SPECIAL MEETING - January 10, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 10th day of January 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
January 10, 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.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Court approved the consent agenda for the exception of Consent Agenda Item.14.M. to be pulled for further discussion.

5. County Judge's Office:

A. AI-58012 Recognition of the UT-RGV Medical School Inaugural Class

Commissioners Court recognized the fifty-four medical students admitted to the UTRGV School of Medicine. According to Judge Garcia, 2,700 students applied and only 55 were admitted to the medical program, this will be the future class of 2020.

The students are expect to complete the first two years in the Edinburg campus and then transfer to Harlingen.

Vice President for Governmental and Community Relations Veronica Gonzalez described the students as "not only book smart, but who are compassionate and have the sincere desire to improve the lives and the health of our society by serving as physicians".

Court recessed regular meeting and proceeded back to drainage district.

6. District Attorney's Office:

A. AI-57879 1. DA Check Fraud (1222):
Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds for the DA-Check Fraud (1222) budget.
2. DA- Investigation HB 65 Ch. 59 (1223):
Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds for the DA-CCP 59 (1223) budget.
3. DA Pre-Trial (1225):
Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds for the DA-Pretrial (1225) budget.
4. DA-US Justice (1256):
Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds for the DA-US Justice (1256) budget.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on 1 to 4.

Vote: 5 - 0 – Unanimously

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

D. **AI-57787** Authorization to submit the Economically Disadvantaged County (EDC) Program Application and Affidavit for the FM907 (Nolana-IH2) Project, CSJ 1586-01-069, with authority for County Judge to sign all required documentation.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

E. **Budget Appropriations:**

1. **AI-57873** CO2014-Pct 4 (1345):
Approval of 2017 appropriation of funds into CO2014-Pct 4 in the amount of $250,000.00 to fund anticipated expenditures.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO “EDDIE” CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

22. **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-57886** Acceptance and approval of the final negotiated contracts and/or documents between Hidalgo County and Aetna Life Insurance Co., and Dearborn National (No. 1 ranked providers) for the "Third Party Administration Individual Stop Loss for Self Funded Medical Plan, Group Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment", with authority for County Judge to sign all required documents.

Commissioner Fuentes abstained from voting on this item.

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

2. **AI-57863** Requesting approval of an "Amendment" to contract #16-236-08-23 between HC and IMS for the provision of the Warrant Card Project -Printing & Mailing Services to reflect the deletion of vendor obligation to secure postage and impose vendor obligation to mail using HC Postage Permit as detailed in document attached herein and compliance with form 1295 when and if applicable.

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: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

3. **AI-57870** A. Acceptance of Quote #00001409 from HART InterCivic, awarded vendor, through BuyBoard Coop. Program Contract #460-14 Voting Equipment [as approved by state of Texas Certification Process] including the Contract document [reviewed/approved as to form by HC-DA/Civil Section] with authority to purchase same through a submitted Electronic Requisition and processed Purchase Order System in the amount of $5,491,500.00 [with details on both the Contract document and/with attached Quote herein] and approval to have County Judge to execute HART Interactive Contract Documents and subject to compliance with form 1295 and any other statutory/policy requirements, if and when applicable;

Yvonne Ramon, Elections Administrator, stated that the decision to recommend HART InterCivic as the new voting equipment partner has been an ongoing process with a lot of research. Underlining that the starting point was in 2014, staying as ES&S customers for all these years. However, according to Mrs.

B. **Pct. 1**

1. **AI-57884** Approve a request for payment-Application #2 in the amount of $104,125.94 as submitted by IOC Company, LLC #C-16-289-09-06 for the provision of Paving & Drainage Improvements Project to Nittler Road.

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: 5 - 0 – Unanimously

C. **Pct. 4**

1. **AI-57916** Requesting approval of an (On Call) "professional services agreement" with ARANDA & ASSOCIATES, INC. for the purposes of [Surveying Services] for "Road and Bridge, C.I.P. and Other projects in General", located within Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4.

Commissioner Fuentes stepped away from the meeting.

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: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

2. **AI-57975** a. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (A) (4) a professional surveying services;

Martha Salazar informed that the word "surveying" was to be delete it, to only be a "professional service".

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: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

b. 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 architectural services for: "The Design & Development of Brewster Park" located in Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4:

ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS:

Firm	HDR ARCHITECTS	FULCRUM CONSULTING SERVICES	MILNET ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
Score by Evaluator 1	92	94	97
Ranking by CC	**3**	**2**	**1**

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

APPROVED

Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

c. Authority for the Purchasing Department to negotiate an "AIA" form of agreement for: "The Design & Development of Brewster Park" located in Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4, with the No. 1 ranked firm: **Milnet Architectural Services** for Architectural Services.

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: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

Court proceeded to Item.22.C.E

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

Mrs. Salazar read item and action was taken under Item.22.C.2.A

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 (On Call) "Engineering Services" for projects located in Hidalgo County

PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

for

"DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT OF BREWSTER PARK"

HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT No. 4

Scoring & Evaluation GRID

Engineering Firms

Total Scores	HDR Architects	Fulcrum Consulting Services	Milnet Architectural Services
Evaluator 1	92	94	97
RANKING			

Scoring/Evaluation-completed by HC Precinct No. 4-Lulu Lucio