

SPECIAL MEETING - March 21, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 21st day of March A.D., 2017, 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 DAVID FUENTES

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
March 21, 2017
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 in attendance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Garcia led the courtroom in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Virginia Townsend led the courtroom in Prayer.

Court proceeded to Item.21.A.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item.5.E. to be pulled for discussion.

5. County Judge's Office:

A. AI-59000 Resolution in Support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas

Commissioner Fuentes stepped away from the meeting.

Commissioners Court recognized the importance and benefits of the program in the community.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

Commissioner Fuentes joined the meeting.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas Board President Bobby Palacios thanked the court for the acknowledgment.

B. AI-58999 Proclamation declaring March 2017 as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Tropical Texas Behavior Health members thanked the court for the acknowledgement.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 5 - 0 – Unanimously

C. AI-59043 Update on Texas A&M McAllen Campus

Bobby Villarreal informed that utilities leading to the facility have been completed. Accordingly, they expect completion fall of 2018. They'll be having an open house with prospective students for questions and answers.

6. District Attorney's Office:

- 3. **AI-58919** Pct 3 Parks (1100):
 - a. Approval to undesignate the amount of \$279,375.11 in the year 2017 for expenditures related to insurance proceeds received for the damages sustained during the May 2016 weather event.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

- b. Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds in the amount of \$279,375.11 to fund anticipated repairs/purchases needed for the Anzalduas Park.

Judge Garcia joined the meeting.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

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Purchasing Department:

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-58992** A. Requesting exemption from competitive procurement requirements pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, 262.024 (7) & (A) an item that can only be obtained from one source;

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

- B. Requesting approval of a "Sole Source Declaration" for SCI Technologies, Inc. d/b/a SkyCop, Inc. for the purchase [through the requisition/PO protocol] of a SkyCop Mobile Surveillance Unit [equipment and related items/services] for all Hidalgo County Elected Offices [commencing with the Sheriff's Office], Departments, Programs and/or Agencies (all funding sources) with the declaration to remain in effect unless otherwise revokes by Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court including compliance with HB23 and/or HB1295 when and if applicable.

Commissioner Flores stepped away from the meeting.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

B. Pct. 1

- 1. **AI-58499** A. Acceptance and approval of the following listed construction contract documents as awarded by Commissioners' Court on December 13, 2016 (AI#57719) for the following HC Pct. #1- Paving and Drainage Improvements Projects:

Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1 – FEMA Road Drainage Improvements - Indian Hills Subdivision	2016-399-12-07	IOC Company	\$1,280,979.70
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On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

- B. Pursuant to TXLGC 262.031 and in the interest of expediting a Project's progress, requesting authority/approval for the Precinct Commissioner or designee: David Suarez, Chief Administrator to execute change orders that involve Increasing or decreasing in cost of \$50,000.00 or LESS and in no event to exceed the Change Order's statutory limits. The original contract price may not be decreased

D.

Pct. 4

1. **AI-59044**

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. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 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 Engineering Firms for the provision of "professional engineering services" for *Project: Expansion of the Mile 22.5 Road located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4;*

ENGINEERING FIRMS:

Totals	Quintanilla, Headly & Associates, Inc.	DBR Engineering Consultants, Inc.	Alpha Infrastructure Engineering, PLLC
Scores	97	95	94
Ranking	1	2	3

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

APPROVED

C. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional engineering services agreement for *Project: Expansion of the Mile 22.5 Road located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4,* commencing with the No.1 ranked firm Quintanilla, Headly & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

D. 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. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 – Unanimously

E. Presentation of the scoring grid (for the purposes of ranking by CC) the firms graded & evaluated through the County's approved "pool" of Engineering Firms for the provision of "professional engineering services" for *Project: Cesar Chavez Road (Owassa - Iowa) located within Hidalgo County Precinct 4;*

ENGINEERING FIRMS:

Totals	Strada Engineering and Consulting, LLC	Doucet & Associates, Inc.	Fulcrum Consulting Services
Scores	98	95	92
Ranking	1	2	3

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 -Unanimously

F. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional engineering services agreement for *Project: Cesar Chavez Road (Owassa - Iowa) located within Hidalgo County Precinct 4,* commencing with the No.1 ranked firm Strada Engineering and Consulting, LLC. for Engineering Services.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 3 - 0 -Unanimously