

SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2001

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 2nd day of January, A.D., 2001, 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 JOSE FLORES	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, JANUARY 02, 2001, 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Garza, 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 # 4/B.1
Line item # 4/B.2
Line item # 4/B.3

1. **Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
2. **Line item transfers - 2000: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
 - A. **Purchasing Department**
 - B. **J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 2**
 - C. **J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 2**
 - D. **County Court #2**
 - E. **District Attorney**
 - F. **Pct. #1 – Lateral Rds.**
 - G. **Pct. #1 – R & B**
 - H. **Pct. #3 – Park (2)**
 - I. **Pct. #3 – Landfill**
 - J. **Pct. #3 – R & B**
 - K. **Pct. #3 – Adm.**
3. **Line item transfers – 2001: (SEE EXHIBIT B)**
 - A. **Pct. #2 – Landfill**
 - B. **District Attorney**
4. **Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT B C)**
 - A. **Approval of the following Certificates:**
 - **Certificates of Plat & Utility Status under Local Government Code Section 232.028(b) → 22**
 - **Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029 (c)(1) → 1**
 - **Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section (c)(2) → 1**
 - B. **Final Plat Approval:**
 1. **Cardinal Bay Subdivision – Pct. #4** - On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval, following discussion as held in Court.
 2. **R & D Subdivision – Pct. #4** - On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval, following discussion as held in Court.
 3. **Kent Estate Subdivision – Pct. #3** - On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval, following discussion as held in Court.
 - C. **Amended Subdivision Plat:**
 1. **Mt. Davis Estates Subdivision Phase I – Pct. #4**

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1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were present, with the exception of Steve Crain or David Gerault in active place of Legal Council during this Commissioners' Court.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

At this time Judge Pulido called on Brother Fred Leon to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Brother Fred Leon joined together the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

No presentations were made under the Open Forum.

5. Request for Audience – Tony Espinoza: (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A. Open New Year in Prayer

At this time Tony Espinoza and Brother Fred Leon gave a brief speech and opened this day's Commissioners' Court with Prayer.

B. Approval to declare May 03, 2001 as National Day of Prayer

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

6. District Attorney: (SEE EXHIBIT E)

A. Approval of 2001 District Attorney's Office General Fund Salary Schedule and set salaries

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

B. Approval of 2001 District Attorney's Office Bad Checks Budget and Salary Schedules

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

C. Approval of 2001 District Attorney's Office HB 65 Investigation Fund Budget and Salary Schedules

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

D. Approval of 2001 District Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Assistance Budget

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

E. Approval of 2001 District Attorney's Office Court Improvement Project Budget and Salary Schedules

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

7. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT F)

A. Discussion and action on concern by Rene Martinez regarding sidewalks/Right of Way alignment in the City of Monte Alto

Discussion only.

B. Pct. #3 – R & B:

1. Approval to reclassify slot #29 to Coordinator

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

2. Approval to reclassify slot #43 to Chief Administrator

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

3. Approval to set salary for slot #43 at \$ 45,000.00

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

4. Approval of line item transfer - \$ 14,250.83 (salary & fringes)

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

C. County Clerk:

1. Approval to eliminate slot #13

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

2. Approval to reclassify slot #40 to Administrative Assistant

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

3. Approval to set salary for slot #40 at \$ 30,000.00

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

D. Pct. #4 – Landfill:

1. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 32,422.89 (salary & fringes)

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

E. 93rd District Court:

1. Approval to decrease slot #3 and increase slot #1 by \$ 6,000.00 (vacant)

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

2. Approval to set salary for slot #3 at \$ 57,068.81 & slot #1 at \$ 30,227.44

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

F. Approval of budget amendments for the following departments:

1. Constable Pct. #3 - \$ 1,200.00 (rental of building)

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

2. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 1 - \$ 4,500.00 (telephone, electricity & water)

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

3. 275th District Court - \$ 60.00 (longevity)

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

4. Constable Pct. #4 - \$ 180.00 (longevity)

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

5. Constable Pct. #2 - \$ 804.00 (longevity & fringes)

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

G. J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 2:

1. Approval to create two (2) temporary J.P. Data Clerks

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

2. Approval to set salary at \$ 6.75/hr.

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

3. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 15,184.00

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

H. Risk Management:

1. Approval to purchase insurance from CIMA Companies:

A. Accident Insurance – Work Release (Youth Village, Jail) - \$ 198.40

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. An amendment was made to this motion (in the next line item) by Commissioner Garza to include the approval of line items H/1.A, H/1.B, and H/1.C. The Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

B. Accident Insurance – Court Release Alternative Sentencing - \$ 52.08

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. Commissioner Garza made an amendment to the motion to include line items H/1.A, H/1.B, and H/1.C, to which the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

C. Membership fee (one time charge per year) - \$ 125.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. Commissioner Garza made an amendment to the motion to include line items H/1.A, H/1.B, and H/1.C, to which the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

2. Authorize County Auditor to process payment to The CIMA Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$ 375.48

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

I. Approval to appropriate \$ 19,673.05 in the New Jail Project Acct. for payment of Legal Services

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

8. County Court #1: (SEE EXHIBIT G)

A. Discussion and action to increase slot #2 by \$2,989.82 and decrease slot #3 by \$2,906.97 and slot #4 by \$82.86

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

B. Set salaries for slot #2 @ \$40,033.82, slot #3 @ \$29,500.00 & slot #4 @ \$53,000.00

As stated in Court, corrections made to these salary amounts are as follow:

Set salaries for slot #2 @ \$40,033.82, slot #3 @ \$30,500.00, and slot #4 @ \$52,000.00.

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

C. Line item transfer

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

9. District Clerk – Child Support Division Grant: (SEE EXHIBIT H)

A. Approval of appropriation for year 2001 in the amount of \$ 191,344.00

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

B. Set salaries

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

10. Juvenile Probation/Detention: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. Approval of the 2001 Juvenile Probation & Detention Center Salary Scale

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Approval of budget amendment – Juvenile Probation - \$ 2,962.60

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

C. Approval of budget amendment – Juvenile Detention - \$ 11,130.20

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

11. Fire Marshal: (SEE EXHIBIT J)

A. Approval to create Deputy Fire Marshal position (slot #3)

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Set salary at \$ 32,000.00

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

C. Approval of line item transfer for Deputy Fire Marshal salary - \$ 41,016.88 (salary & fringe benefits)

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

D. Authorization to purchase & activate one (1) cellular phone for the new Deputy Fire Marshal

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

12. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT K)

A. Approval to apply for the Narcotics Trafficking Task Force Grant (Sheriff & District Attorney Offices)

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Approval of Interagency Agreement; Certified Assurances; Cooperative Working Agreement & Equal Employment Program Certification

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

13. Elections Department: (SEE EXHIBIT L)

A. Approval to reclassify slot #9 to Data Processor I (vacant)

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Approval to increase slot #9 by \$ 2,730.36

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

C. Approval to set salary at \$ 20,000.00

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

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

A. Request approval of budget amendment from General Fund to Project Recover Program

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Authorization to continue Project Recover Program pending application process with the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

C. Appropriate salary and fringe benefits for Community Development Coordinator and estimate revenue for reimbursement from the Urban County Program

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

15. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT N)

A. Approval of four (4) temporary Road & Bridge maintenance positions

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

B. Approval of two (2) temporary Parks maintenance positions

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, subject to appropriations as stated.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

C. Approval to set salary at \$ 6.75/hr.

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

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (away from Court)

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:	810
X	Physical Count	568
X	La Villa Facility Count	221
X	Out of County Count	21

2. Current contract for the Housing of Inmates

No report to be made.

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

a) Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Design-Build Contract Amendments (if any);

No report to be made.

b) County Auditor's Report on Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Project paid and pending payment request approval;

No report to be made.

c) Report and Recommendations of Owner's Consulting Architect;;

No report to be made.

4. Presentation of the evaluation and scoring grid for the purposes of ranking the Statements of Qualifications received for Independent Audit Services for Hidalgo County.

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

5. Authority for Purchasing Department to finalize negotiations for a Letter of Engagement with the number one ranked firm for the provision of Independent Audit Services for Hidalgo County.

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

6. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of requirements as attached hereto for Engineering Services-Hidalgo County Request for Qualifications.

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

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4 -

1. Recommending bid award for: Two (2) New 2001 Cab & Chassis to low bidder meeting all specifications.

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

2. Recommending bid award for: One (1) New 2001 Water Truck to low bidder meeting all specifications.

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

HIDALGO COUNTY - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS -

1. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of current specifications for various year 2001 projects as follows:

Bid No.:	01-05	Uniforms-Hidalgo County
Bid No.:	01-09	Pharmaceuticals-Sheriff's Department
Bid No.:	01-14	Hauling of Rap Materials-Precinct No. 1
Bid No.:	01-15	Solid Waste Collection Services-Precinct No. 3
Bid No.:	01-19	Credit Card Services-Tax Office

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

17. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, 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, Sections 551.072 to discuss the following:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

Upon return, Judge Pulido certified that NO ACTION was taken during Executive Session.

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 Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of adjournment.

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

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On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, 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 EXHIBIT A)**
- 2. Line item transfer (SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. **Approval of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 and Hidalgo County regarding accounting and procurement services (SEE EXHIBIT R)**

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

2. **Approval of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 and Hidalgo County regarding Right of Way assistance with land acquisition (SEE EXHIBIT R)**

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

3. **Approval to abolish slot #1 in Acct. 080-433-200.01 (Manager) and transfer funds to Acct. #080-433-200.82 (SEE EXHIBIT R)**

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

4. **Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 and Hidalgo County regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency matters (SEE EXHIBIT R)**

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

5. **Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT S)**

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

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

Upon return, Judge Pulido certified that NO ACTION was taken during Executive Session.

6. **Open Session: (SEE EXHIBIT S)**

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

7. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

8. Open Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

9. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

A. Presentation of the evaluation and scoring grid for the purposes of ranking the Statements of Qualifications received for Independent Audit Services for Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1.

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

B. Authority for Purchasing Department to finalize negotiations for a Letter of Engagement with the number one ranked firm for the provision of Independent Audit Services for Hidalgo County Drainage District No.1.

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

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Judge Pulido, 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

JOSE FLORES _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

OSCAR L. GARZA _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Dated this the 2nd day of January, 2001

**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 8th day of January _____, 2000.