

**SPECIAL MEETING – AUGUST 17, 1999**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 1999, there was begun and held a SPECIAL MEETING of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following members thereof were present, to-wit:

HONORABLE JOSE ELOY PULIDO	HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE
HONORABLE SYLVIA HANDY	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.1
HONORABLE HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.2
HONORABLE JUAN ROSEL	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.3
HONORABLE OSCAR GARZA	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.4

and **J.D. SALINAS, COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT** of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO  
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Commissioners' Court will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1999, AT 9:30 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:

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
CONSENT AGENDA**

The Court began this day's Meeting with the Regular Consent Agenda.

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commissioners' Court has been furnished with background and support on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda, with the exception of line item 2D.

**1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**

**2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**

- A. Purchasing Department**
- B. Pct. #3 – Landfill**
- C. J.P. Pct. #5, PI.1**
- D. 93<sup>rd</sup> District Court** - Correction to be made; motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval.
- E. Adult Probation – Restitution (2)**
- F. Adult Probation – Corrections (3)**
- G. Pct. #4 – Lateral Road**
- H. County Treasurer**
- I. County Commissioners**
- J. Courthouse Security**

**3. Monthly Fee Report – June 1999: (SEE EXHIBIT B)**

<b>A. Sheriff Enrique Escalon</b>	<b>74,618.58</b>
<b>B. Anzalduas Park</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>
<b>C. Swimming Pool</b>	<b>1,204.70</b>
<b>D. Law Library</b>	<b>1,037.90</b>
<b>E. Constable Aguirre</b>	<b>1,390.00</b>
<b>F. Constable Alaniz</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>G. Constable Pena</b>	<b>3,605.00</b>
<b>H. Constable Cerda</b>	<b>605.00</b>
<b>I. Constable Bazan</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>J. J.P. Corpus</b>	<b>30,687.63</b>
<b>K. J.P. Morales</b>	<b>14,327.74</b>
<b>L. J.P. Jackson</b>	<b>16,930.40</b>
<b>M. J.P. Espinoza</b>	<b>40,016.42</b>
<b>N. J.P. Trevino</b>	<b>45,615.10</b>
<b>O. J.P. Saenz</b>	<b>15,032.75</b>
<b>P. J.P. Martinez</b>	<b>32,438.81</b>
<b>Q. J.P. Ochoa</b>	<b>31,495.15</b>
<b>R. J.P. Salazar</b>	<b>NO REPORT</b>

**4. Tax Office: (SEE EXHIBIT C)**

**A. Tax Refunds:**

- **Ruben & Maria Guerra**                    \$ 1,655.70
- **Maria Guadalupe Trevino Garza**    \$ 3,567.47
- **Raul Arredondo Jr.**                     \$ 938.71
- **Texas Commerce Bank**                \$ 23,656.59
- **Miguel & Alicia Bravo**                \$ 542.52

**5. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**

**A. Release expiring letter of credit and replacing with a new letter of credit:**

- **Tropical Palm Estates Subdivision – Pct. 1**
- **Woodland Heights Unit II – Pct. 1**
- **Seminole Valley No. 2 – Pct. 4**

**6. Right of Way - Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT E)**

- A. Pct. #1 – North Alamo Water Supply**
- B. Pct. #3 – Coastal Oil & Gas USA, L.P.**
- C. Pct. #3 – Southwestern Bell Telephone – Bentsen Rd.**
- D. Pct. #3 – Southwestern Bell Telephone – Minnesota Rd.**
- E. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 17 ½ & Terry**
- F. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 17 & Alamo Rd.**
- G. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Tower & 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- H. Pct. #4 – Southwestern Bell Telephone**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
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COUNTY JUDGE**

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**1. Roll Call**

All members of the Court were counted present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Prayer**

At this time Judge Pulido called on Lisa Aleman to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**4. Open Forum**

Virginia Townsend made a presentation on the tax increase for the Hidalgo County Jail.

**5. Tax Office: (SEE EXHIBIT F)**

**A. Approval of Annual Report for 1998-1999**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**6. Human Services: (SEE EXHIBIT G)**

**A. Approval to increase salaries:**

- Slot #2 by \$ 1,741.17, slot #3 by \$ 1,654.49, slots 4, 5, 6 11, 12, 13, 14 by \$ 1,484.86
- Approval of line item transfer
- Set salaries

NO ACTION taken on these items.

**7. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT H)**

**A. Request approval to accept a grant under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), a Bureau of Justice Assistance Program**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding per-diem rates for out of county prisoner extraditions**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**C. Request approval of budget amendment - \$20,000.00 (Jail acct.)**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**8. District Clerk: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**A. Approval of Agreement for the Title IV-D Program with Attorney General of the State of Texas**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**9. County Treasurer: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

**A. Approval of revision to Broker/Dealer List**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Approval of Resolution allowing the County Treasurer to use LOGIC as an investment tool**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. Approval of Agreement with Insight Investments/Dain Rauscher as investment advisors**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**10. Head Start: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**

**A. Requesting approval of Tuition Stipend for Administrative Staff for Job Related Courses**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**B. Recommending approval of Amended Staff Attendance Incentive Plan**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Hidalgo County Head Start Program Salary Plan**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**D. Discussion on Setting date for a Policy Council and Grantee Board (Commissioners' Court) Training – 9/25/99**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**E. Recommending bid awards for Rental of Facilities:**

- Donna
- Lopezville
- Lull
- Donna Kitchen

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**F. Requesting approval of contracts for Rental of Facilities:**

- Donna
- Lopezville
- Lull
- Donna Kitchen

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**G. Recommending bid award for the Sullivan City Head Start Center Renovations**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**H. Requesting approval of contract for the Sullivan City Head Start Center Renovations**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**I. Recommending bid award for Dumpster Service**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**J. Requesting approval of contract for Dumpster Service**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**11. HIDTA – Task Force: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**

**A. Budget amendment in the amount of \$ 4,000.00**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**12. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT M)**

**A. Approval of a Resolution authorizing submission of a Texas Community Development Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Approval of Professional Service Contract with Carter-Burgess, Inc. Engineering Fees for Phase I Environmental Study. Park, Recreational Fac. (Land Acquisition) – City of Alton – Yr. 10, 1997**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. Approval of Program Amendment – Pct. #3 – Street Improvement – Urban County Program Year 11 (1998)**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**D. Award of Contract to Mission Paving Co., Inc. for Northwest Elementary East/West County Road – Hidalgo County Pct. #4 – Street Improvements – Urban County Year 11 (FY 1998)**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**13. Office of Employment & Training: (SEE EXHIBIT N)**

**A. Discussion and possible action to approve the application to the Texas Workforce Commission for the Title III Dislocated Worker Grant in the amount of \$ 3,986,211**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Discussion and possible action to approve Severance Package for the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment & Training full-time employees that are not employed by the Board, Fiscal Agent or the Center Operator**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**14. Palmer Drug Abuse Program: (SEE EXHIBIT O)**

**A. Request for confiscated fund money**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**15. Court Reporter Service Fund: (SEE EXHIBIT P)**

**A. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$ 35,000 to cover pending invoices and for the remainder of the year**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**16. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

**A. Request approval to appropriate funds from Hidalgo County General Fund to Pct. 1 Sanitation Fund**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Appropriation of park unreserved funds to Pct. #1 – Parks**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. Approval of engineering service invoice for road & bridge street project and authorize County Auditor to process payment to Rodriguez Engineering**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**17. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT R)**

**A. Budget amendment to appropriate unreserved fund balance**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. Budget line-item transfer for County Wide Shop Acct.**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. Authorization to create six (6) General Maintenance temporary positions for four (4) months beginning August 30 to December 31, 1999 and set salaries**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**D. Authorization to reclassify slot 8 from Motorgrader ( \$ 19,883.44) to Motorgrader II ( \$ 22,500.00) and slot 28 from Maintenance/Mechanic ( \$ 17,364.38) to Maintenance ( \$ 13,230.00) and set salaries**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**18. Pct. #3: (SEE EXHIBIT S)**

**A. Request authorization to establish four-way stops on all County roads from Inspiration Road to Bentsen Road on 6 Mile Line**

NO ACTION on this item.

**19. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT T)**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY -**

**1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Mailing Services-Hidalgo County."**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**2. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Elevator Repairs-Hidalgo County."**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**3. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Striping of County Roads-Hidalgo County."**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1 - Requesting approval to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract with Hi-Lo Sales, Inc., for "Hidalgo County - Precinct No. 1 - Hauling Services" so as to not have a lapse in service and allow the bid process to be completed.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3 -**

**1. Recommending award of bid for: Hidalgo County - "Crushed Caliche - East of Abram."**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**2. Recommending approval of contract bid on: Hidalgo County - “Crushed Caliche - East of Abram.”**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS of approval.

**D. HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT -**

**1. Requesting approval of a contract for the “Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program” with the awarded vendor: Southwest Key Program**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**3. Recommending rejection of all bids for “Hidalgo County - Juvenile Post Adjudication Facility (Boot Camp) in Weslaco, Texas,” due to budgetary constraints.**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**4. Requesting approval to re-advertise for “Hidalgo County - Juvenile Post Adjudication Facility (Boot Camp) in Weslaco, Texas.”**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**E. HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT - Requesting approval of a line item transfer from:**

**1. 9-010-415-500-03 (Wages) to 9-010-415-500-31 (Bldg. Repair & Maint. Supplies)**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**2. 9-010-415-500-03 (Wages) to 9-010-415-500-12 (Equipment)  
In order to enclose available area to create a small office area and alleviate overcrowded office staff and replace inadequate office furniture and equipment.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**2. Requesting a budget amendment from the general fund of \$7,500.00 for appropriation into account 9-010-415-500-82 for consulting services with Edwards Risk Management, Inc. related to the Property and Casualty Package project and authorizing advertisement of project when consultant deems appropriate.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**E. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT -Recommending authority to reject all bids for “Sixty-Five (65) Laptop Computers for Mobile Data Application.”**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to go into Executive Session

**Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following:**

**A. Potential Litigation – Claim of Villarreal against Hidalgo County**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**21. Open Session:**

**A. Potential Litigation – Claim of Villarreal against Hidalgo County**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**22. Closed Session**

**Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**23. Open Session**

**Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of adjournment.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO  
COUNTY JUDGE**

**NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Drainage District #1 Board of Directors will be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1999 AT 9:30 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:**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Drainage District #1 Board of Directors has been furnished with background and support on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.**

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy the Court made UNANIMOUS vote to approve the Drainage District Consent Agenda.**

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Permit – City of Mission**

COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
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COUNTY JUDGE

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**1. Authorization to advertise for a new long reach excavator**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**2. Authorization to appropriate \$ 100,000.00 to be used as matching funds provided by Empowerment Zone for Monte Alto Project**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of adjournment.

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**A D D E N D U M**

**1. Authorization for County Auditor to process payment to Court Reporters:**

- **Magdalena Garza Hinojosa - \$ 16,490.50**
- **Annette E. Escobar - \$ 5,031.25**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a 3 to 2 vote of approval.

AYE: Commissioners Palacios, Handy and Garza

NAY: Judge Pulido, Commissioner Rosel

**There being no further business to come before said  
Court, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the  
Drainage District #1 Board are now hereby adjourned.**

**JOSE ELOY PULIDO \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY JUDGE**

**SYLVIA HANDY \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1**

**HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**JUAN ROSEL \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**OSCAR L. GARZA \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

**Dated this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999**

**JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk**

*Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board on the 24 day of  
October, 2000.*