

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 12th day of MAY, 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:

11:00 A. 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. 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 May 9, 1997, at 10:40 A.M., and the Supplemental Agenda posted on May 9, 1997, at 11:49 A.M.

(26) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE LOS VECINOS COALITION OF THE
HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICE
PROVIDERS**

At this time, Ms. Celina Serrata, City of Brownsville, explained that the City of Brownsville had brought eight (8) Social Service Providers involved in Literacy and Emergency Shelters together to coordinate and provide additional services and noted that there were no costs to the County.

Judge Hinojosa emphasized the importance and the obligation of the County being involved in the coalition and noted that the Cameron County Housing Authority was a participant in the Program.

Commissioner Peña moved the Resolution supporting the Los Vecinos Coalition of the Homeless Shelter and Service Providers be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(24) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS BOOT CAMP AND EDUCATION CENTER AND APPOINTMENT OF A REVIEW COMMITTEE

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the Boot Camp Development Advisory Committee and the Architect recommended that the Request for Proposal for a Construction Subcontractor, be advertised through the Bid Process supervised by a Construction Manager. He noted that the process would be less expensive and added that the Request for Proposal would be prepared by the Auditor-s Office.

Commissioner Matz questioned the Agenda Item wording concerning the ARequest for Qualification@and the County Attorney responded that the wording was utilized when seeking a Professional Services.

Judge Hinojosa recommended that the individuals on the Boot Camp Development Advisory Committee be appointed to the Review Committee.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) be advertised for a Construction Manager for the South Texas Boot Camp and Education Center and the following individuals were appointed to the Review Committee:

Ms. Edna Tamayo, Youth Commissioner and San Benito Independent School District;

Mr. Tony Martinez, Brownsville, Texas;

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer;

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,

Mr. Amador Rodriguez, Juvenile Probation Director;

Mr. Fred Allbee, San Benito resident; and

Judge Hinojosa, County Judge.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(25) IN THE MATTER TO CREATE A BOOT CAMP ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS BOOT CAMP AND EDUCATION CENTER (TABLED)

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the aspects of the Project needed to be implemented and added that the Boot Camp Administrator position was preferred to be an in-house position as opposed to bidding out to a private firm, noting that the new funding, in the estimated amount of \$35,000.00, would have to be created for said position.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that there were no excess Juvenile resources and that the Lapsed Salaries from the General Fund would need to be utilized.

Commissioner Cascos recommended that the Item be Tabled and stated that there was a similar situation in the District Attorney's Office, in which funds were not available.

Judge Hinojosa stated that said issue was necessary for the development of the program for the Boot Camp, noting that the money had been funded by the State of Texas, in terms of the construction, and added that Operational Funds were also available. He stated that the Operational Functions of the Program would not be in place once the Boot Camp was build if the programmatic aspects were not implemented and added that the Committee was hesitant to commit to Southwest Key Program, regarding the management of the Program..

Commissioner Matz suggested that the Item be Tabled for a week until the funds and program were reviewed as a whole and expressed concern regarding the numerous unplanned expenditures in the current year and the impact it would have on next year's Budget and the Tax Rate. He recommended that the County Auditor should report the Rolling Tax Rate or highlight the major expenditures on the weekly Budget Officer's Comments Report.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Position be advertised before creating it and the suggestion was made to place the Item on next week's Agenda, in order to advertise for the position.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for one (1) week.



**(8) REPORT ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE
SELECTION OF THE BANK DEPOSITORY FOR
CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Mr. Eddie A. Gonzalez, County Treasurer, stated that of the six (6) Proposals received, the difference between them were the terms of the Contract and reported that the Advisory Committee's recommendation was to select International Bank of Commerce.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Report on the Advisory Committee's recommendation concerning the selection of the Bank Depository for Cameron County be acknowledged.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.



**(9) AWARDING THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT
FOR CAMERON COUNTY**

At this time, Mr. Eddie A. Gonzalez, County Treasurer, highlighted the fee analysis, rate structures and terms of the Contracts based on the Bank Depository Bid Comparative Report.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the Proposals received were comparable in terms of services and added that based on the figures, the Committee had decided to retain the existing Contract for two (2) years, and to review the Bank after the two (2) year period for competitiveness. He noted that the process of the advertising for said Bids had not been done for several years and added that the other Banks had become more competitive, leaving no significant difference among them.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that prior to 1995, the County had the Depository Contract with the same bank for over fifteen (15) years and added that the process brought the dynamics and was a good process for the County.

Commissioner Matz stated your earnings reflect that, everybody is better off. Your records speaks for itself, Mr. Gonzalez.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Depository Contract for Cameron County be awarded to the International Bank of Commerce for a two (2) year period.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Report is as follows:

(13) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
CAMERON COUNTY TO INITIATE
CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR
PROPERTY IN THE CAMERON PARK
COMMUNITY**

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, stated that Ms. Elida Zuniga, Cameron Park Resident, had not contacted the County regarding said Item and recommended that action be taken to initiate the condemnation proceedings for the Property in the Cameron Park Community.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Resolution authorizing Cameron County to initiate condemnation proceedings for property in the Cameron Park Community be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(15) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD S&B ENGINEERING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE EXISTING ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF THE LOS TOMATES BRIDGE, ROADWAY APPROACHES AND THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PADS**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the fixed fee being unknown to the Court and the suggestion was made that the Agreement should be further reviewed and negotiated by Legal Counsel.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Supplemental Agreement be negotiated with S&B Engineering for the existing Engineering Contract for the Construction Management of the Los Tomates Bridge, Roadway Approaches and the Governmental Service Administration Building Pads, subject to Legal review and negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

(1) **APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT INVOLVING SURVEYING AND LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE LOS TOMATES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PROJECT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CARLOS CASTILLO AND ASSOCIATES**

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the Professional Services Agreement should not exceed the amount of \$8,000.00 based on the time charge.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Professional Services Agreement involving surveying and land acquisition for the Los Tomates International Bridge Project between the County and Carlos Castillo and Associates was approved, with the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 based on the time charge.

The Agreement is as follows:

(19) AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT OF THE LOS TOMATES INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE WITH SUMMIT CONTRACTING, INCORPORATED

At this time, Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, recommended that Summit Contracting, Incorporated, should be awarded the Construction Contract of the Los Tomates International Bridge as opposed to negotiating the Contract.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that there was a point of interest regarding the bonds provided through American National Fire Insurance Company and Great America Insurance Company, which had adequate surplus in their lines to cover said Project and added that the recommendation had been made to request that the Construction Company provide a casualty insurance policy including flood, in order to be covered should a casualty or flood occur during the construction period.

Judge Hinojosa noted that once the Contract was negotiated and the details were in place, the Contract would then be awarded.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Construction Contract of the Los Tomates International Bridge be negotiated with Summit Contracting, Incorporated, Weslaco, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



(21) AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO GYGNAC AND ASSOCIATES, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT ISABEL HEALTH CLINIC BUILDING PLANS

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Contract for Architectural Services to Gygnac and Associates for the development of the Port Isabel Health Clinic Building Plans was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

(7) **PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND QUARTER
REPORT ON THE BRIDGE CROSSING AND
REVENUES FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM**

At this time, Mr. Joe F. Galvan, Bridge Systems Director, highlighted the Second Quarter Report on the Bridge crossings and revenues for the Gateway International Bridge at Brownsville and the Free Trade Bridge at Los Indios.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Second Quarter Report on the Bridge Crossing and Revenues for the Cameron County International Bridge System be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

(20) **AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CCTV SYSTEM FOR GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND FREE TRADE BRIDGE, LOS INDIOS**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bids be advertised for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System for the Gateway International Bridge, Brownsville, and the Free Trade Bridge, Los Indios.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

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At this time, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Meeting was recessed to complete the Delinquent Tax Attorney Presentations Workshop held at 9:00 A.M.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 12:30 P.M.

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(2) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 12:30 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the acquisition of a certain tract of land adjoining the Cameron Park Community Center for the Cameron Park Recreation Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; **(TABLED)**
- b) Confer with County Counsel concerning the possible litigation involving Vacation and Comp-time; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1);
- c) In the matter of the evaluation of Mr. Juan Bernal, in the capacity of County Engineer; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.074 (1); **(TABLED)**
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Van Hoy, Lot No. 19, Block No. 1, City of Harlingen; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.074 (1);
- e) Deliberation regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Lot No. 7A and No. 7B, Block No. 4, Avondale Addition, City of Harlingen; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- f) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the potential litigation regarding the Dancy Building; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1).

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 1:15 P.M.

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(1) **AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 97-04-02 FOR ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING SYSTEM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Request for Proposal No. 97-04-02 for Electronic Home Monitoring System was opened.

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

- a) In the matter of conferring with County Counsel to discuss the acquisition of a certain tract of land adjoining the Cameron Park Community Center for the Cameron Park Recreation Project. (**TABLED**)

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

- b) In the matter to confer with County Counsel concerning the possible litigation involving Vacation and Comp-time. (**DENIED**)

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that it was the Court-s desire to continue to follow the County Policy regarding Vacation and Comp-Time, concerning the two (2) claims against the County, and added that based on the information obtained at this time, the claims to authorize the payments should be denied regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the current County Policy regarding Vacation and Comp-time concerning the litigation be followed and that the payments to the two (2) parties involved be **DENIED**.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) In the matter of the evaluation of Mr. Juan Bernal, in the capacity of County Engineer. (**TABLED**)

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

- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Van Hoy, Lot No. 19, Block No. 1, City of Harlingen.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the sale, in the amount of \$5,000.00, should be authorized, pursuant to the terms as discussed in Executive Session regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the sale, in the amount of \$5,000.00, regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Van Hoy, Lot No. 19, Block No. 1, City of Harlingen, be approved, pursuant to the terms and conditions as outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- e) Deliberation regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Lot No. 7A and No. 7B, Block No. 4, Avondale Addition, City of Harlingen.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Status Report of County Counsel should be acknowledged and that no action should be taken at this time regarding said matter.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the Real Property known as Cameron County Trustee, Lot No. 7A and No. 7B, Block No. 4, Avondale Addition, City of Harlingen, and that no action be taken at this time.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

- f) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the potential litigation regarding the Dancy Building.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged and that one half of the expenses for Mr. Lewis D. Snyder, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to travel to Brownsville, Texas, to review the terra-cota of the Dancy Building, noting that the expenses should not exceed the amount of \$1,000.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Status Report by County Counsel was acknowledged regarding the potential litigation regarding the Dancy Building and one half of the expenses for Mr. Lewis D. Snyder, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to travel to Brownsville, Texas, to review the terra-cota of the Dancy Building, were approved, noting that the expenses were not to exceed the amount of \$1,000.00.

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(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

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

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

(3) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15,
1997, AND APRIL 29, 1997**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 29, 1997, at 4:00 P.M., be approved, subject to the corrections noted on Item No. 4 Ag@ and Ai@ and Item No. 32.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Cascos.

(10) **IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTRACT WITH
PCSS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND
TRAINING RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL
COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JEMS)
TO BE IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO THE
PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE VENDOR (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated said Program had been stalled and added that the Contractor requested that certain License Fees should have been included in the Contract, noting that the payment was current regarding the conversion process, but that additional training and support would be required for the Project.

Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director, stated that the data conversion process was pending and that the vendor had requested that an additional portion be paid for the data conversion.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Item be Tabled until the Court had a better idea of the financial situation, noting that the expense for the Project was a significant amount.

The County Auditor suggested that the additional cost be financed over a five (5) year period and added that there was no annual support available for the training and support of the Project. He noted that if the payments were not made, there would not be any cooperation from the vendor and that the Computer Center would have to inherit the Project.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Item be Tabled for two (2) weeks, in order to review and negotiate any additional training that may be needed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, this Item was **TABLED** for two (2) weeks.

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(11) **AUTHORIZATION TO SELECT A DELINQUENT TAX FIRM (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 97-02-02-1730) AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT**

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Delinquent Tax Contract be awarded to Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, Brownsville, Texas.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Firm of Calame, Linebarger, Graham and Peña, be selected as the Delinquent Tax Firm (Request for Proposal No. 97-02-02-1730) and that the Contract be negotiated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa noted that the starting date for the Delinquent Tax Attorney had not been established.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, clarified that the action taken in this Meeting was the selection of the Firm and the authorization to negotiate the Contract and noted that the current Firm had the current Contract, which included specific provisions to comply with.

Commissioner Matz clarified that the motion included negotiating the Contract with the selected Firm and to review the existing Contract with Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams.

The County Attorney stated that there were issues that the current Firm and the County needed to resolve in an amicable way regarding the transition and suggested the Court should direct Counsel and two (2) Members of the Court to discuss the Thirty (30) Day Notice Provision and the Provisions regarding the continuation of the pending litigations on file.

At this time, Mr. Oliver Heard, Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, stated that the Firm's expectation was to have the Contract remain in force until June 1998, in order to be able to go through the transitions and termination of the Firm's employees.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the Contract remain in force until the expiration date of June 1998, in order to allow the Firm to go through the transition.

Mr. Juan Peña, Calame, Linebarger, Graham and Peña, stated that it was not customary for a lawyer to be fired and then be retained for an additional ten (10) months and noted that the transition periods within the business was relatively simple.

Mr. Jim Solis, Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, requested that the Firm be allowed to maintain the Contract for the transition until the new Firm took over in June 1998, in all fairness to the current Firm-s employees and the time they had devoted and dedicated to the County, noting that the issue had been discussed previously in other hearings with the Court.

Mr. Wright stated that the importance of the action taken was the fact that the Court had selected the Firm of Calame, Linebarger, Graham and Peña to negotiate the Contract, and added that the recommendation regarding the terms of the Contract could be brought back to the Court. He added that the thirty (30) Day Notice Provision was a problem, due to the July 1st date arriving that needed to be handled, in order to submit the recommendations for the following Meeting, in which Notice would be given to the current Firm and stated that provisions in the Contract dealing with the outstanding law suits would also need to be resolved.

Mr. Peña clarified that the current Firm had six (6) months in which to bring them to judgement and added that the new Firm would then inherit the pending cases after said period.

The County Attorney stated that written Notice of Termination would be required, which could be executed at the subsequent Meeting.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern regarding the cause or non-cause of the termination and questioned whether the County was required to follow a procedure regarding said matter.

Mr. Wright clarified that the Contract contained a paragraph concerning the termination and that no cause was needed for the termination, noting that the issue was generally the case with attorney/client relationships. He stated that the attorney had the obligation to accept the termination by the client and added that said issue simply gave notice of thirty (30) days to terminate the relationship. Mr. Wright stated that the Court was not in a position at this time to make the decision regarding the remainder of the Contract and suggested that the matter be presented at the following Meeting.

Mr. Heard stated that the Firm would fully cooperate with the decisions of the Court and expressed his gratitude for the thirteen (13) years of service to the County.



(12) APPROVAL OF THE 1997-1998 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMERON AND THE CITIES WITHIN CAMERON COUNTY

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the 1997-1998 Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Cameron and the Cities within Cameron County was approved.

The Agreements are as follow:

**(14) APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE
OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR
THE CAMERON COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Amendment to the Operation and Management Agreement for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program for the Cameron County Juvenile Board was approved.

The Amendment is as follows:

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE LUIS QUESADA FOR A PURCHASE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER FROM GLOOR LUMBER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9.49

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concerned regarding minimum amounts of Purchases without Purchase Orders being placed on the Agenda.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that he would review and determine approval of the Purchases without the Purchase Orders under the amount of \$100.00, with the direction of the Court.

Commissioner Cascos moved that Mr. Luis Quesada be reimbursed for a Purchase without the Purchase Order from Gloor Lumber, in the amount of \$9.49.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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At this time, Mr. Francisco Cinfuentes, Brownsville resident, expressed his opinions regarding the activities and the manner in which the taxpayers= dollars were being spent in the County.

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(17) IN THE MATTER OF THE PURCHASE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER FROM PETER, INCORPORATED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 (TABLED)

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

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(18) APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE WITHOUT THE PURCHASE ORDER FROM CAR QUEST, IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$30.50 AND \$10.16

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Purchase without the Purchase Order from Car Quest, in the amounts of \$30.50 and \$10.16, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

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(22) APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE IN JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY INCREASE OF THE OPERATION/MAINTENANCE/PROGRAMMER

At this time, Mr. Norio Nishiguchi, Computer Center Director, stated that the six (6) month evaluation had been done on said Position and added that the Position had been assigned programming duties. He noted that the salary would increase from \$18,000.00 to the amount of \$20,000.00.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern regarding the excess funds in the Departments and added that the excess funds were a result of the Departments being over budgeted.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the change in Job Description and Salary Increase of the Operation/Maintenance/Programmer be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(23) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTS FOR TWO (2) INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH SPECIALISTS FROM THE UNIFIED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TASK-FORCE AT NEW ADJUSTED ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 1997, THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 1997

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Contracts for two (2) Intelligence Research Specialists from the Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task-Force, at new adjusted annual salaries for the period of May 1, 1997, through December 21, 1997, were approved.

The Contracts are as follow:

(27) **IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMUNICATION
LINE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERNET
CONNECTION (TABLED)**

At this time, there was some discussion regarding the costs, the number of County employees to be utilizing the Internet and the System which would be utilized, that being the American On-Line or the connection with the University of Texas - Brownsville, and the suggestion was made for this Item to be Tabled and further discussed and negotiated by Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management.

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

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 Matz and carried unanimously, the AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

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

- a) Building Official and four (4) Inspectors to attend a ABuilding Construction Workshop® in South Padre Island, Texas, on May 31, 1997;
- b) Two (2) Drug Enforcement Task Force Officers to attend the ATexas Narcotics Control Program Narcotic Undercover School® in McAllen, Texas, on May 12-16, 1997;
- c) Deputy Constable Precinct No. 2 to attend the A24 Hour School on Highway Interdiction® in College Station, Texas on May 18-22, 1997;
- d) Health Department employee to attend the ATraining Workshop on Integrated Client Encounter System (ICES)® in Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 7-9, 1997;
- e) Two (2) Health Department employees to attend the ATexas Perinatal Association Planning Committee Meeting® in Weslaco, Texas, on May 22, 1997;
- f) Health Department employee to attend the AWelfare Reform Seminar® in Weslaco, Texas, on April 24, 1997;
- g) Three (3) Health Department Indigent Care employee to attend the AWelfare Reform Meeting® in Austin, Texas, on July 8-10, 1997;

- h) Health Department employee and Computer Center employee to attend ATraining for the Use of Med/Track Immunization Registry Software® in Boston, Massachusetts, on Jun 3-8, 1997;
- I) Cameron Park Community Center Director to attend a Luncheon with Texas A&M University in Willacy County, on May 16, 997;
- j) Four (4) County Extension Agents to attend the AAnnual 4-H District Faculty Conference®in Laredo, Texas, on May 13-15, 1997; and
- k) County Historical Commission Members to attend the A1997 Annual Historic Conference®in Austin, Texas, on May 29-31, 1997.

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(29) AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AWARD OF ANNUAL BIDS FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES - CHEMICALS AND CLEANING

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

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APPROVED this 3rd day of **June, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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