



**AGENDA  
HIDALGO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT  
EMERGENCY MEETING**

**July 9, 2020**

**9:30 A.M.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551.045 (b)(1) (media has been contacted), Texas Government Code, that an **EMERGENCY MEETING** of the Commissioners Court will be held due to the COVID-19 public health emergency which continues to pose an imminent threat to the public health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Hidalgo County, 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 at that time.

**EMERGENCY MEETING**

- 1. Roll Call**
  
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- 3. Prayer**
  
- 4. Open Forum**

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**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**

1. Discussion, consideration, and action authorizing the Commissioners Court by and through the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Director to designate CARES Act Relief Funds for expenditure, 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, for the purpose of addressing medical expenses related to the establishment of temporary public medical facilities and/or other measures necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity; the Court herein finds that such expenditures are reasonable and necessary to facilitate the County's ongoing response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

2. Discussion, consideration, and action authorizing the Commissioners Court by and through the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Director to utilize available exemptions under the Texas Local Government Code including but not limited to LGC 262.024 (a)(1) and (2) in the case of a public calamity to relieve the necessity of the citizens and to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens of Hidalgo County, for any and all expenditures necessary to address the public health emergency as authorized in item 1.

C. Direction regarding County government operations, including but not limited to essential functions

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**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

**7. 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

**8. Closed Session:**

Commissioners Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

**9. Open Session:**

Commissioners Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

**10. Adjourn**