

**Re: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre**

**From :** Martha Salazar <martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Wed, May 27, 2015 03:13 PM

**Subject :** Re: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre

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**To :** Steven Cruz <steven.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Valde Guerra <valde.guerra@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Honorable Joseph Palacios <joseph.palacios@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

**Cc :** Sergio Cruz <sergio.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Dina Trevino <dina.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Darlene H. Betancourt <darlene.betancourt@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Evangelina Garcia <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Comm. Palacios & Mr. Cruz:

As this purchase appears to be more than what Commissioner projected (approx. \$50-60K), we may need to issue a Request for Bids. Back in 2009 when we had very similar circumstances in Pct. #1, it was determined that a hard bid would be necessary. We are going to inquire with the company to see if by chance the company now has a cooperative purchase program award, but to be on the safe side, I am going to place the item for authority to advertise. We will also start searching for other potential vendors for the item if a bid becomes necessary. It appears that it takes from 10 to 14 weeks for delivery thus the sooner we can place on the agenda the better. I will keep you informed if we are able to find a coop instead under which to purchase.

Yours truly,  
Marty S.

PS. Your point of contact for this project is Ms. Vangie Garcia from our Office.

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**From:** "Steven Cruz" <steven.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
**To:** "Martha Salazar" <martha.salazar@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 2:40:21 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre

Marty,

Attached are the quotes you were needing for the piece of equipment we talked about yesterday. Please call me at 605-9966 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "WorkCentre 5335" <pct4comm\_noreplay@co.hidalgo.tx.us>  
**Date:** May 27, 2015 at 10:51:57 AM CDT  
**To:** [steven.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:steven.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us)  
**Subject:** Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre  
**Reply-To:** [pct4comm\\_noreplay@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:pct4comm_noreplay@co.hidalgo.tx.us)

Please open the attached document. It was scanned and sent to you using a Xerox WorkCentre.

Number of Images: 2

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Device Name: WorkCentre 5335

Device Location:

For more information on Xerox products and solutions, please visit <http://www.xerox.com/>



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evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us

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**Re: Precinct 4-Purchase of Equipment-US Ditcher, Inc. and Amigo Power Equipment**

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**From** : Dina Trevino <dina.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Thu, May 28, 2015 05:36 PM

**Subject** : Re: Precinct 4-Purchase of Equipment-US Ditcher, Inc. and Amigo Power Equipment**To** : Evangelina Garcia <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Ok, thank you for the update.

Thank you,

**Dina R. Trevino****Assistant, Budget Officer**

County of Hidalgo, Texas

Department of Budget &amp; Management

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**From:** "Evangelina Garcia" <evangelina.garcia@co.hidalgo.tx.us>**To:** "Dina Trevino" <dina.trevino@co.hidalgo.tx.us>**Cc:** "Sergio Cruz" <sergio.cruz@co.hidalgo.tx.us>, "Martha Salazar"

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 5:23:33 PM**Subject:** Fwd: Precinct 4-Purchase of Equipment-US Ditcher, Inc. and Amigo Power Equipment

Ms. Dina;

There's been a change of equipment on the Tractor and the amount is less. Funding for the tractor M9960HFC Model (Kabota) with Amigo Implement through the GSA is for the amount of \$37,696.00 and they have it in stock. This of course pursuant to the appropriation of funding so that the Precinct may submit a requisition.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you;

Vangie Y. Garcia, Contract Manager

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 3:20:11 PM

**Subject:** Precinct 4-Purchase of Equipment-US Ditcher, Inc. and Amigo Power Equipment

Hello Dina;

I am overseeing Precinct 4's request of its intent to purchase a **2015 KUB M8560 TRACTOR (Kabota)** with Amigo Implement and they have proposed an amount of **\$37,928.00**. I was able to locate this vendor/tractor under the GSA Cooperative-GSA Advantage which the County can utilize only because it is under the "Disaster Recovery Purchasing" category. The amount proposed by Amigo Implement is less than the amount reflected under the GSA which is good because it is less and they have the tractor in their inventory, less wait for delivery.

The next equipment the Precinct intends to purchase is a **US Ditcher GSI-Hydraulic Side Arm Ditcher** for the amount of **\$63,546.00**. However, this vendor/ditcher is not under any cooperative and this will go out for bids because of the amount proposed.

As informed by Marty, I believe we need to make sure on the funding at least for the Kabota Tractor since we can purchase that one right away but also budget for the ditcher so as to proceed with the bidding. I believe Marty has an agenda item for Tuesday on this (AI#49870).

Appreciate your assistance on this and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you;

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**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

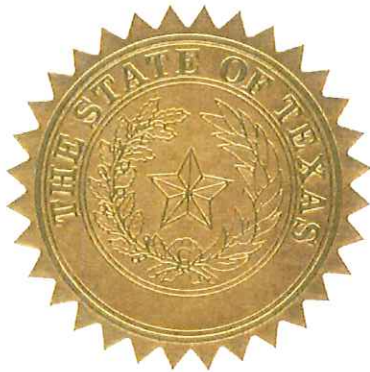
I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on May 11, 2015, certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding event that began on May 4, 2015, has caused a disaster in Bosque, Clay, Denton, Eastland, Gaines, Montague and Van Zandt counties in the State of Texas. On May 15, 2015, I amended my proclamation of May 11, 2015, to include Cooke, Grimes, Hood, Navarro, Smith and Wise counties. Severe weather, tornadoes and flooding continue in these and other counties in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby declare a state of disaster in Archer, Bastrop, Bosque, Caldwell, Cass, Clay, Collin, Cooke, Denton, Dewitt, Eastland, Fannin, Gaines, Grayson, Grimes, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Johnson, Kendall, Montague, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Parker, San Jacinto, Smith, Van Zandt, Walker, Wichita, Wilson and Wise counties.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of May, 2015.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Carlos Cascos in black ink.

CARLOS CASCOS  
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
9:45 AM O'CLOCK

MAY 25 2015



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 25, 2015

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
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9:45 AM 'CLOCK

The Honorable Carlos Cascos  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

MAY 25, 2015  
*Quill*  
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

Amending his proclamation of May 4, 2015, declaring a disaster in Archer, Bastrop, Bosque, Caldwell, Cass, Clay, Collin, Cooke, Denton, Dewitt, Eastland, Fannin, Gaines, Grayson, Grimes, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Johnson, Kendall, Montague, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Parker, San Jacinto, Smith, Van Zandt, Walker, Wichita, Wilson and Wise counties.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory S. Davidson*  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

**SPECIAL MEETING - May 22, 2015**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 22nd day of May A.D., 2015, 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 A.C. CUELLAR, JR.

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

HONORABLE JOSEPH PALACIOS

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

**and ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:**



**AGENDA  
CC REGULAR  
HIDALGO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING  
May 22, 2015  
9:30 A.M.**

**NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held at the Edinburg Council Chambers 415 W. University Drive, 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 for the exception of Commissioner Joe Flores and Commissioner Eddie Cantu.

**2. Emergency Services Division - Ricardo Saldana:**

- A. AI-49781** Presentation by Emergency Management Coordinator and/or Precincts for discussion, consideration and applicable/necessary action in connection with the most recent issuance (by the County Judge) of a Declaration of Disaster due to the torrential rain events in April-May 2015 causing widespread flooding and damage.

**3. Purchasing Department - Marty Salazar:**

- A. AI-49783** 1. Approval of continuance of local state of disaster under Texas Government Code Section 418.108

*Action was taken on Item 2.A.*

2. Activate Contract with Ashbritt, Inc. under that certain Mutual Benefit and Use Agreement with the City of Kingsville, Texas

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court that the agreement with Ashbritt provides a variety of services including debris removal and water extraction and is on an as-needed basis. She stated that the water extraction service would be an issue when it dealt with contaminated water; Ashbritt would have to enlist subcontractors to move the water to permitted areas. Commissioner Palacios recommended the initiation of the process in the event the County has expended all resources and is in dire need. She added that activation of the agreement does not incur an initial fee; the county only pays for services used. She advised the Court that they currently have an agreement with Tetra Tech which would consult the county in writing the scope of work needed from Ashbritt and would trigger any reimbursement efforts on behalf of the County. She

pointed out that with the use of Ashbritt services, the county may expend funds that would not be recoverable. Judge Garcia asked Ricardo Saldana, Emergency Management Coordinator, to be involved to determine whether there is a need to contract Ashbritt. Mr. Saldana agreed with the recommendation from Commissioner Palacios to enact the contract as a safeguard.

Chief Saldana addressed Commissioner Cuellars concern on the abundance of debris in Precinct 1 by offering assistance by his department and partners to avoid tapping into contracts. Commissioner Cuellar welcomed the offer and will communicate further with Emergency Management. He also agreed with the initiation of the agreement with Ashbritt in order to be prepared. Mr. Saldana stressed that the Ashbritt services would only be used in extreme circumstances. Mrs. Salazar stated that partnerships with all local assets must be exhausted prior to the usage of the agreement with Ashbritt. She stated that Mr. Ricardo Saldana, Mr. Valde Guerra, and the Budget Office are those involved in the decision making process and Judge Garcia will be consulted regarding decisions that are to be made and status.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of the activation of the contract with Ashbritt, Inc. with restrictions discussed above.

**Vote:** 3 - 0 - Unanimously

Mr. Guerra asked Mr. Cruz to make the necessary arrangements to prepare funding in the event the services by Ashbritt are required. Mr. Cruz stated they would need to do an emergency transfer from a funding item, then return to court to declare an emergency amendment to the budget requesting an increase to the budget.

4.

#### **Adjourn**

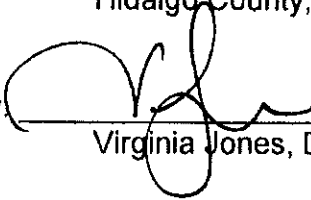
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote:** 3 - 0 - Unanimously

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 22nd day of May, 2015

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas


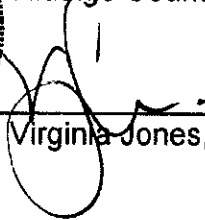
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Virginia Jones, Deputy

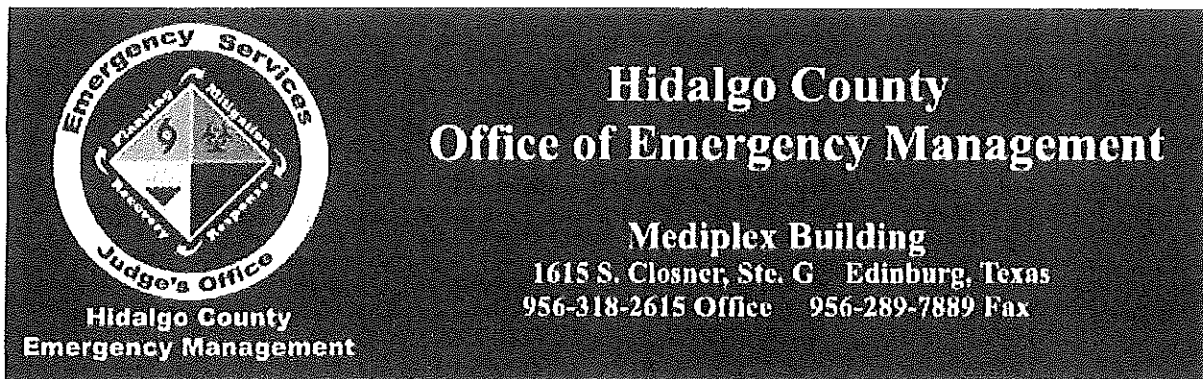
I, ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on MAY 22, 2015.

Signed this 26th day of MAY 2015

ATTEST:


ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Commissioners' Court of  
Hidalgo County

 By  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal) Virginia Jones, Deputy



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ramon Garcia, Judge  
Hidalgo County Judge's Office

FR: Ricardo Saldana, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management 

DATE: May 18, 2015

RE: Sever Weather Impacts on Hidalgo County

Due to the recent severe weather events, extreme measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people, protect or rehabilitate property and public health and safety of the County. *I hereby recommend the execution of a Local State of Disaster Declaration.*

Below please find details of the severity of events;

- April 11, 2015
  - Severe flooding
  - Precinct 3 and 4
  - 6-8 inches of rain water
  - Highly affected areas: Seminary Heights, Hohen Subdivision
  - Hohen road damage due to blockage in drain pipes.
  
- April 24, 201
  - Severe weather event, rain and high winds

- Precinct 1
- Strong tornado like winds
- Aurora Valley Subdivision, Dillon/Canton Rd (Between Donna and Elsa)
  
- May 11-12, 2015
  - Severe flooding with high winds
  - Precinct 1, 3, 4
  - 8-10 inches of rain water, strong tornado like winds with extreme flooding
  
  - Northern part of Hidalgo County, north 281 (Edinburg, Elsa, Edcouch, La Villa, Monte Alto)
  - Highly impacted areas included Seminary Heights, Hohen Subdivision, Faysville, North of 1925 to FM 88.
  - Severe flooding and wind damage led to opening of sheltering in San Carlos.
    - Shelter: Family of 13, home and vehicle turned over, area of Mile 16 and FM 493.
  
- May 15, 2015
  - Heavy rain
  - Precincts 1 and 4
  - 8-11 in. of rain
  - Hwy 186 closed between the areas of FM 493 and 281

The combination of the last three rain fall events have led to health concern issues regarding brown water caused by the overflowing of septic tanks. Various areas are currently without any form of lavatory utilities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE  
County Of Hidalgo

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Hidalgo on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property from flooding due to immediate emergencies from the current and recent torrential rains;

WHEREAS, the Judge of the County of Hidalgo has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and general wellbeing of County citizens, alleviate the suffering of people, and protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code provides that the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision may declare a state of local disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the County of Hidalgo.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hidalgo, Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after this issuance.

ORDERED this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 15.

*Ramon Garcia*  
Ramon Garcia, County Judge

ATTEST:

*Arturo Guajardo, Jr.*  
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk