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NEW RELEASE

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Hidalgo County Issues Important Updates

Cost Estimates of Flooding Released and Disaster Recovery Center Relocating

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County officials, working with FEMA, have calculated the preliminary estimated cost the county has incurred due to the rain and flooding that began in early May. According to the Budget Department, from May 4 to June 19 the county has used more than \$9.2 million in resources plus \$1 million in expenditures for a grand total of more than \$10.2 million. The estimated cost of the resources utilized and work performed from June 19 until today are being tabulated and are not available at this time.

These estimated totals include several categories of the work performed by county crews such as clearing debris from right of ways, rescuing residents from their homes and damages to roads. The expenditures incurred include equipment utilized, maintenance to vehicles and pumps, and equipment and supplies needed for personnel.

Below is a breakdown of the cost by category.

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Debris Clearance	\$200,000
Emergency Protective Measures	\$1,226,000
Road Systems	\$7,000,000
Water Control Facilities	\$320,000
Public Buildings and Equipment	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$9,246,100
Expenditures	\$1,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,246,100

New Location for Disaster Recovery Center

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is moving locations to a larger building. Starting Wednesday, July 1, the DRC will be located at the UTPA CESS Building at 1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Room 300 in Edinburg (off the US 281 frontage). The DRC will finish operations at the Elections Annex on Tuesday night and relocate that evening. Doors will open Wednesday morning at the CESS building. Services will not be interrupted.

The more spacious location will allow FEMA, SBA and local and state non-profit organizations to properly assist all residents in need of help. The new site will maintain the same hours of operation. However, the DRC will be closed from Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. They will re-open on Monday, July 6.

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the 800,000 residents of our county as well as a variety of services to residents who live outside city limits. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility.