

MINUTES

BUDGET WORKSHOP

HIDALGO COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

4405 South Professional Drive

Edinburg, Texas 78540

May 14, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard A. Garza, Chairman
Arturo E Guerra, Vice-Chairman
Amador Requenez, Secretary
David Hernandez, Board Member
Rudy Elizondo, Board Member
Armando Barrera, Jr., Non-Voting Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rolando Garza, RPA, Chief Appraiser
Richard S. Talbert, HCAD Attorney
Lydia Elizondo, Finance/Personnel Director

NOTICE had been posted that on the 14th day of May 2008 the Hidalgo County Appraisal District Board of Directors would hold a Budget Workshop at 1:00 p.m., at the 614 Wichita, McAllen, Texas, to consider the below items:

ITEM 1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Richard Garza, Chairman of the Board determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - No taxpayers were present for public comments.

ITEM 3. PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET - Mr. Rolando Garza, Chief Appraiser presented the Board with a draft of the 2009 proposed budget.

The following Line Items were discussed during the meeting:

(1) Line Item 1.02 Overtime - The Board questioned additional information on the increase in of \$25,000 from 2008 to the proposed amount for 2009 of \$50,000.

(2) Line Item 1.04 Unemployment - The Board questioned additional information on why the amount budgeted for 2008 was so low, and why the amount proposed for 2009 needed such an increase.

(3) Line Item 2.02 Health Insurance – The Board requested additional information on the increase in the amount of health insurance from \$436,800.00 in 2008 to \$456,000.00 for 2009. The increase was due to the increase of additional employees.

(4) Line Item 3.05, Car Allowance – Mr. Garza discussed with the Board the possibility of adding into the proposed 2009 budget a car allowance of \$500.00 for Real Estate Field Appraisers, \$350.00 for Personal Property Field Appraisers, \$250.00 for other Appraisers and Assistant Supervisors and the possible purchase of ten vehicles.

(5) Line Item 4.01 Minerals & Utilities Appraisals – Mr. Garza stated he would be going out for proposals in June 2008.

(6) Line Item 5.04 Building Maintenance – The Board recommended for Mr. Garza to reduce the proposed budgeted amount from \$70,000 to \$35,000.

(7) Line Item 5.17 Office Remodeling – The Board recommended for Mr. Garza to reduce the proposed budgeted amount from \$100,000.00 to \$50,000.00

After discussion of the Proposed 2009 Budget Mr. Garza, Chief Appraiser recommended for the Board to schedule a second workshop to further discuss the 2009 Proposed Budget.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT – The Board concluded the 2009 Budget Workshop at 3:00 p.m.

Richard A. Garza, Chairman

Amador Requenez, Secretary