

**SPECIAL MEETING - May 19, 2015**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 19th 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 EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

HONORABLE JOE M. FLORES

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

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 19, 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**

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

**3. Prayer**

Virginia Townsend led the Court and Audience in Prayer.

*At this time, the Court proceeded to Items 6.A and 22.A.*

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

**5. Open Forum**

Lizbeth Gonzalez, Precinct 4, presented a video revealing the excessive flooding and damage the rain caused during the last couple rain events. It also displayed the relief efforts by the Precincts, the County Judge, and Emergency Management. Commissioner Palacios expressed his gratitude for the prompt assistance from them and stated they will continue working to bring normality to the communities. Judge Garcia pointed out that the County should be more vigilant at indicating low-lying areas to home and property buyers.

Maria Champion expressed her disapproval of assessments in certain subdivisions and feels it is unfair for low income residents.

Luis Deleon informed the Court of the abundance of trash and brush in LJ Subdivision in Precinct 1. He stated that he had attempted to contact them a year ago and would appreciate a community meeting with Commissioner Cuellar in effort to get clean up accomplished.

Norma Aldape, resident of Olivarez Acres and LUPE member, expressed her appreciation in the Courts' support in the public lighting bill currently in the State Legislature. She stated some residents are doubtful of a positive outcome, but she continues to believe in the intentions of the County leaders.

Luis Pena stated he was confused with the hiring practices in Hidalgo County.

Ramiro Trevino commented on hiring practices that he is in disapproval of.

Opal Billman stated she has continued to be unlawfully kept in false imprisonment. She requested her freedom and the release of their community property.

Fern McClaugherty was in disagreement with the additional fees that are charged by several county departments.

Mario Cano, Precinct 1, addressed the court regarding the rain damage and flooding. He asked the patience from the residents and wanted to let them know that they are doing their best to take care of all areas in their precinct. Commissioner Cuellar added that he was grateful for the assistance from everyone in the Court and they will address all the brush issues.

James Crowe expressed his concern over the assessment of his mobile home and the inclusion of personal property tax on the lot. He stated he feels that is why Hidalgo County is losing the Winter Texan population. Hernan Rodriguez commented on the appraisal districts procedures of assessing valuation on property. He stated that the process is much more complicated to go before the appeals board and feels the system is does not support taxpayers.

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

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-49734** a. Requesting exemption from competitive procurement requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024(a)(7)(a) proprietary software in connection with On-line Research Services for Hidalgo County;

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 approval of agreement(s) if applicable for "On-line Research Services" with Lexis Nexis including but not limited to the following Hidalgo County department(s):

- 1. District Attorney (1188FO and ST123DSK)
- 2. County Clerk

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 of 24.A.1.b.1 and 2.

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- 2. **AI-49686** Acceptance and approval for County Judge to execute a Tenant Estoppel Certificate for "Lease of Office Space" for Hidalgo Co. Urban County with Triple R Medical Facilities, LTD.- C-13-177-07-23

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

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- 3. **AI-49530** A. Pursuant to HC-Tax Office-Automated Tax Collection System RFP, Section III: Selection and Schedules, presentation by submitting vendors a summary of the system proposed with Q&A for the purpose of clarifications so as to assist the grading committee the opportunity to finalize the scoring;

The two vendors were Tyler Technologies and Appraisal and Collection Technologies and each gave their 15 minute presentations.

Commissioner Joe Flores joined the meeting.

Commissioner Eddie Cantu stepped out of the meeting.

*The Court proceeded with the remainder of the agenda to allow more time for the tabulation of the scores.*

B. Tabulation of scores, computing of a grid for the purpose of ranking of the vendors so as to proceed to negotiations commencing with the number one ranked firm of: **Appraisal and Collection Technologies.**

*The Court further discussed the Item prior to adjournment; the entire Court was present for the vote.*

Mrs. Salazar read the scores as follows:

Tyler Technologies: 87.3  
Appraisal and Collection Technologies: 93.5

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:** 5 - 0 - Unanimously

Mrs. Salazar affirmed that they will commence negotiations and the departments involved will be Purchasing and the Tax Office. Judge Garcia stated he would like to be involved in the negotiation process. Mrs. Salazar informed him that he could, but no more than two people from his office could be involved.

*The Court proceeded to Executive Session.*

- 4. **AI-49569** Acceptance and approval of a professional consultant services contract for provision of "Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Recovery Services" selected through Hidalgo County's membership participation with the HGAC's awarded vendor: Tetra Tech, Inc., fka, Beck Disaster Recovery Services with effective term today with termination to coincide with H-GAC's term of May 31, 2016.

**E.**

**Pct. 4**

- 1. **AI-49639** A. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) for a professional service;

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. Presentation of the scoring grid (for the purposes of ranking by CC) the firms graded & evaluated through the County's approved "pool" of "Construction Management" for the provision of "professional construction management services" for Project: "Construction of a New Mechanical Shop" in Hidalgo County Precinct 4;

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS:**

Firms	<b>Broaddus &amp; Associates, Inc.</b>	HOV Services, LLC / Meridian Consulting Group, LLC	Fulcrum Consulting Services
Scores	98	96	95
Ranking	1	2	3

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: 4 - 0 - Unanimously**

**APPROVED**

C. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional construction management services agreement for Project: "Construction of a New Mechanical Shop" in Hidalgo County Precinct 4, commencing with the No.1 ranked firm **BROADDUS & ASSOCIATES, INC.** for Construction Management Services.

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: 4 - 0 - Unanimously**

**F.**

**Health & Human Services Dept.**

- 1. **AI-49653** Requesting approval to purchase One (1) New or newer 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan through the County's membership/participation with Buyboard Cowboy Chrysler-Dodge- Jeep (Contract #430-13) in the amount of **\$22,106.80** which includes shipping and administration fee's. (Project #15-193-OGG)

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**

- 2. **AI-49693** Requesting approval and acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding between Health & Human Services and South Texas College (STC), to provide Excel training services to personnel.

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**

**G.**

**Facilities Management:**

- 1. **AI-49402** **CONSTABLE PRECINCT ONE:**

Acceptance and approval of payment of Invoice Nine (final payment) in the amount of \$2,340.95 as submitted by Alcocer Garcia Associates, Inc. for the provision of architectural services in connection to Contract #10-320-02-08 amid PO#660264-Construction of a New Constable Building-Precinct One with authority for County Treasurer to issue payment after County Auditor's Office review and processing procedures are completed.

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**

**H.**

**Tax Office**

- 1. **AI-49696** Requesting authorization and approval to purchase One (1) **New 2016 Ford Expedition XL** through the County's membership/participation with BuyBoard's awarded vendor, Caldwell Country Chevrolet/Ford (Contract #430-13) in the amount of **\$31,695.00** which includes delivery and a one time administration fee of \$400.00. (Project #2015-194-OGG)