

MINUTES

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
4:30 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011
HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ADMINISTRATION BLDG, 1ST FLOOR
100 E. CANO
EDINBURG, TEXAS
PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Board Members Present:	Others:
Dennis Burleson, Chairman	Godfrey Garza, Jr., Integ
Michael Cano, Vice-Chair	Flor E. Koll, HCRMA
Joe Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer	Blakely Fernandez, Legal Counsel
Ricardo Perez	Dan Rios, Legal Counsel
David Guerra	Richard Ramirez, FSW
Alonzo Cantu	Andrew Canon, HCMPO
Forrest Runnels	Jody Ellington, TxDOT

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Burleson established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fern McClaugherty
Bea Whitlock
Virginia Townsend
Jim Barnes

The order for presentations for item 4G was established and announces as follows:

1ST = HNTB, 2nd = Dannenbaum, and 3rd = LAN

Alonzo Cantu made a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding item 4G, Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried. Regular session adjourned and the board entered into Executive Session at 4:49pm.

Regular Session reconvened at 5:05pm. Chairman Burleson announced no decisions were made during Executive Session and moved on to item 4B.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for 7/19 and 7/27

No action

B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for August 2011

Michael Cano made a motion to approve the expense report as presented, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports – Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.

No action

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4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Status update on

1. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza

No update

2. Update on Negotiations with Surveying and Engineering Firms for TCC – Godfrey Garza

Godfrey Garza reported the surveying was completed on both segments. Mr. Garza stated Planning committee meet with both surveying firms, both firms submitted letter of acceptance concurring with the numbers, the planning committee direction Mr. Garza to forward those numbers to TxDOT for final and review. Mr. Garza also stated that the planning committee had meet with both Engineering firms. One engineering firm submitted numbers that concurred with the RMA, those numbers were and one firm submitted numbers that were not within the RMA's range. At this time the planning committee has directed Mr. Garza to submit a letter to L&G Engineering to see if they would like to resubmit their numbers or if we should wait for the GEC to negotiate with that firm. Jody Ellington, TxDOT, stated TxDOT would be willing to take a look at revised proposal, at any scope changes, or if there is an area that is particularly high and make recommendations to the planning committee. HCRMA will include the L&G revised proposal in a request to TxDOT for comments.

4. Tiger Grant III Application – Godfrey Garza

Godfrey Garza reported meeting with S&B regarding submittal of an application for Tiger Grant III, S&B proposed cost of submittal for application would be between 20 and 25 thousand dollars. Previously S&B's cost for the first application was zero due to S&B being contracted to do the overpass and the fees were included in the agreement.

5. Pass Through Projects - Jody Ellington, P.E., TxDOT

Jody Ellington reported TxDOT is working on Pass Through Agreements for FM 755 and US 281. La Joya Relief Route is on the alternative list and did not make it on this program call, of the remaining 177 million dollars 157 million are still available. The La Joya Relief Route is 3rd on the alternative list and is still in the running but no funding has been identified as of yet.

6. HCMPO Policy Committee Meeting (Proposition 12 funds) – Andrew Canon

Andrew Canon reported 12.9 million dollars in Proposition 12 funds were received. 100 million dollars in the next 4 year period in projects will be used which includes the La Joya Relief Route project. Mr. Canon also reported on another version of Proposition 12 funds and Fund 6 money.

7. Update on Project Finance – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest

Richard Ramirez gave a brief update on Project Finance and reported there has been an increase in Vehicle Registration Fees.

8. Environmental Process for IBTC – Dan Rios, Legal Counsel

Dan Rios reported a few task were still needed from Environmental completion. Mr. Rios also reported task would be completed on budget.

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- B. Discussion, consideration and approval of term sheet for Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority – **Resolution 2011-24**
Chairman Burleson explained two term sheets were in the packet, one previously considered and one generated from last meeting. Chairman Burleson asked if there was a motion for Resolution 2011-24. *Joe Olivarez made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-24 with term sheet version 1, Rick Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion failed 3 “for” and 4 “against” with Chairman Burleson, Joe Olivarez and Ricardo Perez voting “for” and Alonzo Cantu, David Guerra, Michael Cano and Forrest Runnels voting “against”. Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-24 and Exhibit A with modifications as discussed. Blakely Fernandez commented modifications were noted as make SIB Loan generic, TxDOT and RMA with joint concurrences over budget changes. David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried 4 “for” and 3 “against” with Alonzo Cantu, David Guerra, Michael Cano and Forrest Runnels voting “for” and Chairman Burleson, Joe Olivarez and Ricardo Perez voting “against”.*
- C. Discussion, Consideration and approval of Letter to Hidalgo County Commissioners Court requesting financial support for the HCRMA Roadway System Projects – **Resolution 2011-26**
Chairman Burleson explained Resolution 2011-26 was correspondence to Hidalgo County requesting financial support. *Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-26 as presented, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
- D. Discussion, consideration and approval of Lease Agreement with City of Pharr for Building – **Resolution 2011-27**
Chairman Burleson explained Resolution 2011-27 was a lease agreement with the City of Pharr. Chairman Burleson asked if anyone had seen the lease, Mr. Godfrey Garza interjected explaining he received a call from City Manager, City of Pharr stating that the agreement would state what had been discussed earlier, \$1 per year for 5 years, with the north section of the building being vacant. It could be leased to the GEC with the rental money going to the City of Pharr, so basically going with the general terms. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated we could not obligate the GEC firm to lease the vacant section of building. *Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-27 subject to legal review, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
- E. Discussion, consideration and approval to re-open proposal for Executive Director as a full time position – **Resolution 2011-28**
Chairman Burleson explained Resolution 2011-28 was to re open the proposal for a full time Executive Director. *Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-28 with a release date of September 15 and closing date of October 15, Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*
- F. Discussion, consideration and selection of Toll Integration/Traffic Management Service – **Resolution 2011-29**
David Guerra made a motion to table this item, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Burleson suggested the Finance Committee meet before the next meeting to review the Letter of Interest submitted for the Toll Integration/Traffic Management Services.

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- G. Interviews (if necessary) and Selection of firm(s) for General Consulting and Program Management Professional Services – **Resolution 2011-30**

Presentations were heard from the following firms: HNTB, Dannenbaum, and LAN. Chairman Burleson moved to General Business items and reports while the scores were being tallied. Flor E. Koll and Blakely Fernandez tallied the score and presented them to Chairman Burleson. Chairman Burleson announced the firms ranked in the following order: Dannenbaum #1, HNTB #2, and LAN #3. David Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-30 with the firms as ranked by the HCRMA Board, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Report – Dennis Burleson

- A. Correspondence from TxDOT regarding FM 755

Chairman Burleson report correspondence had been received from TxDOT stating a contract would be forthcoming. Mr. Chairman also reported HCRMA need to be more involved with I-69 Project.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

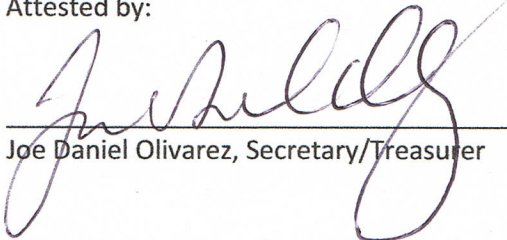
- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney

- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

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Attested by:



Joe Daniel Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer

Date