

**SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2000**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2000, 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:

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
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, MARCH 07, 2000, 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 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda, with the exception of line item 2H.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
  - A. Pct. #1 – R & B (2)**
  - B. Pct. #1 – Adm.**
  - C. Constable Pct. #1**
  - D. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 1**
  - E. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 2**
  - F. 206<sup>th</sup> District Court**
  - G. County Clerk - Records Management (2)**
  - H. County Clerk (2) –** Correction made, on motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval.
  - I. Constable Pct. #2**
  - J. County Treasurer**
  - K. Jail Impact Court**
  - L. Historical Commission**
  - M. Library System**
  - N. Buildings & Grounds**
  - O. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 2**
  - P. J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 2**
  - Q. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 1**
  - R. Pct. #3 – Parks**
  - S. Pct. #4 – Landfill**
- 3. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT B)**
  - A. Approval of the following Certificates:**
    - **Certificates of Plat & Utility Status under Local Government Code Section 232.028(b)**
    - **Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029 (c)(1)**
    - **Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section (c)(2)**
- 4. Monthly Fee Reports: (SEE EXHIBIT C)**
  - A. District Clerk - \$ 137,085.07 – February**

5. **Urban County:** (SEE EXHIBIT D)
  - A. HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (7 families)
  - B. HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications (1 Family) City of Palmview
  - C. Extension on "Letter of Commitment" to Mortgage Company on HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" (1 Family)
  
6. **Purchasing Department:** (SEE EXHIBIT E)
  - A. HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE -
    1. Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for one Dualvo V740 Burster with Advance Business Equipment for \$495.00 per year effective April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.
  
7. **Right of Way – Permits:** (SEE EXHIBIT F)
  - A. Pct. #1:
    1. Southwestern Bell – Mile 2 ½ West
    2. Southwestern Bell – north from Exy. 83
  - B. Pct. #3:
    1. Shell Western E & P, Inc. – FM 681
    2. Southwestern Bell – Mile 2 Road
  - C. Pct. #4:
    1. Southwestern Bell – Brushline Rd. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
    2. Southwestern Bell – west from Cesar Chavez
    3. Southwestern Bell – 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in San Carlos
    4. Southwestern Bell – north of 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
    5. HCID #1 – FM 907
    6. North Alamo Water Supply – east of 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
    7. North Alamo Water Supply – ½ mile east of Tower Rd.
    8. North Alamo Water Supply – west of Gwin Rd.
    9. Time Warner Cable – West of Ware Rd.

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**1. Roll Call**

All members of the Court were counted present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

At this time Judge Pulido called on Rick Slitch to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Prayer**

Rick Slitch lead the Court and Audience in Prayer.

**4. Open Forum**

No presentations were made under the Open Forum.

At this time Judge Pulido requested to go into Executive Session.

**5. Approval of Resolution honoring U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (SEE EXHIBIT G)**

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

**6. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT H)**

**A. Approval of a Resolution for the Urban County Program**

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

**B. Consideration and approval of CDBG allocation for FY 2000**

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

**C. Approval of Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for Contract for Deed Conversion funding**

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

**D. Approval of a Resolution for the City of Hidalgo Housing Authority**

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

**E. Approval of a Resolution for Valley Association of Independent Living, Inc.**

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

**F. Approval of a Resolution for Rio Grande Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.**

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

**G. Approval of Budget and Program Amendments – City of La Joya – Urban County Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 (1996-1999)**

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

**H. Award of a Contract to Renco Investment, Inc. – City of Palmview – Fire Station/Equipment – UCP Year 10 & 11 (1997/1998)**

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

**I. City of Donna – HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program – Construction Contract Award**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**J. City of Mercedes – HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program – Construction Contract Award**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**7. Fire Marshal: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Hidalgo County Fire Marshal’s Office and the HIDTA Task Force for the purposes of obtaining a vehicle**

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

**8. Public Defenders Office: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

**A. Presentation regarding “Children First – Non Custodial Parent Referral” Program**

Presentation made.

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

**A. Requesting approval for Policy Council increase on allowable “child care” expense reimbursement by \$10.00 per meeting**

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

**10. Risk Management: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**

**A. Approval of Resolution to participate in the Texas Association of Counties Safety Audit**

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

**11. District Clerk: (SEE EXHIBIT M)**

- A. Approval to eliminate vacant slot #35 and increase slot #21 by \$ 5,000 and slot #7 by \$ 5,028.95 & set salaries**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- B. Approval of line item transfer for balance of slot #35 funds into repairs in the amount of \$ 4,162.37**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**12. HIDTA – Task Force: (SEE EXHIBIT N)**

- A. Request approval of a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement between HIDTA Task Force and the U.S. Department of Justice for the county’s participation in the distribution of federal assets forfeited**

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

**13. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT O)**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY -**

- 1. Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:**

**a.) Current Hidalgo County Jail**

**(1) Total inmate population**

**(2) Current Jail Cases/Dockets for: State District and County Court-At-Law Courts**

**(3) La Villa Project Status**

Discussion item only.

**b.) New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project:**

**(1) Acceptance and award of RFP responses (Phase II) to Landmark Organization, L. P. in connection with the design and construction of a New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

At this time Judge Pulido left the Court and Commissioner Rosel took over.

**(2) Authority to proceed to finalize negotiations for a Design/Build Contract with Landmark Organization, L.P. for presentation, consideration and approval for a New Adult Detention Facility and/or Law Enforcement Center.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- 2. Requesting approval to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract with Koch Materials Company for “MS-1 Emulsified Asphalt” so as to not have a lapse in service with complete review and modifications of present specifications and allow the bid process to be completed.**

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

**3. Requesting approval of two (2) invoices for payment for Hidalgo County Health Clinic, Precinct No. 3 Site from:**

**a.) Homeland Land Surveying Company - \$1,948.50**

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

**4. Authorization for Auditor to pay:**

**a.) Homeland Land Surveying Company - \$1,948.50**

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

**B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1 -**

**1. Requesting approval to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract with MC Hauling Services for "Hauling Services of Rap Material" so as to not have a lapse in services with complete review and modifications of present specifications and allow the bid process to be completed.**

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

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY-COURTHOUSE SECURITY -**

**1. Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for the X-ray security screening equipment "a Sole Source Declaration" for EG & G Astrophysics Research Corporation, for \$6,036.00 per year effective April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**D. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -**

**1. Recommending award of bid for "Pharmaceutical/Infirmary Medical Supplies-Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center (Jail Infirmary)" to low bidders.**

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

**2. Recommending approval of contracts for "Pharmaceutical/Infirmary Medical Supplies-Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center (Jail Infirmary)" to low bidders.**

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

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

**14. Closed Session:**

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

**A. Diaz vs. Hidalgo County - #M-95-078**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**15. Open Session:**

**A. Diaz vs. Hidalgo County - #M-95-078**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**16. Closed Session:**

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**17. 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 Handy, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
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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, MARCH 07, 2000 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:**

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

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

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Discharge Permit:
  - A. City of Mission – Orange Cove Subdivision****

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December,*

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

- 1. Authorization to release Pharr – McAllen South Drain operations, maintenance and ownership to City of McAllen from La Vista to Expressway 83**

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

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