

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 01, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1st day of September A.D., 2011, 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 HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

HONORABLE JOE 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
September 1, 2011
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 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:

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present, with the exception of Commissioner Quintanilla.

2. AI-28291 Appointment of Judge to the Office of County Court at Law #7

Commissioner Flores moved to appoint Rolando Cantu to County Court at Law #7.

Discussion follows:

Judge Garcia informed the Court and audience that notices had been sent out asking anyone within the bar that was interested in being considered to be present today or to inform Mr. Valde Guerra. Commissioner Joseph Palacios asked Mr. Guerra if he had received any other responses from anyone else. Mr. Guerra replied, "No Sir." Commissioner Joseph Palacios asked for the Record: Who are the ones being considered at this point, or who requested to be considered at this point in time? Mr. Guerra replied, Ms. Yanez and Mr. Cantu. Those are the only two individuals that I'm aware of, that has expressed interest.

Judge Garcia asked to hear discussions from both individuals. Ms. Yanez summarized her qualifications before the Court and asked for the Courts consideration to sit in the County Court at Law #7. The following individuals came before the Court in support of Ms. Yanez: Ambrosia Ramirez, Rosalinda Ramirez, Leslie Gouer, Summer Almos, John Escamilla, Ann Cass, Juanita Valdez Cox, Eduardo de la Rosa, Rosalie Weisfield, Brandy Wingate, Inaudible supporter, etc.

Mr. Ralondo Cantu then came before the Court and briefly expressed his interest to be appointed to County Court at Law #7.

Mr. Guerra informed the Court that they are not ready to house the position. He stated that there is an Interlocal with the City of Edinburg whereas the Court can begin to hold the Commissioners' Court Meetings at the City of Edinburg, City Hall. In turn he would come to Commissioners' Court for placement of County Court at Law # 7 to be housed in the present Commissioners' Courtroom. He would be coming to court and designating Commissioners' Court as the Court for County Court at Law #7, in the interim while a permanent home is finalized for County Court at Law #7.

Commissioner Joseph Palacios praised both Ms. Yanez and Mr. Cantu and wished them the best of luck.

There being no further discussion, Judge Garcia suggested the Court vote on the issue.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joseph Palacios to appoint Mr. Rolando Cantu to the position of Judge of the Office of County Court at Law #7, and the vote was as follows:

AYE: Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Joseph Palacios

NAY: Judge Garcia, Commissioner Hector Palacios

ABSENT: Commissioner Quintanilla

Commissioner Hector Palacios moved to appoint Ms. Linda Yanez. The motion was seconded by Judge Garcia to appoint Linda Yanez to Judge of the County Court at Law #7, and the vote was as follows:

AYE: Commissioner Hector Palacios, Judge Ramon Garcia

NAY: Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Joseph Palacios

ABSENT: Commissioner Quintanilla

Judge Garcia requested to have this item placed on Commissioners' Court Agenda with a full quorum, due to not being able to break the tie.

3. Adjourn

On motion of Commissioner Joseph Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to Adjourn.

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 1st day of September 2011

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

By: _____
Priscilla Torres, Deputy

I, ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on September 01, 2011.

Signed this 1st day of September 2011

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

(Seal)

By: _____
Priscilla Torres, Deputy