

SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 06, 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 6th day of January, 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:

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2004 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:

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present except Commissioner Garza.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Prayer – Tony Espinoza

Judge Garcia called on Tony Espinoza to lead the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

NO ACTION taken on this item.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Garza joined the meeting

6. County Clerk: (SEE EXHIBIT C)

A. Selection of 2004 Grievance Committee

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to select the public members for the grievance committee.

Judge Garcia drew the names randomly and stated for the record that Artemio De La Fuente, Linda San Miguel, Stevens Walters, Miguel Cavazos, Randy Summers, Melba Gonzalez, Jesus Liquez, Ricardo Reyna, Maria Zuniga, including two alternates Edna De La Garza, Maria Christina Menchaca.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of the previous names to be the new 2004 Grievance Committee.

7. Library System: (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A. Approval of Interlocal between Hidalgo County Library System and the Cities of: Alamo, Donna, Edinburg, Elsa, Hidalgo, La Joya, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Pharr, San Juan & Weslaco

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

8. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT E)

A. Approval of budget amendment for Security Officer – Pct. #2 Compound

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

Marty Salazar stated for the record all through the month of January the amendment would be \$3,100.00.

Valde stated for the record the Account# 41100413301100070 object 339.

9. Budget Office: (SEE EXHIBIT F)

A. Approval to pay back longevity pay for two (2) Fraud Investigators & approval of budget amendment:

- **Employee #010545**
- **Employee #087416**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

10. Human Services: (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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

- 1. Authorization to pay 2004 claims:_____**
- 2. Indigent Health Care expenditures**

Presentation made by Rudy De la Vina. NO ACTION taken on this item.

11. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT H)

A. HIDALGO COUNTY –

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

- 1. New Hidalgo County Jail: Total inmate population: 1134 Other Information: 7**

Physical Count:		<u>1088</u>	Males	<u>1013</u>
Out of County:	La Villa	<u>39</u>	Females	<u>75</u>
	Brooks		Federal	<u>11</u>
- 2. Current inter-local(s) and/or contract(s) for the “Housing of Inmates”**
- 3. New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project:**
 - a) Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Design- Build Contract Action (if necessary)**
 - 1. authorization to file claim against bonding companies;**
 - 2. authorization to engage independent construction investigator;**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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) Discussion and possible action on-site projects on site of 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. Presentation for discussion, consideration, approval and authority to have County Judge execute formal request and authorization for Central Power & Light to release information (as detailed in document attached hereto) to Reliant Energy, Inc. in order to obtain historical usage information and in anticipation and preparation for possible contract extension with the Texas General Land Office State Power Program

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

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores and Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to go into executive session.

12. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

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

A. Real Estate Acquisition

B. Pending and/or potential litigation – Consultation with Attorney on contemplated litigation associated with New Adult Detention Facility & Law Enforcement Center Project

Commissioner stepped away from the Court.

13. Open Session: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

B. Pending and/or potential litigation – Consultation with Attorney on contemplated litigation associated with New Adult Detention Facility & Law Enforcement Center Project

NO ACTION taken on this item.

14. Closed Session:

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

items listed

15. Open Session:

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2004, 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 Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
- 2. 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)**

DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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, JANUARY 06, 2004 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:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT (SEE EXHIBIT N)

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present.

2. Open Forum

NO ACTION taken on this item.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores and Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to go into executive session.

4. 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

5. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

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

7. Open Session:

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

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

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, JANUARY 06, 2004 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 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
(SEE EXHIBIT O)**

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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ADDENDUM

1. Elections: (SEE EXHIBIT J)

A. Approval, discussion and possible action of the following, but not limited to:

1. Create four (4) temporary data entry clerks for voter registration, set salary & amend budget

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

2. Congressional Redistricting as it pertains to massive mail out for voters who will be placed in new precincts

NO ACTION taken on this item.

2. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT K)

A. Presentation for consideration, discussion and approval of an amendment to the existing inter-local agreement with the City of Edinburg to reflect the addition of Precincts 2 & 3 under the same rates, terms and conditions for landfill waste disposal service on an as needed basis

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

B. Requesting authority to approve the following Requisitions that were submitted after the November 7, 2003 deadline, as ordered by CC on 10/03/03, process and issue purchase orders for the items listed and detailed in requisitions attached hereto.

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

**3. Discussion, consideration and action regarding stipend for Deputy Constables
(SEE EXHIBIT L)**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of \$1500 stipend through out the year.

4. Discussion for informational purposes approximate award of \$500,000 to Hidalgo County for funding under the Texas Community Development Program (SEE EXHIBIT M)

NO ACTION taken on this item.

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.

Dated this the 6th day of January, 2004

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

By: _____
Monique Garate, Deputy

I, JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on January 06, 2004.

Signed this ____ day of _____ 2004.

ATTEST:
JUAN D. SALINAS, III
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
Of the Commissioners' Court of
Hidalgo County

(Seal)

By: _____
Monique Garate, Deputy