

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13TH day of  
JANUARY, 1992, 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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JANUARY 13, 1992

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

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 23, 1991

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the minutes of December 23rd, 1991, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - Steve Austin

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve, in the General Fund bills #75926 thru #76077 in the amount of \$1,341,859.30; in the Special Revenue Fund bills #73,436 thru #73,613 in the amount of \$345,117.34; in the Debt Service Fund bills #789 thru #791 in the amount of \$15,383.83; in the Capital Projects Fund bills #4410 thru #4412 in the amount of \$32,635.35; in the Trust and Agency Fund bills #2794 thru #2796 in the amount of \$375,088.13 and in the Enterprise Fund bills #10 thru #14 in the amount of \$11,153.70, as presented by Mr. Steve Austin.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS:

- A. Noralinda G. Garza - Justice of the Peace - Pct. #3 Pl. 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the official bond for the newly appointed Justice of the Peace in Precinct #3 Place 2, Noralinda G. Garza.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT A"

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

- A. County Clerk - \$142,008.15 - December
- B. District Clerk - \$157,699.64 - November

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve both fee reports, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT B"

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## ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTERS FEES:

- A. Mark Kvapil - \$ 94.00 - 206th District Court
- B. Ben Petty - \$777.00 - Narcotic Impact Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the court reporters fees, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT C"

## ITEM 6. SELECTION OF 1992 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Judge Ruiz informed the Court of the reason behind the selection of the Grievance Committee. He then proceeded to select the nine members and two alternates, by lot. Members selected are as follows: Eudelia Montelongo, from Donna, Tony Garcia, from Edinburg, George Thatcher, from McAllen, Richard Lehmann, from Weslaco, Tommy Freeman, from McAllen, Sandra Faye Laurel, from McAllen, Florence A. Dockter, from McAllen, Ellen Gonzalez, from Edinburg and Beverly Ann Jansen, from Edcouch. The two alternates selected were Jim McGurk, from Edinburg and Cynthia Alperin, from Weslaco. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to appoint the names read of individuals, as members and alternates, to the Grievance Committee for year 1992.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT D"

## ITEM 7. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION - Hidalgo County Historical Museum - Shan E. Rankin

Ms. Shan E. Rankin, Executive Director for the Hidalgo County Historical Museum, came before the Court and presented the Commissioners' Court with a resolution which was passed in their Board of Trustees meeting, in honor of the Commission's support for the renovation of the Museum. She then proceeded to read the resolution and thanked the Commissioners' Court for their continuing support. Commissioner Camarillo and Judge Ruiz then added some words of thanks to the Museum for their services.

NO ACTION.  
SEE "EXHIBIT E"

## ITEM 8. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Tax Refund:
  - 1. T.R.W. A.P.R. - T.R.W. Automotive Products Inc.  
- \$8,555.82
- B. Request to advertise for uninterrupted power supply for Computer System

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A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to award a tax refund to T.R.W. Automotive Products Inc. of \$8,555.82, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT F"

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A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the advertising, for uninterrupted power supply for Computer System, for the Tax Office. Bid opening February 5, bid award February 10.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT F"

ITEM 9. COUNTY CLERK:

- A. Consideration and approval of the changing of location for early voting Sub-stations

Florestella Chavez, Elections Administrator, came before the Court to solicit changes in the early voting substations for the Primary Election. After discussion, regarding who was soliciting the changes and the reasons for the changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize the setting of early voting substations, in the same locations, we've had, from two years ago.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

ITEM 10. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of Pharmacist Contract

Dr. Charles Wilson, Medical Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a pharmacist contract for the health clinics. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to authorize a contract between the County of Hidalgo, its Health Department and Mr. David Castro, as pharmacist for the health clinics, at \$1,000.00 per month; contract to begin January 1s, 1992 and end December 31st, 1992.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

Judge Ruiz then asked Dr. Wilson to give the Court a quick rundown on the flu and cholera problems in the County, with respect to what was being done and how the Court could help, to alleviate these problems.

ITEM 11. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM - William McGee, Coordinator

- A. Request exemption from bidding
- B. Authorization to increase Petty Cash Fund
- C. Disposition of copies of old bills, invoices, etc.

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Mr. William McGee came before the Court and requested the annual exemption from the bidding process for services provided from Amigos Bibliographic Council, as they

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are sole source. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to declare Amigos Bibliographic Council Inc., as sole source and authorize our Hidalgo County Library System to purchase for a period of one year.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

Judge Ruiz then asked where Ramiro Gonzalez, Purchasing Agent, was and that he needed to appear before Court to state whether this was a sole source or not. Judge stated that correct action would be taken once Mr. Gonzalez was located.

11/B

Mr. McGee requested that their petty cash fund be increased from \$45.00 to \$50.00, after which Commissioner Camarillo recommended that it be increased to \$60.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioners Salinas and Cavazos, to authorize an increase of petty cash from \$45.00 to \$60.00, for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

WENT BACK TO ITEM 11/A

Judge Ruiz informed Ramiro Gonzalez, Purchasing Agent, that in accordance with the law, he had to submit a letter to Commissioners' Court stating that Amigos Bibliographic Council is sole source. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he would, after which a motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to declare Amigo Bibliographic Council sole source and exempt them from the bidding procedure, for a period of one year.

MOTION CARRIED.

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize disposition of copies of old bills, invoices, etc., under the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

## ITEM 12. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

## A. Approval of contract between Hidalgo County and MH/MR

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that this was a renewal contract between the County and MH/MR. A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize a renewal contract between Hidalgo County and Texas Tropical MH/MR, the Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, in the amount of \$22,000.00. Contract beginning December 1st, 1991 and ending August 31st, 1992.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

## ITEM 13. APPROVAL OF LANDFILL CONTRACT - City of Mercedes &amp;

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## City of San Juan

Judge Ruiz mentioned that these were individual contracts with the Cities of Mercedes and San Juan for their daily disposal of solid waste within our approved landfill site. The rate quoted in the contract was \$9.50 per ton for loose waste, with special quotes to be given for other types of waste at such point as is deemed necessary. A discussion then ensued about whether or not the contract stipulated on State and Federal fees in addition to the County fees, with comments from the Commissioners Salinas, Camarillo and Arcaute, as well as from the Judge. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve contracts, individual contracts, with the City of Mercedes and the City of San Juan; those contracts to begin the effective date that they actually started submitting solid waste; for a period of one year at a cost of \$9.50 per ton.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

- ITEM 14. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: (1991)
- A. Human Services
  - B. Extension Service
  - C. Sheriff's Dept.
  - D. Adult Detention
  - E. Restitution Center (State Funds)
  - F. Adult Probation Employment & Education Program  
- (State Funds)
  - G. Adult Probation - (State Funds)
  - H. Adult Probation - Community Correction Program  
- (State Funds)
  - I. Justice of the Peace

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazos, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the 1991 internal line item transfers, as follows: Human Services - \$23,039.50 & \$2,000.00; Extension Service - \$350.00; Sheriff's Dept.- \$25,000.00; Adult Detention \$36,200.00; Restitution Center(State Funds)\$8,690.00; Adult Probation Employment & Education Program (State Funds) - \$972.00; Adult Probation (State Funds) - \$8,576.92; Adult Probation Community Correction Program (State Funds) - \$.41; Justice of the Peace - \$72.08.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

- ITEM 15. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: (1992)
- A. Pct. #2 - Park
  - B. Buildings & Grounds

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the 1992 internal line item transfers, as follows: Pct.#2/Park - \$5,000.00; Buildings and Grounds - \$5,085.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

ITEM 16. PCT. #3:

- A. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County & City of Mission
- B. Request to advertise for Paving Project - Parking Lot

Commissioner Salinas requested approval of an agreement with the City of Mission to pave a parking lot within the City of Mission adjacent to the building that houses the Amigos del Valle program. Judge Ruiz then responded with some comments from a meeting he had with Mr. Travis Heister, whereby a parking lot did not fall under Road and Bridge and thus these funds could not be used for this paving project. A discussion then ensued, after which a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve an interlocal cooperation agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Mission for the paving of a parking lot.

MOTION DENIED. (COMMISSIONERS SALINAS AND CAVAZOS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION; COMMISSIONERS CAMARILLO AND ARCAUTE VOTED AGAINST; JUDGE CAST THE DECIDING VOTE, VOTED AGAINST.)

11/B

NO ACTION.

ITEM 17. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - J.D. Salinas

- A. Authorization to submit and participate in a Performance Award Program by the Community Justice Assistance Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

J.D. Salinas came before the Court and stated that the Legislature gave the Counties an opportunity, through an award program, to get a minimum of \$50,000.00, to each of 254 counties, through H.B. 93. He was requesting to submit a package to get funded for programs to divert offenders from jails and prisons. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve a resolution authorizing the submittal and participation in a Performance Award Program by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for the establishment of programs, which will address community corrections and criminal justice needs within our County and authorizing the County Judge to act in all matters pertaining thereof.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

ITEM 18. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Award Bids:
  1. Union Catalog - Library System
  2. Library Books - " "
  3. Data Processing Hardware Support - County Auditor

18/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to award to Auto-Graphics as the low bid in the amount of \$11,424.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

18/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award Ingram Book Corp. the low bid, having the higher discounts for the purchase of books.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

18/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award to the only bidder, being the low bidder, Hewlett Packard of McAllen, service costs \$741.00 monthly, for a period of one year.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 19. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Durango Subdivision - Pct. #3
2. Valley Alto Subdivision Unit #3 - Pct. #2

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A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the map of Durango Subdivision, which is located approximately 1320 feet north of 2 Mile Line Road on the the east side of Sharyland Road, in the City of Mission's E.T.J., in Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

19/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the map of Valley Alto Subdivision Unit #3, which is located approximately 400 feet south of High Line Road and on the east side of McColl Road, in the City of Hidalgo, in Precinct Two.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

ITEM 20. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of Elsa - Construction Contract award Street Improvements Year 4
- B. City of Hidalgo - Construction Contract Approval Street Improvements Year 4
- C. City of San Juan - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Rehab of bulding Year 4
- D. Precinct 2 Year 4 Contract Award Street Improvements
- E. Approval of bills

20/A

Annette Nevarez, Urban County Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a construction contract for street improvements for the City of Elsa. A motion

was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to award bid, as a low bidder, to Sascon Inc., the contract is \$169,082.00, for street construction in the City of Elsa.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

20/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to take all bids under advisement, for all bids submitted for a construction contract for street improvements, in the City of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

20/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioners Cavazos and Camarillo, to award a professional service contract, to Noe Garza Engineering firm, in the amount of \$6,750.00 and exempting them from the bidding procedure, under professional services.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

20/D

Miss Nevarez mentioned that this was for street improvements in the Precinct Two area. A discussion then ensued concerning the amount of the project and where the project was, which was Nebraska Road, in Alamo. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to take all bids, for Precinct Two Year 4 street improvements, under advisement.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

20/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to approve the 1989 Urban County bill #3054 in the amount of \$4,495.50; the 1990 Urban County bills #3055 and #3056 in the amount of \$116,967.99; the 1991 Urban County bills #3057 thru 3062 in the amount of \$47,465.47; the 1990 Rental Rehab bill #3063 in the amount of \$12,914.83; the 1990 Emergency Shelter Grant bill #3064 in the amount of \$2,592.12 and the 1991 Emergency Shelter Grant bills #3065 thru #3067 in the amount of \$5,141.00. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is in the amount of \$189,576.91.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 21. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Commissioners' Court may go into Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Section 2G, V.T.C.S. to discuss the following matter:

- 1. Discussion of Land Acquisition

Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session, in reference to the proposed Adult Detention Facility from the State of Texas.

ITEM 22. B. OPEN SESSION:

1. Discussion and possible action on Land Acquisition

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that the County had been working for the submittal of an application for a proposed Detention Facility being RFP'd by the State of Texas. Commissioners' Court had taken action to submit an application for a 2,250 bed facility. He mentioned that the City of Edinburg and the County were applying jointly and the minimal requirement was a tract of land no less than 300 acres, which should be improved with water, sewer, drainage and streets up to the facility. He mentioned that if our application was approved, the land would be donated by the County of Hidalgo and the City of Edinburg would improve it with water, drainage and streets. He mentioned that his office had received nine proposals for land for this project. At this time he was recommending to Commissioners' Court to enter into an Earnest Money Contract with Mr. Ronald R. Griesel and Rachel D. Ruiz. The contract is in the amount of \$750,000.00, which is approximately \$2,500.00 per acre. The contract requires that earnest money in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the signature of this option; the earnest money contract is subject to the following, "it will be contingent upon the State designating Hidalgo County as the location for the construction and establishment of a State prison; and the State's approval of the property described on the exhibit, as described as the specific location. The second stipulation is that, "the County of Hidalgo be able to finance the project, ...upon the terms acceptable to Hidalgo County." Commissioner Salinas then spoke against the County putting up the money for the purchase of land for this facility and Commissioner Arcaute inquired on the effect this would have on our own detention facility. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve an earnest money contract, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER SALINAS VOTED AGAINST THIS SEE "EXHIBIT R" MOTION.)

A questions and comments session followed with comments concerning the following:

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that Monday, January the 20th was a holiday and the Courthouse would be closed.

Virginia Townsend inquired where the site for the proposed prison was located, with the Judge responding that it was north 281, directly northeast of Faysville; approximately six and a half miles outside the city limits of Edinburg, on Cibolo Road.


Annette Nevarez, Urban County Director, made a clarification on Item 20/D, the improvements are to be made on the following: Ridge Road, Tomas Road and Highland Road; approximately 12,290 linear feet. Action to be taken at the next court session.

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

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MOTION CARRIED.

## DRAINAGE DISTRICT



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

## ITEM 1. TRANSFER HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS TO TRUST ACCOUNT

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Cavazos, to authorize a transfer of all funds budgeted under Health Insurance, under the Drainage District to our Trust Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner 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.

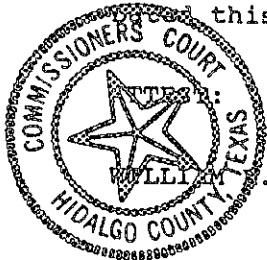
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County Commissioner, Precinct #4



this 13TH day of JANUARY, 1992.

WILLIAM LEO, COUNTY CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy