



AGENDA
CC REGULAR
HIDALGO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
March 31, 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Elsa Head Start Center students and Alicia Pezeda, Director, led the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Court proceeded to Item 17.F, 17.A - 17.E, 22.A, 23.B.3, 24.J.1 - 24.J.4, 6.D, 6.A - 6.C, 6.E - 6.G, 19.A, 7.C, 9.A, and 20.A.

3. Prayer

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

The Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the exception of Item 14.E to be pulled for discussion.

5. Open Forum

Martha Sanchez informed the Court and Audience that they will be having a march in honor of Cesar Chavez's Birthday and that working on this day is also honoring his legacy by serving the people. She also wanted to recognize students that traveled from the University of Medicine Wisconsin to serve in the colonias.

Tiffany Solis, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, wanted to inform the public and the Court of the Public Tax Sale Auction to be held at the County Clerk's Records Management Facility on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Opal Billman discussed the ruling made by the 13th Appellate Court regarding her appeal to a ruling previously made by another court on the division of the community property owned by her and the late Mr. Billman.

Luis Pena commented on an accident report involving a Sheriff unit. He stated that with his experience as a Certified Accident Reconstruction Investigator, he does not believe that what the report states is correct.

Ramiro Trevino shared his concern over the Auditor's Audit Report and expressed that the County will not improve if the wrong doing does not subside.

Norma Salinas, member of LUPE and resident of Pueblo en Palmas in Penitas, mentioned that she participated in a meeting San Juan where the County presented a pilot program to aid certain colonias in the County. She stated she would like to see the program implemented and what is to come.

Maria Champion commented on the rejection from the community regarding the hospital district and how there are other ways of funding Medicaid. She also commented that taxes are high and there is still a lack of infrastructure.

The Court proceeded to Item 8.C. and 8.D.

6. County Judge's Office:

- 2. **AI-48990** Planning & Engineering (1200):
Approval of 2015 appropriation of funds from the R&B unreserved fund balance for Planning & Engineering (fund 1200, program 002) in the amount of \$223,992.95 to fund change in funding source for various positions previously approved by Commissioners' Court.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- 3. **AI-49038** CO2014 - Pct. 4 (1345)
Approval of 2015 appropriation/interfund of funds in the amount of \$2,403,459.38 to fund various road projects.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 5 - 0 - Unanimously

The Court proceeded to Item 24.J.1.

- 4. **AI-48991** Pct 2 Rd. Maint./Adm. (1200):
Approval of 2015 appropriation of funds from the R&B unreserved fund balance for Pct 2 Rd. Maintenance (program 006) and Pct 2 Adm. (program 005) in the amount of \$343,237.76 to fund operating expenditures.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

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

Notes:

A. FOR ANY CONTRACT(S) AWARDED AND APPROVED UNDER THIS AGENDA, EXECUTED COPIES OF THE CONTRACT(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY INTRA-NET WEBSITE AND WILL BE FOWARDED VIA E-MAIL, FAX OR HAND DELIVERED TO HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

B. ANY AND ALL REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT(S) APPROVED WILL BE SUBJECT TO COUNTY AUDITORS PROCESSING PROCEDURES INCLUDING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY TREASURER TO ISSUE PAYMENT(S)/CHECK(S).

A. Hidalgo County

- 1. **AI-49105** Requesting approval of Change Order No. 8 in connection with the "Repairs and Renovations-1st and 2nd Floor to the Former Administration Building," in the amount of \$76,940.00 and to extend contract time by 14 days (Substantial Completion May 21, 2015) from contracted vendor, D. Wilson Construction, Inc., and as recommended by project architect, Alcocer Garcia Associates, with authority for County Judge to execute document.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2, EDUARDO 'EDDIE' CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

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- 2. **AI-49072** A. Notice and action on rate increase by HC current energy provider, Reliant, as permitted under the agreement [as reviewed and confirmed thru legal counsel, Hon. V. Garza, Asst. DA, Civil Division-see e-mail contained herein] from \$0.11678 to new rate of \$0.12353 effective March 2015;

Mrs. Salazar explained that the state has imposed a tax rate increase to all jurisdictions. She added that the contract expires in November 2015.

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APPROVED

B. Presentation of scoring grid for the purposes of ranking by Commissioners' Court, the responses received in connection with the Request for Proposals for: **"Professional Energy Consulting Services"** - RFP 2015-028-02-11-YZV

COMPANY	AVERAGE SCORE	RANKED
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Marco A. Arredondo, INC	92.8	2
*Pro Star Energy	91.6	4
Choice Energy	92	3
Acclaim Energy Services	88.8	6
Texas Energy Consultants	95.2	1
*Amerex Energy Services	91.6	5

Mrs. Salazar stated that the graders were the administrative assistants of each member of the Court. She also informed the Court that this is to enter into negotiations for consulting services, not for energy services.

Mr. Robert Pena, Texas Energy Consultants, was present to brief the Court with their credentials and summed that their consulting services would be to provide retail energy for Hidalgo County.

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C. Requesting authority for Purchasing Department to proceed to negotiate a contract commencing with the number one ranked company of: **TEXAS ENERGY CONSULTANTS** for the provision of "**Professional Energy Consulting Services**" for Hidalgo County.

***Requires drawing of lots by CC for ranking.**

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3. AI-49037

A. Presentation of final report by HOK, contracted architectural firm for the review and analysis of the current Schematic Designs by ERO for a New HC Courthouse for acceptance and approval of said report;

Jeff Bradley, Co-Director of HOK's Justice Design Division, and Kirk Pergue, HOK's Dallas Office Director of Architecture and Regional Justice Practice Leader, introduced their findings, suggested plan revisions, and final recommendations for the schematic design of the proposed Courthouse. The revised design would be a cost savings of over 50 million dollars to the County. Mr. Pergue stated that they visited with most of the department heads that needed to have input on the design and integrated their suggestions. Also, Mr. Bradley stressed that here were several vital components absent in the design prepared by ERO and further described where they would incorporate them in the new design.

Commissioner Joe Flores stepped away from the meeting.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

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B. Acceptance and approval of the invoices by HOK for the deliverable (final report) under the letter of engagement with HOK with approval for Hidalgo County Treasurer, Hon. Norma G. Garcia to issue payment after review and audit procedures are completed by County Auditor;

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C. Pursuant to AIA contract between Hidalgo County & ERO, action to send formal written notice to ERO to incorporate the cost saving options changes selected [based on the report by HOK] to the existing Schematic Designs [upon delivery of a comprehensive list of the cost savings options/changes] for the construction of a New Hidalgo County Courthouse at no cost to County for the Final/Supplemental Schematic Design for the construction of a new HC Courthouse.

Brian Godinez, ERO Architects, informed the Court that they chose to work with HDR after considerable research of large National Civic Justice firms. Holden Talley, Civic Justice - HDR, explained that they worked on the schematic design with the stakeholders and user groups based on the Master Plan including a validation process. Eli Ochoa, ERO Architects, commented that when they initially presented the schematic design and the pricing, there were no issues mentioned at that point. He stated they are preparing a supplement to their design that will include recommendations by HOK's revision and the construction cost will decrease to approximately 115 million dollars. He also stated they will provide an alternate that will include a shelled floor for future expansion.

The Court agreed that ERO would have 30 days in which to produce the final supplemental schematic design upon delivery of a comprehensive list of the cost savings options/changes. Mrs. Salazar wanted to clarify that the schematic design would be a document to be used to advise any participant who wants to submit their statement of qualifications in future phases.

AI-49072

Purchasing Department 24. A. 2.

CC - REGULAR

Meeting Date: 03/31/2015

Submitted For: Yolanda Velasquez, PURCHASING DEPT.

Submitted By: Yolanda Velasquez, PURCHASING DEPT.

Department: PURCHASING DEPT.

Information

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BACKGROUND

1. Six (6) Responses Received.
2. Thirty-eight (38) RFP packets requested/distributed.

Fiscal Impact

FISCAL YEAR:

ACCT. #:

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?:

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

RFP is designed to result in no expenditure for these services by HC.

Attachments

Acceptance Sheet-Participation Log

contract-electricity

letter from reliant

email legal

Reliant

Scoring Grid-2015-028

Form Review

Inbox	Reviewed By	Date
Purchasing Department	Marty Salazar	03/26/2015 03:43 PM
Budget & Management	Veronica Ortiz	03/26/2015 04:11 PM
Glinda Pacheco	Glinda Pacheco	03/26/2015 04:23 PM
Purchasing Department	Marty Salazar	03/27/2015 04:42 PM
Glinda Pacheco	Glinda Pacheco	03/27/2015 05:23 PM
Auditor's Office	Monica Badillo	03/27/2015 06:45 PM
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