

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 15th day of JULY, 1997, there was conducted a REGULAR Public Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Cameron County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same.

THE COURT MET AT:

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 July 11, 1997, at 10:37 A.M.:

**(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BID NO. 1640 FOR
LASER PRINTING OF TAX STATEMENTS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously,
the Bid No. 1640 for Laser Printing of Tax Statements were opened.

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(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:

NOTE: COMMISSIONER BENAVIDES LEFT THE COURT ROOM.

- a) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the status of the case styled State of Texas, County of Cameron vs. Dora De Pau vs. Courtyard Condominiums Co-Owners Association, Incorporated, 97-10-5761-B, the 138th Judicial 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 the status and authority to represent Sergeant Joe Garcia on the case styled Jorge Navarro vs. Sergeant Joe Garcia, et. al., Case No. B-97-103; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A);
- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning the Criminal Justice Division- Criminal Justice Information Project, involving discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rule of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);
- d) Confer with County Counsel on the matter concerning the Leal Subdivision, involving the discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);
- e) Confer with County Counsel on matters concerning the Dancy Building, involving discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct Conflicts with the Open Meetings Act; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (2);
- f) Confer with County Counsel concerning the litigation of acquisition of Parcel No. 4, Nurith Galonsky, Tally Galonsky and Israel Lizka, owners, 1997-CCL-517-A; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(B);
- g) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville Addition, Lot No. 3, Block No. 35; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- h) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Olmito - Graybill Resubdivision, Lot No. 7, Block No. 188; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- I) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville - East Brownsville A, Lot 12, Block 38,; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- j) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the land transfer by the Port of Brownsville; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa asked Chaplin Bob Ordeman, Christian Fellowship Church, for the invocation and Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 5:44 P.M.

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(3) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel to discuss status of case styled the State of Texas, County of Cameron vs. Dora De Pau vs. Courtyard Condominiums Co-Owners Association, Incorporated, 95-10-5761-B, in the 138th Judicial District.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the County should be authorized to withhold the payment of fees to the Firm of Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, and to offset the fees with regard to outstanding potential liability from the litigation filed in this case and all other cases that result from Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams=representation of the County in delinquent tax collection.

Commissioner Peña moved that the payment of fees to the Firm of Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, be withheld and that the fees be offset with regard to outstanding potential liability from the litigation filed in the case styled State of Texas, County of Cameron vs. Dora De Pau vs. Courtyard Condominiums Co-Owners Association, Incorporated, 95-10-5761-B, and all other cases that result from Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams=representation of the County in delinquent tax collection.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss and authorize representation for Sergeant Joe Garcia on the Jorge Navarro vs. Sergeant Joe Garcia, et. al., Case No. B-97-103.

Judge Hinojosa reported that County Counsel should be authorized to represent Sergeant Joe Garcia regarding said matter.

Commissioner Cascos moved that County Counsel be authorized to represent Sergeant Joe Garcia, on the case styled Jorge Navarro vs. Sergeant Joe Garcia, et. al., Case No. B-97-103.

The motion was seconded by Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel concerning Criminal Justice Division- Criminal Justice Information Project, involving discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

Judge Hinojosa reported that Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, should respond to the Criminal Justice Division regarding the Criminal Justice Information Project with a signed letter by the County Judge setting out an Action Plan, as per the request by the Criminal Justice Division.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Program Development and Management Director, was directed to respond to the Criminal Justice Division regarding the Criminal Justice Information Project with a signed letter by the County Judge, containing an Action Plan as requested by Criminal Justice Division.

- d) Confer with County Council on matter concerning Leal Subdivision, involving discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the expenditure, in the amount of \$200.00, for title fees and the hiring of a surveyor, said funding to be allocated from Precinct No. 4, should be authorized.

Commissioner Peña moved that the expenditure for title fees, in the amount of \$200.00, and the hiring of a surveyor be approved for the Leal Subdivision, and said funding to be allocated from Precinct No. 4.

The motion was seconded by Matz and carried unanimously.

- e) Confer with County Counsel on matters concerning the Dancy Building, involving discussions in which the duty of the Attorney under the Rules of the Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the expenditure, in the amount of \$3,496.46, payable to Hildreth Investigations, should be approved, that Ambiotech should be retained to perform the Asbestos ACM Survey on the Dancy Building, in the amount of \$4,895.00, and that a demand letter should be sent to Young Construction Company, Historic Systems, and all parties associated with the construction of the Dancy Building.

Commissioner Peña moved that the expenditure, in the amount of \$3,496.46, payable to Hildreth Investigations be approved, that Amniotech be retained to perform the Asbestos ACM Survey on the Dancy Building, in the amount of \$4,895.00, and that a demand letter be sent to Young Construction Company, Historic Systems, and all parties associated with the construction of the Dancy Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- f) Confer with County Counsel concerning the litigation of the acquisition of Parcel No. 4, Nurith Galonsky, Tally Galonsky and Israel Lizka, owners, 1997-CCL-517-A.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the Court should be authorized to pay the Court Costs, Court Reporter-s Fees, Special Commissioners Fees and the award for the condemnation of said Property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Court was authorized to pay the Court Costs, Court Reporters Fees, Special Commissioners Fees and the award for the condemnation of Parcel No. 4, Nurith Galonsky, Tally Galonsky and Israel Lizka, owners, 1997-CCL-517-A.

- g) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville Addition, Lot No. 3, Block No. 35.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the Property Management Coordinator should be authorized to accept the offer of sale of said property, in the amount of \$10,035.00, with a Quick Claim Deed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Property Management Coordinator was authorized to accepted the offer of sale, in the amount of \$10,035.00, with a Quick Claim Deed, for the Real Property regarding the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville Addition, Lot No. 3, Block No. 35.

- h) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Olmito - Graybill Resubdivision, Lot No. 7, Block No. 188.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the offer, in the amount of \$3,000.00, made by the proposed purchaser should be accepted regarding said Property.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the offer made by the proposed purchaser, in the amount of \$3,000.00, be accepted for the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Olmito - Graybill Resubdivision, Lot No. 7, Block No. 188.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- i) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville - East Brownsville A, Lot No. 12, Block No. 38.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the offer, in the amount of \$10,000.00, should be accepted regarding said property.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the offer, in the amount of \$10,000.00, was accepted for the sale of the Cameron County Trustee Property known as Brownsville - East Brownsville A, Lot No. 12, Block No. 38.

- j) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the land transfer by the Port of Brownsville.

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, reported that the Court should authorize the Parks System Director to commence and prepare the Grant Application for the specific two hundred (200) acre tract of land at the Port of Brownsville, commencing not greater than three tenths (3/10) of one (1) mile East of the existing Port Shrimp Basin fence, provided that the Court reforce the site, if the site does move further towards the beach area and that the Parks System Staff should be directed to withdraw the Application, if the site other than that stipulated, is identified by the Court.®

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Parks System Director be authorized to commence and prepare the Grant Application for the specified two hundred (200) acre tract of land at the Port of Brownsville, commencing no greater than three tenths (3/10) of one (1) mile East of the existing Port Shrimp Basin fence, noting that the Court reforce the site, if the site moves further towards the beach area, and that the Parks System Staff be directed to withdraw the Application if the site, other than that stipulated is identified by the Court.®

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted the following additional late claims for approval:

Warrant No. 39249, as to Hildreth Investigations, in the amount of \$3,496.46;

Warrant No. 39250, as to Juvenile Services, Fund No. 46, in the amount of \$2,000.00;

Warrant No. 39251, as to Alger H. Kendall, Jr., in the amount of \$778.40;

Warrant No. 39252, as to Los Cuates Subdivision, Fund No. 40, in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

Warrant No. 39253, as to Narian's Arts, Incorporated, in the amount of \$856.44.

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 following late claims:

Warrant No. 39249, in the amount of \$3,496.46;

Warrant No. 39250, in the amount of \$2,000.00;

Warrant No. 39251, in the amount of \$778.40;

Warrant No. 39252, in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

Warrant No. 39253, in the amount of \$856.44.

The Budget Officer's Comments Report is as follows:

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

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Amendment No. 97-20 and the Salary Schedules for the County Sheriff - Fund No. 10-560, and County Court at Law No. 1, be approved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Budget Amendment and Salary Schedules are as follow:

**(6) IN THE MATTER OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE
24, 1997 (TABLED)**

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



**(7) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE BUSINESS ANTI-SMUGGLING COALITION
(BASC)**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Resolution supporting the Business Anti-Smuggling Coalition (BASC) be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(8) PRESENTATION BY CARTER AND BURGESS IN REFERENCE TO THE ISLA BLANCA PARK PROJECT

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, highlighted the renovations and improvements to be made at the Isla Blanca Park Project, which included demolition of existing buildings, expansion of the parking lot and the proposed additional restroom facilities.

Mr. Lloyd Lentz, Carter and Burgess Engineering, briefly presented the Isla Blanca Park Project, which would include demolition of buildings, a Recreational Vehicle (R.V.) Lot, bathroom renovations and street surfacing and noted the available Budget and contingencies for the Project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Presentation by Carter and Burgess in reference to the Isla Blanca Park Project was acknowledged.

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROJECTS FOR THE ISLA BLANCA COUNTY PARK

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bids be advertised for the renovation/construction of the scheduled Projects for the Isla Blanca County Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

(9) IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESENTATION BY MR. JOSE ALMAZAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER THE DISASTER RELIEF ROAD REPAIR PROJECT IN PRECINCT NO. 1 TO BE DONE IN-HOUSE, AS OPPOSED TO BIDDING FOR A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR (TABLED)

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

(10) APPROVAL TO HIRE TWO (2) FULL-TIME ROAD AND BRIDGE TECHNICIANS

At this time, Commissioner Cascos clarified that the two (2) full-time Road and Bridge Technician positions existed and were being filled, as opposed to creating new positions.

Commissioner Peña noted that the County Engineer had requested an additional employee from Precinct No. 4 for the Cameron Park Project, which would change the hiring of two (2) slots to three (3).

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the Court could only approve the two (2) Slots as requested on the Agenda Item, and the suggestion was made to request the additional Slot at the next Meeting.

Commissioner Peña moved that two (2) full-time Road and Bridge Technicians be hired.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concerns as to the delay in the County Park Project.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, stated that the equipment was constantly breaking down, noting that some of the equipment was old and added that additional dirt needed to be purchased, which was not included on the Grant.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Vehicle Maintenance Director-s process to repair broken down equipment was to request a Purchase Order from the appropriate Commissioner, which was a time consuming process.

Commissioner Cascos clarified that the County Engineer had the authority to obtain the Purchase Order to repair the Precinct No. 2 equipment and noted that the funds would be allocated from the Precinct No. 2 Budget.

Commissioner Matz recommended that a Budget Line Item be created for equipment repairs funded from each of the Precincts.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that a Budget Amendment would be presented from the Precincts or Fund Balance within Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Cascos questioned a target date for the completion of the County Park Project and Mr. Bernal responded that the completion of the Project was anticipated for November or December 1997, based on the available resources.



(11) APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE HEWLETT/PACKARD 9000 K250

(12) APPROVAL OF THE FINANCING THROUGH HEWLETT/PACKARD SALES FINANCING

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the purchase of the Hewlett/Packard 9000 K250 and the financing through Hewlett/Packard Sales Financing were approved.



(13) ACCEPTANCE OF THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE PERSONNEL/SAFETY RISK MANAGER, MR. MARIANO AYALA

(14) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR/SAFETY RISK MANAGER

At this time, Commissioner Matz recommended that Ms. Margie Salazar, Health Benefits Specialist, be appointed as Acting/Interim Personnel Director based on her work experience and knowledge.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Letter of Resignation from the Director of the Personnel/Safety Risk Manager, Mr. Mariano Ayala, was accepted, the advertisement for the position of the Personnel Director/Safety Risk Manager was approved, and Ms. Margie Salazar, Health Benefits Specialist, was appointed as Acting/Interim Personnel Director.

The Letter and Job Description are as follows:

(15) IN THE MATTER OF AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE TO WORK IN THE LA FERIA BRANCH TAX OFFICE FROM THE VIT ACCOUNT (TABLED)

At this time, Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Tax Assessor-Collector, requested that the Item be Tabled until the next Fiscal Year Budget process.

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

Commissioner Cascos requested that the growth of each Tax Office Branch be anticipated, in order to be implemented into the Budget.



(16) ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN THE PORT ISABEL COUNTY BUILDING AND/OR ALLOCATE FUNDS TO HIRE SOMEONE TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN THE PORT ISABEL COUNTY BUILDING

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended that an individual be retained on a Contractual basis until the remainder of the Fiscal Year, and added that the funds be allocated from the Lapsed Salaries Fund, noting that the Fund contained the amount of \$15,000.00, which remained unbudgeted.

Commissioner Cascos moved that an individual be retained to clean and maintain the Port Isabel County Building on a Contractual basis, said funding to be allocated from the Lapsed Salaries Fund till the end of the Fiscal Year.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(17) APPROVAL TO RE-TITLE AN EXISTING SLOT TO BUDGET NO. 10-512

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, an existing Slot was re-titled to Budget No. 10-512.



(18) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INSPECT SEPTIC TANKS AND ISSUE PERMITS FOR SEPTIC TANKS IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: RIO HONDO, BROWNSVILLE, HARLINGEN, SAN BENITO, LOS FRESNOS, LA FERIA, SANTA ROSA, PRIMERA, PORT ISABEL, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, COMBES, LAGUNA VISTA, BAYVIEW, INDIAN LAKE AND LOS INDIOS

Commissioner Matz moved that the Cameron County Health Department be authorized to inspect septic tanks and issue permits for septic tanks in the following Cities: Rio Hondo, Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito, Los Fresnos, La Feria, Santa Rosa, Primera, Port Isabel, South Padre Island, Combes, Laguna Vista, Bayview, Indian Lake and Los Indios.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(19) APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND LAGUNA VISTA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Agreement between Cameron County and Laguna Vista be approved to provide assistance in Law Enforcement.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(20) APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH
AMERICAN INFORMATION SYSTEM,
INCORPORATED FOR NEW VOTING
EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner Matz moved that the Contract with American Information Systems, Incorporated be approved for new voting equipment.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

**(21) APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY ELECTION
PRESIDING JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES
FOR THE TERM 1997-1998**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Election Presiding Judge and Alternate Judges were appointed for the 1997-1998 Term.

The List is as follows:

(22) IN THE MATTER OF THE ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NO. 9 TO JOSEPH P. NALLEY, DOING BUSINESS AS AUTO CLINIC FOR BEACH TOWING SERVICES (TABLED)

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos.

At this time, there was some discuss regarding the request to Table the Item and whether the issued Permits had reached the ten (10) vendor limit.

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



(23) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A STATIONARY VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. 14 FOR THE PUBLIC BEACHES ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS, TO BRENNAN S. WELLS BEACH RENTALS

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Stationary Vendor-s Permit No. 14 for the Public Beaches on South Padre Island, Texas, was issued to Brennan S. Wells Beach Rentals.



(24) AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND TERRY RAY CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$8,628.00, ADDITIONAL WORK FOR PAVING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW ISLA BLANCA REGISTRATION OFFICE

Commissioner Matz moved that Change Order No. 2 between Cameron County and Terry Ray Construction be approved, in the amount of \$8,628.00, for additional work for Paving Services associated with the new Isla Blanca Registration Office, said funding to be allocated from the Capital Improvement Budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Order is as follows:

(25) **AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE PARKS SYSTEM LAPSED SALARIES TO RECLASSIFY THE CHIEF PARK RANGER AND SENIOR SERGEANT POSITIONS AS NECESSARY TO EXPAND THE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND STAFF CAPABILITIES FOR NEW BROADER FUNCTIONS OF THE PARKS SYSTEM**

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, stated that the positions were given additional responsibilities and direction regarding Resource Management, due to the expansion of the Parks System and noted that the number of Park Rangers would increase substantially with the opening of the new park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Parks System Lapsed Salaries were utilized to reclassify the Chief Park Ranger and Senior Sergeant Positions as necessary to expand the functional responsibilities and staff capabilities for the broader functions of the Parks System.

(26) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMERON PARK RECREATION PROJECT**

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, stated that the advertisement would be contingent upon the resolution and clarification of all legal matters pertaining to the title of the land to be improved.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Bids be advertised for the construction improvements to the Cameron Park Recreation Project.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

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:

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the Purchase without the Purchase Order for Comgraphix, Item 29 Ac@.

Ms. Yolanda de Leon, District Attorney, stated that Comgraphix was performing the microfilming of records and noted that the original Purchase Order, in the amount of \$4,000.00, did not include the total amount. She stated that the job was completed without notice to the County and was billed to the District Attorney's Office, noting that the bill was over the original Purchase Order amount.

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

Consent Agenda Items were approved as follow:

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

- a) Five (5) District Attorney Assistants to attend the Prosecutors Trial Skills Course in Austin, Texas, on July 13-18, 1997;
- b) Two (2) District Attorney Assistants to attend the Driving While Intoxicated Prosecutors Course Seminar in Austin, Texas, on July 29, 1997;
- c) County District Attorney to attend the 23rd Annual Advanced Criminal Law Course in San Antonio, Texas, on July 27, 1997, through August 1, 1997;
- d) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and the Juvenile Probation Program Specialist to attend the Required Performance Measures Work Session to Develop Programs with the New Money for Progressive Sanction I, II, III, sponsored by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission in Austin, Texas, on July 13-15, 1997;
- e) Two (2) Drug Enforcement Task Force Officers to exchange two (2) vehicles at the CAPPS Lease Office in San Antonio, Texas, on July 10, 1997;
- f) Computer Center Data Processing Manager and employee to attend a Supporting Windows NT. 4.0 Training Course in Pharr, Texas, on July 21-25, 1997;
- g) Commissioner Precinct No. 3 to attend the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Environment Advisory Committee Meeting in Burlington, Vermont, on July 23-26, 1997;
- h) Community Development Project Coordinator to attend the Professional Advisory Review Panel Monthly Meeting in Weslaco, Texas, on July 9, 1997;
- I) Six (6) Health Department employees to attend the AICES Training in Austin, Texas, on July 29-31, 1997; and
- j) County Judge, Commissioners, County Auditor and Bridge Systems Director to meet with Bond Rating Companies regarding the Los Tomates Financing in New York, New York, on July 23-27, 1997;

(29) APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

- a) EXPRESS SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$546.36 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY;
- b) LANDAIR TRAVELS - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$178.00 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY;
- c) COMGRAPHIX - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,161.90 AND \$418.80 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY;
- d) BORDER PRESS - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$642.00 - BRIDGE SYSTEMS; AND
- e) WEBWORKS - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,050.00 - PARKS SYSTEM.

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 **29th** day of **July, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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