

**SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 21, 2000**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 21<sup>st</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:

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| 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 21, 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Palacios, the Court made a  
UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda, with  
the exception line item 2A.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
  - A. County Clerk – Records Mgmt. – NO ACTION taken on this item.**
  - B. D.P.S. Highway Patrol**
  - C. District Clerk**
  - D. 206<sup>th</sup> District Court**
  - E. Pct. #1 – Adm.**
  - F. Pct. #2 – County Wide Shop**
  - G. Pct. #3 – Paved/unpaved**
  - H. Pct. #3 – Landfill**
  - I. Planning Department**
- 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. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT C)**
  - A. HOME “First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement” and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (6 families)**
- 5. Right of Way – Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**
  - A. Pct. #1:**
    - North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 17 ½ N ½ east of Mile 6 W**
    - North Alamo Water Supply – West of FM 88**
    - North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 6 of Mile 14 ½ Road**

- B. Pct. #3:**
- **Stingray Environmental Services – FM 490 & FM 681**
  - **North Alamo Water Supply – west of Victoria Road**
  - **Southwestern Bell – north of Mile 2 Rd.**

- C. Pct. #4:**
- **Southwestern Bell – north from Tex-Mex Road**
  - **Southwestern Bell – from FM 1925**

**6. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT E)**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE -**

1. **Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for a currency counter with Banking Systems International for \$253.50 per year effective 01/18/00 to 01/17/01.**

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

1. **Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for a Canon Facsimile CG 400 with IKON Office Solutions for \$244.00 per year effective 03/12/00 to 03/11/01.**

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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 Joe Pena to lead the Court and Audience in the Pledge of Alliance.

**3. Prayer**

Joe Pena lead the Court and Audience in Prayer.

**4. Open Forum**

No presentations were made under Open Forum.

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

**A. Approval of Bond from Charles Clark Chevrolet Co. for Issuance of License Renewal Stickers**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**6. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT G)**

**A. Approval to appropriate monies received on two seizure awards in the Sheriff's Inv. Fund 104 – H.B. 65**

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

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

**A. Approval of Budget & Program Amendments – City of Penitas – UC Years 10, 11 & 12 (1997-1999)**

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

**B. Approval of Guidelines and Criteria for granting tax abatements to entities in reinvestment zones located in the rural areas of Hidalgo County and for joining tax abatement agreements in areas within municipal boundaries**

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

**8. Request for Audience: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**A. Noemi Martinez regarding road conditions at R.C. Babb & 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Weslaco – Pct. #1**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**9. Adult Probation: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

- A. Request approval of a temporary exception to the current Hidalgo County Sick Leave Policy; which will allow employees of the Community Supervision & Corrections Department (Adult Probation) to create a Sick Leave Pool to be used by an employee who is suffering from a serious illness**

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

**10. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**

- A. Request approval of Architect invoice for Weslaco Multi-Purpose Center Facility and authorize Auditor to make payment to Alvarado Architect**

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

- B. Authorization to re-classify and upgrade vacant position #31 in the Pct. #1 Road & Bridge Department**

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

- C. Line item transfer**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- D. Set Salary**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- E. Request approval of Application #10 for construction of the Weslaco Multi-Purpose Center Facility and authorize Auditor to make payment to D. Reyna Construction**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- F. Request approval of Application #7 for construction of the Elsa Health Clinic/JP Facility and authorize Auditor to make payment to Rio Valley Construction**

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

**11. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**

- A. Approval to appropriate funds in Road & Bridge in the amount of \$ 235,215.98 for heavy equipment to be financed**

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

- B. Requesting approval to travel to Memphis, TN to attend an I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, Inc. Meeting on March 27, 2000**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**12. Pct. #3: (SEE EXHIBIT M)**

- A. Approval to appropriate funds in Road & Bridge in the amount of \$ 320,949.00 for three (3) motorgraders to be financed**

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

**13. Pct. #4: (SEE EXHIBIT N)**

**A. Approval to appropriate funds in Road & Bridge in the amount of \$ 236,143.00 for heavy equipment to be financed**

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

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

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

**1. Present Hidalgo County Detention Facility (Jail)**

- a.) **Total inmate population (564)**
- b.) **Current Jail Cases/Dockets for: State District and County Court-At-Law Courts (111)**
- c.) **La Villa Project Status (67)**

**2. New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project**

- a.) **Acceptance and approval of the Schematic Design Phase as presented by Design/Builder, Landmark Organization, L.P. in connection with the design and construction of a New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project and to include: 1200 beds, with infrastructure sufficient to sustain maximum beds of 2000 beds and both detention and law enforcement personnel, with ancillary support services, and a 30,000 sq. ft. law enforcement center.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- b.) **Approval of a "Resolution" authorizing publication of the County's "Notice of Intent" to issue "Certificates of Obligation" as authorized under state law for purposes of paying contractual obligations of the County to be incurred for the construction of a County Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center; and the cost of the issuance of the Certificates and making other provisions regarding matters incident thereto.**

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

**3. Approval of final draft contract for Financial Advisory Services with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. for Hidalgo County in connection with the design and construction of a New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project:**

NO ACTION on this item.

- a.) **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for a professional services/financial advisory services Hidalgo County (Note: Prior exemption, with authority to negotiate and finalize a draft contract, had been approved in May of 1999. However the scope of service was erroneously posted not to reflect that financial advisory services would be for Hidalgo County)**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a 4 to 1 vote of approval.

AYE: Judge Pulido, Commissioners Palacios, Garza and Handy.  
NAY: Commissioner Rosel.

- b.) **Approval of final draft contract for Financial Advisory Services with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. for Hidalgo County (Note: Excluding any procurement regularly done under Public Property Procurement Act by Hidalgo County)**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

4. **Requesting approval of payment of application and certificate of payment no. six (6) submitted by the City of McAllen on the construction of the COPC Clinic out of bond proceeds. Said payment is in accordance with the Inter-local Agreement between the City of McAllen and the County of Hidalgo under Article 4 (b) Total amount due:  
Application and Certificate for Payment No. Six (6) paid by the City of McAllen (03-06-00)**

**Total    \$189,478.62**

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

5. **Requesting authority for exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(6) for the leasing of land for the Radio Tower.**

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

6. **Requesting approval of a lease agreement with O. E. Investments, Inc. of McAllen, Texas.**

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

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

1. **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional services/engineering services for paving of various roads.**

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

2. **Requesting approval of a professional services contract with Rodriguez Engineering.**

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

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY :**

1. **Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Type D Hot Mix-Limestone & Gravel."**

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 Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn.

**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, MARCH 21, 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 Rosel, 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**

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COUNTY JUDGE**

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**1. Authorization to obtain appraisal and acquisition of property for off-site drainage (Expressway 83 through City of Palmview)**

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

**2. Authorization to advertise for new addition to Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 (Business Office)**

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

**3. Approval to appropriate funds in acct. # 0-080-433-200.11 (workers' compensation)**

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

**4. Discussion and action on Palmview Lateral Extension**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**5. Purchasing Department:**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 -**

**1. Recommending award of bid for "One (1) New 2000 Long Reach Excavator" to low bidder.**

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

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

**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 21<sup>st</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, 2000.*