

THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 1993, after due notice having been given, there was begun and holden, a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District, in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building in the City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas with the following members of said Court present and participating:

Hon. J. Edgar Ruiz
County Judge

Hon. Samuel Sanchez
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Hon. Lalo Arcaute
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

Hon. Juan Rosel
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Hon. Leonard Camarillo
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings

were had, to-wit:

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The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

ITEM 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Commissioners' Court may go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 to discuss the following matter:

1. Personnel Matters:

a. Discussion & possible action of Interim Director of Hidalgo County Office of Employment & Training

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session, for approximately fifteen minutes.

NO ACTION.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS IN VERBATIM FORMAT

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:

A. Discussion & possible action of Interim Director of Hidalgo County Office of Employment & Training

COUNTY JUDGE

I hereby call this meeting back to Regular Session and to order. I want to say that, in our search, of Commissioners' Court, for an Interim Executive Director of JTPA, and the Office of Employment and Training for Hidalgo County; we were fortunate that we recruited various individuals from the business community, that we felt were of high caliber, that could very easily have filled the position of Interim Executive Director and even though I will not mention their names, because it was really a non-competitive, since we were seeking those people out and asking that, that they, uhm, they be considered, on our behalf, it would be unfair for us to mention their names; but I assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that we looked at approximately 18 individuals of which, fourteen of them were solicited by us and other four applicants that were unsolicited, but they submitted their resumes, anyway and were given fair consideration. The large majority of them could've very easily been Director for the Office of Employment and Training. I want to thank them individually and all of them together for, for taking interest in, in the future of this County and its employment and training program. After review, ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to mention out selection and my recommendation, for Interim Director for the Office of Employment and Training, which takes care of Job Training Partnership Act monies, through the Department of Commerce, in Austin. My recommendation is Mr. Hollis B. Rutledge, Jr., a Mission resident. I'm going to say just a very few things about him, because I probably will give you, the media, an opportunity to ask him any questions you may want to have of him after our Commis-

sioners' Court meeting, in an impromptu press conference, in our Conference Room, upstairs in the second floor, okay, right after the meeting. Everyone is invited, ladies and gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Rutledge has worked with city government in the planning and administration of the City of San Benito and the City of Hidalgo, previously. He has various business background, by being marketing director, for various firms, in Harlingen, in Elsa and in San Antonio. He was special assistant for U.S. Department of HUD, in the Region VI office in San Antonio, more recently he was administrator and manager for Region VII, of the General Service Administration of the United States of America, which administered all procurement and planning for eleven states, in the United States, the annual budget that he managed was \$1.1 million and his total amount of employees were approximately two thousand six hundred (2,600). In the Office of its, of General Service Administration, not only was in in tune with procurement of this office, but had various working relationships with the U.S.-Mexico relationships, heavily involved with international bridges, very in-tune with the maquila operation in U.S.-Mexico and any other. In essence, not only does he have, does he have the private sector, but has dealt with the cities, has dealt with housing authorities, and the Federal Government. So, we felt that this individual comes with a combination of both, governmental experience and, more importantly, business experiences and, even more important, a Mission resident, a local person, who knows the business sector of Hidalgo County and Willacy County. So, ladies and gentlemen, I would, Commissioners, I would like to recommend Mr. Hollis B. Rutledge, Jr., as Interim Director for the Office of Employment and Training, to be compensated on an annual basis at the amount of \$60,000.00. Is there a motion to that effect?

COMM. ROSEL

Judge, it would be an honor, for me, at this time make motion that we proceed with your recommendation and, of the hiring of Hollis Rutledge, as Executive Director for the JTPA.

COUNTY JUDGE

Is there a second?

COMM. ARCAUTE

Second.

COUNTY JUDGE

Motion and second, all in favor signify by saying aye.

COMMISSIONERS

Aye.

COUNTY JUDGE

All opposed same sign. Motion carries. Mr. Rutledge, you are part of the family, you were previously, now as an employee, thank you for accepting. Would you want to mention anything to Commissioners' Court at this point in time.

MR. RUTLEDGE

Certainly. Well, first of all I'd like to thank the Commissioners' Court, for the confidence that you have bestowed upon me this afternoon. I, I'm glad to be back home, I guess, with the

business interest that I have, have here in the Valley and my domestic responsibilities that I'm having to, to take care of here, locally. I can only say to the Commissioners' Court that I will do the best that I can for the Commissioners' Court to administer the JTP., ah, JTPA Program, in accordance with the mandates by Congress, the Department of Labor and in accordance with all Federal laws and regulations; but, most importantly, I'm going to try to do what I can to be pro-active, with this program and try to visit with the public, as well as the private sector. I would hope that here, very shortly we could maybe visit, on an individual basis, to discuss some concerns and issues that you all as members of the Commis., the Commissioners' Court may have; and I would hope to be able to serve this County, as I have served in other capacities in the Federal and State levels, to the best of my ability; and I thank you again, for your confidence, thank you.

COMM. CAMARILLO

Mr. Rutledge, I'd like to congratulate you for taking this very, very important responsibility in County government and I'd like to recommend to you that, do your best in, in getting the programs implemented as soon as possible. I think we are too far behind to, to keep on dragging our feet. I appreciate that you immediately start the process of hiring people to the standards that we are supposed to be, at this time and get the programs going. I, I assure you that I will not be calling on you to do this, to do that and I hope that you have this same commitment from the rest of the members of this Commissioners' Court and I hope that you do your job to the best of your ability and if there's ever, if there's ever a way that I can help you, please don't hesitate to call.

MR. RUTLEDGE

I will, Commissioner, I'll take you up on that. Thank you.

COUNTY JUDGE

Thank you, Mr. Rutledge.

MR. RUTLEDGE

Thank you very much.

Judge Ruiz then thanked Ms. Mellie Moroles, for serving as Interim Director, for these past few weeks.

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROGRAMS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Ms. Moroles handed a report to the Commissioners' Court, which the County Judge stated would be submitted to the Private Industry Council on Monday. If approved by the PIC Board it would be brought back to this Court for formal approval.

NO ACTION.

SEE "EXHIBIT A"

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There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, that said meeting of Commissioners' Court be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME
BEFORE SAID COURT, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and
the Drainage District were hereby adjourned.

J. Edgar Ruiz
County Judge

Samuel Sanchez
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Lalo Arcaute
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

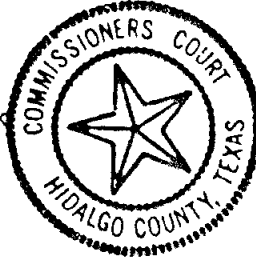
Juan Rosel
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 1993.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas



By: Jennifer Castillo
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy