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The Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors held a preliminary budget meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in the Six Floor Conference Room, City Hall, and 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING June 26, 2013

I. Invocation.

The invocation was lead by Ken Combs

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Board of Directors

III. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

DIRECTORS:

Mr. David Berlanga, Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Ronnie Canales-Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Jerry Garcia, Vice-Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Robert Cenci-Asst. Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Luis Elizondo, Secretary	<u>Present</u>	Tom Wheat-Legal Counsel	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Richard Pittman	<u>Absent</u>		
Mr. Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>		
Mr. Joe Guzman	<u>Present</u>		
Mr. Paul Altheide	<u>Present</u>		
Mr. Kevin Kieschnick	<u>Absent</u>		

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.** Mr. David Berlanga, Chairman called the meeting of the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors to order and requested that the record show that a quorum of the Board Members was present; that this meeting has been duly called; and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551, (Vernon Supp. 2009) and that any conflict of interest affidavits had been received and placed on file as required by law.

2. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

On Wednesday June 26, 2013 an open meeting was held to discuss the preliminary 2014 budget for the Nueces County Appraisal district.

Ms. Garcia reported that last week a packet was delivered to outline the proposed budget that was discussed in the prior meeting. Ms. Garcia advised that the proposed budget was labeled option 1A. Ms. Garcia mentioned that this week Mr. Canales, Mr. Cenci, and she had met to deliberate on the budget one more time before the public hearing. Ms. Garcia declared the revised budget has a decrease of – 1.88% when compared to the budget of 2013.

Ms. Garcia explained that the generator and vehicles were removed from the budget and will be purchased with the fund balance, if approved by the board. Ms. Garcia stated that the pending lawsuits the District has will be done this year and therefore there was no need to budget for litigation in 2014. She explained that is an additional \$200,000 out of the proposed budget. Ms. Garcia revealed that a total of \$486,000.00 had been removed out of the budget. Ms. Garcia specified that the 2013 budget compared with the 2014 budget once the building cost was removed reflected an actual operating increase of 7.72 %. Ms. Garcia advised that Mr. Paul Altheide had made a vital point by pointing out in the prior meeting that the 2013 budget that it had \$607,250 reserved for the cost of the building.

Ms. Garcia recommended that purchasing the vehicles and generator with the fund balance. Ms. Garcia explained that \$532,366 had been allocated for payments that were going to be done in 2013 with 2012 money. Ms. Garcia advised with the remaining fund balance the generator and the vehicles could be purchased.

Mr. Paul Altheide mentioned that there would be an unencumber fund balance of \$600,000 Ms. Garcia explained that the District was interested in purchasing 4 new vehicles which would cost \$63,000 and a generator that would cost \$155,000. Mr. Paul Altheide suggested that the proper budget technique would be to include the figures for the vehicles and generator in 2014 budget.

Ms. Garcia suggested that there would be a budget amendment for 2013. The other option would be to place the two items back in the budget and use fund balance as other revenue source to do the purchase. Mr. Paul Altheide mentioned that he would like to know what the entities were entitled to as a refund for 2012. Mr. Paul Altheide advised since they were not in budget not in the budget he did not believe it should be approved right now.



Ms. Garcia explained that three vehicles are not in service at this time and that the District was interested in purchasing four new cars and then auctioning 4 old cars from the fleet, which in turn would be getting rid of a total seven cars. Mr. Berlanga suggested that once the budget is approved to purchase the vehicles as soon as possible. Mr. Berlanga advised to sell or auction the vehicles.

Mr. Canales, Chief Appraiser, explained that Mr. Lindeen, IT Specialist, would be compiling a list of all items on the third floor that could also be auctioned. Mr. Guzman stated that he does want the big table on the third floor for the Robstown Economic Development Center, which is a non-profit organization.

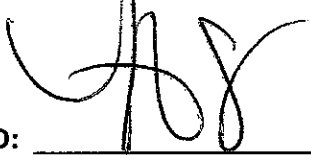
Mr. Canales advised that the District was interested leasing out the third floor. However to do so additional parking would be needed. The additional parking was tabled for a future board meeting. Mr. Canales provided copies to the Board Members of the letter that was received from the City of Port Aransas. It was sent by the Mayor thanking the Nueces County Appraisal District and the staff.

3. **DIRECTORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

4. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altheide to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elizondo. The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED: _____



Luis Elizondo, Secretary

