

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 02, 2003

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 2nd day of September, A.D., 2003, 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 RAMON GARCIA	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 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
RAMON GARCIA
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, SEPTEMBER 02, 2003 at 9:00 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:

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge R. Garcia led the Court and the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Judge R. Garcia called on Commission Handy to lead the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

-Virginia Townsend expressed her view on the conditions of County buildings, using common sense in County issues, and wanted to clarify the accusations made against her in a newspaper article.

-Fern McClaugherty expressed her view on grants, cell phones, and road bridge issues.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

At this time, the Court moved to approve the Commissioners' Court Consent Agenda.

6. Juvenile Probation: (SEE EXHIBIT F)

A. Approval to create obj. 339 (other prof. Services) & line item transfer - \$ 5,000.00 (CIP)

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

7. Tax Office: (SEE EXHIBIT G)

A. Discussion of 2003 Tax Rate

B. Vote on Proposed Tax Rate & Record Vote

C. Schedule a Public Hearing

Discussion/presentation made by Armando Barrera. NO ACTION taken on item 7.A-C.

At this time, the Court proceeded with Executive Session.

8. County Auditor: (SEE EXHIBIT H)

A. Discussion and approval for Joint Payments – Elsa State Bank and Trust Co. and Superior Disposal Systems, Inc.

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

B. Approval of budget amendment to revise revenue estimates in the Special Revenue Funds Debt Service Funds and Proprietary Funds

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

C. Requesting that funds transferred to Pct. #3 & #4 be budgeted only for repair maintenance or construction of roads that lie within those road districts (relating to item #8A & B – Commissioners' Court Meeting 08/26/03 regarding transfer of RD #5 & #15 to Pct. #3 & #4 respectively)

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

9. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. 2003 Colonia Construction Grant #723065 – Requesting authorization for County Judge to sign Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for 2003 Colonia Construction Grant #723065

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

B. Consider awarding bid for the reconstruction of one (1) unit in the City of Alton to J.L.Q. Construction in the amount of \$ 31,800.00

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

C. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a) for professional engineering services with Rodriguez Engineering in connection with Hidalgo County Pct. #1 for the design of reconstruction of streets located southeast of Weslaco

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

D. Approval of professional services engineering contract with Rodriguez Engineering with Hidalgo County Pct. #1 for the design of reconstruction of streets located southeast of Weslaco

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

E. City of Weslaco – Waterline Improvements Project – UCP Year 14 (2001) Approval of Amendment No. 1 of the Professional Services Contract with MGM Engineering Group for the Waterline & Street Improvements to First St., Garza Street and the alley between Texas St. & Kansas Street

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of \$6,659.00.

F. Consider awarding bid for the demolition of three (3) existing structures to be reconstructed and for rehabilitation of two (2) units in the countywide area to GMH Construction in the amount of \$ 136,600.00

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

G. Approval of Contract with DCR Demolition & Utility – Pct. #1 – Street Improvements – UCP – Year 16 (2003)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of \$19,000.00.

10. Health Department: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**A. Requesting approval and authorization to extend the payment of salaries and fringe benefits for the following Texas Department of Health Grants:**

1. Title V Family Planning	177,569.00
2. Title V M & CH	75,516.34
3. Office of Public Health Practice	139,485.00
4. SDI	493,464.66

Commissioner Garza is away from the Court.

Ms. Ofelia Espinoza stated that the salaries would be staying the same.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 10.A.1-4.

11. Community Service Agency: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**A. Request approval and authorization to incur staff overtime payable by CEAP Grant**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the total amount of \$4,095.00.

12. Budget Office: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**A. Risk Management – WC Program:**

- 1. Approval to create obj. 432 (repair & maint. service & equipment) and line item transfer - \$ 968.00**

B. Elections Department:

- 1. Approval to create 334 (arch./eng. serv.) & line item transfer - \$ 1,700.00**

C. Indigent Defense Program:

- 1. Request approval to create obj. # 630**

D. District Attorney:

- 1. Approval to create obj. #122 in the D.A. State Supplement Budget and line item transfer - \$9,465.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 12.A.1.-D.1.

E. Jail Project:

- 1. Approval of budget amendments**

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

F. General Litigation:

- 1. Approval to transfer funds from Insurance Acct. to General Litigation Acct. - \$ 50,000.00**

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

13. Right of Way: (SEE EXHIBIT M)**A. Authorization for title reports, appraisals and acquisition of additional right of way on Pecina Rd. between US 281 & "I" Rd.**

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

B. Authorization for approval of Quit Claim Deed for the FM 1427 Project

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

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

A. Approval of line item transfer - \$ 31,240.00 (CIP)

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

15. Pct. #3: (SEE EXHIBIT O)

- A. Approval of Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for a Safe Routes to School Project (La Homa Rd.)**
- B. Approval of Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for a Safe Routes to School Project (Jose De Escandon Elementary School, south of Palmview)**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, with 20% match.

C. Requesting authorization to reclassify Sanitation vacant slot #3 Heavy Equipment Operator II to Heavy Equipment Operator II/Mechanic

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

16. Pct. #4: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

- A. Requesting approval to create line item 334 (arch./eng. serv.)**
- B. Approval of line item transfer - \$ 1,575.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 16. A & B.

17. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

The Court took a short recess at 11:10 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., the Court proceeded with the Regular agenda, item #17. Purchasing Department. At which time Judge Garcia did not return from recess. Commissioner Garza is not present.

A. HIDALGO COUNTY -

1. New Hidalgo County Jail

a) Total Inmate Population:	1225	Other Information:	_____
Physical Count:	1130	Males:	_____
Out of County: La Villa	88	Females:	_____
Brooks	_____	Federal:	_____

Mr. Aurelio Zapata, Purchasing Department, informed the Court that there was one (1) inmate @ the hospital, two (2) escapees, and four (4) @ no charge.

2. Current inter-local(s) and/or contract(s) for the "Housing of Inmates";

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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

- a) **County Auditor's Report on Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Project paid and pending payment request approval.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- b) **Reports by Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department and Rey Vargas (V-A Architecture), consulting architect regarding on-site projects in connection with completion, turn-over, occupancy and transition into the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center including, but not limited to, structures (i.e. Shooting Range Facility, Jogging Track, Driver Training Track, Parking Lot(s) and Utility Extensions, under or anticipated construction on site and preliminary information and request for clarification and direction on the possible construction options for additional pod(s) with staffing and maintenance and operations analysis and impacts including the status of the old facility;**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

4. Requesting approval of qualifications, requirements and scope of service as attached hereto for "Delinquent Tax Collection Services-Hidalgo County" RFQ&P including, but not limited to, the following options;

- A. Whether presentations, by all firms responding, may be required, and whether said presentation will be:**

- a) **a component of the initial scoring/evaluation criteria with a maximum total of 100 points; or**
 b) **a determining factor, with 10 or 15 points added to the initial scoring/evaluation score total;**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 17.A.a., with a **total** of a100 points, 80% for the proposal and 20% for the presentation.

B. Discussion and action on the selection/designation of a Scoring and Evaluation Committee.

Presentation made by Aurelio Zapata. NO ACTION taken on this item.

5. Recommending award of bid and approval of contract for: "Hidalgo County-Lease of Office Space for Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the City of Weslaco", to low bidder meeting all requirements. Note: A fully executed copy of the contract will be forwarded to the Hidalgo County Budget Office and Auditor's Office.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve Siesta Village, Inc.

6. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications and including an initial term of 14 months "Hidalgo County-Hot Mix Cold Laid"

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

7. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications and including an initial term of 14 months for "Hidalgo County-Type D Hot Mix Asphalt-Gravel & Limestone".

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

- 8. Requesting approval to surplus numerous vehicles and pieces of equipment requested by Hidalgo County Departments, detailed on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, for the purpose of disposition through auction and as set forth under Texas Local Government Code, Section 263.1152.(a)(1) as detailed on Exhibit "A" and attached hereto.**

Commissioner Handy stated for the Record: Auctioned equipment is from Pct. 3, from the HIDTA Task Force, Pct. 4, and the District Attorney's Office.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department.

- 9. Recommending bid award and approval of contract for: "Vending Machine Services" to bidder meeting all specifications in the following categories:**
- a) Beverages (Soft Drinks) – Vendors providing the lowest priced soft drinks under the following options:**
 - i. All national brands (as selected by departments/programs)**
 - ii. Brands owned by one national brand company;**
- Note: A fully executed copy of the contract will be forwarded to the Hidalgo County Budget and Auditor's Office.**
- b) Snacks**
 - c) Free standing Candy machines, Newspaper and/or Periodicals – (no bids received)**

Discussion/presentation made. NO ACTION taken on item 9.a.-c.

- 10. Requesting authority to re-advertise for: "Free Standing Candy Machines, Newspaper and/or Periodicals Stands", due to no bids received for this option. Note: A fully executed copy of the contract will forwarded to the Budget and Auditor's Office.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- 11. Recommending the immediate termination (at vendor's request) of contract for "Pest Control Services" & award & approval of contract to the next lowest bidder(s) meeting all specification & requirements.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- 12. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a) (4) for professional engineering services with TEDSI Infrastructure Group in connection with the "Multi-Services Engineering Contract (a.k.a. 'On-Call') Project" for Hidalgo County;**

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

- 13. Requesting approval of a professional engineering services contract subject to legal review, with TEDSI Infrastructure Group for the "Multi-Service Engineering Contract (a.k.a. 'On-Call') Project" for Hidalgo County Note: A fully executed copy of the contract will be forwarded to the Hidalgo County Budget Office and Auditor's Office.**

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

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO 1 -

- 1. Requesting authority to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period as provided under the contract for: "Landfill Access", so as to have no lapse in service while bid process is on going.**

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

2. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for RFB-“Landfill Access”.

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 authority to issue Payment Request No. 3, and Final Release of Retainage payment to SASCON Inc. in the amount of \$125,845.28 for Bid Project No. 2002-300-01-08–Hidalgo County Pct. 3 – “Reconstruction of La Homa Road from 1 – Mile Line to 3-Mile Line”

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

2. Recommending to reject all bids received for project, with authority to re-advertise with modified specifications as attached hereto for: “Three (3) New Model 2003 Tandem Dump Trucks”

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

D. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO 4 -

1. Recommending award of bid and approval of contract to sole bidder meeting all requirements and/or specifications for “Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 CRS-2 (Cationic Rapid Setting) Emulsified Asphalt” with a fully executed copy of the contract to both the Hidalgo County Budget Office and County Auditor.

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

2. Requesting acceptance and approval of Change Order No. 1 in the decrease amount of \$549.25 in connection with the paving of Tower Road for Precinct No 4 with Mission Paving Company.

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

E. HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS-

1. Recommending award of quote and draft contract for: “Canopy Addition to Courtyard” to sole bidder meeting all requirements and/or specifications. Note: A fully executed contract will be forwarded to the Hidalgo County Auditor’s Office;

Commissioner Palacios requested that Mr. Daniel Flores state for the record why his department was not able to do this job/project.

Daniel Flores, Buildings & Grounds Director: No sir. We won't be able to because then we get into...I don't have an Engineer on staff, because some of those beams out there, I don't know if they're even structurally sound and then we would run into problems county wide as with liabilities.

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of \$11,745.75.

2. Requesting consideration, acceptance and approval of an invoice in the amount of \$1,600.00 from George A. Garcia, AIA, AGADC in connection with professional architectural services rendered for the canopy addition to the courtyard at the Elections Department;

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

F. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT -

- 1. Requesting authority to exercise 60 day grace period under the current contract for "Biomist 1.5 =7.5 ULV", so as to have no lapse in service while bid process is on going.**

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

- 2. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Biomist 1.5 =7.5 ULV".**

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

G. HIDALGO COUNTY J.P. PRECINCT NO 3 PLACE 2 -

- 1. Recommending of bid award and approval of contract to sole bidder meeting all specifications attached hereto for "Lease Office Space Justice of the Peace Pct. #3, Place 2" Note: A fully executed copy of the contract will be forwarded to the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office.**

Commissioner Palacios requested the location for the record. Commissioner Flores stated they were both the same location.

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

H. HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION -

- 1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024 (a) for professional/consulting services in connection with "Assessment & Feasibility Study (number of beds) for the New Juvenile Detention Facility to be located in Hidalgo County" with Dr. Philip A. Ethridge, PhD;**

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval in the amount of \$75.00 per hour, and not to exceed \$5,000.00.

- 2. Requesting approval of a short-term 90 day contract for professional consulting services, subject to legal review, with Dr. Philip A. Ethridge, PhD in connection with "Assessment & Feasibility Study (to determine the number of beds) for the New Juvenile Detention Facility for Hidalgo County" with Dr. Philip A. Ethridge, Ph.D. but in no event to exceed \$5,000.00.**

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

I. HIDALGO COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT -

- 1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications attached hereto for: "One (1) New Model 2003 Short Bed Pick up Truck" & "One (1) New Model 2003 Extended Cab Short Bed Truck"**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

J. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -

- 1. Discussion, consideration and approval of qualifications requirements and scope of services with authority to advertise for RFP/Q "Physician Services Adult Detention Facility" project.**

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

18. Human Services: (NO EXHIBITS)**A. Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:**

1. Authorization to pay 2003 claims: _____
2. Indigent Health Care expenditures
3. Modify Services being provided
4. Report and Recommendations regarding Indigent Health Care

NO ACTION taken on item 18.A.1-5.

At this time, the Court proceeded with the Addendum.

19. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT R)

Steve Crain, Legal Counsel, clarified to the Court that NO ACTION would be taken on any of the items listed under Closed Session, and that only items B & C will be discussed.

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

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 551.072 & 551.074 to discuss the following:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

This item was not discussed during Executive Session.

B. Pending and/or potential litigation**C. Discussion, evaluation and possible action of Risk and Safety Component Director**

NO ACTION taken during Executive Session on item 19.A-C.

20. Open Session:**A. Real Estate Acquisition**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

B. Pending and/or potential litigation

Judge Garcia requested approval to adopt a written policy instructing County Employees what to do when criminal conduct are made against any county employee or involving any matter related to the County and Steve Crain, Legal Counsel, will draft the motion.

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

C. Discussion, evaluation and possible action of Risk and Safety Component Director

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to direct Commissioner Flores, Pct. #3, to proceed as directed in Executive Session.

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 Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE**

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**ADDENDUM
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)**

A. Discussion, consideration and action creating an Information Technology Process Management Task Force.

Discussion/presentation made by Mike Robledo.

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

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**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.

No concerns were stated by the auditor.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioners' Handy and Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)

- A. Border Colonia Access Program Pct. #3**
- B. Border Colonia Access Program Pct. #4**
- C. 389th District Court**
- D. Sheriff Department**
- E. Jail**
- F. Constable Pct. #5**
- G. J.P. Pct. #5, Pl. 1**
- H. Probate Court**
- I. Indigent Defense Program**
- J. Risk Management**
- K. 93rd District Court**
- L. WIC**
- M. Pct. #1 R & B**
- N. 92nd District Court (2)**
- O. Tax Office**
- P. Pct. #1 – Sanitation**
- Q. Fire Marshal**
- R. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 2**
- S. Pct. #3 R & B**

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. Tax Refunds: (SEE EXHIBIT C)

Taxpayer	Payer	Amount
A. The Club at Cimarron Inc.	Clubcorp. Service	1,096.51
B. Cesar & Raquel Torteya	Cesar & Raquel Tort.	665.59
C. Raul H. & Elva Jimenez	Raul H. & Elva Jimenez	795.83

Consent Agenda**Tax Refunds Continued:**

D. Frank L. Schultz	Frank L. Schultz	641.76
E. The Club at Cimarron Inc.	Clubcorp. Service	7,267.58
F. The Club at Cimarron Inc.	Clubcorp. Service	1,433.94
G. The Club at Cimarron Inc.	Clubcorp. Service	3,065.51
H. Ella Smith	Ella Smith	1,193.78

5. Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**A. August 26, 2003****6. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT E)****A. HIDALGO COUNTY 389TH DISTRICT COURT –**

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer supplies from a CISV vendor, Dell Marketing, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$45.50. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review.

B. HIDLAGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3 –

1. Requesting authority to purchase a Cannon IR 1330 Copier from IKON, utilizing the Interlocal agreement with the BuyBoard (TASB), in the amount of \$1,460.00 and enter into a maintenance agreement for one year in the amount of \$210.00. Effective upon approval.

C. HIDLAGO COUNTY COMPUTER DEPARTMENT –

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer equipment from a CISV vendor, CDW-Government, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$278.94.

D. HIDALGO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT –

1. Requesting authority to enter into a maintenance agreement with Technical Concepts Corporations for a CISCO aironet wireless antenna's in the amount of \$840.00. Effective August 15, 2003 through August 14, 2004.
2. Requesting authority to enter into a maintenance agreement with ABA Moriah for two (2) printers in the amount of \$3,613.00. Effective August 14, 2003 through August 13, 2004.

E. HIDLAGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT –

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer printers from a CISV vendor, CDW-Government, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$597.00. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review.

F. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT –

2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirement, under TX. Local Gov't Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(c), a state agency, for the purchase of desk from Texas Correctional Industries (TCI) in the amount of \$1,010.00.
3. Requesting authority to enter into a Service Agreement for the OfficeWatch-Extension 500 Call Accounting Software distributed by Metropolis Technologies in the amount of \$600.00. Effective August 1, 2003 through August 1, 2004. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review.

G. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE –

2. Requesting authority to purchase computer printers from a CISV vendor, Multiwave, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$565.26. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review
3. Requesting authority to purchase computer software from a CISV vendor, CDW-Government, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$827.92. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review

H. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM –

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer equipment and supplies from a CISV vendor, Dell Marketing, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement in the total amount of \$767.00

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COUNTY JUDGE**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
CONSENT AGENDA**

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

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed on the Drainage District Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**
 - A. August 26, 2003**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
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, SEPTEMBER 02, 2003 at 9:00 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:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present, with the exception of Judge R. Garcia and Commissioner Garza.

2. Open Forum

NO ACTION taken on this item.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

At this time, the Court moved to approve the Drainage District Consent Agenda.

4. County Auditor: (SEE EXHIBIT S)

A. Budget amendment to revise revenue estimates for the Drainage District #1 as follows:

- 1. General Fund increase - \$ 684,971.87**
- 2. Debt Service increase - \$ 160,300.00**

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

Godfrey Garza for the Record: The past week, we've been having some discussion and workshops with the Auditor's office, and I would like to extend my compliments to their staff at this time. They've been very open and it seemed we were getting the information we've really been wanting to for the past year. I just wanted to extend my congratulations.

5. Tax Office: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

- A. Discussion of 2003 Tax Rate**
- B. Vote on Proposed Tax Rate & Record Vote**
- C. Schedule a Public Hearing**

Discussion/presentation made by Armando Barrera. NO ACTION taken on this item.

6. 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.

7. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

8. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

9. Open Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

Commissioner Handy reminded the Court of the Budget WORKSHOP set for today at 2:00 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn this day's meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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.

RAMON GARCIA _____
COUNTY JUDGE

SYLVIA HANDY _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

JOSE FLORES _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

OSCAR L. GARZA JR. _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Dated this the 2nd day of September, 2003

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

By: _____
Priscilla Torres, Deputy

Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board on the _____ day of _____ 2003.