



September 20, 2011

Honorable Commissioners' Court:

Ramon Garcia, County Judge
Joel Quintanilla, Commissioner Precinct 1
Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner Precinct 2
Jose M. Flores, Commissioner Precinct 3
Joseph Palacios, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attached please find the Hidalgo County Proposed Budget for Calendar Year 2012. The proposed Budget will be filed with the County Clerk and with the County Auditor as per Texas Local Government Code Section 111.066.

The 2012 Proposed Budget will also be available for viewing by the general public at the Office of the County Clerk and on the internet at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us.

Introduction

In the pages that follow, you will find the Hidalgo County FY 2012 Proposed Budget that has been developed by the Department of Budget & Management with direction and guidance from Commissioners' Court.

The economic recession that began in 2008 continues to impact the financial environment in Hidalgo County. The total property tax levy for the 2011 budget was \$159.0 million, of which \$137.6 million was for maintenance and operations, and \$21.4 million was for debt service.

The tax levy for the **2012** budget is \$156.5 million, of which \$138.6 million is for maintenance and operations, and \$17.9 million is for debt service.

The maintenance and operations tax rate increased from .5107 to .5225 and the debt service tax rate decreased from .0793 to .0675. The effective tax rate for the **2012** budget is .6077. However, the proposed budget is based on a tax rate of **.59** as directed by Commissioners' Court.

Total 2012 Proposed Budget

The Proposed 2012 General Fund Budget (Maintenance & Operations) totals \$166,749,693. This includes estimated revenues of \$158,239,101 (property tax - \$139.0 million, other revenues - \$19.2 million), and the appropriation of \$8,510,592 from general fund reserves.

The proposed General Fund Budget does not include \$856,398 in other revenue that is expected from Drainage District No. 1.

The total Proposed Budget for Hidalgo County is \$230.8 million. In addition to the General Fund Budget of \$166.7 million, other budgeted funds include \$22.8 million for Special Revenue funded departments and functions, \$20.3 million for Debt Service (principal and interest) and \$20.9 million for Enterprise Funds, which include Employee Health Benefits, Workers' Compensation, and the Jail Commissary.

The General Fund Adopted Budgets for the years 2008, through 2011 and the 2012 Proposed Budget are listed below. Due to the economic recession and decreased revenues, the 2010, 2011 and the 2012 budgets include funding from the unreserved fund balance. The unreserved fund balance is projected to total \$25.1 million or 15.0% of the Proposed 2012 Budget of \$166.7 million on January 1, 2012.

Year	Property Taxes	Other Revenues	Other	Total Budget
2008	127,576,651	19,775,520		\$147,352,171
2009	140,901,312	21,049,007		\$161,950,319
2010	139,383,500	18,096,435	1,865,335	\$159,345,270
2011	137,799,740	18,563,530	5,536,730	\$161,900,000
2012	139,007,402	19,231,699	8,510,592	\$166,749,693

The proposed General Fund Budget of \$166.7 million for 2012 includes \$105.3 million for salaries and related fringe benefits and \$61.4 million for operating expenses. Operating expenditures include more than office supplies and equipment. Some major programs that are listed under operating expenses are as follows:

Transfer out – Road & Bridge	\$7,747,290
Transfer out – Boot Camp	\$ 727,500
Transfer out – Other	\$ 680,920
Transfer out – Grants	\$ 84,548
Juvenile Det. & Prob.	\$9,138,673
Indigent Health	\$8,250,000
Indigent Defense	\$7,704,528
Sanitation	\$4,763,923
Insurance	\$1,685,000
Aid to Non Profit Agencies	\$ 724,640
Fire Departments – Cities	\$1,273,700
Legal	\$1,746,076
Communications System	\$ 250,000
All Other Operating Expenses	\$16,673,114

Road & Bridge 2012 Proposed Budget

The other important County Fund is the Road & Bridge Fund. Funding for the repair and maintenance of county roads comes from vehicle registration fees, from traffic fines, and from other fees.

In 2011, estimated revenues for Road & Bridge totaled \$10,317,000, and transfers in from general fund were \$7,750,000 for total available resources of \$18,067,000.

In 2012, estimated revenues decreased to \$9,903,000, and transfers in are budgeted at \$7,747,290 for total available resources of \$17,650,290. Road and Bridge revenues and general fund transfers in for the years 2008 through 2012 are listed below:

Year	R&B Revenue	GF Transfer In	Total Funds
2008	11,755,000	4,750,000	\$16,505,000
2009	11,822,000	5,860,084	\$17,682,084
2010	10,887,000	7,252,958	\$18,139,958
2011	10,317,000	7,750,000	\$18,067,000
2012	9,903,000	7,747,290	\$17,650,290

Conclusion

The Proposed Budget represents a sound financial plan for FY 2012. I am confident that this budget will serve Hidalgo County well in the year to come.

The Department of Budget and Management would like to thank all departments for their cooperation and assistance during this year's budget process. We would also like to thank the Commissioners' Court for their support and guidance.

Sincerely,



Sergio Cruz
Budget Officer

CC: Valde Guerra, Comm. Court - Executive Officer

Budget Development Team:
Dina R. Trevino, Assistant Budget Officer
Dámaris San Miguel, Director, Budget Division
Erika Zamora, Budget Analyst I

HIDALGO COUNTY

Department Of Budget & Management

2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

General Fund Fact Sheet

As of September 20, 2011

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET 2012	230,786,525
GENERAL FUND	166,749,693
DEBT SERVICE	20,268,177
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	22,827,569
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	20,941,085
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE - 12/31/2011	25,115,641
PERCENTAGE OF GF PROPOSED BUDGET	15.06%
2011 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	0.6077
2012 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE	0.5900
REDUCTION IN TAX LEVY	4,410,265
TOTAL BUDGETED POSITIONS	2,959
GENERAL FUND	2,103
OTHER FUNDS	856

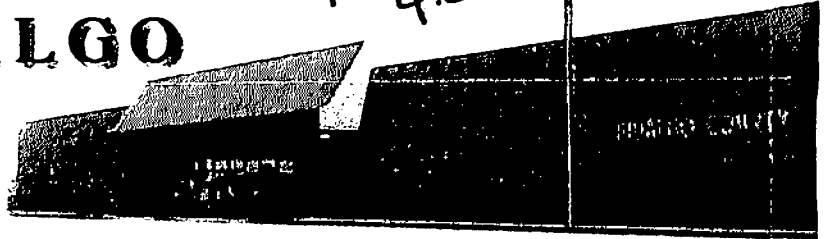
HIDALGO COUNTY
Department Of Budget & Management

2012 BUDGET PROCESS
Salary Schedule Adjustments
As of September 20, 2011

Department Name	Slot	Position Title	Budgeted Salary	Amt. Adj.	New Salary	Notes Comments
HUMAN RESOURCES	0010	CLERK I	21,340.00	(21,340.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
TAX OFFICE	0046	DEPUTY CLERK I	31,310.00	(31,310.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
INFO TECH	0024	TECHNICIAN III	41,089.00	(41,089.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
CO. CLERK	0065	ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK	21,653.00	(21,653.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
CO. CLERK	0066	ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK	21,653.00	(21,653.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
CO. CLERK	0067	ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK	22,411.00	(22,411.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
CO. TREASURER	0014	FINANCIAL DATA SPECIALIST II	38,074.00	(38,074.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
SANITATION PCT. 2	0009	TRUCK DRIVER II	26,644.00	(26,644.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
SANITATION PCT. 2	0018	MAINTENANCE I	22,345.00	(22,345.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
HEALTH DEPT.	0036	OUTREACH SPECIALISTS I	23,385.00	(23,385.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
HEALTH DEPT.	0015	REGISTERED NURSE III	50,487.00	(50,487.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
HEALTH DEPT.	0052	CLINIC AIDE II	20,570.00	(20,570.00)	0.00	2012 BP - DELETED POSITION
JP PCT 4/PL 2	0011	CASE MANAGER I	0.00	16,505.00	16,505.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION-TEMP. POS.
JP PCT 4/PL 2	0012	CASE MANAGER I	0.00	16,505.00	16,505.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION-TEMP. POS.
JP PCT 1/PL 1	0006	CASE MANAGER I	0.00	16,505.00	16,505.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION-TEMP. POS.
JP PCT 1/PL 2	0006	CASE MANAGER I	0.00	16,505.00	16,505.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION-TEMP. POS.
JP PCT 3/PL 2	0007	CASE MANAGER I	0.00	16,505.00	16,505.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION-TEMP. POS.
DIST CLERK	0073	DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK I	0.00	25,256.00	25,256.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0033	ATTORNEY IV	0.00	68,687.00	68,687.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0034	ATTORNEY IV	0.00	68,687.00	68,687.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0035	ATTORNEY V	0.00	80,117.00	80,117.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
CO CLERK - RECORD ARCHIVE	0012	ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK	0.00	21,653.00	21,653.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
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CO CLERK - RECORD ARCHIVE	0014	ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK	0.00	21,653.00	21,653.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
SHERIFF	0363	CRIME VICTIM LIASON	0.00	38,411.00	38,411.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PARKS PCT.4	0011	PARK COORDINATOR II	0.00	37,109.00	37,109.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PARKS PCT.4	0012	MAINTENANCE II	0.00	21,653.00	21,653.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PCT 4 ROAD MAINTENANCE	0069	DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION	0.00	48,500.00	48,500.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PCT 4 ROAD MAINTENANCE	0071	PROGRAM MANAGER	0.00	58,888.00	58,888.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PCT 4 ROAD MAINTENANCE	0070	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	0.00	68,825.00	68,825.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
PCT 4 CRC	0001	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III	0.00	31,815.00	31,815.00	2012 BP - NEW POSITION
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0001	BUDGET OFFICER	81,000.00	9,000.00	90,000.00	2012 BP - RE-SET SALARY
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	0014	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	24,535.00	0.00	24,535.00	2012 BP - PR-TITLE CHANGE ONLY
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	0028	MAIL CLERK	22,411.00	974.00	23,385.00	2012 BP - POSITION RECLASS.
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	0034	MAIL CLERK	22,411.00	974.00	23,385.00	2012 BP - POSITION RECLASS.
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	0015	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	24,203.00	0.00	24,203.00	2012 BP - PR-TITLE CHANGE ONLY
CO JUDGE	0032	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	50,487.00	(27,102.00)	23,385.00	2012 BP- POSITION RECLASS. DOWNGRADE
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0031	BUDGET ANALYST II	54,600.00	(11,316.00)	43,284.00	2012 BP- POSITION RECLASS. DOWNGRADE
BUDGET & MANAGEMENT	0032	PLANNING ANALYST II	54,600.00	(11,316.00)	43,284.00	2012 BP- POSITION RECLASS. DOWNGRADE

Office of Tax Assessor-Collector

COUNTY of HIDALGO



Armando Barrera Jr., RTA
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September 12, 2011

Mr. Sergio Cruz,
Hidalgo County Budget Officer
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Mr. Cruz:

As per SB 732, we are required to file a special funds budget with the county budget officer sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

Please note that these are dedicated funds and have limited use therefore all unexpended funds remaining in this budget will rollover to the next fiscal year.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call at the tax office.

Respectfully submitted,

Armando Barrera Jr., RTA
Tax Assessor/Collector
Hidalgo County, Texas

Xc: Mr. Ray Eufrazio,
Hidalgo County Auditor

HIDALGO COUNTY
BUDGET OFFICE
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HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

**ACCOUNT
1246-4
FUND: SP**

INVENTORY

DEPARTMENT

2012 BUDGET APPROPRIATION DETAIL

**SPECIAL INVENTORY
1246-415-15-140-003-0**

FUND INCOME:

2012 EST REVENUE	-	\$ 78,369.67
*2011 ROLL OVER FUNDS	-	\$ <u>111,929.25</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	-	\$ 190,298.92

2012 EXPENSES:

OBJECT #	OBJ. NAME	2011 BUDGET
336	COMPUTER SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00
432	EQUIP REP & MNT	\$ 6,500.00
442	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 2,000.00
531	TELEPHONE	\$ 0.00
535	POSTAGE	\$ 40,000.00
550	PRINTING & BINDING	\$ 10,000.00
583	OUT/CO.TRAVEL	\$ 15,000.00
584	REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 5,000.00
601	SUPPLIES	\$ 25,000.00
611	POLICE & CAMERA SUPP	\$ 2,000.00
626	GASOLINE/DIESEL	\$ 25,000.00
743	OFFICE EQUIP	\$ 20,000.00
745	COMPUTER EQUIP	\$ 15,000.00
747	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ <u>14,798.92</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED FUNDS	-	\$ 190,298.92

***DETAIL OF 2011 ROLL OVER FUNDS:**

OBJECT #	OBJ. NAME	BALANCE
336	COMPUTER SERVICES	\$ 22,682.04
432	EQUIP REP & MNT	\$ 6,500.00
442	EQUIP RENTAL	\$ 2,150.00
531	TELEPHONE	\$ 1,500.00
535	POSTAGE	\$ 0.00
550	PRINTING & BINDING	\$ 6,250.00
583	OUT-OF-COUNTY TRAVEL	\$ 8,655.96
584	REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 3,085.00
601	OFFICESUPPLIES	\$ 19,308.07
611	POLICE SUPPLIES	\$ 5,000.00
626	GASOLINE/DIESEL	\$ 6,000.00
741	VEHICLES	\$ 0.00
743	OFFICE FURN & EQUIP	\$ 5,914.46
745	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,883.72
747	SOFTWARE	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>
TOTAL 2011 ROLL OVER FUNDS:		\$111,929.25