR

a) COMMISSARY - UNDERWEAR NO. 2018

ACCESS - St. Louis, Missouri
Total - \$14,789.74

b) COMMISSARY - SHOES NO. 2010

BOB BARKER COMPANY - Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Total - \$1,619.64

c) FOOD - DRINKING WATER NO. 2250

ST. JOSEPHS WATER - Brownsville, Texas
Drinking Water - Gallon size - \$0.58

d) TRANSPORTATION OF VOTING MACHINES NO. 1900

JONES MOVING AND STORAGE - Harlingen, Texas
Description Cost

Stand-by Truck on Election Day \$350.00
Cost to deliver and return machine (each) \$34.95

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

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APPROVED this **1st** day of **April, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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