

**SPECIAL MEETING – May 29, 2001**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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, MAY 29, 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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, 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. District Attorney**
  - B. Foster Care Court**
  - C. Fire Marshal**
  - D. Constable Pct. #1**
  - E. County Auditor**
  - F. Pct. #1 – Project Recover**
  - G. WIC**
  - H. Pct. #3 – Park**
  - I. Buildings & Grounds**
  - J. Risk Management**
  - K. County Clerk**
  - L. 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court**
  - M. 275<sup>th</sup> District Court**
  - N. Sheriff Department**
  - O. Jail**
  - P. Master Court #1**
  - Q. Human Services**
  - R. County Court #1**
  - S. DPS – Highway Patrol**
  - T. Constable Pct. #4**
  - U. 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)**

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4. **Right of Way - Permits:** (SEE EXHIBIT C)
  - A. **Southern Union Gas – 2 1/8 Mile & 2 Mile Line**
  - B. **Shell Exploration & Production Co. – West on FM 490**
  - C. **North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 13 ½ North on Mile 6 West**
  - D. **North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 10 North and Victoria Rd.**
  - E. **El Paso Field Services – South FM 1424 (Three Mile) west crossing Abram Rd.**
  
5. **Urban County:** (SEE EXHIBIT D)
  - A. **Request for approval to enter into a “Homebuyer Assistance Program” Contract under the HOME Program (2 Families)**
  
6. **Tax Refunds:** (SEE EXHIBIT E)
  - A. **Gilberto Campos Jr. - \$ 507.95**
  
7. **Purchasing Department:** (SEE EXHIBIT F)
  - A. **HIDALGO COUNTY 332<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COURT - Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for an IBM Wheelwriter from Southwest Business Machines for \$72.00 per year. Effective May 9, 2001 thru May 8, 2002.**

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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 Santiago Alaniz to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Prayer**

Mr. Santiago Alaniz led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

**4. Open Forum**

Commissioner Handy wanted the opportunity to thank everyone for their flowers, cards and prayers.

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

**A. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection for the City of Mercedes**

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

**B. Ministerial approval requested for appropriation in the Special Inventory Account**

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

**C. Ministerial approval to transfer out funds to the General Fund and appropriate same**

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

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

**A. Requesting approval and authorization to extend the payment of salaries of one (1) employee (Sheriff's Department) and seven (7) employees (D.A.'s Office) assigned to the Combined Narcotics Task Force Grant, until receipt of grant award notification**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, subject to the auditor's review and a 60 days extension.

**7. County Auditor: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**

**A. Approval to unreserve fund balance reserves for loans made to the Capital Improvement Fund No. 701 from the General Fund and the County Wide Road & Bridge Fund and repay any cash advances**

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

**8. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**

**A. Approval to inappropriate transfer-out landfill funds in the amount of \$ 1,425,000.00**

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

**B. Approval to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 15.53 into acct. #1-010-455-900.75**

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

**9. Head Start: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**

**A. Requesting approval to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and Lease between the County of Hidalgo and the Hidalgo County Head Start Program to construct a permanent Head Start Facility on a tract of land described as the East Half of Lot 1, Block 43, Alamo Land & Sugar Companies Subdivision of Porcion 72, Los Torritos Santa Ana and El Gato Grande, Hidalgo County, Texas Volume 1, pg. 24, 25 & 26, M/R**

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

**10. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**

**A. Approval of Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Hidalgo County Health Department**

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

**B. Approval of a Construction Contract with Rocosa Industries for Parks & Recreational Facilities – City of La Joya – UCP Year 9, 10, 12 & 13 (1996, 1997, 1999 & 2000)**

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

**C. Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Alcoser Garcia Associates Design Consulting – City of La Villa – Neighborhood Facilities – UC Year 13 (2000)**

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

**D. Approval to enter into a construction contract under the HOME Program with J & E Construction dba Jose Luis Quintanilla – this project will be funded from the Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI) – Self-Help Center #716023 through the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA)**

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

**11. Planning Department:** (SEE EXHIBIT M)

**A. Release Letter of Credit:**

1. **Doffing Estates – Pct. #3**
2. **Frontera Heights Phase I – Pct. #1**
3. **Nature's Resort R.V. Mobile Home Park – Pct. #4**
4. **Palm Drive Acres – Pct. #3**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on items 11A-1 thru 11A-4.

**12. Computer Department:** (SEE EXHIBIT N)

**A. Approval of budget amendment – contractual services**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of \$4,600.00.

**13. Right of Way:** (SEE EXHIBIT O)

**A. Authorization for auditor to pay Aurelio & Meridad Cadena, a tract of land known as Parcel 4 of the I Rd. Project – awarded February 28, 2001 by condemnation case #CON-1220-A in the amount of \$ 2,812.00**

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

**B. Authorization for payment to Javier Hinojosa Engineering for Teresa Street Project, Invoice #1 in the amount \$ 11,082.94**

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

**14. Pct. #2:** (SEE EXHIBIT P)

**A. Approval of an Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and Texas A & M University to establish a Community Resource Center in Hidalgo County Pct. #2 – North San Juan Area**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**15. Pct. #3:** (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

**A. Acceptance and approval of a claim by Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. for services rendered on Project AMA01-028-00 Western Road Pavement**

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

**B. Authority for Auditor to pay invoice for above referenced project to Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$ 4,990.00**

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

**16. Pct. #4:** (SEE EXHIBIT R)

**A. Request authorization to advertise for the following equipment:**

1. Two (2) New Motorgraders
2. Two (2) New Backhoes
3. Two (2) New Pneumatic Rollers
4. Two (2) New Steel Wheel Rollers
5. Two (2) 1998 or Newer Dump Trucks (used)
6. Two (2) 1998 or Newer Tandem Dump Trucks (used)

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

**B. Request authorization to advertise for the following "Overlay" Pavement Projects:**

1. Trenton Rd. (Raul Longoria to Tower)
2. Cesar Chavez Rd. (Trenton to FM 2128)
3. Brushline Rd. (FM 1925 to Davis)
4. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Chapin to FM 1925)

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

**17. Human Services: (SEE EXHIBIT S)**

**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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**18. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT T)**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY -**

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

- a) Present Hidalgo County Jail - Total inmate population: -- 882  
X Physical Count ----- 554  
X La Villa Facility Count --- 248  
X Out of County Count ---- 23 in Frio and 57 Brooks

**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 Auditors' 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. **Requesting approval of specifications as attached hereto for: Elevator Maintenance and Repairs-Hidalgo County for Hidalgo County Buildings and Grounds and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department.**

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

5. **Requesting acceptance and approval of invoice received in the amount of \$75,525.00 (as detailed below) from TEDSI Infrastructure Group in connection with the services under the contract for off-site improvements for the new Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project including verification and certification by consulting architect for the following:**

<b>Task I – Surveying/Abstracting &amp; Land Platting</b>	<b>(90%)</b>	<b>\$ 15,075.00</b>
<b>Task II – Wastewater lift station modifications</b>	<b>(90%)</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>
<b>Task III – Fire Line Loop</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>TaskIV – El Cibolo Road Improvements</b>	<b>(98%)</b>	<b><u>26,950.00</u></b>
		<b>Total requested \$ 75,525.00</b>

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

6. **Requesting authority for Hidalgo County Auditor to process payment (subject to review) of approved invoicing in the amount of \$55,525.00 to TEDSI Infrastructure Group.**

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

7. **Recommending award of bid for either Option #1 or Option #2 for “Purchase and Installation of Surveillance Equipment for Nine (9) Justice of the Peace” to low bidder meeting all specifications**

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

ABSTAINED: Judge Pulido

8. **Recommending approval of contract for “Purchase and Installation of Surveillance Equipment for Nine (9) Justice of the Peace” to low bidder meeting all specifications**

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

ABSTAINED: Judge Pulido

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

1. **Request by hauling contractor (MC Hauling) to authorize the Sub-contracting of two (2) additional trucks as per agreement with Hidalgo County.**

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

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2 -**

1. **Requesting approval of a Modification to the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect with Standard Form of Architect's Services, AIA, B141, 1997 to reflect Sections 1.1.2.1 and 1.1.2.5.2 with the addition of Texas A&M Community Resource Center.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**D. HIDALGO COUNTY ADULT PROBATION / RESTITUTION CENTER -**

1. **Requesting one (1) 1999 Ford 350 Econoline Van, with County Asset No. AA001239, be declared surplus for the purpose of trade in.**

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

2. **Requesting authority to purchase One (1) 2001 Ford E350 Club Wagon through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)-Philpott Motor Company, Port Neches, Texas. The total price of the van is \$20,134.60 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charges.**

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

**E. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT -**

1. **Requesting approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County Health Department with STCC for training personnel in the field of health care.**

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

**19. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT U)**

**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

**20. Open Session:**

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NO ACTION taken on this item.

**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 Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, 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 29, 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 Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed under the Drainage District Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT V)**
- 2. Line item transfer (SEE EXHIBIT V)**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO  
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COUNTY JUDGE**

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**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**1. Roll Call**

All Members of the Court were counted present.

**2. Approval of Monthly Estimate for Valley Utilities in the amount of \$ 73,860.03 (North San Juan Drainage Imp. – Minnesota Rd. Crossing) (SEE EXHIBIT W)**

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

**3. Authorization for Auditor to process payment (SEE EXHIBIT X)**

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

**4. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT Y)**

**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.

**5. Open Session:**

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NO ACTION taken on this item.

**6. Closed Session:**

**Board of Directors may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**7. 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 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**

**JOSE FLORES \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**OSCAR L. GARZA \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

**Dated this the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2001.*