

SPECIAL MEETING - AUGUST 20, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 20th day of August A.D., 2024, 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 RICHARD F. CORTEZ	HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE
HONORABLE DAVID FUENTES	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
HONORABLE EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
HONORABLE ELLIE TORRES	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
AUGUST 20, 2024
10:00 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 in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Administration Building, 100 E. Cano, 1st floor, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas. Discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

In accordance with Section 551.127, NOTICE is hereby given that a physical quorum, including the presiding officer/member, will be present at the specified meeting location. Some members of the governing body and/or government officials may participate via videoconference.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meetings online, at: www.hidalgocounty.us/HClive

1. **Roll Call** (Audio Reference 33m:27s)
Judge Richard F. Cortez called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.
All members of the Court were present during the roll call, except Commissioner Everardo "Ever" Villarreal.
Commissioner Everardo "Ever" Villarreal was absent from this meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** (Audio Reference 33m:51s)
Veteran Deputy Sheriff, Edwin Guevara, led the Court in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Prayer** (Audio Reference 33m:51s)
Honorable Judge, Juan Alvarez, offered the prayer.
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda** (Audio Reference 35m:38s)
The Court proceeded with the discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.
See the consent agenda for the action taken.
5. **Approval of Awards/Recognitions:**
 - A. **AI-96380** Approval of Proclamation Recognizing Hidalgo County as an "Age-Friendly" Community. (Audio Reference 38m:05s)
Kimberly Cruz, with the County Judge's Office, read the Proclamation Recognizing Hidalgo County as an "Age-Friendly" Community.
On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 5.A.
Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously
Dr. Sudershan Pasupuleti, with UTRGV School of Social Work, came before the Court to express his gratitude for making Hidalgo County "Age-Friendly." Dr. Pasupuleti also thanked his team for all their hard work and dedication.
Commissioner Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu stepped away from the meeting.
6. **Open Forum** (Audio Reference 46m:09s)
Open Forum Participant, Fern McClagherty came before the Court to express her concerns on the delinquent Court fines and fees collection report. Mrs. McClagherty asked the Court to stop spending beyond the people's ability to pay.
Commissioner Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu rejoined the meeting at this time.
No action was taken on Agenda Item 6.
7. **District Attorney's Office:**

- A. **AI-96371** Requesting approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the South Texas Independent School District and the County of Hidalgo for student transportation staging area for the 2024-2025 School Year. (Audio Reference 1h:51m:41s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 17.A.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

- B. **AI-96340** Approval of the Reimbursement Agreement for preliminary engineering services between Union Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Hidalgo (Pct. 1) for the Mile 1 E. project. (Audio Reference 1h:52m:03s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 17.B.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

18. **Precinct #2 - Comm. Cantu:**

- A. **AI-96378 Children's Advocacy Center d/b/a Estrella's House (1100):**
1. Discussion, consideration, and action to amend the Declaration of Support for the Children's Advocacy Center, d/b/a Estrella's House from \$70,000.00 to \$150,000.00.
2. Approval to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$80,000.00 to the Children's Advocacy Center d/b/a Estrella's House after review and processing procedures are completed by the County Auditor. (Audio Reference 1h:52m:17s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda items 18.A.1., and 18.A.2.

Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

- B. **AI-96382** Requesting approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and Region One Education Service Center-Adult Education Program to establish an adult education and literacy program for eligible participants at the Hidalgo County Pct 2 Community Resource Centers located at 509 E. Earling Rd, San Juan, TX and 1429 S. Tower Rd, Alamo, TX. (Audio Reference 1h:52m:53s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 18.B.

Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

- C. **AI-96421** Pct 2 Cesar Chavez (Bus. 83-Nolana Loop):
Requesting approval to accept counter-offer to purchase a tract of land known as **Parcels 74** associated with the Pct 2 Cesar Chavez Road Project from Bus 83 to Nolana Loop (ROW CSJ:0921-02-406), with authority for the County Judge to sign the Administrative Evaluation and Approval Forms. (Audio Reference 1h:53m:12s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 18.C.

Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

- D. **AI-96429** Requesting approval to accept a revised counter-offer to purchase a tract of land known as Parcel 70 associated with the Pct 2 Cesar Chavez Road Project from Bus 83 to Nolana Loop (ROW CSJ:0921-02-406), with authority for the County Judge to sign the Administrative Evaluation and Approval Form. (Audio Reference 1h:53m:30s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 18.D.

Vote: 4 - 0 -Unanimously

19. **Precinct #4 - Comm. Torres:**

- A. **AI-96318** 1. Requesting approval of a resolution authorizing Hidalgo County to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the 2024-2025 Colonia Funds - Construction Program, Application No. CFC24-0082 (CFC Grant), and granting authorization for the Hidalgo County Judge to execute all necessary documents related to this program. (Audio Reference 1h:53m:49s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.A.1.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. Discussion and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Hidalgo County and North Alamo Water

Supply Corporation regarding Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 2024-2025 Colonia Funds - Construction Program, Application No. CFC24-0082 (CFC Grant). (Audio Reference 1h:54m:27s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.A.2.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. AI-96295** Discussion, consideration and action on request by the Linn-San Manuel Community Improvement Corporation to use the Linn-San Manuel Veterans Park for the 11th Annual LSMCIC Round-Up to be held on October 19, 2024. (Audio Reference 1h:55m:00s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.B.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

- C. AI-96349** Requesting approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District for the Southeast Park project located in Precinct 4. (Audio Reference 1h:55m:22s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.C.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

- D. AI-95733** Requesting approval of a Service Agreement with Driscoll Health Plan (DHP) for the purpose of assisting the residents of Hidalgo County with education and training to increase family awareness of health topics to promote a long-term development of healthier habits through the "Health Education and Literacy" Initiative ("HEAL"), through Hidalgo County Precinct 4 as the primary contact, for the term of twelve (12) months with authority for the County Judge to sign the required documents. (Audio Reference 1h:55m:41s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.D.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

- E. AI-96356** Pct4 TPWD Sunflower Park (1286):
 1. Requesting approval of the grant agreement extension with Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Memorial Park (Sunflower) project, extending the term from May 20, 2021, to September 30, 2025.(Audio Reference 1h:56m:16s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.E.1.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

2. Authorization for Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez to sign the grant agreement extension document. (Audio Reference 1h:56m:43s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 19.E.2.

Vote: 4 - 0 - Unanimously

20. Budget & Management:

- A. AI-96361** 2024 General Fund & Special Revenue Fund - Leases (Various Departments):
 1. Approval of certification of revenues, as certified by the County Auditor, to fund lease expenses.
 2. Approval of 2024 appropriation of revenues and expenses to fund lease expenses. (Audio Reference 1h:56m:57s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda item 20.A.

Vote: 4 - 0 – Unanimously

- B. AI-96285 Adult Probation Drug Court & AIP Program (1289):**
 1. Approval to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for FY 2025 (Sept. 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2025) in relation to the Drug Court and Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP) with authority for County Judge, as authorized official, to execute agreement.
 2. Approval of interfund transfer. (Audio Reference 1h:57m:24s)

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, DAVID FUENTES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, ELLIE TORRES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval on agenda items 20.B.1., and 20.B.2.

There being no further business to come before said Court, the meetings of the Commissioners Court and the Drainage District #1 Board are now hereby adjourned.

Dated this the 20th day of August, 2024

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: _____
Daniela E. Garza, Deputy

I, ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners Court held on August 20, 2024.

Signed this 23rd day of August, 2024

ATTEST:
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
Of the Commissioners Court of
Hidalgo County

By: _____
(Seal) Daniela E. Garza, Deputy