



**AGENDA  
HIDALGO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING  
December 15, 2020  
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 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. As a result, all or some government officials may participate via videoconference. Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to watch the meetings online, at: [www.hidalgocounty.us/HClive](http://www.hidalgocounty.us/HClive)

To participate in public comment, please call: (956) 292-7630 and you will be given further instruction and be provided with a toll free number at that time.

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Prayer**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
5. **Open Forum**
6. **County Judge's Office:**
  - A. **AI-78716**
    1. Approval of Proclamation terminating a Local State of Disaster resulting from recent wind and rain events of July 25, 2020 which caused widespread flooding and damage to property.
    2. Authority for the County Judge to sign the required document.
7. **County Treasurer:**
  - A. **AI-78720** Discussion, consideration, and/or possible action regarding the current operating balances at the County's depository bank.
8. **HIDTA - Task Force:**
  - A. **AI-78667** Authorization and approval to accept the Memorandums of Understanding between the Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force and the Aransas Pass Police Department, Brooks

County Sheriff's Office, Corpus Christi Police Department, , and Jim Wells Sheriff's Office.

- B. AI-78632** Authorization and approval to accept an extension request on FY2019(G19SS0002A) HIDTA Grant from 12/31/20 to 6/30/21.

- C. AI-78636** HIDTA (1291):  
Approval to submit reprogram request to South Texas HIDTA from FY 2019 grant funds and related intradepartmental transfer.

**9. County Clerk's Office - Arturo Guajardo, Jr.:**

- A. AI-78669** Requesting approval of 2021 Official Bond and Oath for Elected Official:  
Robert M. Contreras - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Pl. 1

**10. Sheriff's Office:**

- A. AI-78700** Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, Hidalgo Co Constable PCT 2 and Hidalgo Co Constable PCT 4 (1284):  
Authorization and approval to accept a budget amendment (FRAG) in reference to Operation Stonegarden FY 2019 grant.

**11. Constable Pct. #3:**

- A. AI-78633** Discussion, consideration, and approval of the First Extension to Interlocal Agreement for Hidalgo County, on behalf of the Constable Precinct 3 Office, and Texas A&M-Kingsville, on behalf of its Police Department to commence upon court approval date and will remain in full force and effect as pursuant to section 25 or extended by written agreement of the parties with authority for County Judge, as authorized official, to sign Interlocal Agreement and related documents.

**12. Human Resources:**

- A.** Requesting waiver of the following, if applicable, for personnel items listed:  
1. Civil Service Commission Rules - Section 3.22  
2. Hidalgo County Personnel Policy Manual - Section 6.27  
3. Budget Amendment Policy - Personnel Related Amendments

- B. AI-78631** Pct. 4 Drainage Improvements Project (1200):  
Approval of the following personnel actions, effective next full pay period 12/21/2021 and for calendar year 2021:

Action	Dept./ Prg.	Slot #	Current Position Title	Current Grade	Proposed Position Title	Proposed Grade
Title Change	124- 036	0018	Program Manager II	15	Assistant Director, Field Operations I	15

**13. Urban County:**

- A. AI-78627** Requesting approval of Resolution authorizing Hidalgo County Urban County Program (UCP) to submit a Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

- B. AI-78634**
1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a)(4) for Professional Engineering Services;
  2. Presentation of the scoring grid for the purposes of ranking by CC of at least three (3) Engineering Firms from the County's approved "pool" as graded and evaluated by the City of Weslaco, Urban County Program, and Hidalgo County Purchasing Department, in connection with and funded through Hidalgo County Urban County Program Year 32 (2019) Weslaco Water & Sewer Improvement Project funds.

Professional Service Firm	Grade	Ranked
Cruz-Hogan Consultants	92.67%	
S&B Infrastructure	90.00%	
Halff & Associates	88.34%	

3. Authority to negotiate a professional engineering service contract with the No. 1 ranked firm of \_\_\_\_\_ for the provision of Engineering Service for an Urban County Program Year 32 (2019) Weslaco Water & Sewer Improvements project.

- C. AI-78626** "Subject to compliance with HB 1295" the Urban County Program is requesting approval of a best and final negotiated contract for Professional Engineering Services with CassLee Investments, LLC d/b/a CSJ Group in the amount of \$22,858.00 utilizing CDBG FY 33 (2020) Edcouch Street Improvements Funding and approval of Work Authorization No. 1.

**14. Health & Human Services Department:**

- A. AI-78619** Requesting approval of the Certification of Revenue by the County Auditor in the amount of \$191,273.95 from the Medicaid Administrative Claiming program for the quarter of January to March 2020 and appropriation of the same.

**B. Health Care Funding District:**

- 1. AI-78617**
- A. Discussion, consideration and approval to draw down funds for Demonstration Year 9 Round 2 DSRIP Payment IGT in the amount to be determined by HHSC instructions from the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) with a tentative transfer date of 1-5-21 and a settlement date of 1-6-21.
  - B. Approval of Certification of Revenues as certified by the County Auditor from the LPPF in the amount to be determined by HHSC final instructions.
  - C. Approval of Appropriation of funds from the LPPF in the amount to be determined by HHSC final instructions.

**15. Community Service Agency:**

- A. AI-78685** Discussion, consideration, and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Community Service Advisory Board regarding the approval to amend the PY 2021 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) Service Delivery Plan to allow for maximum allocations per household.

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

- A. **AI-78737** Nolana Loop Project (FM 1426 - FM 88) (TXDOT):
1. Approval of an order authorizing Hidalgo County to enter into an Advance Funding Agreement - Amendment No. 1 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Nolana Loop Road Project from FM 1426 to FM 88, with authority for the County Judge to sign the order.
  2. Approval of Advance Funding Agreement (AFA)-Amendment No. 1 between Hidalgo County and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Nolana Loop Road Project from FM 1426 to FM 88 (CSJ:0921-02-169), with authority for the County Judge to docusign required documentation.

**17. Budget & Management:**

- A. **AI-78677** PCT2 RD MAINT (1200):  
Approval of salary schedule changes in accordance with Hidalgo County Classification and Compensation Pay Plan effective 12/07/2020 and in the calendar year 2021:

FROM						TO	
Action	Dept/Prg	Slot	Position Title	G/S	Budgeted Salary	G/S	Proposed Salary
Budget Adjustment (Lateral Transfer)	122-006	0084	Road Construction Foreman	13/01	\$51,084.00	13/02	\$52,872.00

- B. **AI-78703** PCT 4 Road Maintenance (1200) / PCT 4 Drain Imprv Prj (1200): Approval of the following change in funding sources as listed below, effective 12/21/2020 and in 2021.

FROM				TO			
Dept/Prg	Slot	Position Title	G/S	Dept/Prg	Slot	Position Title	G/S
124-036	0018	Assistant Director, Field Operations I	15/02	124-007	0117	Assistant Director, Field Operations I	15/02

- C. **AI-78697** TXDOT - Pct 4 FM1925 (1315):  
Authorization to submit the Economically Disadvantaged County (EDC) Program Application and Affidavit for the FM1925 (FM907 – Sharp Rd) Project, CSJ 1803-02-035, with authority for the County Judge to sign all required documentation.

- D. **AI-78645** CARES Act Relief Funds (1287):  
Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the ratification of necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditures, as listed on Exhibit A, to cover costs not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation in connection with the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use.

**18. 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 FORWARDED 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-78551** Recommendation by project architect HDR to award contract for RFB titled: "Procurement and Installation of Signage and Other Items" for the New Hidalgo County Courthouse Project No. 2020-504-11-18-HAG to the responsible vendor GraphTec Inc. submitting the best qualified bid [meeting all specifications and requirements as set forth and approved by CC and included in the procurement packet] in the amount of \$293,696.00 subject to submission of compliant payment and performance bonds with review and approval by HC/DA/Civil Section prior to execution by HC.
2. **AI-78623** A.) Presentation of scoring/grading grid (from designated evaluation committee) for the purpose of Commissioners' Court to rank the responses received for the project: RFP No. 2020-400-11-04-ABV-Actuarial Consulting Services for GASB 74 & 75;  
  
B.) Authority for the Purchasing Department to commence negotiations for a letter of engagement including (Best and Final Offer) with the number one ranked firm of \_\_\_\_\_ for " Actuarial Consulting Services".
3. **AI-78727** 370th State District Court:  
Presentation of the sole vendor, Vazaldua & Associates, submitting the lowest and best bid for the purpose of award and approval of contract for Request for Sealed Proposal titled: Hidalgo County -"Turnkey Online Credit Recovery, GED, Life Coaching & Tutoring Services" through project No. RFSP:2020-667-12-11-TDL subject to compliance with all federal and/or state requirements.
4. **AI-78625** A. Requesting exemption from competitive procurement requirements pursuant to Texas Local Government Code. 262.024(a)(7)(C) an item that can only be obtained from one source;  
  
B. Approval of a Sole Source Declaration for Metro Fire Apparatus Specialties, Inc. for Fire Rescue Equipment and related services for Hidalgo County Elected Offices, Departments, Programs and/or Agencies (all funding sources);
5. **AI-78655** Requesting approval of Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health for the provision of "Screening Assessment and Psychiatric Evaluations for Inmates" - C-20-403-12-15.

**B. Executive Office**

1. **AI-78711** A.) Presentation of scoring grid as attached for the purposes of ranking by CC, of the responses received and evaluated in connection with RFP No. 2020-530-11-04-ABV for Property & Casualty Insurance Policies (Including 3rd Party Administration Services), SOLELY for "Boiler Machinery" in order to award and approve premiums of same;  
  
B.) Recommendation to accept "Premium Summary", award the top ranked proposal

received from \_\_\_\_\_ for Hidalgo County's Property & Casualty Insurance Policies (including 3rd Party Administration Services), SOLELY for Boiler & Machinery with authority to purchase said policies and services from \_\_\_\_\_.

C.) Recommending that CC approve to waive technicality pursuant legal notices to RFP: 2020-530-11-04-ABV Property & Casualty Insurance Policies including 3rd Party Administration Services) Summary and accept Medical Malpractice line coverage secured by Montalvo Insurance (received after RFP acceptance date) as it is in the best interest of Hidalgo County to do so;

D.) Review, recommendation and action by HCCC to accept the sole response received from Montalvo Insurance for RFP: 2020-530-11-04-ABV for "Hidalgo County's Property and Casualty Insurance Policies (including 3rd Party Administration Services), as listed on the summary of submissions received, attached.

E.) Review, recommendation and action by HCCC to accept the sole response received from McGriff, Seibles & Williams for RFP: 2020-530-11-04-ABV for "Hidalgo County's Property and Casualty Insurance Policies (including 3rd Party Administration), as listed on the summary of submissions received, attached.

F.) Approval to proceed to complete applications [as required by vendor] including authority for Judge, Court Member of Commissioners' Court or Executive Officer to sign any applicable documentation for said policies and services.

G.) Acceptance and approval of schedule of premiums/fees (as approved by CC) and attached hereto as 2021-2022 Coverage Summary for Property and Casualty Insurance Policies awarded effective January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021 with authority to purchase and issue payment.

## **C. County Judge's Office**

### **1. AI-78671 Office of Emergency Management:**

A. "Discussion, consideration and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for the Hidalgo County Office of Emergency Management to purchase Turnkey Audio Visual Services (hardware, accessories, installation and training) for the HC Annex IV, which will serve as the Emergency Management Operations/Call Centers, in order to assist with County functions related to the public health measures addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use;"

B. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.

C. Requesting approval for the purchase of Turnkey Audio Visual Services (hardware, accessories, installation and training) for the HC Annex IV Emergency Management Operations/Call Centers through \_\_\_\_\_ under cooperative contract (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ in the total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **AI-78652** A. Requesting approval to rescind action taken by Commissioners Court on Tuesday October 27, 2020 [AI-77967] for the purchase of the following equipment:

PO#	Vendor	Model	Amount
824565	Portable Restroom Trailers, LLC.	ADA Plus 4 Restroom Beach Series	\$59,895.00
824567	Ready2Go Restroom Trailers Sales, LLC.	ADA Plus 2 Restroom Series	\$52,500.00

B. "Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for the purchase of two (2) ADA Mobile Restrooms in order to assist frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic by providing lavatories in an off grid location. In order to assist with Public Health expenses addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, attached herein, finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use";

C. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens;

D. Requesting authority to purchase two (2) ADA Plus 4 Portable Restroom Trailers – Beach Series from Ready2Go Restroom Trailers Sales LLC. with a cost not to exceed \$59,895.00 per Unit including commitment and acknowledgement by vendor delivery of the two (2) units on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.

**D. Pct. 1**

1. **AI-78713** Presentation of the sole bid received and meeting all specifications for the purpose of award and approval of contract to Rio Grande Hauling for project titled: "Hauling Services for all Road Materials-Pct.1 for RFB:2020-618-12-02-JAG" subject to compliance with Form 1295.

**E. Pct. 3**

1. **AI-78699** Pursuant to HC adopted/current Exiting Elected Officials Expenditure Policy action on a request to purchase Type D Hot Mix Asphalt from current awarded vendor, Valley Caliche Products in the amount of \$44,140.60 through submitted Requisition #425301 with authority to process a Purchase Order.

**F. Pct. 4**

1. **AI-78715** Requesting approval of the agreement between Hidalgo County and goERO International, LLC d/b/a ERO - C-20-225-12-15 for the provision of "On-Call Architect Services for projects located within Precinct 4.
2. **AI-78717** Requesting approval of the agreement between Hidalgo County and Leonel Garza, Jr. & Associates, LLC - C-20-XXX-12-15 for the provision of "On-Call Appraisal Services for projects located within Precinct 4.
3. **AI-78712** Requesting approval of the agreement between Hidalgo County and TEDSI

Infrastructure Group, Inc.. - C-20-410-12-15 for the provision of "On-Call Engineering Services for R&B, CIP, and Other Services" for projects located within Precinct 4.

4. **AI-78661** Requesting approval of agreement between Hidalgo County and SDI Engineering, LLC - C-20-237-12-15 for the provision of "On-Call Construction Management Services" for projects located within Precinct 4.
5. **AI-78666** Requesting approval of agreement between Hidalgo County and L & G Consulting Engineers, Inc. d/b/a as L & G Engineering - C-20-409-12-15 for the provision of "On-Call Engineering Services for R&B, CIP, and Other Services" for projects located within Precinct 4.
6. **AI-78564** Requesting approval of Supplemental Agreement #2 to C-16-048-02-03 contract between Hidalgo County and L&G Engineering for the FM1925 1,500 Ft West of FM2220 (Ware Rd) to 10th Street to extend the termination date of said Agreement for an additional two (2) years.

**G. Health & Human Services Dept.**

1. **AI-78658** A. Acceptance and approval of Amendment #1 to C-20-183-07-21 with SAMES Inc. for Engineering Services for Testing/Bio-Safety Laboratory Facility;  
  
B. Approval of Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$12,010.00 to SAMES, Inc. for Engineering Services for Testing/Bio-Safety Laboratory Facility as certified by Construction Management Services, B2Z Engineering.
2. **AI-78664** Acceptance and approval of the final negotiated contract with Network Sciences, Inc. (deemed qualified by CC on 12/01/2020) for RFP 2020-520 for "Indigent Health Care Computer Software for Hidalgo County Health & Human Services Department" including the "Best and Final Offer".

**H. Facilities Management**

1. **AI-78710** Requesting approval of revised proposal (originally approved on 11/24/2020, AI-78375) with an increase of \$19,866.15, to awarded contractor, Herrcon, due to unforeseen damage and repair to some roof panels and expanding dock from previous dimensions, per structural engineered drawings, for a new project total of \$167,382.40 subject to price verification via RSMeans.

**I. Sheriff's Office**

1. **AI-78659** A. Requesting approval of First Amendment to Service Contract [C-19-237-07-16] to reflect a necessary fee for services rendered outside of Hidalgo County to incarcerated inmates for Calera Inc., dba/ Rio Grande Valley Mobile X-Rays;  
  
B. Approval to exercise the county's option to utilize the one (1) year renewal term available on C-19-237-07-16 for Radiological Diagnostic & Related Mobile Services for Inmates {with same rates, terms and conditions} with Calera Inc. dba/Rio Grande Valley Mobile X-Rays.
2. **AI-78271** Requesting authority to enter into a 3 year "ADS 66" J27 Booster Heater Dish Washer" Lease Agreement with Performance Food Service in the amount of \$463.95 per month,



including monthly maintenance and repair services with a non-refundable security deposit of \$125.00.

- 3. AI-78620** Sheriff's Office:
- A. Approval to enter into a three (3) year Master Service Agreement with Upstate Wholesale Supply, dba Brite Computers for the provision of certain services as set forth therein commencing upon approval and for County Judge to execute it through requisition #425179;
- B. Requesting authority to purchase one-hundred and fifty (150) Body cameras and it's peripherals through our membership participation with DIR-TSO-4073 vendor Upstate Wholesale Supply, dba Brite Computers through requisition #425169.

**19. Executive Office:**

- A. Presentation for discussion of the following:
- 1) Update on ongoing county owned building construction, relocation and/or renovation repair projects
  - 2) Emergency situations occurring since last agenda meeting
- B. **AI-78651** Requesting approval of Resolution authorizing the Resale of properties (non-homestead) for failure to pay ad valorem taxes due to County - Michael Cano, Tax Attorney
- C. **AI-78733** Discussion, consideration and action regarding Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 for Materials

- 20. AI-78740** Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding:
- A. County response to disaster/health emergency:
- 1. CARES Act Funds
  - B. Measures necessary to preserve public health and safety
  - C. Direction regarding County government operations, including but not limited to essential functions

- 21. Closed Session:**
- Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.087 (Economic Development) to discuss the following:

- A. Real Estate Acquisition
- B. Private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending, potential and/or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.
- C. Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Legal Action due to emergency situation
- D. **AI-78649** Cause #C-0556-20-I; Harlin Doty v County
- E. **AI-78718** Consultation with legal counsel regarding Raquel De Alba et al vs. Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 et al, Cause No. C-2480-18-I, pending in the

- F.     **AI-78721**   1. Claim of Daniel Serna Jr.
2. Claim of Gustavo Balderas
22.                   A. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024(A) (4) "a Professional Service" for the "provision of legal services/representation in connection with litigation."
- B. Engagement with the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ for the "Provision of Legal Services/Representation in connection with Litigation" and authority to submit letter of engagement (subject to compliance with HB1295)
23.                   **Open Session:**
- A.               Real Estate Acquisition and appropriation for same
- B.               Pending and/or potential litigation
- C.               Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding response to public health emergency
- D.     **AI-78650**   Cause #C-0556-20-I; Harlin Doty v County
- E.     **AI-78719**   Consultation with legal counsel regarding Raquel De Alba et al vs. Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 et al, Cause No. C-2480-18-I, pending in the 398th District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.
- F.     **AI-78722**   1. Claim of Daniel Serna Jr.
2. Claim of Gustavo Balderas
24.                   **Closed Session:**  
Commissioners Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed
25.                   **Open Session:**  
Commissioners Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed
26.                   **Adjourn**