

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 16th 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

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 16, 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, with the exception of Commissioner Garza.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Prayer

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

4. Open Forum

-Virginia Townsend spoke on Tax Payer's money.
-Fern McClaugherty commented on Taxes.
-Nancy Shary discussed Early Voting.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

6. Presentation by Juvenile Board of Judges related to funding of the Hidalgo County Ramiro M. Guerra Youth Village and Juvenile Justice Facility Project

NO ACTION taken on this item.

7. Discussion and direction regarding the 2004 Draft Budget

Commissioner Flores is away from the Court.

Valde Guerra stated for the Record: This is addressing the General Fund, this is as per the direction of the Commissioners during the Budget Workshops. The General Fund estimated general revenues total \$101,849,416.00. The breakdown is tax and other \$96,489,098.00 and the estimated general fund balance \$5,360,318.00. The draft budget for the general fund as of today is somewhere in the vicinity of \$93,851,491.00. The available difference is \$2,637,607.00 and that is the available difference which excludes the fund balance. The available with fund balance is \$7,997,925.00. The items that are not funded in the draft budget, as per Commissioners' Court direction, are at this point, employee cost of living pay increase, the additional new positions requested for the general fund, the new equipment which includes information technology related items. In that exclusion of equipment is the voting equipment and software from the Elections Department. There are some points of information that we discussed over the course of the last three or four weeks.

Electricity...we've adjusted that. Increase that by 15%. That's based on conversations with our present provider and the process right now that's been undertaken by the Purchasing Department. The Youth Village is not being funded. When I say not funded, there is no proposed transfer out of the General Fund for the Youth Village. County records management, there is a transfer out, right now, of an additional \$133,660.00. This is for document storage. This is a contract that is in place right now for the District

Clerk's office. The Juvenile Justice Court Fund Grant, that's \$202,636.00, that is Judge Maxine Longoria. Indigent Health Care increased by \$1,215,059.00. Right now, the 8% mandate is \$6.9 million dollars. Texas DPS rent, increased by an additional \$18,300.00, and this is the Weslaco Substation. Adult Probation Grant, we have incurred an anticipated increase in the rent by \$129,600.00. Jail, Room and Board, we have appropriated \$3 million dollars. This year there was \$1.5 million dollars appropriated, there have been adjustments to that line item we're at the \$2 ½ million dollar mark, more or less. We anticipate utilizing all of the \$3 million next year. I do understand, I do realize that the Court is addressing the jail pod situation at this time. Health Insurance Increase, we have anticipated a health insurance, health benefit insurance to the County Employees in the amount of 25%. We have, the Purchasing Department is in the process...there is something on the agenda today that addresses the health insurance whether we're going to negotiate with the current provider, extend, or re-bid it out. We've anticipate a 25% increase based on lost runs with Humana, \$1,063,737.00. One other point of information I want to bring up, which is not on your list, is the Parks System. The Park System right now is allocated a one cent tax, to the parks. Currently we have parks in all four precincts. I want to bring to the Court's attention is the allocated amount for next year to Pct. 1, they will have less operations, less operating money to work with next year, than they currently have. This is a result of the increase in the health insurance assessing, appraising, the collection fee that is assessed to that fund, because there is a tax base, as well as increase in the electricity line items for the various precincts. The net increase in revenues was not enough to offset the demand in the Park System. I bring that to the Court's attention, because any adjustment to the Park fund would come from the General Fund. I estimate that if the Court were to address that situation we would probably be looking at \$150,000.00. The bulk, a large percentage of that would go to Pct. 1 and 3. They have the largest park system currently. I do understand that Pct. 2 has expanded their park system, and they've been working on that all year, and Pct. 4 has invested in infrastructure to build their system up. I guesstimate, at a minimum, \$150,000.00, if the Court does adjust the park fund. Currently, the total projects, inclusive of that supplement that we gave you this morning are \$7,383,025.58. Those are the pending issues before the Court.

Again, the available difference to address these issues...\$2,637,607.00. I exclude the fund balance because it has been our position that the budget office that the County of Hidalgo must maintain an adequate fund balance. We've discussed this on numerous occasions. A county our size should be somewhere in the nine to ten million dollar fund balance. We're halfway there. I do understand that the Court has these issues to wrestle with. Any maintenance would have been addressed in the Buildings and Grounds, and the appropriate department's request.

NO ACTION taken on this item.

8. Approval of Proclamation for "National 4-H Week" – October 5-11, 2003 (SEE EXHIBIT F)

NO ACTION taken on this item.

9. Approval of Proclamation proclaiming September 15th to October 15th "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Hidalgo County (SEE EXHIBIT G)

Brenda Lee Huerta and Cynthia Saculence came before the Court representing the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Handy then read the Proclamation into the record.

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

10. Approval to appoint Grievance Committee Member to replace vacant slot (SEE EXHIBIT H)

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to appoint Marshal Doherty of Pharr.

Commissioner Flores joined the meeting. Commissioner Palacios stepped away from the Court.

11. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT I)**A. Discussion and possible action authorizing the issuance of credit cards to Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department for travel purposes**

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

B. Approval to appropriate funds received from the Office of Attorney General for \$ 4,536.00 – Acct. #3-1100-421-00-280-001-0-331 (physician services)

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

12. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**A. Discuss and approve the nomination of Judge Rose Guerra Reyna to serve on the Jail Study Committee (as it pertains to the old jail building)**

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

13. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**A. Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Boys & Girls Club of Edcouch-Elsa (Youth Services) and the Urban County Program on behalf of the cities of Edcouch, Elsa & Pct. #1 – UCP Year 16 (2003)**

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

B. Award of Testing Services Contract to Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) – Hidalgo County 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.

C. Consider awarding bid for the demolition of the existing structure and the reconstruction of one (1) new unit in the City of Hidalgo to G.M.H. Construction in the amount of \$ 32,500.00

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

D. Consider awarding bid for the demolition of the existing structure and the reconstruction of one (1) new unit in the City of Hidalgo to J.L.Q. Construction as the lowest bidder meeting all specifications for the total amount of \$ 35,794.00

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

14. Right of Way: (SEE EXHIBIT L)**A. Discussion, direction and approval to proceed with recommendation on proposed funding as requested by TXDOT at August 19, 2003 Workshop**

Commissioner Handy stated for the Record: Godfrey, we have projects in Pct. 2, 3, and 4, but none at Pct. 1. Godfrey Garza replied: At this time.

Commissioner Palacios: There's a project ongoing in Pct. 1 through the expressway, that would have priority over Pct. 2, 3, and 4. Improvements going west on the expressway. Commissioner Handy replied: That's just a continuation of what's already been done, coming from the west, from Pct. 3 and 2. It's just a continuation.

Godfrey Garza: Judge, what I'm asking for is the directions to come back and go find how much money is there, and if it is available to come back to the Court. I need direction from the Court saying, Godfrey...go find out how much money really is in the CIP, prepare the application and submit for a SIB Loan.

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

15. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT M)

A. Partial Release of Letter of Credit:

1. Rancho Verde Subdivision – Pct. #3

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

B. Reimbursement of Cash Deposit:

1. Armando Trevino Subdivision – Pct. #3

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

Commissioner Palacios joined the meeting.

16. Discussion, consideration and action regarding proposed guidelines for tax foreclosure auction of resale properties – Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, L.L.P. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve and authorize the sale at the Courthouse, with the proposed guidelines of the Opening Bids, on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

17. Tax Office: (SEE EXHIBIT O)

A. Ministerial approval of appropriation in the Special Vehicle Inventory Fund – \$ 3,000.00

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

18. Budget Office: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

A. Indigent Defense Program:

1. Approval to create obj. #664 & line item transfer - \$ 700.00

B. County Clerk:

1. Approval to create obj. #663 & line item transfer - \$ 100.00

C. Probate Court:

1. Approval to create obj. #601, 640 & 664

D. County Court #5:

1. Approval to create obj. #664 & line item transfer - \$ 2,029.00 (CIP)

2. Approval to create obj. #431, 550, 607, 608, 664 & line item transfer - \$ 2,582.00

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy and Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 18.A.1.-D.1 & 2.

19. 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 this item.

20. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

A. HIDALGO COUNTY –

1. HIDALGO COUNTY JAIL –

	<u>1237</u>	Other Information:	2 Escapees and
a) Total Inmate Population:			<u>7@ NO CHARGE</u>
Physical County:	<u>1076</u>	Males:	<u>1003 TOTAL</u>
Out of County: La Villa	<u>154 (146 Males</u>	Females:	<u>73 TOTAL</u>
	<u>And 8 Females)</u>		
Brooks	<u>0</u>	Federal:	<u>5</u>

2. Current inter-local(s) and/or contradict(s) for the “Housing of Inmates”;

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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

- a) **Requesting acceptance and approval with authority for Auditor to process payment (after review, audit and processing procedures completed) of Inv. #009859-\$2,000.00, submitted by Raba Kistner Consultants, Inc., Materials Testing Contractors, and as certified for payment by V-A Architecture in connection with a “Mold Survey” for the New Adult Detention Facility;**

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

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

- c) **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.

- d) **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements, under the TX. Local Gov’t. Code Chapter 262.024 (a) (C), the Western States Contracting Alliance, awarded CISV vendors, for the purchase of computer hardware, peripherals, software, software licenses with support and maintenance agreements for the items listed in the following requisition #'s:**

Req #27 from SHI Government Solutions (CISV Vendor)-\$12,211.15 thru Acct. #3-1290-421-00-280-0-183-747	
Req #28 from CDWG, Inc. (CISV Vendor)-\$4,105.59	thru Acct. #3-1290-421-00-280-0-183-745
Req #29 from Hewlett Packard Corp (TX-WSCA Contract)-\$3,103.00	same as above
Req #30 from Hewlett Packard Corp (TX-WSCA Contract)-\$12,600.00	same as above
Req #31 from Hewlett Packard Corp (TX-WSCA Contract)-\$30,682.00;	same as above

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

4. Discussion and action on requesting authority to advertise and approval of requirements attached hereto for:

- a) **“Deferred Compensation and/or Voluntary Insurance Plans Consultant Services-Hidalgo County” RFQ; and**
- b) **“Group Health Insurance-Hidalgo County” RFP.**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 20.A.4.a & b.

5. **Requesting authority to exercise the additional (1) one year extension as provided under current contract for “Repairs on Emergency Equipment, Radios & Miscellaneous Equipment and Installation and/or Removal of Radios” under the same rates, terms and conditions with Video, Sound & Lights.**

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

6. **Requesting authority to reject and re-advertise the following projects: Vending Machine Services including, but not limited to, the payment of energy costs by vendor(s) under the following categories or options:**
- a) **Beverages (Soft Drinks)-vendor providing the lowest cost soft drink/beverages;**
 - i. **All National Brands (selected by departments/programs);or**
 - ii. **Brands owned by one national brand**
 - b) **Snacks:**
 - c) **Free Standing Candy Machines, Newspaper and/or Periodical Stands – (authority to place machines or stands in County or Drainage District owned buildings/property)**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to reject and re-advertise item 6.a, b, and c.

B. HIDALGO COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE –

1. **Requesting authority to purchase computer software from a CISV vendor, The Software Group, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$9,340.00. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Department’s Review.**

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

C. HIDALGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY –

1. **Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for “Hidalgo County Courthouse Security-CCTV System”**

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

D. HIDALGO COUNTY COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM –

1. **Requesting authority to advertise for “Flexible Base-Type A Grade I” for the Colonia Access Program.**

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

At this point, the Court took up the Addendum.

21. Closed Session:

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

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

22. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

23. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

24. 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 Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn.

**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 16, 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:

**ADDENDUM
(SEE EXHIBIT R)**

1. Elections Department:

A. Canvassing of September 13, 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election

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

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE**

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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.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote to approve all items listed on the Commissioner's Court Consent Agenda, with the exception of items 2.M and 2.P.

1. **Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
2. **Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
 - A. **U.S. of Justice – COPS More 2002**
 - B. **WIC**
 - C. **WIC – McAllen**
 - D. **Risk Management**
 - E. **Pct. #4 – Landfill**
 - F. **County Treasurer**
 - G. **92nd District Court**
 - H. **County Clerk**
 - I. **Constable Pct. #1 (LEOSE)**
 - J. **Constable Pct. #1**
 - K. **Planning Department**
 - L. **Pct. #4 – Adm.**
 - M. **J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 2** – On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval, with correction from \$1,250.00 to \$750.00.
 - N. **Pct. #1 – R & B**
 - O. **County Judge**
 - P. **Workers' Comp. Fund** – On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote to approve with correction in the amount of \$138.00, on the account structure # 3-2202-419-50-230-014-0
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. Larry & Evelyn Emrick	Countrywide	1,055.58
B. Israel & Maria Zamarripa	Hidalgo County Abstract	1,349.85
C. Vicente Borrego	Citifinancial	3,227.85
D. Claudio Castaneda Jr.	Claudio Castaneda Jr.	952.87
E. Ismael Higareda	Ismael Higareda	645.57

Consent Agenda Continued:

F. Guadalupe & J. Betancourt	Trans-Chase	2,608.28
G. Raul C. & Hermelinda Padron	Raul C. & Hermelinda	626.19
H. Carmen Villarreal	Countrywide Home	5,913.07

5. **Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**
 - A. **August 29, 2003 (Emergency Meeting)**
 - B. **September 09, 2003**

6. **Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT E)**
 - A. **HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –**
 1. **Requesting authority to purchase telephone cabling from a CISV vendor, Starr Telecommunications, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$1,677.40 for the Longoria House.**
 - B. **HIDLAGO COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT –**
 1. **Requesting authority to purchase computer software from a CISV vendor, Computer Technical, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$198.00. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Department's Review.**
 - C. **HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE –**
 1. **Requesting authority to purchase computer software from a CISV vendor, A2Z Computers, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$145.30. Forwarded and Subject to Computer Departments Review.**
 2. **Requesting authority to enter into a maintenance agreement with Copy Graphics for a Fax Machine in the amount of \$150.00 per year. Effective August 15, 2003 thru August 16, 2004.**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE**

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
CONSENT AGENDA**

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

On motion of Commissioner Handy, 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. Discharge Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT S)**
 - A. City of San Juan – Dominion Place**
 - B. City of Edinburg – Fairhaven Heights Subdivision**
- 3. Line item transfer - \$ 6,000.00 (SEE EXHIBIT S)**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT D)**
 - A. August 29, 2003 (Emergency Meeting)**
 - B. September 09, 2003**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE**

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present, with the exception of Commissioner Garza.

2. Open Forum

NO ACTION taken on this item.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

4. Discussion, direction and approval to proceed with recommendation on proposed funding as requested by TXDOT at August 19, 2003 Workshop

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

5. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

A. Discussion and action on requesting authority to advertise and approval of requirements attached hereto for:

1. "Deferred Compensation and/or Voluntary Insurance Plans Consultant Services-Hidalgo County" RFQ; and
2. "Group Health Insurance-Hidalgo County" RFP.

B. Requesting authority to reject and re-advertise the following projects: Vending Machine Services including, but not limited to, the payment of energy costs by vendor(s) under the following categories or options:

1. Beverages (Soft Drinks)-vendor providing the lowest cost soft drink/beverages;
 - a) All National Brands (selected by departments/programs);or
 - b) Brands owned by one national brand
2. Snacks;
3. Free Standing Candy Machines, Newspaper and/or Periodicals Stands – (authority to place machines or stands in County or Drainage owned buildings/property)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 5.A.1 & 2. -B.1-3, with the same restrictions as presented to Commissioners' Court.

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.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn this day's meeting at 10:40 a.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. _____ ABSENT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Dated this the 16th 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.