SPECIAL MEETING – May 1, 2001

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1st day of May, 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 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, MAY 01, 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda**.**

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

2. **Line item transfers**: (SEE EXHIBIT A)
   - **A. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 1**
   - **B. Risk Management**
   - **C. Pct. #2 – Landfill**
   - **D. Purchasing Department**
   - **E. Sheriff Department – C.I.P. Acct.**
   - **F. Library System**
   - **G. Pct. #1 – R & B**
   - **H. Pct. #1 – Parks**
   - **I. Pct. #1 – Adm.**
   - **J. Buildings & Grounds**
   - **K. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 1**
   - **L. J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 1**
   - **M. Pct. #3 – Landfill**
   - **N. County Treasurer**
   - **O. Constable Pct. #3**
   - **P. County Judge**
   - **Q. County Court #3**
   - **R. Health Department**
   - **S. 398th 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)**

4. **Right of Way – Permits:** (SEE EXHIBIT C)
   A. **Seismic Assistants, Inc. :**
      - **North Boundary – SH 107**
      - **South Boundary – Mile 9 North**
      - **East Boundary – Mile 2 East**
      - **West Boundary – Tower Rd.**
   B. **Cantu Lease, Inc. – Balli Rd. & FM 907**
   C. **Duke Energy – Magnolia Circle east of Sharp Rd.**

5. **County Treasurer**: (SEE EXHIBIT D)
   A. **Approval of Investment Brokers and Dealers' List**

6. **Approval of Minutes:** (SEE EXHIBIT E)
   A. **April 19, 2001**
   B. **April 24, 2001**

7. **Tax Refunds:** (SEE EXHIBIT F)
   A. **Pharr Economic Development Corp. - $ 1,547.32**
   B. **Homero Resendez - $ 744.36**

8. **Purchasing Department**: (SEE EXHBIT G)
   A. **HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – Requesting approval of an agreement with the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) for random substance abuse testing. Effective May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.**

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COUNTY JUDGE

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1. **Roll Call**

   All members of the Court were counted present with the exception of Commissioner Sylvia Handy.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   At this time Judge Pulido called on Brad Cowen the lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Prayer**

   Brad Cowen led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. **Open Forum**

   No presentations made under Open Forum.

5. **Introduction of new Extension Agent – 4-H to fill vacant position – Dale Rankin by Dr. Ida H. Acuna, Brad Cowen and Terry Lockamy, District Extension Director** (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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

6. **92nd District Court:** (SEE EXHIBIT I)
   A. **Approval to upgrade salaries for 92nd District Court Staff:**
      1. **Court Coordinator**
      2. **Assistant Court Coordinator**
      3. **Bailiff/Interpreter**

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

   B. **Approval of budget amendment**

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

   C. **Approval to set salaries**

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

7. **County Auditor:** (SEE EXHIBIT J)
   A. **Approval of account numbers and budget amounts for the Certificate of Obligation, Series 2001, $25,675,000.00 as shown on the Capital Improvement Program**

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

8. **Tax Office:** (SEE EXHIBIT K)
   A. **Authorization for the County Tax Collector to apply for State Assistance from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority**

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

9. **Urban County:** (SEE EXHIBIT L)
   A. **Approval to enter into a contract with Proyecto Azteca, a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) under the Urban County's FY 2000 HOME C.H.D.O. Program in the amount of $ 100,000.00**

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

   B. **Approval of the sale and title transfer of two vehicles from the UCP to the Hidalgo County Health Department**

   NO ACTION taken on this item.

   C. **Approval of an amendment construction contract with Wilson Construction – City of La Villa – Neighborhood Facilities (Gymnasium) UCP Years 9, 11, 12 & 13 (1996, 1998, 1999 & 2000)**

   NO ACTION taken on this item.

   D. **Approval of Sub-recipient Agreement with the Pharr Boys & Girls Club (Las Milpas Unit) – Pct. #2 Youth Services – UCP Year 13 (2000)**

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

   E. **HOME Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application (1 Family)**

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

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

   F. **Request approval for the Hidalgo County Urban County Program Department to participate in the 2001 Urban County Leadership Conference to be held May 25th & 26th, 2001 at the Bahia Mar Resort, South Padre Island, Texas**

   NO ACTION taken on this item.

10. **Risk Management:** (SEE EXHIBIT M)
    A. **Budget amendment - $ 7,500.00 for payment of Phase I Actuarial Study – Harris & Harris**

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

11. Planning Department:
Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:
A. Approval to reclassify slot #14 to Planning Administrator

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 Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of $85,000.00 and car allowance of $5400.00 a year.

C. Appointment of Planning Administrator

NO ACTION taken on this item.

12. County Court #1: (SEE EXHIBIT O)
A. Approval of budget amendment

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

13. Human Services: (SEE EXHIBIT P)
A. Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:
1. Indigent Health Care expenditures
2. Modify Services being provided
3. Report and Recommendations regarding Indigent Health Care

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to stop services as of May 15, 2001.

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

#2 – No inpatient hospital care as of May 1, 2001 unless life threatening.
#3 – Only outpatient hospital surgical procedures.
#7 – Not extending the certification period for current participants after expiration.

14. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)
A. Approval to apply for the South Texas Auto Theft Grant with the City of Brownsville (local funds required on this grant)

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

15. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT R)
A. Consideration to adopt a Resolution proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Hidalgo County

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

B. Request approval of budget amendment to appropriate General Funds to Pct. #1 Sanitation Acct. #1-010-432-410.82

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of $120,000.00.

16. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT S)

A. Accept Regional Solid Waste Grants – Source Reduction & Recycling from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in cooperation with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

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

B. Appropriation of Regional Solid Waste Grants Program funds from Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council in cooperation with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to Hidalgo County Pct. #2 Sanitation Department for the purpose of establishing a Source Reduction & Recycling program in Pct. #2

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

C. Authorization to appropriate the amount of $ 21,732.00 to create a Source Reduction & Recycling Program

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

17. Law Library: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

A. Request approval to appropriate $ 5,000.00 from fund balance (for building repairs & maintenance supplies)

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

18. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT U)

A. HIDALGO COUNTY -

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

a) Present Hidalgo County Jail - Total inmate population: ---- 857

- X **Physical Count** ---------- 540
- X **La Villa Facility Count** --- 252
- X **Out of County Count** ----- 52 Frio 13 other

2. Current contract for the Housing of Inmates

Nothing to report on this item.

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

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

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

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

Nothing to report on items 3a thru 3c.

4. **Recommending award of bid for: Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal to low bidder.**

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

5. **Recommending approval of contracts for: Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal to low bidder.**

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

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1 -

1. **Recommending bid award to low bidder for: POTHOLE REPAIRS Project.**

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

2. **Requesting approval of contract for: POTHOLE REPAIRS Project.**

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

C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3 -

1. **Requesting the authority for Hidalgo County Auditor to issue a manual check in the amount of $5,200.00 to American Investigations & Security International for the rendering of security services during the Easter Sunday Holiday at Anzalduas Park subject to vendor providing proper insurance documentation.**

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

D. HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT #3 -

1. **Requesting acceptance of one (1) 1994 Ford Crown Victoria donated by the City of Palmview in the amount of $1.00.**

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

E. HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT -

1. **Approval to create four BUYER positions.**

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

2. **Approval of a budget amendment.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount $80,061.00

3. **Approval to set salaries.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of $27,783.00

F. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -

1. **Requesting approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and Hidalgo County regarding Housing of Hidalgo County prisoners in the Brooks County Jail.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

G. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE -

1. Requesting authority to purchase One (1) New 2001 Ford Expedition & One (1) New 2001 Ford F-150 Extended Cab through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)-Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas. The total price of these vehicles is $ 47,787.56 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge.

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

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

19. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT V)

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.072 & 551.074 to discuss the following:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

B. Interview of Applicants for the position of Planning Administrator

NO ACTION taken on this item.

20. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, subject to the auditor's review.

B. Possible selection of Planning Administrator

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to select Raul Sesin, Jr. as department head of Planning Administration, will work three quarter time for the County, effective Monday May 7, thru August 7, 2001, then after that he will be a full time employee for the County.

21. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

22. 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 Flores, 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, MAY 01, 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:

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, 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** (SEE EXHIBIT W)

2. **Permits:**
   A. **City of Edinburg – North Main Drain**
   B. **City of San Juan – Pharr-McAllen Lateral**

3. **Line item transfer**

4. **Approval of Minutes:**
   A. **April 19, 2001**
   B. **April 24, 2001**

COUNTY OF HIDALGO
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. **Roll Call**

All members of the Court were counted present with the exception of Commissioner Sylvia Handy.

2. **Purchasing Department:** (SEE EXHIBIT X)
   A. Recommending award of bid for: Weslaco Lateral 18B Drainage Improvements and Progreso Hwy. (Old FM 1015) Crossing

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

B. Requesting approval of contract for: Weslaco Lateral 18B Drainage Improvements and Progreso Hwy. (Old FM 1015) Crossing

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

3. Closed Session:
Board of Directors 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.

4. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

5. Closed Session:
Board of Directors may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

6. Open Session:
Board of Directors 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 Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn.

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ADDENDUM

1. County Judge
A. Approve and Ratify Hidalgo County, Texas Certificate of Obligation, Series 2001

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, 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 _____ABSENT_____ _____
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 1ST day of May, 2001

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

By: _____
Norma Garza, Deputy

Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board on the __8th__ day of _____May_____, 2001.