

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 23rd day of SEPTEMBER, 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 Pro-tem Carlos H. Cascos.

Upon motion by Comissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Court recessed untill 11:00 A.M.

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Court recess until 1:30 P.M.

The Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on September 19, 1997, at 3:13 P.M.:

**(1) AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BIDS FOR THE
ISLA BLANCA PARK PAVING REPAIRS AND
THE NEW PARKING LOT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Bids were opened for the Isla Blanca Park paving repairs and the new parking lot.

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 4:12 P.M. to discuss the following matters:

NOTE: JUDGE HINOJOSA JOINED THE MEETING.

- a) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the possible Lease of the Sea Ranch Marina and Uplands, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071(2); and
- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the status and authority to amend the Temporary Order on the case styled Jose Raul Castillo, et. al. vs. Cameron County; 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 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);
- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the property management issues with Cameron County Trustee properties currently being occupied; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- e) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the property owned by Cameron County, adjacent to the Darrell C. Hester Juvenile Center; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- f) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the release of a slope easement, recorded in Volume 573, Page 338, Deed Records of Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;
- g) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the payment of closing costs on a donation of property to the United States General Services Administration for the Los Tomates Bridge Project; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072; and
- h) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the authorization for the sale of land to the Laguna Madre Water District; 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 Commissioner Cascos to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Court reconvened in Regular Session at 5:25 P.M.



(3) ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the possible Lease of Sea Ranch Marina and Uplands.

Commissioner Matz moved that the following individuals be appointed to serve on a Committee to meet with the two (2) finalists, that being the Bryan Mantis Group and the Tejas Development Group, in order to submit a recommendation to the Court, regarding the Lease of the Sea Ranch Marina and Uplands:

Judge Gilberto Hinojosa, County Judge,
Commissioner Pete Benavides, Precinct No. 1,
Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor,
Mr. Michael Forbes, Purchasing Agent,
Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, and
Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- b) Confer with County Counsel to discuss the status and authority to amend the Temporary Order on the case styled Jose Raul Castillo, et. al. vs. Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.071 (1)(A);

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the authority to amend the Temporary Order on the case styled Jose Raul Castillo, et. al. vs. Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- 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 Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Computer Center was directed to proceed in compliance with the contractual arrangements regarding the 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.

- d) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the property management issues with Cameron County Trustee Properties currently being occupied; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged regarding the property management issues with Cameron County Trustee Properties currently being occupied.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- e) Deliberation regarding the Real Property owned by Cameron County, adjacent to the Darrell C. Hester Juvenile Center; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

Commissioner Matz moved that the Status Report by County Counsel be acknowledged and that the Property Management Coordinator be directed to reject the unsolicited offer regarding the Real Property owned by Cameron County, adjacent to the Darrell C. Hester Juvenile Center.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

- f) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the release of a slope easement recorded in Volume 573, Page 338, Deed Records of Cameron County; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072;

Commissioner Peña moved that the County Judge be authorized to sign the release of the slope easement on behalf of the County of the Real Property, recorded in Volume 573, Page 338, Deed Records of Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

- g) Deliberation concerning the payment of closing costs on a donation of the Real Property to the United States General Services Administration for the Los Tomates Bridge Project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the payment of all the closing costs regarding the donation of the Real Property to the United States General Services Administration, for the Los Tomates Bridge Project was approved.

- h) Deliberation regarding the Real Property concerning the authorization for the sale of land to the Laguna Madre Water District; pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated (V.T.C.A.), Government Code, Section 551.072.

Commissioner Matz moved that the sale of land Fee Simple Title for .71 acres of land to the Laguna Madre Water District for the appraised value, in the amount of \$46,000.00, be approved, noting that the County Judge was not present for the discussion regarding said matter.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

Commissioner Matz moved that the sale to restrictive use easement on 1.71 acres of land to the Laguna Madre Water District, in the amount of \$46,500.00, be approved, noting that the County Judge was not present for the discussion regarding said matter.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, Matz and Peña

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Judge Hinojosa.

[REDACTED]

(21) **IN THE MATTER OF THE INMATE PAY TELEPHONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TALTON SECURITY TELECOM (STC), INCORPORATED, DOING BUSINESS AS, SECURITY TELECON (ASTC®) TO PROVIDE PAY TELEPHONES INSIDE THE CAMERON COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES (TABLED)**

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

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the Sheriff's Office would be advertising Request for Proposals for said matter.

Commissioner Matz suggested that the nature of the bid package and the type of system being considered be discussed between the County Sheriff and the County Auditor and that a Status Report be presented to the Court.

Commissioner Cascos recommended that same type of Bid process performed three (3) years ago be followed, in order to allow all the vendors an opportunity to submit their proposals.

[REDACTED]

(33) **AWARD OF THE BID TO BOBO CONSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETION OF THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICES PROJECT**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa suggested that the Contract be further negotiated before awarding the Contract for the completion of the Adult Probation Offices Project.

There was some discussion regarding the wording of the Agenda Item as to award the bid and Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that there was not a legal binding commitment until a Contract was signed by a Commissioners' Court representative.

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the negotiations of the Contract with Bobo Construction, for the completion of the Adult Probation Offices Project, were authorized, subject to Legal review.

[REDACTED]

**(13) PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
1997/1998 FOR CAMERON COUNTY**

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 for Cameron County was opened for public comment.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that the Budget was prepared, based on a 6.25% increase over the effective rate, which translated to a tax rate entailing 32.169 cents per \$100.00 valuation and added that a portion of the General Fund Budget had been converted into an Internal Service Fund. He reported that strategic positions were added to the Law Enforcement section and added that there were mandated increases in the Health Insurance, the Retirement System, the Worker-s Compensation and in the Unemployment Insurance. Mr. Yates stated that the Budget included a four percent (4%) Salary increase across the board with the certain exceptions and that there were significant Budget cuts in some Departments. He noted that five (5) deputies and four (4) vehicles were added to the Sheriff-s Department, a Deputy Constable for Precinct No. 1, and a Deputy Constable in Precinct No. 5, in which half of the funding would be allocated from the General Fund and other half from the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). Mr. Yates stated that a full-time Juvenile Court Master would be created for the Juvenile Offender Boot Camp and added that Deputy Constable was being added in Precinct No. 6, to be effective January 1, 1998. He stated that the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 2, Warrant Officer was to be transferred to a Deputy Constable in Precinct No. 2 and noted the changes in the Health Department including the County Jail. Mr. Yates noted that the Budget contained the Consolidated Road and Bridge Budget and added that the Budget totaled an 8.6 % increase over the prior year.

Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to whether the equalization of the Justice of Peace salaries were included in the Budget and the Mr. Yates responded there were Budget Amendment Proposals for an additional Elections Administration Clerk and a Salary Matrix for equalization among the Justice of the Peace employees, which would require additional Budget cuts.

Mr. Yates stated that Commissioner Precinct No. 3 had recommended that the amount of \$100,000.00, be allocated from the Lapsed Salaries Fund for the Boot Camp on a non-binding approach and that the amount of \$60,000.00, be allocated for overtime compensation in the Sheriff-s Department. He stated that the recommendation had also been made to allocate the remaining balance, in the amount of \$110,000.00, to the County Clerk-s Office.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the amount of \$110,000.00, of the Lapsed Salaries Fund be set aside and added that the County Clerk could submit requests for funding throughout the year for the Department-s needs which fell into

the Records Management Fund category. He noted that there was still a balance in the amount of \$550,000.00, in the Records Management Fund, which could be utilized for issues throughout the year and added that the Budget was still controlled by the Court. Judge Hinojosa questioned whether the amount of \$50,000.00, would be sufficient for the overtime issue in the Sheriff-s Department and Sheriff Lucio responded that the amount of \$118,000.00 was utilized in the fiscal year for overtime compensation.

Judge Hinojosa suggested that the amount of \$100,000.00, be set aside for the overtime compensation in the Sheriff-s Department, the amount of \$100,000.00, for the Boot Camp and the remainder of the balance to be utilized as needed.

Commissioner Matz clarified that the amount of \$260,000.00, of Lapsed Salaries did not exist yet and added that the funds were being committed based on the current information. He noted that it included the amount of \$30,000.00, for Legal expenses and stated that decisions were made during the course of the year based on the Lapsed Salaries Funds available. Commissioner Matz expressed concern as to the unforeseen situations that arise throughout the year and suggested that the Court give a three percent (3%) Salary Increase, as opposed to the proposed four percent (4%) which would leave the amount of \$167,000.00. He noted that said amount would leave more flexibility for the County and added that the amount allocated from the Parks System-s Reserve could be minimal. Commissioner Matz highlighted the CPI Wages and Urban Report which reflected a 2.1% increase for the last twelve (12) months, noting that the proposed three percent (3%) increase was a reasonable Salary increase.

Judge Hinojosa stated that in 1995 the employees were given a five percent (5%) Salary increase, allocated from the Bridge Fund and was reimbursed from the Lapsed Salaries Fund. He noted that the commitments being made should limit the utilization of the remaining balance and added that a five (5) year projection of the employees=salaries was performed based on the information provided by the State Comptroller-s Office and resulted in a shortage in the employees= salaries.

Commissioner Matz clarified that there was a significant difference in the five (5) year projection regarding the employees= salaries as compared to the Publications from the Bureau of Labor Report.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the amount of \$66,000.00 had been replenished into the Parks System budget.

Mr. Yates clarified that the General Fund was supplying the amount of \$29,000.00, for beach patrol, but noted that the matter had been eliminated. He stated that the Court decided to move the Parks System activities to the Enterprise Fund in the subsequent version of the Budget and added that the Parks System Reserve was approximately the amount of \$90,000.00, plus a Debt Service, in the amount of \$120,000.00.

Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, stated that there was an amount of \$72,000.00, in the Fund Balance and noted that the personnel situation would need to be addressed in the Parks System.

Commissioner Benavides questioned whether the Administrative Assistant and the Secretary Positions were Budgeted and Judge Hinojosa responded that the positions would be funded from the Road and Bridge Fund.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the two (2) positions were necessary for each Commissioner since a lot of the day to day operations and responsibilities were being transferred to the Consolidated Road and Bridge System.

Mr. Yates stated that the residents would continue to contact each Commissioners-Office with their needs and added that the positions would be necessary to handle said situations.

At this time, the following individuals expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998:

Mr. Dagoberto Barrerra, Brownsville resident,

Mr. Francisco Sinfuentes, Brownsville resident,

Ms. JuaNita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, and

Mr. Mike Vega, San Benito resident.

Commissioner Cascos noted that a Committee was to be appointed to create a Salary Matrix to encourage individuals to perform better in their jobs and would classify the individuals and he added that the Salary Increase was given across the board, in order to prevent favoritism within the Departments.

At this time, the following Elected Officials and/or Department Heads expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 :

Ms. Aurora de la Garza, District Clerk, and

Judge Sallie Gonzalez, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5, Place No. 1

There was some discussion regarding the vacant position of the Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 3, Place No. 2 and the suggestion was to further discuss the matter regarding the appointment of a Justice of the Peace.

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



**(11) AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN ORDER
SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR 1997 TAX
COLLECTIONS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Order was adopted setting the Tax Rate for 1997 Tax Collections for the General Fund - .25276, Special Road Bridge Maintenance Fund - .026563, total Unlimited Tax Bonds - .006054, Limited Tax Bonds - .027223, and other Long Term Debt - .009174; total Tax Rate of .321690 and an increase of .0048 over the existing Tax Rate.

The Order is as follows:

(12) **AUTHORIZATION TO SET THE SALARIES OF
THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR
1997/1998 AS PUBLISHED**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Salaries of the Elected Officials be set for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 as published.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz.

At this time, Commissioner Matz noted that the notice published in the newspaper reflected no increases for anyone, except the County Courts at Law and the District Court Judges, as required by Law, plus changes in auto allowances for the Constables for equalization.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Salaries of the Elected Officials for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 were set as published.

The Notice is as follows:

**(14) AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997/1998**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa recommended that the amendment regarding the Justices of the Peace concerning the equalization of the staffing slots be approved and that the remaining requested amendments be further examined.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the amount of \$13,000.00, for the equalization and whether the funds would be allocated from the accrued Lapsed Salaries from the vacant Justice of the Peace position in San Benito.

Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, clarified the direction from the Court and stated that a date was to be determined as to when the amount of \$3,000.00, could be utilized.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the amount of \$13,000.00, being effective October 1, 1997, without the funds being available.

Mr. Yates explained that the position would be funded for six (6) or seven (7) months which would result in the amount of \$9,000.00, and that said funds be transferred for the equalization.

Commissioner Cascos clarified that the Court would not be filling the Justice of the Peace position until the utilization of the funds was determined by the County Auditor.

Judge Hinojosa clarified that the savings, in the amount of \$9,000.00, accrued until December 1, 1997, be added to the unallocated amount of \$3084.00, and that the equalization would be effective on the date that the necessary funds were available, noting that the positions would still be receiving the four percent (4%) Salary Increase. He recommended that the Budget be adopted and that the amount of \$4,000.00, be located to complete the funding for the equalization in the Justice of the Peace staffing positions.

Mr. Yates confirmed that the Budget would be approved as is, with everyone receiving the four percent (4%) Salary Increase, with the exception of the Elected Officials and that a plan be submitted back to the Court to fully fund the amount of \$13,000.00.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 be adopted, and that the County Auditor determine a date in which the Salary Matrix for the Justices of the Peace staffing positions would be implemented.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Peña and Judge Hinojosa

NAY: Commissioners Cascos and Matz.

The Budget is as follows:

(4) APPROVAL OF COUNTY CLAIMS

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

Warrant No. 43787, as to Terry Ray Construction, in the amount of \$102,936.23;

Warrant No. 43788, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$3,461.70;

Warrant No. 43789, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$3,443.50;

Warrant No. 43790, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$1,100.00;

Warrant No. 43791, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$127.50;

Warrant No. 43792, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$335.00; and

Warrant No. 43793, as to Zayas and Zamora P.C., in the amount of \$377.50.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, 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. 43787, in the amount of \$102,936.23;

Warrant No. 43788, in the amount of \$3,461.70;

Warrant No. 43789, in the amount of \$3,443.50;

Warrant No. 43790, in the amount of \$1,100.00;

Warrant No. 43791, in the amount of \$127.50;

Warrant No. 43792, in the amount of \$335.00; and

Warrant No. 43793, in the amount of \$377.50.

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

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

**(6) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER
2, 1997**

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 2, 1997, at 4:00 P.M., were approved.

(7) **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. SAN BENITO MONTALVO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY, AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20, 1997, AS ASAN BENITO MONTALVO DAY® IN CAMERON COUNTY**

Commissioner Peña moved that the Resolution honoring Mr. San Benito Montalvo on the occasion of his 90th Birthday be adopted and that September 20, 1997, be declared as ASan Benito Montalvo Day® in Cameron County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is as follows:

(8) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MARIA ISABEL MARTINEZ, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997, AS MARIA ISABEL MARTINEZ DAY® IN CAMERON COUNTY

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Matz and carried unanimously, the Resolution honoring Ms. Maria Isabel Martinez, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday was adopted and September 30, 1997, was declared AMaria Isabel Martinez Day® in Cameron County.

The Resolution is as follows:

(9) **IN THE MATTER TO MAINTAIN NOGALES ROAD LOCATED IN PRECINCT NO. 1 (TABLED)**

At this time, Ms. Rita P. Taylor, Brownsville resident, stated that there were affidavits signed by Precinct No. 1 employees which reflected that Nogales Road had been maintained for thirty-seven (37) years and expressed concern as to why the road was categorized as a private road when it was utilized extensively by many Law Enforcement and public entities.

Commissioner Benavides stated that based on the Legal advice obtained, the road was categorized as a Private Road and that the County could not maintain the private roads.

Mr. Juan Bernal, County Engineer, confirmed that research had been performed on Nogales Road and that the records reflected that the road was indeed a Private Road.

Judge Hinojosa confirmed that the road might have been maintained by the County, but stated that maintenance of the road did not make it a County Road.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the maintenance of the road needed to be established before the Court could decide to accept the road into the County Road System and added that the County did not have the ability to maintain additional roads.

Commissioner Matz stated that since the road had been maintained the matter would be referred to as a prescriptive rights issue in which it would be permissible to maintain the road, and added that accepting the road into the County Road System would commit the County to improve the road.

Commissioner Cascos suggested that the matter be discussed with the County Engineer to determine ways in which to maintain the road and not make improvements to the road.

Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, stated that the Court did not have to make the road a part of the County Road System if the road was a Public Road and added that the Court could make an administrative finding that the road was a public road. He stated that the nature of the road reflected that Nogales Road was a Private Road and noted that the issue was to determine who would maintain the road.

Commissioner Peña stated that the matter would need to be placed on the Agenda, in order to determine the finding of a Public Road.

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



(10) AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS= COURT AT 9:30 A.M., EACH TUESDAY, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed his opposition to changing the Meeting times and stated that the reason for scheduling the Meetings at 5:00 P.M., was to give the public the opportunity to attend and participate in the meetings.

Judge Hinojosa expressed his opposition and suggested that the Court should consider the Meetings being held at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Francisco Sinfuentes, Brownsville resident, expressed his opposition to changing the Meeting times from 5:00 P.M. and added that the evening hour was convenient for the public since the majority of the citizens worked during the day.

Commissioner Benavides stated that the Court could schedule the Meetings at alternate times based on the importance of the matters being considered.

Judge Hinojosa stated that the Meetings should be held at a certain time based on Texas Law, and added that the public expected that the Meetings be held at a set time.

Ms. Juanita Brodecky, Rio Hondo resident, expressed her opposition and stated that many of the citizens worked till 5:00 P.M., noting that travel time for the citizens of the Northern part of the County should be taken into consideration.

Mr. Dagoberto Barrerra, Brownsville resident, expressed his opposition and added that the current Meeting time gave the public the opportunity to voice their opinions and to be informed of the issues of the County.

Commissioner Peña moved that the Regular Meetings of the Commissioners=Court be held at 9:30 A.M., each Tuesday, beginning on September 30, 1997.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Matz and Peña

NAY: Commissioner Cascos and Judge Hinojosa.



(15) DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS- COURT TO SELECT A COMMITTEE COMPRISING OF THE AUDITOR, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, BRIDGE SYSTEMS DIRECTOR, WIC DIRECTOR, PARKS SYSTEM DIRECTOR AND THE CHIEF CIVIL COUNSEL TO FORMULATE A SALARY AND JOB CLASSIFICATION MATRIX

At this time, Judge Hinojosa expressed concern as to the WIC Director being recommended to be on the Committee, as opposed to the Health Director.

Commissioner Cascos stated that the WIC Director probably had a better insight as to salaries and personnel matters and added that Ms. Graciela Salinas, Director of Management, be appointed to serve on the Committee.

Judge Hinojosa stated that an Elected Official had expressed interest in having an Elected Official or a Representative serve on the Committee.

Commissioner Cascos stated that politics should be kept out of said issue, but stated that if an Elected Official was appointed, all the Elected Officials should have the option to participate on the Committee.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Commissioners=Court select a Committee comprising of the Auditor, Personnel Director, Bridge Systems Director, WIC Director, Parks System Director, the Chief Civil Counsel and the Director of Management, to formulate a Salary and Job Classification Matrix.

The motion was seconded by Judge Hinojosa and carried as follows:

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos, and Matz

NAY: Commissioner Peña.

(16) AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT THE BID SUBMITTED FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE FOLLOWING CAMERON COUNTY'S COMMUNITY PARKS: JOSE ESPARZA, SANTA ROSA, SANTA MARIA, AND AUTHORIZE THE ARCHITECT TO REDESIGN AND REBID

At this time, Mr. Kenneth Conway, Parks System Director, explained that only one (1) Bid had been received and was \$100,000.00, over the Project Budget and added that a second Bid was received, but was three (3) minutes past the deadline. He noted that the bidder was interested in resubmitting the Bid and added that there was additional potential bidders.

Judge Hinojosa stated that County Construction Manager had recently been hired and suggested that the matter be performed through the Construction Manager, as opposed to bidding out. He recommended that the County Engineer examine the matter, in order to save funds for the County.

Mr. Conway noted that the architectural fees had been paid and that the Project was close to being within budget if the Bids were readvertised.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the Bid submitted for the renovation of the following Cameron County's Community Parks: Jose Esparza, Santa Rosa, Santa Maria, was rejected and the County Engineer was authorized to examine the matter and determine if the matter could be performed by the Construction Manager.

[REDACTED]

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE RIO HONDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

At this time, Mr. Joseph Ardito, Property Management Coordinator, explained that the term of the Lease Agreement would be for three (3) years and added that the following Departments were committing to pay the following monthly payments, noting that the Tax Office had agreed to pay the utilities:

- Constable Precinct No. 4 - \$200.00;
- Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 4 - \$200.00;
- Sheriff's Department - \$100.00;
- County Clerk - \$100.00; and
- Women's, Infants and Children (WIC) Department - \$200.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Property Management coordinator was authorized to enter into Lease negotiations with the Rio Hondo Independent School District Superintendent for the Rio Hondo Independent School Administrative Office.

At this time, Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, noted that there was no parking available and the suggestion was made to examine the surrounding lots, in order to obtain property for a parking lot.

[REDACTED]

(17) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE RESTROOM RENOVATIONS AT ISLA BLANCA PARK

Commissioner Matz moved that the Bid for the restroom renovations at Isla Blanca Park be awarded to Peacock Construction, Harlingen, Texas, noting that the amount should not exceed \$143,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

**(18) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT
CLERK-S AUGUST MONTHLY FEE AND FINES
REPORT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Benavides, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the District Clerk-s August Monthly Fee and Fines Report was acknowledged.

At this time, Ms. Aurora de la Garza, District Clerk, introduced the following members of the District Clerk-s staff:

Ms. Marie Salinas, Bookkeeper;

Ms. Susie Castañeda, Bookkeeper;

Ms. Mary Esther Garcia, (not present), Bookkeeper; and

Ms. Elvira Ortiz, Chief Deputy.

The Report is as follows:

**(19) APPROVAL OF THE SERVICE FEES ON CIVIL
PROCESS TO REMAIN THE SAME**

Commissioner Benavides moved that the Service Fees on Civil Process remain the same.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Fees are as follow:

(20) **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RANCHO VIEJO FOR THE SHERIFFS OFFICE TO PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES ON ITS RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE JAIL SPACE FOR PRISONERS FROM RANCHO VIEJO**

At this time, Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to how the compensation was to be paid and added that the funds should be addressed to the County Treasurer's Office, as opposed to the County Auditor's Office. He questioned who would be responsible for the quarterly billings and Mr. Mark Yates, County Auditor, stated that an invoice would be drafted upon submission of a Report by the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to the compensation owed at the time of termination and suggested that language should be added to reflect that some of the amount would be pro-rated.

At this time, Commissioner Matz noted that the Agenda Item Process was not being followed by all the Departments and added that several Items had not gone through the Budget Officer or Legal Counsel.

Commissioner Cascos expressed concern as to whether the revenues from the Project had been encumbered into the Budget and suggested that the funds be utilized to fund the equalization issue of the Justice of the Peace staffing positions.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the Agreement with Rancho Viejo for the Sheriff's Office to provide dispatch services on its Radio Communication System and to provide jail space for prisoners from Rancho Viejo was approved.

The Agreement is as follows:

(14) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997/1998**

At this time, there was some discussion regarding the funds for the equalization of the Justice of the Peace staffing positions being allocated from the Rancho Viejo and the Sheriff-s Office Project and the suggestion was made to reconsider the Item regarding the Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 to reflect Commissioner Cascos= support.

Commissioner Cascos moved that the motion be reconsidered regarding the adoption of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

Judge Hinojosa moved that the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997/1998 be adopted, subject to the County Auditor booking the revenues from the Rancho Viejo and the Sheriff-s Office Project to fund the equalization for the Justices of the Peace staffing positions.

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

AYE: Commissioners Benavides, Cascos and Peña

NAY: Commissioners Matz.

(22) **IN THE MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND KATHY O. KOKERNOT TO ACT AS THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR FOR THE COUNTY-S ALCOHOL BREATH TEST PROGRAM (TABLED)**

At this time, Mr. Remi Garza, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, stated that Kathy O. Kokernot certified the breathalysers that the County performed and added that an adequate compensation needed to be determined, noting that the rate had increased by twenty percent (20%).

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

(23) **AUTHORIZATION FOR A SALARY INCREASE AND RECLASSIFICATION FOR SLOT NO. 05, FUND NO. 15-622-003, FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 1996/1997**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Salary Increase and reclassification for Slot No. 05, Fund No. 15-622-003, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 1996/1997, were approved.

(24) APPROVAL TO PERMIT A TWO (2) FOOT NON-ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPOSED CALLE PALOMA WITHIN THE PROPOSED RANCHO GRANDE SOUTH SUBDIVISION SECTION VI

Commissioner Benavides moved that the two foot (2') non-access easement be permitted along the East side of the proposed Calle Paloma within the proposed Rancho Grande South Subdivision Section VI.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously.

(25) AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE TO USE THE EXISTING LEVEE AS REQUESTED BY I.B.W.C. FOR USE AT THE IMPALA PUMP STATION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the use of the existing levee by the City of Brownsville, as requested by I.B.W.C. for use at the Impala Pump Station was approved, subject to Legal review.

(26) IN THE MATTER OF A RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT NO. 2 (TABLED)

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, noted that the individuals being considered for approval should be identified or made available to the Court, in order to be reviewed in advance.

Commissioner Matz noted that the Agenda Item had not gone through the Legal or Budget Process and the suggestion was made to Table the Item until Constable Precinct No. 2 justified the matter.

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

(28) AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT OMEGA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO INSTALL ONE (1) MONITORING WELL TO SAMPLE GROUND WATER WHICH FLOWS SOUTH OF GULF COAST CONOCO FACILITY ONTO CAMERON COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST HARRISON STREET, HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Omega Environmental Services be permitted to install one (1) monitoring well to sample ground water which flows South of Gulf Coast Conoco Facility onto Cameron County Property located on East Harrison Street, Harlingen, Texas.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously.

The Agreement is as follows:

(29) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN TURNSTILES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SYSTEM

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously, the advertisement of the Request for Proposal for pedestrian turnstiles for the International Bridge System was approved.

(30) APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NINE (9) BILLBOARDS (THREE (3) STANDARD POSTER AND SIX (6) JR. EIGHT (8) SHEET POSTER PANELS) FROM LAMAR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$22,070.00, AS PART OF THE PROMOTION/ADVERTISING FROM THE APPROVED \$80,000.00, MARKETING BUDGET FOR THE FREE TRADE BRIDGE

Commissioner Cascos moved that nine (9) billboards (three (3) standard poster and six (6) Jr. eight (8) sheet poster panels) be purchased from Lamar Outdoor Advertising, for a total cost of \$22,070.00, as part of the promotion/advertising from the approved \$80,000.00, Marketing Budget for the Free Trade Bridge.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

(31) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OLMITO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION WATER LINE PROJECT (TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 716151)

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the advertisement of the Bid for the construction of the Olmito Water Supply Corporation Water Line Project (Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 716151) was approved.

(32) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH CUBCO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON THE LOS CUATES SEWER PROJECT (TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 714025)

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, Change Order No. 2 to Construction Contract with Cubco Construction Company on the Los Cuates Sewer Project (Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 714025) was approved.

The Contract is as follows:

(34) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CAMERON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MARY LOUISE WATKINS, M.D., TO PROVIDE STD TREATMENT AT THE MARY B. LUCIO CLINIC IN BROWNSVILLE, AT THE RATE OF \$700.00 PER MONTH

Commissioner Cascos moved that the Contract be approved between the Cameron County Health Department and Mary Louise Watkins, M.D., to provide STD Treatment at the Mary B. Lucio Clinic in Brownsville, at the rate of \$700.00, per month.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.

The Contract is as follows:

(35) APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DOCUMENT NO. 746000420798; CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICE NO. 02; ATTACHMENT NO. 03: BCNS - TITLE V CORE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1997, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1998, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,556.00

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Texas Department of Health Document No. 746000420798; Contract Change Notice No. 02; Attachment No. 03: BCNS - Title V Core Services for the period of September 1, 1997, through August 31, 1998, in the amount of \$134,556.00, was approved, subject to Legal review.

The Contract is as follows:

(36) APPROVAL TO RENEW HP SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WITH VENDORS (AGREEMENT DATES FROM OCTOBER 1, 1997, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998)

Commissioner Peña moved that the HP Software Maintenance Support be renewed with the following vendors (Agreement dates from October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998); budgeted total - \$9,210.00:

- a) Bradmark - in the amount of \$1,900.00;
- b) VeSoft - in the amount of \$650.00;
- c) Disc - in the amount of \$2,750.00; and
- d) Vital Soft - in the amount of \$2,322.00.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benavides and carried unanimously.



(37) APPROVAL TO RENEW HP948 MAINTENANCE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT WITH HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY AT A TOTAL COST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,132.00

Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the HP948 Maintenance Hardware and Software Support with Hewlett-Packard Company was renewed at a total cost, in the amount of \$30,132.00.

The Agreement is as follows:

**(38) IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEGOTIATED
CONCESSION AGREEMENT TERMS FOR
CHARLIE-S PARADISE BAR (TABLED)**

At this time, Judge Hinojosa stated that there were Contractual issues to discuss and suggested that the matter be Tabled and placed on the Agenda for Executive Session.

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



**(39) APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
CAMERON COUNTY AND THE LOS FRESNOS
CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND THE SAN BENITO
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING THE ABSENT STUDENT
ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreements between Cameron County and the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District and the San Benito Consolidated School District regarding the Absent Student Assistant Program were approved.

The Agreements are as follow:

**(40) IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 24, 1997, AS BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS DAY® IN CAMERON
COUNTY (TABLED)**

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

**(41) APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND/OR TRAVEL
EXPENSES, SUBJECT TO FUNDS IN THEIR
BUDGET**

At this time, Commissioner Matz expressed concern as Item 41 Ae®, noting that five (5) individuals were traveling separately and individually collecting mileage.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cascos, seconded by Commissioner Peña and carried unanimously, the following Travel and/or travel expenses were approved, subject to funds in their Budget, with Item No. 41 Ae® **TABLED**:

- a) Three (3) Health Department employees to attend the A1997 Clinical Records Conference® in Austin, Texas, on October 6-8, 1997;
- b) Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the ATexas Probation Association Legislative Committee Meeting and Chief Probation Officers Annual Conference® in Huntsville, Texas, on October 19-22, 1997;
- c) Juvenile Detention Superintendent to attend the ATexas Juvenile Detention Association Annual Management Conference® in San Antonio, Texas, on October 1-5, 1997, and Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to attend the ALegislative Update and Standards Workshop® in San Antonio, Texas, on October 7-8, 1997;
- d) Bridge Systems Director to inspect pedestrian turnstiles at the Laredo International Bridge System, in Laredo Texas, on September 10, 1997;
- e) In the matter of five (5) District Court Administrators to attend the A21st Annual Education Conference, Texas Association for Court Administration® in San Antonio, Texas, on October 21-24, 1997; **(TABLED)**
- f) Assistant District Attorney to attend the A1997 TDCAA Annual Criminal and Civil Law Update® in Arlington, Texas, on September 23, 1997;
- g) International Bridge Systems Director to attend the AXXII Meeting of the United States-Mexico Binational Group on Bridges and Border Crossings® in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on September 22-23, 1997; and

- h) Sheriff's Department employee to attend the 28th Annual Jail Management Conference in Huntsville, Texas, on September 30, 1997, through October 3, 1997.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOMMENDED FOR A CONSENT AND WERE EITHER RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT HEAD, WITHIN BUDGET OR AWARDED TO THE LOW BIDDER:

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

Consent Agenda Items were approved as follow:

(42) PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

La Hara Estates - being a resubdivision of 7.58 acres of land out of Lot No. 126, Adams Gardens Subdivision.

(43) FINAL APPROVAL

a) Precinct No. 4

Rancho Grande South Subdivision Section VI - being 101.465 acres comprised of all of Lot No. 30, Rio Bend Estates Subdivision, Unit 3 (7.928 acres); and 93/537 acres out of the Western and Northern portion of 591.85 acres tract, said 591.85 acres consisting of part of 392.50 acres per actual survey, same property described as a 389.2 acre tract in deed granting a 30 foot water transmission canal easement, from E.D. Palmer T.B. Mobley, dated February 9, 1955.

(44) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR THE ISLA BLANCA PARK MARINA CHANNEL MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND EXCAVATION

MARINE SALVAGE AND SERVICES - Port Isabel, Texas
Base / Bid Dredging / Excavation - \$33,878.00

The Agreement is as follows:

- (45) **AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR ANNUAL BID NO. 1880
RADIO TOWER RENTAL - SHERIFF-S DEPARTMENT**
- (46) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD**
- a) **QUARTERLY BID NO. 2050 - 4 DIETARY SUPPLIES**

DE LA GARZA - Brownsville, Texas
Total - \$1,933.28
- b) **QUARTERLY BID NO. 2170 - 4 FOOD: MEATS**

H & H FOODS - Mercedes, Texas
Total - \$14,516.24

TEXAS MEATS - Harlingen, Texas
Total - \$1,330.00
- c) **QUARTERLY BID NO. 2210 - 4 FOOD: SPICES**

FARMERS BROTHERS - McAllen, Texas
Total - \$919.39
- (47) **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD**
- a) **ANNUAL BID ROAD MATERIALS - HIGH
PERFORMANCE ASPHALT COLD PATCH**

BALLINGER CONSTRUCTION - San Benito, Texas
- | | | |
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| Hold for pick-up | \$58.50 | |
| Delivered Zone 1 | | \$61.00 |
| Delivered Zone 2 | | \$61.00 |
| Delivered Zone 3 | | \$61.00 |
| Delivered Zone 4 | | \$61.00 |
- (48) **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ANNUAL BIDS AND/OR
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
- a) **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES;**
b) **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - PAGER SERVICES; AND**
c) **BID - LOCKSMITH SERVICES.**
- (49) **APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES WITHOUT
PURCHASE ORDERS**
- a) **VALLEY MORNING STAR - IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,466.90 (PROPERTY MANAGEMENT);**
- b) **BROWNSVILLE HERALD - IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$887.22 (PROPERTY MANAGEMENT);**
- c) **PORT ISABEL PRESS - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$403.25
(PROPERTY MANAGEMENT);**
- d) **SAN BENITO PRESS - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270.00
(PROPERTY MANAGEMENT); AND**

- e) **VALLEY MORNING STAR - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434.26 (PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.**

(36) APPROVAL TO RENEW HP SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WITH VENDORS (AGREEMENT DATES FROM OCTOBER 1, 1997, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998)

At this time, Mr. Doug Wright, Cameron County Counsel, expressed concern as to Items No. 36 and No. 37 and stated that the matter had not been reviewed by Legal Counsel.

Commissioner Peña moved that the HP Software Maintenance Support be renewed with the following vendors (Agreement dates from October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998); budgeted total - \$9,210.00, subject to Legal review:

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Upon motion by Commissioner Peña, seconded by Commissioner Cascos and carried unanimously, the HP948 Maintenance Hardware and Software Support with Hewlett-Packard Company was renewed at a total cost, in the amount of \$30,132.00, subject to Legal review.

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 **14th** day of **October, 1997**.

GILBERTO HINOJOSA
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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