

Resolution of The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court in Support of a Request for State Legislative Funding For Development and Construction of the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Coordination Center

- Whereas* Hidalgo County is committed to protecting the lives, property, and well-being of its residents through investments in emergency preparedness and public safety infrastructure; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County is responsible for maintaining an effective emergency management program to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and recent flooding, hurricanes, severe weather, and other disasters have demonstrated the need for enhanced regional emergency coordination, disaster preparedness, and emergency response capabilities; and
- Whereas* The proposed Rio Grande Valley Emergency Coordination Center will serve as a regional hub for emergency operations, interagency coordination, disaster response, and public safety collaboration for Hidalgo County and its regional partners; and
- Whereas* Hidalgo County has already demonstrated its commitment by investing approximately \$31.5 million in planning, engineering, land, roadway, and drainage improvements to support the project; and
- Whereas* The County is requesting a \$7 million appropriation from the State of Texas to complete the emergency response infrastructure necessary to make this regional facility operational. The proposed location is strategically situated near Interstate 2 (I-2) and Interstate 69C (I-69C), providing direct access to major transportation corridors that enable the rapid deployment of emergency personnel, equipment, and critical resources to Precincts 1, 2, and 4, neighboring communities, and emergency incidents throughout the Rio Grande Valley, thereby strengthening regional preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities; and
- Whereas* The Commissioners Court finds that the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Coordination Center will enhance the State of Texas' emergency management capabilities by improving regional coordination, accelerating emergency response times, strengthening mutual aid operations, and leveraging significant local investment for the benefit of residents throughout South Texas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved and ordered by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court that:

1. The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court expresses its full support for the development and construction of the Rio Grande Valley Emergency Coordination Center.
2. The Commissioners Court respectfully requests that the 90th Texas Legislature appropriate Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to assist in funding this critical regional public safety project.
3. The Commissioners Court affirms Hidalgo County's continued commitment to partnering with local, state, and federal agencies to strengthen emergency preparedness and disaster response throughout the Rio Grande Valley.
4. The County Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Texas, the Hidalgo County Legislative Delegation, the Legislative Budget Board, and other appropriate state officials in support of this funding request.

***Passed, Approved, Resolved and Ordered
this 1st day of September 2026.***

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TORRES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk