

## **Sanitation Discussion Item**

### **Current Solid Waste Disposal Methods:**

- Residents contracting with private companies
- Use of Local and/or private landfills
- Use of County owned collection stations
- Unfortunately, illegal dumping

### **Hidalgo County Sanitation Statistics**

- Average solid waste collection is 67, 000 tons per year
- (10) County Owned - Solid Waste Collection Substations
- \$1,500,000.00 per year in (tipping fees) paid to local landfills for disposal of solid waste
- \$500,000.00 per year in tire disposal
- Personnel and operating expenses per year are \$4,000,000.00

### **Alternatives to Current Methods**

- Franchising with Solid Waste Company

### **Implementation of New Method**

- County awards contract to a new vendor after all bidding and purchasing requirements are fulfilled
- County will derive a franchising fee from contracted vendor
- Rural residents will become part of the county program once their contract expires with outside vendors
- Rural Residents will be assessed a fee from the contracted vendor for services

### **Benefits of Franchising**

- Reduction or elimination of Solid Waste costs
- Additional revenue generated due to franchising fees
- Ensures that solid waste and recycling services are provided
- Same level of service provided to all rural residents
- Makes outreach and education easier to implement
- Reduces the risk of illegal dumping
- Vendor deals with residents on penalties and/or remedies related to solid waste billing and payments
- Rural residents will no longer have to dispose of their own trash

### **Alternatives to Current Methods**

- Charge disposal fee at collection stations