



## Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

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*County Judge*

**Joel Quintanilla**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 1*

**Hector "Tito" Palacios**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 2*

**Joe M. Flores**  
*Commissioner, Precinct 3*

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## TWO JP COURTS TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOLLOWING WATER LEAK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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Offices for Justices of the Peace Melo Ochoa and Luis Garza are closed for the remainder of the week, following an overnight leak that flooded the Pct. 3 Justice Complex at 730 Breyfogle Road in Mission. The offices are tentatively scheduled to open Tuesday, February 22, 2011, pending the progress of the cleanup.

Court hearings will be rescheduled as soon as the location is safe and sanitary for staff and the public. In the meantime, other court business can still be conducted by mail, said Daisy Zarate, Court Coordinator for Justice of the Peace Melo Ochoa. Residents can mail payments and respond to civil cases by mail. A clerk from the Pct. 3 Constable's Office of Larry Gallardo is also stationed at the front of the offices to give information to the public that may not know about the closure.

The main phone lines for the Justices of the Peace will be updated as more information becomes available or if the offices need to be closed longer than anticipated.

JP Luis Garza: (956) 519-8422  
JP Melo Ochoa: (956) 581-2124

Only the Justices of the Peace offices are closed until Tuesday. Pct. 3 Constable Gallardo's office will remain open and fully staffed, with a clerk in the front office and officers moved to another adjacent office in the rear of the building complex. Any resident needing information from the Constable's Office may call (956) 581-6800. Pct. 3 administration offices, tax offices, and other county offices located on the same property were not affected and are open for business.

The county apologizes for any inconvenience these closures may cause.

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