

SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 03, 2000

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 03rd day of October, 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 L. GARZA, JR.	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, OCTOBER 03, 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:

The Court began this day's meeting by discussing the Regular Agenda.

**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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items under the Consent Agenda, with exception to the following:

Line item 2/B
Line item 2/D

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
- 2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
 - A. WIC**
 - B. Foster Care Court – NO ACTION taken on this item.**
 - C. HIDTA Task Force**
 - D. Health Department – NO ACTION taken on this item.**
 - E. Health Department – T.B.**
 - F. Buildings & Grounds**
 - G. Elections Department**
 - H. Jail Impact Court**
 - I. County Court #2 (3)**
 - J. County Court #4**
 - K. Sheriff Department**
 - L. Jail**
 - M. Constable Pct. #1**
 - N. Civil Service**
 - O. 398th District Court**
 - P. County Treasurer**
 - Q. 275th District Court**
 - R. Pct. #1 – Parks**
 - S. Pct. #1 – Sanitation**
 - T. Pct. #2 – Parks**
 - U. Pct. #3 – Parks**
 - V. Pct. #3 – R & B**
 - W. Pct. #3 – Adm.**
 - X. Pct. #3 – Landfill**
 - Y. Pct. #3 – Capital Projects**
 - Z. Pct. #4 – Adm.**

AA. Pct. #4 – Paved/unpaved
BB. Courthouse Security
CC. County Judge
DD. 389th District Court

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)**
 - B. **Release of the letter of credit:**
 1. **Happy Place Subdivision**

4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. **July 06, 1999**
 - B. **July 12, 1999**
 - C. **September 26, 2000**

5. **Monthly Fee Reports:** (SEE EXHIBIT C)

A. J.P. Salazar	17,704.34	July 2000
B. J.P. Espinoza	22,302.27	July 2000
C. J.P. Morales	28,780.51	July 2000
D. J.P. Ochoa	51,495.66	June 2000
E. J.P. Ochoa	45,220.90	July 2000
F. J.P. Saenz	17,078.26	July 2000
G. J.P. Trevino	13,305.26	July 2000
H. J.P. Corpus	7,610.91	July 2000
I. J.P. Contreras	19,519.03	July 2000
J. J.P. Jackson	19,433.20	July 2000
K. Law Library	3,198.00	July 2000
L. Sheriff Escalon	63,383.26	July 2000
M. Anzalduas Park	3,932.72	July 2000
N. Constable Aguirre	2,722.00	July 2000
O. Constable Alaniz	2,182.00	July 2000
P. Constable Pena	3,645.00	July 2000

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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 lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

4. Open Forum

No presentations were made under the Open Forum.

5. 389th District Court: (SEE EXHIBIT D)

- A. Approval to increase slot #2 and decrease slot #3**
- B. Approval to set salaries**

NO ACTION taken on this item due to lack of a representative.

6. District Attorney: (SEE EXHIBIT E)

- A. Approval to reclassify slot #4 from Criminal Investigator to Intelligence Research Specialist – HIDTA Task Force Budget**

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

- B. Approval to set salary**

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

- C. Approval of line item transfer**

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

- D. Approval to create a Victim Assistant Coordinator position**

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

- E. Approval of budget amendment and set salary**

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

7. County Extension Service (SEE EXHIBIT F)

A. Approval of Proclamation – “National 4-H Week” October 1-7, 2000

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

8. Approval of Proclamation proclaiming the month of October – “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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

9. Juvenile Probation: (SEE EXHIBIT H)

A. Request approval of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department & Detention Center employee salary schedule

B. Requesting approval of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department & Detention Center Salary Scale to be used as a basis for employment anniversary salary increases for Probation Department & Detention Center Staff for FY 2001

C. Requesting approval of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department & Detention Center Salary Scale be maintained at the same salary levels as the Hidalgo County Community Supervision and Corrections Department Salary Scale and that this salary scale be followed for future Juvenile Probation Department & Detention Center salary increases using local funding

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

10. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. Preliminary Plat Approval:

1. Cardinal Bay Subdivision – Pct. #4

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

11. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT J)

A. Authorization to purchase “one (1) Pierce Commercial Mini Pumper Fire Truck” through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) – City of San Juan – Fire Station Equipment – UC Year 13 (2000)

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

B. Approval of Professional Service Contract with REO Engineers & Surveyors, LTD. – Street Improvements – City of Alton UC Year 13 (2000)

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

C. Approval of Change Order #1 for ROCOSA Industries – City of La Joya – Water & Sewer Improvement – UC Year 9 & 10 (1996 & 1997)

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

D. Approval of the Revised Standard Operating Procedures for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program

NO ACTION taken on this item.

12. Child Protection Court: (SEE EXHIBIT K)

- A. Requesting approval to amend the contract between Hidalgo County and the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service – RGV Special Foster Care Court Grant for the period of June 01, 1999 to March 31, 2001 increasing the budget by \$ 10,700.00**

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

13. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT L)

- A. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 796.59 (transferring funds from J.P. Pct. 1, 2 to Buildings & Grounds)**

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

- B. Approval of Automated Clearing House Agreement with I.B.C. Bank**

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

14. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT M)

- A. Request approval to appropriate unreserved Pct. 1 funds to Pct. 1 Adm. & Road & Bridge Accounts**

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

- B. Appropriate Pct. #1 Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Project budget in the amount of \$ 500,000**

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

- C. Accept and approve the Pct. 1 Solid Waste Enforcement Grant for the period of 9/2000 to 8/2001**

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

- D. Approval to match the Solid Waste Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$ 9,495.00**

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

- E. Appropriate the Pct. 1 Solid Waste Enforcement Budget in the amount of \$59,495.00**

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

- F. Accept and approve the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Interlocal Contract in the amount of \$ 25,000.00 for the period of 09/01/00 to 08/31/01**

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

- G. Appropriate the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Interlocal – Brush Chipper budget in the amount of \$ 25,000.00**

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

H. Approval of a Resolution proclaiming Thursday, October 08, 2000 as “Gene Braught Day”

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

15. Head Start: (SEE EXHIBIT N)

A. Requesting approval for the advertisement of sealed bids for the “Mission III Head Start Center” located at the Pct. #3 Area through the Architect firm – V.A. Architecture

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

16. 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:.....761

- * **Physical Count.....533**
- * **La Villa Facility Count.....228**
- * **Out of County Count.....0**

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

- 1) Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Design-Build Contract Amendments (if any);**
- 2) County Auditor’s Report on Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Project paid and pending payment request approval**
- 3) Report and Recommendation of Owner’s Consulting Architect;**

NO REPORTS TO BE MADE FOR ALL ITEMS UNDER SUB-ITEM “b”.

2. Presentation and acceptance of expanded roster (as listed in the RFQ Acceptance Sheet attached hereto) of “Architects Pool” of pre-qualified firms submitting Statements of Qualifications for ranking on an “as needed basis” per project by all County departments requiring said services as set forth in the requirements stated in the County’s Request For Qualifications packet.

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

- 3. Requesting approval of a Construction Change Directive Three on the renovations to Courthouse for two Court Rooms with JDS Construction Company.**
- 4. Requesting approval of a Certificate of Construction Completion on the renovations to Courthouse for two Court Rooms from George A. Garcia, Project Architect.**
- 5. Requesting approval and authority for Auditor to pay invoice for renovations to Courthouse for two new courtrooms to JDS Construction Co. for \$ 24,341.55.**
- 6. Requesting approval and authority for Auditor to pay invoice for renovations to Courthouse for two new courtrooms to George A. Garcia, Architect for \$ 518.28.**

NO ACTION taken on these items.

7. Approval of appropriate funds for the “Tire Bailing System” to account 0-010-432-445-95 in the amount of \$ 56,225.00 from the General Fund.

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

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT #3 -

- 1. Requesting authority to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract with "F.E.G. Trucking" for "Hauling Services" so as not to have a lapse in service & allow the bid process to be completed.**

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

- 2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024, (a) (4) for a professional/engineering services in connection with advance project development and final design of Mile 3 with S & B Infrastructure, LTD.**

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

- 3. Requesting approval of a professional engineering services contract with S & B Infrastructure, LTD. for engineering services in connection with the advance project development and final design of Mile 3.**

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

C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT #4 -

- 1. Discussion and action as to acceptance of sole bid received for the paving of five (5) roads as follows:**

**WALLACE ROAD (Located: North of F.M. 1925, a/k/a Monte Cristo)
TERRY ROAD (Located: Between Ramseyer & Pinkston)
KATHLEEN ROAD (Located: North of Hwy 107, on the West off of Ware Rd.)
BRAZIL ROAD (Located: On the West side Tower Road between Owassa & Alberta)
ANDERSON ROAD (Located: Between Dillion & F.M. 493)
(OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE)**

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

- 3. Requesting to reject sole bid received, due to *Bomb Threat* situation occurring on bid opening date.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- 3. If option No. 2 is approved, requesting authority to re-advertise for the paving of five (5) roads as follows:**

**WALLACE ROAD (Located North of F.M. 1925, a/k/a/ Monte Cristo)
TERRY ROAD (Located: Between Ramseyer & Pinkston)
KATHLEEN ROAD (Located: North of Hwy 107, on the West off of Ware Rd.)
BRAZIL ROAD (Located: On the West side Tower Road between Owassa & Alberta)
ANDERSON ROAD (Located: Between Dillion & F.M. 493)**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

D. HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK -

- 1. Approval to transfer funds from Insurance account 0-010-419-410-55 to Account 0-010-412-600-95 in the amount of \$ 39,488.42 to pay for "Fully Integrated, Automated Juror Administration System-Software and Hardware RFB-Hidalgo County District Clerk".**

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

2. **Recommending award of bid for “Fully Integrated, Automated Juror Administration System-Software and Hardware RFB-Hidalgo County District Clerk” to sole bidder.**

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

3. **Recommending approval of contracts for “Fully Integrated, Automated Juror Administration System-Software and Hardware RFB-Hidalgo County District Clerk” to sole bidder.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

E. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM -

1. **Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for “Medical Supplies”.**

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

17. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

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

Commissioners’ Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss the following:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

18. Open Session: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

19. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

20. 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, OCTOBER 03, 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**

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

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

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. June 22, 1999**
 - B. June 29, 1999**
 - C. September 19, 2000**
 - D. July 06, 1999**
 - E. July 12, 1999**
 - F. September 26, 2000**

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COUNTY JUDGE**

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

- 1. Approval of budget amendment and appropriation of funds from unappropriated fund balance for the following drainage improvement projects:**

A. Mission Lateral to Palmview Lateral	83,585.00	JM Construction
B. El Camino Real	85,740.00	Border Construction

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

- 2. Approval to enter into License Agreement with International Boundary and Water Commission: (License No. LSF/G-1599) Construct, operate and maintain concrete gate Business 83 outfall in the area of San Juan**

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

- 3. Approval to purchase Base Master 5106 status and path monitor (Emergency Basis)**

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

- 4. Approval to appropriate bond principal and interest payment for March 01, 2001 (Defeased on Aug. 30, 2000)**

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

- 5. Approval to advertise for RFQ & P – Legal Counsel**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- 6. Approval to accept resignation of Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 Manager**

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

- 7. Discussion and action regarding contract with Integ. Inc. to perform the services of General Manager of District under Texas Water Code Section 49.056**

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

- 8. Purchasing Department:**
 - A. Recommending bid award for “TIRES” Project to multiple vendors**
 - B. Requesting approval of contracts for “TIRES” Project to multiple vendors**

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

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

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ADDENDUM

1. County Clerk: (SEE EXHIBIT R)

A. Approval to eliminate vacant slot #13 (deputy clerk)

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

B. Approval to reclassify (vacant) "Exempt" Administrative Assistant slot

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

C. Set salary at \$ 30,000.00

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

2. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT R)

A. Approval of the San Carlos Community Resource Center final design and authorization to advertise for construction – Hidalgo County Pct. #4 – Neighborhood Facilities – UCP Year 11 (1998)

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

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 03rd day of October, 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 9th day of October, 2000.