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J. EDGAR RUIZ
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Article 6252-17, Sections 2E, 2G, and 3A, as amended, that a REGULAR MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1991 at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

1. Approval of Minutes - October 29, 1991
2. Approval of Bills - Steve Austin
3. Public Hearing for 1992 proposed budget
4. Public Hearing for Elected Officials proposed salary for Year 1992
5. Adoption of 1992 budget
6. Set tax rate for Year 1992
7. Approval of 1991-1992 Wic Budget
8. Approval of Court Reporters fees:
 - A. Al Flores - \$ 986.85
9. Approval of Monthly Fee Reports:
 - A. Justice of the Peace:
 1. Arnaldo Corpus - \$ 7,203.11 - September
 - B. County Clerk - \$ 178,209.38 - October
 - C. District Attorney Processing fee
10. Request for voting machines:
 - A. Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2 - 1 machine
11. Tax Assessor/Collector:
 - A. Tax Refund:
 1. \$ 662.19 - Gonzalo Cantu
12. Authorization to canvass Election returns:
 - A. Progreso Special Election
 - B. Constitutional Amendment Election
13. Declare Equipment Surplus:
 - A. Books - Law Library

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 - B. Voter Registration
 - C. WIC
 - D. Pct. #2 Paved/Unpaved Roads
 - E. Street Level Interdiction Unit #1
 - F. Juvenile Probation Department
 - G. District Attorney
 - H. Hidalgo County Extension Service
 - I. General Government Buildings
 - J. Pct. #4 Paved/Unpaved Roads, Parks
 - K. Traffic Control
16. Approval of Budget Appropriation - Sheriff's Investigation Fund
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 - B. Hidalgo County Computer Department
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 - A. Approval of 1992 CJD Information System Grants Local Match
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 - A. Appointment of Southwestern Laboratories for testing solid waste facility
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 - A. Restaurant Inspection Fees:
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 - K. Approval of bills
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 - C. Rio Grande Valley Gas Co. - Pct. #4
 - D. Authorization of permit form
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Dated this the 07th day of November, 1991.

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

1. Line Item Transfer
2. Public Hearing for 1992 proposed budget
3. Adoption of 1992 budget
4. Set tax rate for year 1992

Dated this the 07th day of November, 1991.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 12TH day of
NOVEMBER, 1991, after due notice having been given, there was
begun and holden, a REGULAR MEETING of the Commissioners' Court
in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building
in the City of Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas with the
following members of said Court present and participating:

Hon. J. Edgar Ruiz
County Judge

Hon. Ramiro Cavazos
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Hon. Lalo Arcaute
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

Hon. Norberto Salinas
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Hon. Leonard Camarillo
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings

were had, to-wit:

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NOVEMBER 12, 1991

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Judge Ruiz commenced by stating that the Juvenile Court Conference Committee banquet would be held on Thursday, November 14th. He then introduced Mr. Nick Molina, who invited and also briefed the Commission on the banquet events; this was followed with some brief comments by Commissioner Camarillo.

ITEM 12. AUTHORIZATION TO CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS:
 A. Progreso Special Election
 B. Constitutional Amendment Election

12/A

Florestella Chavez, from the County Clerk's Office, came before the Court and announced that there was a total of 259 votes cast in this election. The votes cast in favor of incorporation were 150 and the votes cast against were 109. A discussion ensued, with a question from Commissioner Camarillo, regarding the number of registered voters in this area and Commissioner Salinas inquired as to the qualification of Progreso in getting Urban County monies. Judge Ruiz then mentioned that the next step would be in electing a mayor and city council and they would make the decisions as to tax rates and such.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve the resolution and order canvassing returns and declaring the results of the election held November 5th, 1991.

MOTION CARRIED.
 SEE "EXHIBIT I"

12/B

Florestella Chavez then stated that a total of 19,270 votes were cast for the constitutional amendment election and proceeded to read the totals for and against, for each constitutional amendment, as follows:

Amendment #1	For	-	11,323
	Against	-	4,463
Amendment #2	For	-	8,058
	Against	-	7,657
Amendment #3	For	-	9,016
	Against	-	6,864
Amendment #4	For	-	10,888
	Against	-	5,774
Amendment #5	For	-	6,286
	Against	-	9,033
Amendment #6	For	-	8,170
	Against	-	7,472

Amendment #7	For - 6,478
	Against - 9,007
Amendment #8	For - 9,620
	Against - 5,460
Amendment #9	For - 9,028
	Against - 6,098
Amendment #10	For - 8,694
	Against - 6,573
Amendment #11	For - 14,368
	Against - 4,062
Amendment #12	For - 11,421
	Against - 6,155
Amendment #13	For - 12,211
	Against - 5,793

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Cavazos, to approve a resolution and order canvassing returns and declaring the results of the election held November 5th, for constitutional amendments.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

Judge Ruiz then addressed Ms. Chavez on the problem with the voting machines for this previous election.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 29, 1991

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the minutes of October 29th, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - Steve Austin

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioners Salinas and Cavazos, to approve in the General Fund, bills #74161 thru #74353 in the amount of \$292,360.04; in the Special Revenue Fund bills #72042 thru #72177 in the amount of \$142,991.98; in the Capital Projects Fund bills #4369 thru #4372 in the amount of \$3,694.54 and in the Trust and Agency Fund bills #2715 thru #2717 in the amount of \$52,786.18, as presented by Mr. Steve Austin.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1992 PROPOSED BUDGET

Judge Ruiz declared the public hearing open and proceeded to give a general overview of the 1992 proposed budget.

He mentioned that several public hearings had been held, that the proposed budget had already been filed with the County Clerk's Office and that within 10-15 days original approved budgets would be available at the County Judge's Office, for the public.

He then went on to state that in the General Fund, there was an estimated fund balance, effective December 31st, 1991, of \$1,273,060.57 and the estimated revenues were in the amount of \$31,002,264.18. Thus the available revenue for 1992 was \$32,275,324.75. The proposed expenditures were in the amount of \$30,245,566.10; the transfer outs, in terms of revenue accounts, etc., would be \$1,963,804.98; bringing the total expenditures to \$32,209,371.08. In terms of expenditures versus revenues versus fund balance, the County's estimated fund balance for December 31st, 1992 would be \$65,953.67. The Judge then mentioned that this is the lowest fund balance that has been projected within the last five years and that normally this amount is extremely understated, due to the fact that we overestimate our expenditures and underestimate our revenues. Commissioner Salinas then commented on and questioned the estimated fund balance, for this year, as opposed to the fund balances of previous years. Judge Ruiz then went on to give the highlights of this budget, which included a 5% increase towards the 03 category for each department's budget. The amount of the individual increases, however, would be at the discretion of each department head. He mentioned that one of the items that was cut was the request from the Sheriff's Office for twenty-five vehicles and that this would be one of the issues to be addressed, once the Auditor calculates the overall fund balance. He did state that the County was donating approximately \$150,000.00 towards the Hidalgo County Historical Museum and most of the other funds have been kept in accordance with a 5% increase, although some had been cut. The Judge did mention that a large majority of the expenditures from the General Fund were towards the construction of the Adult Boot Camp, the four Health Clinics, the proposed Juvenile Detention Facility and the forthcoming renovation of the Courthouse. Commissioner Camarillo then questioned an amount under the caption revenue sharing, with comments from Commissioner Salinas and Judge Ruiz.

Upon concluding his explanation, the Judge then asked for any questions from the Commissioners, there being none he then welcomed any comments or questions from the public. Mrs. Nancy Shary then proceeded to ask about the confiscated funds appropriated toward the Sheriff's Department, what those funds were used for and if they were controlled by the Commissioners' Court. This was followed with a response by the Judge and a discussion with comments from Mrs. Shary, Judge Ruiz and Commissioner Salinas.

The Judge then went on to the Road and Bridge-County Wide account and began by stating that the fund balance for 1991 was in the amount of \$308,941.90; the estimated revenues for 1992 were \$3,831,457.03, the estimated available resources, which are the fund balance and the estimated revenues combined, are in the amount of \$4,140,398.93. The estimated expenditures are \$287,729.81; the transfers out are \$3,852,000.00, total deductions would be \$4,139,729.81; thus the proposed fund balance for 1992 is \$669.12. He mentioned that the four Commissioners had a very small increase to their budgets, this was followed by a plea from Commissioner Salinas for more money for upcoming projects within each County Commissioner precinct. Commissioner Cavazos also commented on the problems he was having in his precinct due to rain in the previous months and Commissioner Camarillo concurred with Commissioner Salinas. After further com-

ments from Commissioner Salinas, a discussion followed, resulting from comments made by Judge Ruiz on the drainage problem in Precinct One.

The Judge then went into the Park Fund-County Wide: the 1991 fund balance was \$10,668.81, 1992 estimated revenues are \$512,161.81; 1992 estimated available resources is \$522,830.62; the 1992 estimated expenditures are \$25,300.00; the transfers out are \$496,530.62; the total deductions would be \$521,830.62, leaving a fund balance for 1992 of \$1,000.00. This was followed by a discussion regarding the monies allocated for projects in Sharyland and Mission.

Regarding Debt Services, Road District #5 Series 77 has been cleared as of 1991 and the only Road Districts open right now are #5 and #15. Road District #5 had a fund balance for 1991 of \$507,245.59; the estimated revenue, for 1992, is \$103,913.94; the 1992 estimated available resources are in the amount of \$611,159.53, the estimated expenditures are in the amount of \$290,845.00, leaving a proposed 1992 fund balance of \$320,314.53. For Road District #15, the total indebtedness would be \$635,000.00.

After his explanation, the Judge once again asked for questions or comments from the Commissioners and the public. Mrs. Virginia Townsend then inquired about the road and bridge fund and if this was money coming in from license plate fees and if Sunrise Park in Mercedes, ever get finished; this was followed with a discussion.

With no further questions or comments the Judge declared this public hearing closed.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSED SALARY FOR YEAR 1992

Judge Ruiz then opened the public hearing for the proposed salaries for elected officials for 1992. He went through each elected officials salary, both the current and the proposed salary and auto allowances. He mentioned that all salaries were given a 5% increase, with no change in the auto allowances. The only differences were in the salaries and auto allowances of the District Judges and the District Attorney; their salary supplements were decreased and their auto allowances were increased, as per previous action from the Court. The District Attorney's salary was increased by 5% and his auto allowance was increased to match that of the District Judges.

The Judge then asked for questions and/or comments from the Commissioners and the public. A discussion ensued with comments from Mrs. Nancy Shary, on the salaries of the County Court at Law Judges as opposed to the time spent on the job.

There being no further comments the Judge declared this public hearing closed.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT A"

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF 1992 BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve the 1992 budget, for the General Fund, as proposed. (NOTE: This does not include the salary schedules, those will be brought at a later date)

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT B"

The Judge then mentioned that any elected official not satisfied with his proposed salary, could go through the Grievance Committee.

ITEM 6. SET TAX RATE FOR YEAR 1992

The Judge commenced stating that the County was working with a larger budget this year and proceeded to give a rundown of the proposed tax rate. For the General Fund, the proposed tax rate is .3454, up by .0019 from 1990; for the Road & Bridge Fund the proposed tax rate is .0096, a decrease from the previous year; in the Certificates of Obligations Series 1988, the proposed rate is .0023; for the Certificates of Obligation Series 1990 the rate is .0021; on the Refunding Bonds Series 1990, the rate is .0048; on the Certificates of Obligation Series 1991, the rate is .0059; for the County Wide Park Fund, the rate is .0076; this makes the total County Wide rate at .3777.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to set the tax rate, total County Wide, at .3777; this includes the General Fund, Road and Bridge, the Certificates of Obligations, the Refunding Bonds and the County Wide Park Fund; a rate of .01 for will be set for Road District #5; a rate of .0168 for the Rural Fire Prevention District #1; a rate of .03 for the Rural Fire Prevention District #2; a rate of .025 for the Rural Fire Prevention District #3 and a rate of .03 for the Rural Fire Prevention District #4.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT C"

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF 1991-1992 WIC BUDGET

Judge explained that the proposed WIC budget was in the amount of \$1,574,593.15 and that the large majority of the salaries had been increased by about 7.5%. He was now requesting that it be formally approved, with the proposed salary schedule. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the 1991-1992 WIC budget and setting salaries as prescribed.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT D"

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTERS FEES:
A. Al Flores - \$986.85

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by

Commissioner Camarillo, to approve court reporters fees totaling \$986.85, for Mr. Al Flores.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT E"

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

- A. Justice of the Peace:
 - 1. Arnaldo Corpus - \$ 7,203.11 - September
- B. County Clerk - \$178,209.38 - October
- C. District Attorney Processing fee

9/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the monthly fee report for J.P. Corpus, for September.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT F"

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the monthly fee report for the County Clerk's Office, totaling \$178,209.38.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT F"

9/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the Bad Check Processing Fee Account, for the month of October, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT F"

ITEM 10. REQUEST FOR VOTING MACHINES:

- A. Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2 - 1 machine

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve one machine for Irrigation District #2.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

ITEM 11. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Tax Refund:
 - 1. \$662.19 - Gonzalo Cantu

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve a tax refund to Mr. Gonzalo Cantu of \$662.19.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

ITEM 13. DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS:
A. Books - Law Library

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize the declaration of equipments surplus, which are books from the law library, and authorize our Purchasing Agent, to dispose of said books.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 14. AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Judge Ruiz explained that this was a request from the County Auditor and mentioned that these amendments had been reflected in the budget. The amendments are increases to the estimated revenues and are as follows: to the General Fund, an amount of \$859,961.41; to the Road and Bridge County Wide Fund an amount of \$298,831.51; and to the Parks County Wide Fund an amount of \$4,894.24. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize to amend the revenue accounts, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ITEM 15. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. Health Department
- B. Voter Registration
- C. WIC
- D. Pct. #2 Paved/Unpaved Roads
- E. Street Level Interdiction Unit #1
- F. Juvenile Probation Department
- G. District Attorney
- H. Hidalgo County Extension Service
- I. General Government Buildings
- K. Traffic Control

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the internal line item transfers as follows: Health Department - \$2,098.50 and \$1,650.00; Voter Registration - \$9,891.25; WIC - NO ACTION; Pct. #2/Paved/Unpaved Roads - \$15,000.00; Street Level Interdiction Unit #1 - \$109,001.40; Juvenile Probation Department - \$3,411.00; District Attorney - \$1,600.00; Hidalgo County Extension Service - \$3,200.00; General Government Buildings - \$9,621.29; Pct. #4/Paved/Unpaved Roads - \$16,300.00; Pct. #4/Parks - \$8,500.00; and Traffic Control - \$500.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

ITEM 16. APPROVAL OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION - Sheriff's Investigation Fund Acct. #1-104-421-100 - \$47,923.08

Judge Ruiz explained that these monies were from a seizure of September 17, 1990, with \$40,000.00 going into object 95 and \$7,923.08 going into object 86. A motion was then made

by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to appropriate Sheriff's Investigation Funds, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

ITEM 17. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. County Appointed Attorney's fees
- B. Hidalgo County computer Department
- C. HB 65 Investigation Fund - Districe Attorney

17/A

Judge Ruiz mentioned that this amendment was being requested in order to have monies to compensate for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve a budget amendment of \$100,000.00 for County appointed attorneys' fees through December 31, 1991.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

17/B

The Judge noted that this was a reimbursement of insurance funds due to electrical damage to some computer equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve a budget amendment of \$9,750.00, coming from the General Funds' insurance money to equipment, under the Computer Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

17/C

Judge Ruiz explained that due to HB 65, the District Attorney was requesting a budget amendment, to upgrade the salaries of two employees, from law clerk positions to lawyer slots. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to amend the District Attorney's Investigation Fund by \$82,303.20.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to set the salary for the two attorneys for the District Attorney at \$30,000.00 per year, effective today, November 12, 1991.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 18. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- A. Approval of 1992 CJD Information System Grants Local Match
- B. Approval of 1991-1992 CJD Tri-County Grant Contract with Texas Key Program, Inc.

18/A

Mr. Buddy Silva came before the Court and requested approval of the local match for the 1992 CJD Information System Grant. The match would come from his local budget

as well as from State interest earned funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve Criminal Justice Division Information System Grant, totaling \$22,319.00, of which \$11,510.00 is coming from the State of Texas and budgeted to equipment, office supplies and contractual services; the \$10,809.00 local match, is coming from bonding to equipment of \$3,819.00 and also \$6,990.00 from interest earned, as our local match.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

18/B

Mr. Silva explained that this was a grant in conjunction with Willacy and Cameron Counties and required no match. The grant amount was \$18,931.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the Criminal Justice Division Tri-County Grant Contract totaling \$18,931.00; this contract is with Texas Key Program, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 19. SOLID WASTE:

- A. Appointment of Southwestern Laboratories for testing solid waste facility
- B. Approval of Engineering Service Agreement
- C. Adoption of rates

19/A

Judge Ruiz explained that this was for the landfill and that through previous action Sterling Inc. had been appointed. They were now recommending Southwestern Laboratories for the testing and the estimated cost was \$8,900.00 but that there might be additional costs, if the Department of Health requested additional information. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve the appointment of Southwestern Laboratories for the testing of solid waste and also exempt them, under professional services, as engineers, in case the cost goes over \$10,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

Commissioner Camarillo then briefed the Commission on a conference with the EPA, in which proposed laws for landfills were discussed.

19/B

Judge Ruiz noted that the appointment and the exemption had already been made and now the request was to approve the agreement. The contract was for an hourly rate and the billing rates will be as follows: Principal - \$65.00; Designer - \$50.00; Planner - \$35.00; Draftsperson - \$35.00; CADD Operator - \$40.00; Word Processor - \$35.00; and Construction Observer - \$45.00; these are hourly rates with a maximum fee of \$25,000.00 for the completion of the project itself. He stated that the only change that he was recommending was on Page 2 Item B of the contract, which is the reimbursable expense, the rate paid for vehicle mileage, will be the same as IRS rates or twenty-seven and a half cents per mile. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commis-

sioner Cavazos, to approve an engineering contract, service agreement, between Sterling Environmental Inc. and the County of Hidalgo for engineering services at the solid waste facility

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P

19/C

Commissioner Camarillo explained that his office had called various landfills around the Valley to find out what their tipping fees were. He went on to mention the amounts charged by three valley sites and then went on to recommend to set the rate for the new landsite at \$10.00 per ton. A discussion then followed on what rate would be in the best interest to the County. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the tipping fee on a per ton basis for the solid waste disposal site at \$9.50.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 20. APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR THE HIDALGO COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

Judge Ruiz explained that this item was in regards to a Workshop that had been held last week to discuss the proposed Jail Facility and some issues still needed to be worked out. Commissioner Salinas requested that due to the fact that the representatives had been in Court all morning long, action be taken in this matter. A motion was then made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve an engagement letter for implementing plans for the Hidalgo County Detention Facility, contingent on setting of rates and the contractual agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 21. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:
A. Restaurant Inspection Fees:
1. Public hearing
2. set fees

21/A/1

Dr. Charles Wilson, Health Director, came before the Court and explained that when the fees were set, a public hearing had not been held, as per State statute and he was now requesting this public hearing to comply with the law. Judge Ruiz then called the public hearing open in regards to restaurant inspection fees. A discussion then ensued pertaining to the legality of the fees being implemented in the County and clarification of the law, with comments from the Commission, as well as, Steve Austin, Dr. Wilson and Travis Heister. There being no further comments the Judge then declared this public hearing closed.

NO ACTION.

21/A/2

Judge Ruiz explained that the fee would remain the same and after further discussion regarding the allocation

of this revenue, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to set a fee of \$25.00 for all restaurant inspections done by the Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 22. PROJECTS COORDINATOR - J.D. Salinas

- A. Authorization to accept grant adjustment as submitted and approved by the Texas Narcotics Control Program
- B. Approval of Sheriff's Investigation position to task force
- C. Set salary for new Investigator
- D. Authorization and approval of Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and participating agencies

22/A

J.D. Salinas came before the Court and requested a grant adjustment due to the fact that the City of McAllen would no longer be a participant in this program. He did state that an officer from the Sheriff's Department and one from the City of Hidalgo would be taking their place. The adjustment also calls for the deletion of computer equipment and the addition of office furniture. A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the grant adjustment, as proposed, on the Texas Narcotics Control Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

22/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the Sheriff's Investigation position to a Task Force position, which will be as an investigator at a salary of \$22,800.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

22/C

J.D. Salinas explained that each of the participating agencies had signed their agreements and now he was requesting approval of these. The participating agencies were the City of Hidalgo, the City of Mission, the City of San Juan and the County of Hidalgo. Each agency would pay for their workers compensation and work on a reimbursement basis. A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve an interlocal agreement between the County of Hidalgo, and the participating agencies as stated.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

ITEM 23. PCT. #1:

- A. Resolution authorizing Stop Intersections
- B. Resolution authorizing Speed Limits

23/A

Vona Walker came before the Court requesting a one-way stop intersection at Mile Three North, where it inter-

sects Baseline Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve resolution approving a stop sign on Mile Three North were it hits Baseline Road.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

23/B

After a discussion pertaining to the setting of the speed limit, a motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve resolution authorizing speed limit of 30 miles per hour, on Baseline Road, between Highway 281 and and Mile Three North.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

ITEM 24. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Request to advertise:
 - 1. Lubricants - County wide
 - 2. Crushed Caliche - Pcts. #1, #2 & #4
 - 3. Cold Mix - County wide

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the purchase of lubricants, County Wide, Crushed caliche, for Precincts #1, #2 and #4. and Cold mix, County Wide. Bid opening December 4th, bid award December 9th, 1991.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

Ramiro Gonzalez, Purchasing Director, then noted that a County auction/flea market had been held this past weekend and that after fees, the County had brought in approximately \$10,000.00.

ITEM 25. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
 - 1. Venecia Subdivision - Pct. #3
 - 2. Jay-Gee Subdivision - Pct. #2
 - 3. Doberman Estates - Pct. #3
 - 4. Hofland Subdivision - Pct. #3
 - 5. Century Plaza Subdivision - Pct. #4
- B. Preliminary Approval:
 - 1. Espanola Heights Subdivision - Pct. #3

25/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the map of Venecia Subdivision, which is located approximately 1500 feet north of 7 Mile Line on the east side of Bentsen Palm Drive, in Precinct #3.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

25/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the map of Jay Gee

Subdivision, which is located approximately 260 feet south of Polk Avenue on the east side of Jackson Road, in the City of Pharr, in Precinct #2.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

25/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioners Cavazos and Camarillo, to approve the map of Doberman Estates, which is located approximately 648 feet south of State Highway 107 on the east side of Taylor Road, in the City of McAllen, in Precinct #3.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

25/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the map of Hofland Subdivision, which is located approximately 1500 feet south of U.S. 83 on the west side of F.M. 494, in the City of Mission, in Precinct #3.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

25/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioners Cavazos and Salinas, to approve the map of Century Plaza Subdivision, which is located approximately 166 feet north of Iris Avenue, on the east side of 23rd St., in the City of McAllen, in Precinct #4.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

25/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to give preliminary approval to Espanola Heights Subdivision, which is located approximately 1000 feet west of Tom Gill Road on the north side of Expressway 83, in the City of La Joya, in Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

ITEM 26. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Rescind action on agenda 15c dated November 05, 1991 - Urban County Amendment Year 2 Pcts. #1 & #2
- B. Approval of Urban County amendment Year 4 - Pcts. #1 & #2
- C. City of La Villa - Professional Services Contract (Appraisal) Land Acquisition
- D. City of La Villa - Professional Services Contract (Appraisal) Review - Land Acquisition
- E. City of Mercedes - Street Improvements Year 4 Professional Service Contract (Engineering)
- F. City of Mercedes - Contract Award - Jimmy Closner & Sons Water Sewer Facilities Construction - UCP Year 3
- G. City of Mercedes - Change Order #1 Water Sewer Facilities - UCP Year 3

- H. Precinct #1 and the Mercedes Boys & Girls Club Subrecipient Agreement - Year 4 Urban County Program
- I. Pct. 2 - Permission to advertise Street Improvement - Year 4 Urban County Program
- J. Adoption of Resolution authorizing the submission of a Section 108 Loan Guarantee to the Harvard Associates Corporation DBA Renaissance Center (\$254,700)
- K. Approval of bills

26/A

After clarification, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to rescind the Court's action taken on agenda item 15c on November 5th, where it was stated that monies from Precinct One Year 2 should be transferred to Precinct Two Year 4; the amount was \$60,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

26/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve an amendment to Year 4 Precinct One budget, under Urban County, \$60,000.00 to be transferred to Precinct Two's Year 4 Urban County budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

26/C

Annette Nevarez, Urban County Director, mentioned that this was land acquisition, for parking the Multi-Purpose Center and the proposed site was 921 South Mike Chapa, in La Villa. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize contract between Rene Salinas Realty, the City of La Villa and the County of Hidalgo, for professional services for appraising at a cost of \$325.00, also authorize this transaction to be exempted from the purchasing policy, under professional services.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve contractual agreement between Aaron's Realty, the County of Hidalgo and the City of La Villa, for professional services, under appraising, and also for the appraisal, \$150.00, this should be exempted under the professional service policy under our purchasing department.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to exempt the firm of Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates, under the professional services, under our purchasing policy and enter into contractual agreement between Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates, the County of Hidalgo and the City of Mercedes, for engineering services, totaling \$10,160.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, se-

conded by Commissioner Salinas, to award low bid to Jimmy Closner & Sons, in the contract amount of \$511,170.00, this is for Water and Sewer Improvements.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve a change order to the contract with Jimmy Closner & Sons decreasing it by an amount of \$247,300.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve a subrecipient agreement between the Mercedes Boys and Girls Club and the County of Hidalgo, through its Precinct One Urban County, for an amount of \$5,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize the advertising for street improvements Year 4 Urban County Program, for Precinct Three; bid opening December 4th, bid award December 9th.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

26/J

Annette Nevarez, Urban County Director, explained, as per handout, the request of the City of Edcouch for a Section 108 Loan Guarantee to the Harvard Associates Corporation. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a Section 108 Loan Guarantee to the Harvard Associates Corporation DBA Renaissance Center, in the amount of \$254,700.00.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER SALINAS VOTED AGAINST AND
SEE "EXHIBIT W" JUDGE RUIZ VOTED IN FAVOR)

26/K

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Cavazos, to approve the 1989 Urban County bill #2874 in the amount of \$2,452.00; the 1990 Urban County bills #2875 thru #2879 in the amount of \$10,282.24 and the 1991 Urban County bills #2880 thru #2883, in the amount of \$10,509.74. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is \$23,242.98.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

ITEM 27. COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY:
A. Authorization to renew Sub-Agreements for Medical Transportation Providers

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize the renewal of sub-agreements for medical transportation providers, between the County of Hidalgo, Community Service Agency and Sunglo Services for Elderly and Disabled, Rio Grande Transit, Valley Transit, Co., Inc., Timely Adventures, Inc. "My Golden Years", and Aging Companions of South Texas.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

ITEM 28. PERMITS:

- A. Valero Transmission LP - Pct. #2
- B. Hidalgo County Irrigation Dist. #16. - Pct. #2
- C. Rio Grande Valley Gas Co. - Pct. #4
- D. Authorization of permit form
- E. Authorization to set fee for permits

28/D & E

Vona Walker and Travis Heister came before the Court and introduced a new permit form for those agencies that were now starting to drill wells in the floodway which was acquired from IBWC. Mr. Heister then went on to read from the proposed permit form. After further discussion, Judge Ruiz requested that no action be taken until further research was done.

NO ACTION.

28/A

NO ACTION.

28/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve a request for permit by Hidalgo County Irrigation District #16, to go along the west side of Texan Road for 1200 feet with a six inch PVC drain line, in Precinct #2.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Y"

28/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve a request for two permits by Rio Grande Valley Gas Co.; one is to lay a four inch gas line along "M" Road, going north from Shunior and the other is for a four inch line on the north side of Wisconsin to Expressway 281 and then to go along the south side of "I" Road down to Trenton Road, in Precinct #4.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Y"

A questions and comments session followed with several items brought up to be discussed after Court.

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, that said meeting of Commissioners' Court be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called the Drainage District meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

ITEM 1. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve an \$8,000.00 line item transfer, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT 2"

ITEM 2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1992 PROPOSED BUDGET

Judge Ruiz opened the public hearing for the 1992 proposed budget for Drainage District #1 with the report on the Special Revenue Funds. The estimated fund balance is in the amount of \$826,230.10; the estimated revenues for 1992 are \$2,411,194.13; total estimated resources is \$3,237,424.23; the estimated 1992 expenditures are in the amount of \$2,565,044.00, leaving a 1992 fund balance of \$672,380.23.

In the Debt Service Funds, the estimated fund balance for 1991 is \$1,744,730.69; the estimated 1992 revenues are \$5,643,341.23; the estimated available resources in 1992 are \$7,388,071.92; the estimated 1992 expenditures are in the amount of \$5,702,950.00, leaving a 1992 fund balance in the amount of \$1,685.121.92.

There being no questions or comments from the Commissioners or the public, the Judge declared the public hearing closed.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF 1992 BUDGET

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to adopt the 1992 Drainage District #1 budget, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT AA"

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ITEM 4. SET TAX RATE FOR YEAR 1992

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve a resolution setting the tax rate for the year 1992, Drainage District #1, at .1267 cents.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT BB"

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, a motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioners Salinas and Camarillo, that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME
BEFORE SAID COURT, the meeting of the Commissioners' Court was
adjourned.

J. Edgar Ruiz _____
County Judge

Ramiro Cavazos _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Lalo Arcaute _____ A B S E N T _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

Norberto Salinas _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #4



this 12TH day of NOVEMBER, 1991.

R. LEO, COUNTY CLERK

By: _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy