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J. EDGAR RUIZ  
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1994 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

- 1. Commissioners' Court may go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following matter:
  - A. Litigation
- 2. Open Session:
  - A. Litigation & possible adoption of Resolution

Dated this the 27th day of July, 1994

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 29TH day of JULY, 1994, 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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JULY 29, 1994

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

- ITEM 1. COMMISSIONERS' COURT MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071, TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTER:  
 A. Litigation

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Mr. Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel.

NO ACTION.

- ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:  
 A. Litigation & possible adoption of Resolution

Judge Ruiz announced that the litigation in question was with regards to a proposed lawsuit by the State of Texas, the Attorney General Dan Morales, and Governor Ann Richards, in reference to immigration issues against the Federal Government. The County Judge continued by saying that the States of California and Florida, had both filed lawsuits against the U.S. Government, due to the Federal Government's neglect of taking care of immigration issues, with regards to governmental services, without any reimbursement. In view of this, the State of Texas was also in the process of taking some action, in order to get the Federal Government to become more "aggressive and more responsible for the immigration issues around this country". He added that they have been working very closely with the Attorney General in this particular lawsuit and it seems that we have been asked to be a part of this lawsuit, representing the needs in the Health Care area, because we carry the larger burden in this issue, with respect to Indigent Health Care, Health Clinics, WIC and many other programs, that are funded by local dollars. Other Counties, as well as some school districts will also be involved, representing both hospital districts and education. The County Judge then read the resolution, which stated as follows:

"Whereas, the costs of Indigent Helath Care for immigrants are costs properly and appropriately borne by the United States government; and

Whereas, the United States has failed to pay for such costs; and

Whereas, the State of Texas, County of Hidalgo and the people of the State of Texas have paid for the Indigent Health Care of undocumented immigrants because of the federal government's failure to do so; and

Whereas, Attorney General Dan Morales has resolved to sue the United States on behalf of the State of Texas and its political subdivisions in order to recoup the costs of delivering Health Care Services; and

Whereas, Attorney General Dan Morales has requested that Hidalgo County be included in the aforementioned lawsuit; and

Whereas, the Office of the Attorney General shall direct and control the aforementioned lawsuit, the costs of litigating the lawsuit (subject to prior approval by the Office of the Attorney General) will be borne by the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General;

Be it therefore resolved; that Hidalgo County will serve as a representative for the purpose of litigation to be brought by Attorney General Dan Morales against the United States in order to recoup restitution on behalf of the State of Texas, its political subdivisions, and the people of the State of Texas".

A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to adopt this resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT A"

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, 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

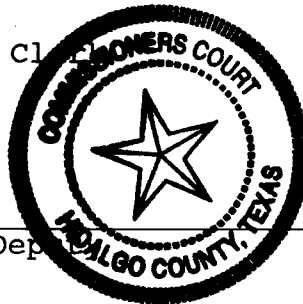
Leonard Camarillo \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 29TH day of JULY, 1994.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Jennifer Castillo, Dep. \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Castillo, Dep.



STATE OF TEXAS        ))

COUNTY OF HIDALGO ))

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, the costs of Indigent Health Care for immigrants are costs properly and appropriately borne by the United States government; and**

**WHEREAS, the United States has failed to pay for such costs; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Texas, County of Hidalgo and the people of the State of Texas have paid for the Indigent Health Care of undocumented immigrants because of the federal government's failure to do so; and**

**WHEREAS, Attorney General Dan Morales has resolved to sue the United States on behalf of the State of Texas and its political subdivisions in order to recoup the costs of delivering Health Care Services; and**

**WHEREAS, Attorney General Morales has requested that Hidalgo County be included in the aforementioned lawsuit; and**

**WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General shall direct and control the aforementioned lawsuit, the costs of litigating the lawsuit (subject to prior approval by the Office of the Attorney General) will be borne by the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General;**

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that Hidalgo County will serve as a representative for the purpose of litigation to be brought by Attorney General Morales against the United States in order to recoup restitution on behalf of the State of Texas, its political subdivisions, and the people of the State of Texas.**

J. Edgar Ruiz, Hidalgo County Judge