

**REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 12, 2000**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2000, there was begun and held a REGULAR 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 **REGULAR MEETING** of the Commissioners' Court will be held on **MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 this Consent Agenda, with exception to the following:

Line item # 2/M  
Line item # 2/U

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

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

- A. Sheriff Department**
- B. Elections Department**
- C. Fire Marshal**
- D. County Clerk**
- E. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 1**
- F. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 2**
- G. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 1**
- H. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 2**
- I. Civil Service**
- J. Buildings & Grounds**
- K. Pct. #1 – Parks**
- L. Pct. #1 – Sanitation**
- M. HIDTA – Task Force** – On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval.

- N. District Clerk**
- O. Health Department – Adm.**
- P. 275<sup>th</sup> District Court**
- Q. 370<sup>th</sup> District Court**
- R. Pct. #3 – Adm.**
- S. Pct. #3 – Paved/unpaved**
- T. Pct. #3 – Parks (2)**
- U. Pct. #3 – Landfill (2)** – On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval.

**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)** → 17
- **Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029 (c)(1)**  
→ 0
- **Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section (c)(2)** → 2

4. **Urban County:** (SEE EXHIBIT C)
  - A. **HOME “First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement” and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (1 Family)**
  
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. **May 30, 2000**

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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 Robert Pena to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Prayer**

Robert Pena joined the Court and Audience in prayer.

**4. Open Forum**

Rey Vela made a presentation under the Open Forum.

**5. Community Service Agency: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**

**A. Requesting approval and authorization to submit an application for funding for the Foster Grandparent Program in response for a request for proposal**

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

**6. Juvenile Probation: (SEE EXHIBIT E)**

**A. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 25,600.00 for mileage reimbursement to Probation Officers**

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

**7. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT F)**

**A. Discussion and adoption of recommendations – Indigent Health Department**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with ECISD, Hidalgo County, Irrigation District #1 and EEDC for Sale of Old Edinburg Airport Property**

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

**C. Appointment, duties and authority of Interim Director and/or Oversight Manager to supervise the functions of the Urban County Program**

Duties assigned to Alan Kamasaki as the Interim Director, and Lisa Aleman as Oversight Manager. On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**D. Discussion and approval to appoint a “County Library Committee” from the following cities: Alamo, Donna, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan & Weslaco**

On motion of Judge Pulido, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to appoint members of the County Library Committee as follow:

Bruce Kalter for City of Donna; Noemi Garza for City of Edinburg; Rusty Dove for City of Mission; David Lieu for City of Pharr; Auralia Alaniz for City of San Juan; and Virginia Alain for the City of Weslaco. (Judge Pulido stated that he will appoint a member of the Committee at a later time.)

**E. Discussion and approval to amend Sick Leave Pool Policy**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**8. Risk Management: (SEE EXHIBIT G)**

**A. Discussion and presentation by Texas Association of Counties:**

- A. Lori Honeycutt – Gold Star Award**
- B. Reimbursement Check - \$ 128,971.00**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**9. Buildings & Grounds: (SEE EXHIBIT H)**

**A. Requesting approval to abolish a General Office Clerk position – Buildings & Grounds Budget**

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

**B. Requesting approval to create a Carpenter position – Minor Structures Budget**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval; salaries are to remain the same.

**C. Requesting approval to transfer funds from acct. #0-010-419-400 to 0-010-419-430 & appropriate same**

This item appears to be skipped. ....Commissioners didn't even discuss this.

**D. Set salary at \$ 16,537.50**

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

**10. Right of Way: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**A. Authorization for payment to Alphamerican Engineering, L.P. on 10<sup>th</sup> Street (SH 336) Invoice**

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

**B. Authorization to declare radio tower salvage**

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

**C. Budget amendment - to appropriate \$ 53,328.00 received from Calpine, Inc. into 0-020-431-200.87**

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

**11. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

**A. Request approval of a General Fund budget amendment for the Community Development Coordinator position approved on June 6, 2000 – funds to be reimbursed from the Pct. #1 CDBG appropriation**

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

**B. Approval of budget amendment – Landfill**

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

**12. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**

**A. Request authorization to re-classify vacant temporary Maintenance position to an Attendant to help operate the Las Milpas Swimming Pool**

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

**B. Set salary at \$ 7.00 hr.**

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

**13. Pct. #3: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**

**A. Approval of budget amendment – Landfill**

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

**B. Approval to transfer \$ 5,000.00 from the operations budget to the supplemental environmental project to comply with TNRCC**

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

**C. Discussion and possible action to assign an Indigent Health Care Eligibility Specialist to Sullivan City Rural Health Clinic**

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

**D. Discussion of funding allocation for Sullivan City Rural Health Clinic**

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

**E. Discussion of possible Indigent Health Care funding to Sullivan City Rural Health Clinic**

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

**14. Pct. #4:** (SEE EXHIBIT MM)

**A. Approval to de-obligate \$ 95,850.00 from Pct. #4 Landfill and transfer to enterprise fund No. 790 and appropriate same for closure costs**

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

**B. Approval to transfer \$ 11,375.00 from the operations budget to the supplemental environmental project to comply with TNRCC**

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

**15. Planning Department:**

**A. Preliminary Plat Approval:**

**1. Pol-Mex Subdivision – Pct. #3**

On motion of Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a vote of approval. Specific votes are as follow:

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

**16. Urban County:** (SEE EXHIBIT N)

**A. Authorization for Hidalgo County Judge José Eloy Pulido to execute a Hidalgo County Urban County Program Cooperation Agreement with the City of Progreso**

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

**B. Approval of Change Order #1 for Espericueta Construction Co. – City of Hidalgo – Street Improvements – UCP Year 10 (1997)**

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

**C. Approval of a Construction Contract with the 5125 Company – City of Edcouch – Water & Sewer Improvements – UC Year 10 (1997)**

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

**D. Approval of Change Order #1 for Sascon, Inc. – City of Weslaco – Street Improvements – UC Year 8 (1995)**

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

**E. City of Mercedes – HOME Housing Rehabilitation Change Order (1 Family) Extension of Contract days**

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

**F. City of Penitas – HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program – Construction Contract Award**

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

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

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY -**

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

- a.) **Present Hidalgo County Jail-Total inmate population → 808**
  - Physical Count → 568**
  - La Villa Facility Count → 228**
  - Out of County Count → 12**

**b) Discussion and action (if necessary) on present contract for Inmate Telephone System with Conversant Technology, Inc. (CTI)**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**2. Recommending to reject all bids received for “Office Furniture” under the “Catalog Office Supplies, Office Furniture and Office Equipment-Hidalgo County” RFB.**

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

**3. Requesting authority to re-advertise for “Office Furniture-Hidalgo County” RFB, Bid No. 00-138-07-05**

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

**4. Requesting approval of invoices for payment for Hidalgo County Courthouse for Two New Courtrooms from:**

- a. **Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect - \$ 678.00**
- b. **JDS Construction Co., Contractor - \$ 18,181.55**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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

- a. **Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect - \$ 678.00**
- b. **JDS Construction Co., Contractor - \$ 18,181.55**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**6. Consideration and action to select “Bond Underwriter” for Jail Project Financing.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a vote of approval. Specific votes are as follow:

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

**7. Recommending to reject sole proposal received for “On-Line Pharmacy Billing/Claims Program-Hidalgo County Human Services” RFP.**

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

**8. Requesting authority to re-advertise for “On-Line Pharmacy Billing/Claims Program-Hidalgo County Human Services” RFP, Bid No. 00-140-07-05.**

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

9. **Requesting a budget amendment from the Courthouse Security Fund in the amount of \$ 1,275.00 in order to complete the funding for the purchase of “Three (3) 18 Zone Walk Through Metal Detectors” and “Three (3) Hand Held Scanners”**

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

10. **Consider and approve an order making certain funding and approving procurement of contractual obligation for detention facility under the “safety” exemption to the County Purchasing Act and the Certificate of Obligation Act**

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

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

1. **Recommending bid award for “One (1) 1990 or Newer Landfill Compactor” to bidder meeting all requirements.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4 -**

1. **Requesting rescission of bid award for: “Drainage Improvements for Sunnybrook Subdivision” - Precinct No. 4, awarded at Commissioner’s Court meeting April 25, 2000 to Valley Paving Company.**

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

**D. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM -**

1. **Recommending award of bid for: “Floor Maintenance Services” to low bidder, meeting all specifications (including insurance requirements).**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

2. **Recommending approval of contract for “Floor Maintenance Services” to awarded bidder.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed under this Consent Agenda.

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor  
(SEE REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA)**
- 2. Line item transfer (SEE EXHIBIT P)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: (SEE REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA)  
A. May 30, 2000**

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

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

- 1. Budget amendment - \$ 11,860.00 to appropriate revenue received from Gaston-Hendrix-Gaston for Rincon de Encinos drainage improvements (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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

- 2. Budget amendment – appropriate \$ 234,013.00 revenue received from City of McAllen and \$ 8,790.00 received from S & F Developers into Capital Drainage Improvement Project (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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

- 3. Authorization to advertise for Drainage Improvements within the community of Granjeno (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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

- 4. Authorization to advertise for Drainage Improvements – Sunnybrook – Pct. 4 (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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

- 5. Authorization to transfer surplus bond fund balance (480) to Capital Projects Fund (780) - \$ 3,300,000.00 (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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

- 6. Authorization to appropriate funds into the following Drainage Projects: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

- A. Raymondville – Drain \$ 500,000.00**
- B. West Main Drain Phase III - \$ 700,000.00**
- C. La Blanca Drainage Improvements - \$ 700,000.00**
- D. Alamo Main canal - \$ 700,000.00**
- E. Mercedes Area Drainage Improvements - \$ 700,000.00**

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 to adjourn this day's Commissioners' Court meeting.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000**

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

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Coder, Deputy**

*Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.*