



## HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Effective as of Aug 8, 1995

4.02. **Supervise All Purchases.** The Purchasing Agent shall supervise all purchases made by competitive bid and shall ensure that all purchased supplies, materials and equipment are delivered to the proper County officer or department in accordance with the purchase order or contract.

4.03. **Interlocal Cooperation.** The Purchasing Agent may cooperate with the purchasing agent or department of the state of Texas and/or any local government unit to purchase any item in volume as may be necessary. Warrants or checks drawn by the County Auditor shall be honored by the County Treasurer to reimburse such purchasing agent or department making the purchase for the County.

4.04. **Inter-Department Transfers.** To prevent unnecessary purchases, the Purchasing Agent shall transfer County supplies, materials and equipment from an agency of the County, a County department, officer or employee of the County that are not needed or used to another County agency, County department, officer or employee of the County requiring the supplies or materials or use of the equipment. The Purchasing Agent shall furnish to the County Auditor a list of transferred supplies, materials and equipment.

4.05. **Disposal of Salvage Property.** The Purchasing Agent, acting for the Commissioners Court and by delegation of the Commissioners Court, shall dispose of surplus or salvage property following the procedures required by state statute and as set out in the instructions accompanying Form SLVG-PD-001. Form SLVG-PD-001 **must** be completed and necessary approvals received for all surplus/salvage property dispositions.

4.06. **Prepare Specifications.** The Purchasing Agent, along with the person requesting the purchase of any item or items requiring competitive bids, pursuant to Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code, shall prepare bid specifications which shall be approved by the Commissioners Court and advertised, received and awarded, in accordance with Chapter 262, Texas Local Government Code.

#### V. Delegation of Duties

5.01. **Purchases Not Exceeding \$1,000.00** The Purchasing Agent may delegate to any elected official or department head the authority to purchase materials and supplies valued up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

5.02. **Repairs—Vehicles & Equipment.** The Purchasing Agent may delegate to any elected official or department head the authority to purchase repair parts and services for motor vehicles, office or shop equipment, and similar items valued up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

5.03. **Repairs—Heavy Machinery.** Purchases of repair parts and services for road-building and other heavy machinery valued up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)

is delegated to each County Commissioner and to the Manager of Hidalgo County Drainage District #1.

5.04. **Limitation of Delegation.** Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, no delegation of authority to purchase any item bought from the permanent improvement fund or any equipment which shall be recorded in the physical inventory record is hereby made.

5.05. **Authorized Employees.** Elected officials and department heads may also delegate the authority to purchase materials and supplies valued up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) by furnishing the Purchasing Agent a memorandum listing the employee(s) so authorized.

5.06. **Waiver by County Judge.** Pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code § 113.901(c), the County Judge may, by written order, waive the requirement of approval of all requisitions and purchase orders. In such event, all claims must be approved by the Commissioners Court in open court prior to payment.

## VI. Requisition Process.

6.01. **Overview.** Requisitioning is the process of formally requesting that a purchase be made. Counties are required by statute (Tex. Loc. Govt. Code §113.901) to use a requisitioning system. The purpose of the Requisition is to inform the Purchasing Department of what to buy, when it is required and where to deliver it.

### 6.02. **Procedures and Forms.**

6.02.01. All purchases of goods and services, other than purchases under the authority delegated in Article V, shall be commenced by the requesting department completing a Hidalgo County Requisition Form (*Form HCPD-01*) and submitting it to the Purchasing Department.

6.02.02. Form HCPD-01 should be completed well in advance of the date that the goods or services are required by the requesting department in order to allow the Purchasing Department and the vendor to assure the goods are delivered or services performed by the date required by the requesting department.

6.02.03. Form HCPD-01 *must* be completed in its entirety. Incomplete Requisition Forms will be returned to the requesting department and will delay the order and delivery of the requested goods or services.

6.03. **Requisition Priority Designations.** Each Form HCPD-01 must contain a priority designation and state a definite date by which the items are needed (i.e... not "Rush" or "ASAP"). The priority categories set forth below will be strictly adhered to, and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to investigate priority designations to determine abuse