

**Cameron County, Texas
Commissioners' Court**

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SPECIAL MEETING

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court will meet for a *Special Public Meeting* on
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the *Courtroom on the 2nd Floor*
at the *Cameron County Courthouse, Oscar C. Dancy Building, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas*

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CAMERON COUNTY CLERK
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NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041, V.T.C.A., AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM AT THE CAMERON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, OSCAR C. DANCY BUILDING, 1100 E. MONROE STREET, SECOND FLOOR, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - UNITED STATES AND TEXAS PLEDGE.

INVOCATION.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

CONSENT ITEMS:

2. ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE HEARD COLLECTIVELY UNLESS OPPOSITION IS PRESENTED, IN WHICH CASE THE CONTESTED ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN SEPARATELY.
 - A. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS "NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH" IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ETJ-COUNTY JUDGE)
 - B. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 AS "UNITED WAY MONTH" IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (ETJ-COUNTY JUDGE)

- C. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES. (PSJ- INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE FOR THE OLD ALICE ROAD PROJECT. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- E. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY, THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE FOR THE WEST BLVD. PROJECT. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- F. CONSIDERATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF ROAD MATERIALS BY TEXAS CORDIA CONSTRUCTION. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY AND MEGAMORPHOSIS FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS ECO TOURISM CENTER. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- H. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE NO. 28203 WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER TO BOSWELL ELLIFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465.87. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- I. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICE NO. 200309 NOT COVERED BY PURCHASE ORDER NO. 279825 FOR LUKE FRUIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$806.64. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- J. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 25 FOR THE ENHANCED MODELING SYSTEM TO PREDICT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND BEACH AND VALUATION OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF STORMWATER RUNOFF IN COASTAL REGION. (PSJ-CCD&T ENG/INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- K. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH AEP FOR THE AEP EASEMENTS WITHIN THE SOUTH PARALLEL CORRIDOR PHASE II PROJECT FROM FM/509 TO FM/2520. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- L. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADD TWO (2) NEW AT&T MOBILE PHONES AND SERVICE PLANS FOR THE VETERANS COURT THROUGH TDIR CONTRACT NO. DIR-TSO-3420 (GRANT FUNDED). (DAS-444TH DISTRICT COURT)
- M. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR LIFE CENTER COUNSELING TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CAMERON COUNTY DIVERT COURT. (ACN-DIVERT COURT)

- N. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ATTORNEY RUBEN HERRERA TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CAMERON COUNTY DIVERT COURT PARTICIPANTS. (ACN-DIVERT COURT)
- O. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BOND AND/OR INSURANCE AMOUNT FOR APPOINTED OR LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIRE MARSHAL/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNTY OFFICIALS. (TH-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)
- P. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (JS-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
 - a. DATA INTERNET AND POINT TO POINT SERVICES – RFP NO. 1345 (AND APPROVAL OF RFP DRAFT)
- Q. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FARM AND RANCH REAL ESTATE LISTING AGREEMENT WITH ICON REALTY, LLC TO LIST COUNTY PROPERTY FOR SALE. (JG-LEGAL)
- R. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (MF-PURCHASING)
 - a. REBAR – ANNUAL BID NO. 2485
- S. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE ANNUAL CPI PER EXHIBIT C OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC AND CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. (OL-SHERIFF)
- T. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT:
 - a. MAGISTRATE COURT – (G.RINCONES)
- U. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:
 - a. CONSTABLE PCT. 5 – (E. SOLIS)
 - b. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 5-2 – (E. CANO)
 - c. MAGISTRATE COURT – (G. RINCONES)
- V. AUDITOR'S OFFICE STAFF (1): ASSISTANT AUDITOR CLAUDIA ARREDONDO TO TRAVEL TO WESLACO, TEXAS ON 10/24 TO 10/25/19 TO ATTEND THE GRANT MANAGEMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP.
- W. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFF (3): DISTRICT ATTORNEYS BRETT PATTILLO AND JESSICA SPANO AND INVESTIGATOR RICARDO PEREZ TO TRAVEL TO HOUSTON, TEXAS TO INTERVIEW WITNESS AND VICTIMS.

- X. DISTRICT ATTORNEY LUIS V. SAENZ AND OFFICE STAFF (7): ADMINISTRATIVE FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY EDWARD A. SANDOVAL AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS RENE GARZA, ARTURO VILLARREAL, JR., MELISSA MUNOZ, LUIS SALAZAR BRETT PATTILLO AND REHAMAN MERCHANT TO TRAVEL TO EDINBURG, TEXAS ON 8/23/19 TO ATTEND THE TEXAS DISTRICT AND COUNTY ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION EDINBURG LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.
- Y. JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE STAFF (26): JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS RUDY MARROQUIN, LUIS ESTRELLA, BECKY POZOS, LUIS FLORES, JESSICA PENA, SANTIAGO BRUNO, ELIDA OLVERA, NANCY GARZA, BECKY GOMEZ, AMY GARCIA, ABEL MIRANDA, VELMA TAMAYO, MARGARET GARCIA, RENELL RENAUD, JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ, VICTORIA ZEPEDA FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR JAVIER PEREZ, TRAINER MARIO DAVILA, JUVENILE SUPERVISION OFFICER ERIC MANZANO, UZIEL SAENZ, JULIO TRUJILLO GUERRA, OSCAR VALDEZ, ALDO GARCIA-DIAZ, JEROME VILLARREAL, MARIA A. AGUIRRE AND ROLANDO GONZALEZ TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS ON 10/09 TO 10/11/19 TO ATTEND THE 6TH ANNUAL BEACH TO BASICS CONFERENCE. **(PRO FORMA APPROVAL)**
- Z. PARKS OFFICE STAFF (4): DEPUTY PARKS DIRECTOR JAIME R. LOPEZ, COASTAL PARK ASSISTANT MANAGER DANIELLE DELGADO, BOOKKEEPER ASSISTANT EDGARDO YADA AND CLERK SUPERVISOR HECTOR CANTU TRAVELED TO MCALLEN, TEXAS ON 09/13/19 TO MEET WITH HAMMER ENTERPRISES REGARDING ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM.
- AA. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE STAFF (1): WIC DIRECTOR CLAUDIA SOTO TO TRAVEL TO EL PASO, TEXAS ON 10/14 TO 10/17/19 TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL WIC DIRECTOR'S MEETING.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

3. ACTION ITEMS.

- A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AND/OR SALARY SCHEDULES.
- B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.
- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OLD PORT ISABEL ROAD PROJECT. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF OFFER FROM VALLEY PIPELINE CROSSING FOR REPAIR OF ROADS IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS. (PSJ-INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)
- E. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE CAMERON COUNTY AMPHITHEATER AS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019. (DV-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT)

- F. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FINES AND FEES COLLECTIONS SERVICES WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP TO INCLUDE THE WRITTEN FINDINGS FOR THE NECESSITY OF THE CONTRACT, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 2254.1036(B). (JG-LEGAL)
- G. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY PCN 576-361-002 AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPT EMPLOYEE UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT. (KS-PRE-TRIAL RELEASE)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:


4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- A. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL ON LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO BUILDING SECURITY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(2).
- B. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL ON LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE APPROPRIATE USE AND MONITORING OF CAMERON COUNTY INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(2).
- C. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE LEGAL ISSUES WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRECINCT 3 WAREHOUSE, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
- D. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071(2).
- E. CONFER WITH COMMISSIONERS' COURT LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES WITH POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF OFFER FROM VALLEY PIPELINE CROSSING FOR REPAIR OF ROADS, PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071(1)(B).

5. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- B. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- C. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- D. POSSIBLE ACTION.
- E. POSSIBLE ACTION.

SIGNED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.


EDDIE TREVIÑO, JR.
COUNTY JUDGE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Cameron County Commissioners' Court will be held on September 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines, fees and court costs as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031 and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to Cameron County to be collected in the most effective manner. Cameron County desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the County does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented Cameron County for the past 11 years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs beginning in 2008.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the County due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of 30 percent in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the Cameron County.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the Cameron County because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the county of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.