

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 26th day of AUGUST, 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 APETE@ BENAVIDES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

JAMES R. MATZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

HECTOR PEÑA
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Hilda V. Treviño Deputy
COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT:

CARLOS H. CASCOS, C.P.A.

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 August 22, 1997, at 3:10 P.M.:

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

- a) Annual Bid No. 2100 - Food: Bread;
- b) Annual Bid No. 2120 - Food: Coffee;
- c) Annual Bid No. 2140 - Food: Drink Mix;
- d) Annual Bid No. 2160 - Food: Eggs;
- e) Annual Bid No. 2180 - Food: Milk;
- f) Annual Bid No. 2200 - Food: Pan Dulce;
- g) Annual Bid No. 2220 - Food: Tamales;
- f) Annual Bid No. 2240 - Food: Tortillas;
- g) Annual Bid No. 2620 - Food: Safety Shoes; and
- h) Marina Channel Maintenance Dredging/Excavation - Isla Blanca Park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Bids and/or Request for Proposals were opened.

The Bids received and opened are as follow:

(1) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Court met in Executive Session at 4:20 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale and tax issues pertaining to four (4) Cameron County Trustee Properties, all located in San Benito Independent School District; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- b) Confer with County Counsel on a proposal from Grupo Xesa on the possible development of a Children-s Beach; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(2);
- c) Confer with County Counsel to discuss an unsolicited proposal of Cameron County Park property located North of Andy Bowie Park; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(2); and
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of Cameron County Trustee Property known as Port Isabel - Unsubdivided Point 1, Tract D, 4.41 acres, also known as Old Marchan Restaurant; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

At this time, Judge Hinojosa asked Mr. Bob Clark, Brownsville resident, for the invocation and Judge Hinojosa lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 5:18 P.M.



(2) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning possible sale and tax issues pertaining to four (4) Cameron County Trustee Properties, all located in San Benito Independent School District.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Property Management Coordinator should be authorized to make arrangements for the sale, in the amount of \$5,000.00, of four (4) parcels of property, which include total taxes of \$4,195.58, plus expenses, for the County-s interest and the entities that the County represented for tax collection.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the transfer was being made on the condition that the property was going to be used by the San Benito Housing Authority to build moderate income housing in the community and to place the property back on the tax rolls.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Property Management Coordinator was authorized to arrange the sale of the Real Property regarding four (4) Cameron

County Trustee Properties, all located in San Benito Independent School District, for the amount of \$5,000.00, including total taxes, in the amount of \$4,195.58, plus expenses, for the County's interest and the taxing entities that the County represented and that the transfer be executed under the condition that the property be utilized to build moderate low income housing by the San Benito Housing Authority, and included in the Tax Rolls.

- b) Confer with County Counsel on a proposal from Grupo Xesa on the possible development of a Children's Beach.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged and that the Property Management Coordinator should be authorized to further negotiate said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged and that the Property Management Coordinator be authorized to negotiate the proposal from Grupo Xesa on the possible development of a Children's Beach.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- c) Confer with County Counsel to discuss an unsolicited proposal of the Cameron County Park property located North of Andy Bowie Park.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, reported that the Status Report by County Counsel should be acknowledged and that the negotiations be further discussed regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged and that the negotiations be further discussed regarding the unsolicited proposal of the Cameron County Park property located North of Andy Bowie Park.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the possible sale of the Cameron County Trustee property known as Port Isabel - Unsubdivided Point Part 1, Tract D, 4.41 acres, also known as, the Old Marchan Restaurant.

Judge Hinojosa reported that the Bids submitted to the County should be opened and that the highest offer should be accepted, contingent upon the sum not being less than the amount of \$320,000.00, regarding said matter.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bids submitted for the sale of the Cameron County Trustee property known as Port Isabel - Unsubdivided Point Part 1, Tract D, 4.41 acres, also known as the Old Marchan Restaurant be opened and that the highest offer be accepted, contingent upon the sum not being less than the amount of \$320,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the process regarding the Policy for the sale of said Property should be followed approved by the Court and added that deeds were provided in the description regarding what could be transferred.

At this time, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, opened and reported the following Bids:

Marenco, Incorporated, in the Bid amount of \$50,000.00;

National Seafoods, Incorporated, in the Bid amount of \$250,000.00; and

Barraza Family Limited Partnership, in the Bid amount of \$225,000.00.

Judge Hinojosa noted that the Bids received did not meet the minimum amount and stated that the Bids were automatically denied and would need to be readvertised.

Mr. Wright noted that the Earnest Money Checks received with the Bids should be returned to the Bidders.

[REDACTED]

(6) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SAN BENITO CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SAN BENITO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At this time, Judge Hinojosa highlighted the Resolution honoring the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District and the San Benito Board of Trustees. He noted that the San Benito School Board was united in its efforts to improve the quality of educational services for the children and were honored as the Region I Honor Board of the Year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Resolution honoring the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District and the San Benito Board of Trustees was adopted.

The Resolution is as follows:

(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

Warrant No. 41943, as to Parks System Capital Improvement Fund, in the amount of \$6,300.00; and

Warrant No. 41944, as to Rio Grande Valley Partnership, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Mr. Yates noted that there were Bond Issues on the Agenda which would assist in funding Warrant No. 41709, as to Summit Contracting, in the amount of \$936,8737, regarding the International Bridge.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Auditor, inclusive of the following late claims:

Warrant No. 41943, in the amount of \$6,300.00; and

Warrant No. 41944, in the amount of \$15,000.00.



(5) IN THE MATTER OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES (NO ACTION TAKEN)

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that there were no Budget Amendments and/or Salary Schedules for approval.



(7) PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE INTERIM REPORT ON INVESTMENTS OF THE COUNTY FUNDS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072

At this time, Commissioner Matz, expressed concern regarding the 147.8% of interest earned and whether the interest earned in the nine (9) month period had exceeded what was budgeted for the current Fiscal Year.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that the anticipated amount of \$650,000.00, was being budgeted in the next Fiscal Year.

Mr. Eddie A. Gonzalez, County Treasurer, highlighted the interest earned in Fund No. 10 and noted that the projected budget amount was lower than the interest being earned.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Presentation of the Interim Report on Investments of County Funds through June 30, 1997, pursuant to Government Code, Section 551.072.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Report is as follows:

(11) **CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS INTERNATIONAL TOLL BRIDGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997, AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF; APPROVING THE PURCHASE CONTRACT AND THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

At this time, Mr. Paul Martin, Attorney at Law, stated that the Order would authorize issuance of the revenue Bonds strictly payable from the Bridge System revenues and added that the Bonds were being insured by the MBIA Insurance Corporation, with provisions filed at the Texas Commerce Bank National Association.

Mr. Noe Hinojosa, Estrada and Hinojosa, Incorporated, stated that interest rates continued to decrease and added that a good faith check was being submitted by the Texas Commerce Bank as a base to support the County if the Bonds could not be delivered. He highlighted the interest rates obtained by the County on the Revenue Bonds and noted that the strength of the County was based on the Bridge System revenues.

Commissioner Matz stated that the County-s partnership with the City of Brownsville, Harlingen and San Benito regarding the International Bridges added to the strength of the County.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Order was approved authorizing the issuance of Cameron County, Texas International Toll Bridge System Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, and making provisions for the security thereof; approving the Purchase Contract and the Official Statements; and approving other matters relating thereto.

The Order is as follows:

- (8) PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998 BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR**
- (9) PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR-S CERTIFIED REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998**
- (10) PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TAX REVENUES, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 26.06**

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, highlighted the proposed Budget of current operations which included no Salary Increases or new positions, with a Tax Rate Levy at \$0.326289 and added that the tax increase rate was 1.08, which was eight percent (8%) above the County's Effective Tax Rate. He explained that the County Auditor's Budget included provisions for an amount of \$200.00, increases per employee for Employee Health Benefits; an extra amount of \$100,000.00, in premiums for Worker's Compensation; an increase in premiums for Unemployment compensation; and provided for a County Internal Service Fund. Mr. Yates noted that Commission Members had proposed a six percent (6%) employee Salary Increase, excluding the Elected Officials and requested direction regarding the Elected Officials' salary publication. He noted that all County-wide Elected Officials were at the current rate which included the Salary plus auto allowances and added that non-County wide Officials, that being the Justices of the Peace and the Constables would receive the six percent (6%) salary increase, with the exception of Constables Precinct No. 4 and No. 7, which reflected an increase in salary, in the amount of \$25,000.00 per year, plus a \$10,000.00 auto allowance.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to whether the Court had the authority to decrease said salaries if the Court approved an amount lower than the six percent (6%) increase and added that no one should receive more of a percentage than the employees were to receive.

Mr. Yates recommended that the existing rate should be published and that the Elected Officials should go through the grievance process, in order to obtain the rate the Grievance Committee elected.

Commissioner Matz expressed his opposition as to Elected Officials, County wide or non-County wide receiving a Salary Increase.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the decision regarding the taxing and salary increases should be deferred until all the members of the Court were present.

At this time, Mr. Yates highlighted the recommended changes to the County Auditor's Budget by the Members of the Commission which included the six percent (6%) Salary Increases, six (6) additional Law Enforcement Officers; the reductions in the Budgets for the District Attorney, the County Clerk and the District Clerk; and moving

the Community Parks Budget from the General Fund to the County's Enterprises Parks System. He added that additional changes were also recommended including the amount of \$450,000.00, for the purchase of replacement patrol vehicles being eliminated, the Court Appointed Attorneys' Budget reduced by the amount of \$20,000.00, and the elimination of two (2) Department of Public Safety Support Secretaries, in the amount of \$37,000.00.

Judge Hinojosa stated that both Budget Proposals contained the same Tax Rate and noted that the Commissions' Budget included reductions in certain Departments, in order to allow for the six (6) Law Enforcement positions and the six percent (6%) Salary Increases.

At this time, Commissioner Benavides moved that the Public Hearing on the Proposal to increase the Tax Revenues, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Property Tax Code Section 26.06, be opened for public comment.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Matz noted that there was a third Budget presented, which included the recommendations made by the State Comptroller including all the additional personnel, due to the County's demand for services and noted that the Court had intended to improve the services and convenience by implementing substations throughout the County. He summarized that the Budget included forty-six (46) positions of which twenty-eight (28) of the positions would be for the Boot Camp and a five percent (5%) Salary Increase. He stated that if the Court adopted the Budget, including the recommendations of the State Comptroller's Office, that decision would result in a twenty-two percent (22%) tax increase, noting that the decision of the Court was a difficult situation.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the State Comptroller believed that the operation of the County was set up the way it should have operated twenty (20) years ago and that staffing was inadequate to meet the needs of the large population in Cameron County. He added that the Proposal was made by the State Comptroller to meet the minimum needs of a large County, but stated that the County did not follow the recommendations, due to the lack of funds.

Hearing and sensing no further comments, upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Presentations of the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 1997-1998 and the Certified Revenues for Fiscal Year 1997-1998 by the County Auditor were acknowledged.



(12) AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE BRIDGE TOLL FOR MOTORCYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS FROM \$0.25 TO \$0.35 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1997

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Bridge Toll for motorcycles and pedestrians be changed from \$0.25 to \$0.35 effective October 1, 1997.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz.

At this time, Mr. Joe Galvan, Bridge Systems Director, clarified that the Motorcycle Tolls would be changed from the amount of \$0.25 to the \$1.00, which was comparable to other International Bridges and reported that the annual revenues generated for the Pedestrian Crossings would be the amount of \$300,000.00, and that the Motorcycle crossings would be the amount of \$2,700.00. He stated that the possible use of tokens had been examined for the Pedestrian turnstiles, but noted that there was a problem with the different sizes of tokens available. Mr. Galvan recommended that a computer programmable turnstile be utilized, in order to program the tolls and noted that the cost of eight (8) turnstiles needed would cost the amount of \$6,000.00 per machine. He stated that the ordering and installation process would take approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks and requested that the Court designate December 1, 1997, as the effective date.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the effective date be as soon as the turnstiles were implemented for operation.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Bridge Toll for motorcycles was changed from the amount of \$0.25 to \$1.00 and the Bridge Toll for pedestrians was changed from \$0.25 to \$0.35, effective date December 1, 1997, or as soon as the turnstiles were implemented for operation.

(13) AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND ESTRADA AND HINOJOSA, INCORPORATED

Commissioner Peña moved that the Professional Services Agreement between Cameron County and Estrada and Hinojosa, Incorporated, be renewed.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides.

At this time, there was some discussion regarding Request for Proposals being addressed and the County Auditor stated that the Bid process was not required on a Professional Service Agreement, noting that the term of the Contract would be for three (3) years.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Professional Services Agreement between Cameron County and Estrada and Hinojosa, Incorporated, was renewed.



**(14) APPROVAL OF THE DEPOSITORY CONTRACT
BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND THE
INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, WITH AN
EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 30, 1999**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Depository Contract between Cameron County and the International Bank of Commerce be approved, with an expiration date of April 30, 1999.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

The Contract is as follows:

**(15) APPROVAL TO RENEW THE EXISTING
CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
FOR REMOTE CERTIFICATE ACCESS**

Commissioner Peña moved that the existing Contract with the Texas Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics be renewed for Remote Certificate Access.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A MOBILE PHONE AND BEEPER, WITH SERVICES FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, recommended that the mobile phone and beeper, with the services be effective October 1, 1997, until a Request for Proposal was implemented for the combined services.

Commissioner Matz stated that the County Auditor's recommendations should be considered, but noted that arrangements would be made if an Emergency situation should arise.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the purchase of a mobile phone and beeper, with services was approved for the Emergency Management Coordinator, effective October 1, 1997.

(17) APPOINTMENT OF MR. DESI NAJERA, CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

Commissioner Benavides moved that Mr. Desi Najera, Cameron County Emergency Management Coordinator, be appointed to the Emergency Services District No. 1.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

At this time, Commissioner Matz requested that as a newly appointed County Official, Mr. Desi Najera, Emergency Management Coordinator, should submit a list of goals and objectives and added that the goals and objectives would assist the Court during the evaluation process.

(18) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT (FEMA) FROM RUST LICHLITER/JAMESON FOR A LETTER OF MAP REVISION OF CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 DITCH

At this time, Mr. Javier Mendez, Engineering Department, explained that the final report of the changes in the flood zone in the Cameron Park area would be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) for approval; noting that the entire area would be removed from the flood zone.

Judge Hinojosa stated that many drainage improvements had been performed in the Cameron Park area by Precinct No. 2 and the Drainage District which essentially had eliminated the flooding problems.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Engineering Department was authorized to submit a Final Report to Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) from Rust Lichliter/Jameson for a Letter of Map Revision of Cameron County Drainage District No. 1 Ditch.

**(19) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A RENEWAL
MOBILE VENDOR-S PERMIT NO. T4 TO
JOSEPH P. NALLEY, DOING BUSINESS AS,
AUTO CLINIC**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Renewal Mobile Vendor-s Permit No. T4 be issued to Joseph P. Nalley, doing business as, Auto Clinic.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

**(20) APPROVAL OF THE LEASE CONTRACT
BETWEEN DR. FRANCIS M. GUMBEL, DOING
BUSINESS AS, SOUTHMOST MEDICAL PLAZA
LOCATED AT 5235 SOUTHMOST ROAD,
BROWNSVILLE, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS,
AND CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT WIC PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Lease Contract between Dr. Francis M. Gumbel, doing business as, Southmost Medical Plaza located at 5235 Southmost Road, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, and the Cameron County Health Department Women-s, Infants and Children (WIC) Program was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

(21) **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO MEET WITH MR. ROLLINS KOPPEL TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF LEASING SPACE FOR SEVERAL CAMERON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN THE SAN BENITO/HARLINGEN AREA**

At this time, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, stated that an unsolicited letter had been submitted by Mr. Rollins Koppel, Koppel, Ezell, Powers and Kimball, L.L.P., requesting that the Adult Probation Office be transferred into a new building to be constructed by Mr. Koppel and that the possible Lease of the new building be addressed.

Judge Hinojosa explained that there were serious problems regarding the parking at said area and stated that the Armory Reserve in the Harlingen area was anticipated as an alternate office space. He noted that Mr. Koppel was to construct a new building and parking lot adjacent to the existing Adult Probation Office and added that the building would be leased at \$0.79 per square foot, which would cost the County an approximate annual amount of \$203,000.00.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Property Management Coordinator be authorized to meet with Rollins Koppel to discuss the possibility of leasing space for several Cameron County Departments in the San Benito/Harlingen area.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.



(22) **APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT ENGINEER-S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST BIDS FOR ROAD REPAIRS IN PRECINCT NO. 2 (CONTRACT NO. 716097)**

At this time, Mr. Frank Bejarano, Project Development and Management Director, highlighted the Disaster Relief Road Repair Budget and the Repair Treatment Report as recommended by the Project Engineer.

There was some discussion regarding Jimenez Road, Precinct No. 4, regarding ownership and the future interest of the road and the suggestion was made that the matter be placed in Executive Session at the following Meeting for further discussions.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Project Engineer-s recommended Budget for the Disaster Relief Emergency Road Repair Project be approved and that the Bids be advertised for road repairs in Precinct No. 2 (Contract No. 716097).

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Budget is as follows:

- (23) **AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1997, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**
- (24) **APPROVAL TO LEASE WITH THE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTRE TO CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1997, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that the funds were not available in the Emergency Management Budget to fund the amount of \$225.00 and explained that the Conference would provide the necessary information in anticipation of the Hurricane Season. He added that a drill exercise was scheduled to be performed by the State on September 24, 1997, in the County and noted that the Commissioners= Courtroom was renovated to accommodate the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) including ten (10) phone lines.

Commissioner Matz moved that the Lease be approved to conduct the Emergency Management Conference at the South Padre Island Convention Centre on Thursday, August 28, 1997, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides 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 Peña and carried unanimously, the AConsent® Agenda Items were approved as follow:

- (25) **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET:**
- a) Sheriff and Major to attend the A.I.N.S. Conference at the Bexar County Training Academy® in San Antonio, Texas, on August 18-20, 1997;
 - b) Veterans Service Officer to attend the A50th Annual Statewide Conference for Veteran Service Officers® in Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1997, through October 3, 1997;
 - c) Parks System Director to meet with Texas Parks and Wildlife Officials to discuss the ALegislative Agenda for the Texas Recreation and Parks System (TRAPS)® for the upcoming session and to represent the County for Lease of TPWD Barnes Tract in Austin, Texas, on August 26-27, 1997;

- d) Task Force Commander to attend the Texas Narcotics Control Program Border Region Commanders- Meeting@ in San Antonio, Texas, on August 20, 1997;
- e) Commissioner Precinct No. 1 and two (2) employees to purchase one (1) lowboy and one (1) truck in San Antonio, Texas, on August 20-22, 1997;
- f) Three (3) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task Force employees to attend an Analytical Investigation Methods Course@ in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 22-26, 1997;
- g) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Research Specialist to attend the ANCIC/TCIC Training@ in Victoria, Texas, on August 17-22, 1997;
- h) Unified Narcotics Intelligence Task Force Director and Agent to give a presentation at the Drug Enforcement Administrative Office in Austin, Texas, on August 13-15, 1997;
- I) County Extension Agent to attend the Texas Association of 4-H Extension Agents Association Annual Meeting@ in Wichita Falls, Texas, on August 6-8, 1997;
- j) County Extension Family and Consumer Science Agent to attend the District 12 Family and Consumer Science Conference@ in Carrizo Springs, Texas, on August 27-29, 1997;
- k) County Extension Family and Consumer Science Leader and Family and Consumer Science Agent to attend the Family and Consumer Science Regional Update Training@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on September 3-4, 1997;
- l) County Extension Agent to attend the Texas Beef Partners in Extension Scientific Update Seminar@ in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 24-25, 1997;
- m) County Security Department employee to attend the Texas Institute on Children and Youth Conference@ in Hunt, Texas, on September 7-10, 1997;
- n) Workers- Compensation Clerk to attend the 7th annual Texas Workers- Compensation Educational Conference@ in Austin, Texas, on September 16-19, 1997; and
- o) County Judge to attend the South Texas 2000 and Beyond@ in Laredo, Texas, on August 14, 1997.

(26) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Resaca Paloma Subdivision No. 1 - a subdivision of 84.996 acres and being all of Lot No. 31, as per the map of Rice Tract Subdivision, recorded in Volume No. 9,

Page No. 3, C.C.M.R. and all of Blocks Nos. 32 and 33, 7.25 acres of Block No. 34, 11.16 acres in Block No. 35 and 11.36 acres in Block No. 36, all as per partial amended plat of Rice Tract Subdivision.

(27) FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Taylor-Balli Subdivision - being a 4.99 acre resubdivision of all of Block No. 42, Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey 40;

b) Precinct No. 4

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

c) Precinct No. 4

B.S. Orange Subdivision - being a resubdivision of 2.876 acres of land out of the North 9.73 acres of Lot No. 85, Adams Garden Subdivision AB@.

(28) APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

- a) HEB, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18.51, DISTRICT ATTORNEY; AND**
- b) ROY-S CAR WASH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13.00, TAX DEPARTMENT.**



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**.

APPROVED this **16th** day of **September, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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