

**SPECIAL MEETING - June 17, 2014**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 17th day of June A.D., 2014, 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:

<b>HONORABLE RAMON GARCIA</b>	<b>HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>HONORABLE A.C. CUELLAR, JR.</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>HONORABLE HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>HONORABLE JOSEPH PALACIOS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

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  
June 17, 2014  
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**

Judge Garcia led the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Prayer**

Virginia Townsend led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

**5. Open Forum**

*The Court proceeded to Item 15.A.*

**6. County Judge's Office:**

- A. AI-44993** Recognition of the Hidalgo County WIC Program being selected as one of 25 community agencies and medical facilities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, India and Brazil to receive the 2014 Community Care Award from the International Board of Certified Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLCE) and International Lactation Consultant Association (IBLCA)

The WIC Program was recognized for their Baby Café, located at Woman's Hospital at Renaissance, which provides breastfeeding help and support, from both skilled health professionals and other moms, in a friendly, non-clinical, café-style environment. Baby Café provides breastfeeding help and support from both skilled health professionals and other moms, in a friendly, non-clinical, café-style environment.

- B. AI-45055** Approval of Proclamation in support of Region One ESC My Brother's Keeper - Building Ladders of Opportunity Initiative.

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:** 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. AI-45061** 1. Presentation by contracted architect, ERO Architects for acceptance and approval by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court of the Schematic Design for the New Hidalgo County Courthouse

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.

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding the next steps for the New Hidalgo County Courthouse

*NO ACTION taken on this Item.*

**7. Executive Officer - Valde Guerra:**

- A. **AI-44864** Requesting approval to pay annual service fee to Regional Organized Crime Information (ROCIC) in the amount of \$150.00 (requisition#258084) for the Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force, with the authority for the County Treasurer to issue a check after review, audit, and processing procedures are completed by the County Auditor.

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

**21. Budget & Management - Sergio Cruz:**

- A. **AI-44754** Sanitation Program
  1. Consideration, discussion and approval to develop and implement one or more of the following Sanitation Program Models:
    - A. Exclusive Service Agreement
    - B. Non-exclusive Service Agreement(s).
    - C. Permit User Fee
  2. Approval of resolution to implement service agreement(s), if applicable.
  3. Approval of order to access permit user fee, if applicable.

The Court would like more time to have meetings with the organizations with whom it will affect to obtain input on the project. Mr. Cruz suggested they may introduce a hybrid version of the project to receive some input as well. He stated he would attempt to conduct all public hearings held with the various organizations prior to the following meeting on June 30th.

*NO ACTION taken on Items 1 - 3.*

At this time, Judge Garcia joined the meeting.

**22. 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 FORWARDED 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-45041** Presentation of the bids received for the purpose of awarding (Primary & Secondary contracts) to the responsible vendors submitting the lowest and best bids for: Bulk Fuel On-Off Highway Diesel Fuel Products:
 

Mrs. Salazar stated that Gold Star trailed in the scoring grid by 23/100ths of a cent and could not make a decision based on such a narrow bid. Taking other matters into consideration, the court determined that Arguindegue was the better choice.

Primary bid award and contract Arguindegue Oil.  
 Secondary bid award and contract Gold Star Petroleum .

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.

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- 2. **AI-44784** a. Presentation of scoring grid for the purposes of ranking by Commissioner's Court, the responses received in connection with the Request for Proposals for: Hidalgo County - "Financial Advisory Services";

FIRM NAME	AVERAGE SCORE	RANKED
FIRST SOUTHWEST	89.83	2
ESTRADA HINOJOSA	90.33	1

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.

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b. Requesting authority for Purchasing Department to proceed to negotiate a letter of engagement - agreement with the number one ranked firm of ESTRADA HINOJOSA for the provision of financial advisory and related service for Hidalgo County.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, HECTOR

**E.**

**Pct. 4**

1. **AI-45047** a. Approval of a lease agreement between **Hidalgo County** and **Union Pacific Railroad Company** (address-1051 N. Doolittle Rd. , Edinburg, Texas 78542) for use of **"The Premises to be utilized for Vegetation Control, and uses incidental thereto, only, and for No Other Purpose"** with term of this Lease to commence July 01, 2014, for one year unless terminated or renewed or extended as provided in lease agreement;

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.

**Vote** : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- b. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) a professional services;

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.

**Vote** : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- c. Presentation of scoring grid (for the purpose of ranking by CC) of the firms graded and evaluated through the County's approved "pool" of professional appraisal services providers for (job specific project) "Sale of Properties" within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4;

Firms	Integra Realty Resources	HLH Appraisal Services	George J. Salazar d/b/a Appraisal Haus
Evaluation	89	91	94
Ranked	3	2	1

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.

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- d. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional appraisal services contract with the No. 1 ranked firm of GEORGE J. SALAZAR D/B/A APPRAISAL HAUS for: a project specific - "Sale of Properties" within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4.

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.

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2. **AI-44918** Acceptance and approval to pay "Flat Rate Assessments" incurred by HC from 2009 to 2014 to Hidalgo County Irrigation District #1 for 18.76 acre tract of land out of Lot 15, Section 260, TEXAS MEXICAN RAILROAD COMPANY'S SURVEY, Hidalgo County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 29, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas and as further detailed in the General Warranty Deed attached hereto through Requisition #00256335 (attached) which further details the Irrigation Flat Rate Assessments, Interest, Attorney and Processing Fees in the amount of \$2,643.30 including the issuance and release of check by Hidalgo County Treasurer once review, audit, processing procedures completed by County Auditor.

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.

**Vote**: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

3. **AI-45008** Acceptance and approval of Amendment to Contract #C-13-335-12-10 (PO# 703537) with Aranda & Associates (to reduce the fees under Exhibit B-Cost Proposal) for the purposes of surveying services of (job specific) PROJECT: Brewster Park located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4.

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.

**Vote** : 4 - 0 - Unanimously

Commissioner Joseph Palacios stepped out of the meeting.

**F.**

**Justices of the Peace**

1. **AI-44997** Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, Fixed Assets Division, is requesting and recommending to Hidalgo County Commissioners Court to approve the removal (from inventory) of two (2) fixed asset with nos. 23132 & 27845 (described/detailed in attached Exhibit A with NO CURRENT VALUE) located at 122 E. Park, Pharr, Texas in a building once leased by Hidalgo County for Hon. Rosa E. Trevino, J.P., Pct. 2, Pl. 2 pursuant to Article 6.2 of the expired lease between the County and Rosa E. Trevino.