

REGULAR MEETING – November 19 , 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 19th day of November, A.D., 2004, there was begun and held a REGULAR 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:

Ramon Garcia
County Judge

Sylvia S. Handy
Commissioner, Pct. #1

Joe M. Flores
Commissioner, Pct. #3



Hector "Tito" Palacios
Commissioner, Pct. #2

Oscar L. Garza, Jr.
Commissioner, Pct. #4

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
AGENDA

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a REGULAR MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2004 at 3:00 P.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 Garcia led the Court and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Commissioner Handy led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

Manuel Trigo – On the issue of the law suit against Rene Guerra, the County should not pay for Rene Guerra's legal defense because of personal interest involve in the law suit.

Noemi Ponce Siegler – To speak out publicly on the unprofessional and callous behavior of District Attorney Rene Guerra.

San Juanita Colon – A concern tax payer of Hidalgo County on expressing her profound concern regarding Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra's request to obtain County tax money to pay for his own legal defense fund.

Carol Montes – Chairperson of Citizens for Better and Safer McAllen, a watchdog group started for the accountability for tax dollars, expressing a strong objection on tax payers money to pay for Rene Guerra's legal fund.

5. Finding that it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County to provide a legal defense for the Hidalgo County District Attorney as it pertains to Cause #CL-04-2441-D; Manuel Trigo vs. Rene Guerra, et. al

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on the find that the acts of the District Attorney, which are the subject of this law suit, arose out of the performance of the District Attorney's official duties and that it is to the best interest to Hidalgo County to provide legal defense for Hidalgo County District Attorney in Cause # CL-04-2441-D.

6. Employment of Attorney to represent the Hidalgo County District Attorney in Cause #CL-04-2441-D; Manuel Trigo vs. Rene Guerra, et. al

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to appoint Esequiel Reyna as attorney for Rene Guerra on Cause #CL-04-2441-D.

7. Adjourn

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

There being no further business to come before said Court, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board are now hereby adjourned.

Dated this the 19th day of November, 2004

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

By: _____
Norma Garza, Deputy

I, JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on November 19, 2004.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2004.

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

By: _____
Norma Garza

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