

THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23RD day of
MARCH, 1993, after due notice having been given, there was begun
and holden, a SPECIAL 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. Samuel Sanchez
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Hon. Lalo Arcaute
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

Hon. Juan Rosel
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Hon. Leonard Camarillo
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings

were had, to-wit:

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MARCH 23, 1993

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 08, 1993

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor
 General Fund - #87679 - #87850 - \$224,528.13
 Special Revenue Fund - #85351 - #85553 - \$321,117.26
 Debt Service Fund - # 874 - # 875 - \$ 14,197.21
 Capital Projects Fund - # 4626 - # 4627 - \$ 6,328.54
 Trust and Agency Fund - # 3389 - # 3404 - \$ 91,303.70
 Enterprise Fund - # 1429 - # 1434 - \$ 3,148.24
 (SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTER'S FEES:
 A. Francisco B. Moreno - \$91.45
 (SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:
 A. District Clerk - \$104,003.84 - February
 B. Sheriff's Department - \$102,605.91 - February
 (SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 5. DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS:
 A. Adult Detention Center:
 1. Toshiba T.V. - #010684
 2. Zenith T.V.
 B. Precinct #2:
 1. 1982 Ford 1/2 ton pick-up - #018930
 C. Precinct #4: (ADD-ON)
 1. 1982 Ford Truck
 (SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF VOTING MACHINES:
 A. City of Alton - 03 machines
 B. Sharyland ISD - 03 machines
 C. Hidalgo ISD - 03 machines
 D. City of Edcouch - 05 machines
 (SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 7. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:
 A. Buildings and Grounds - \$360.00
 B. County Shop - \$75.00
 C. Election - \$1,700.00
 D. Adult Probation - State Funds - \$5,000.00
 E. Revenue Sharing - \$1,987.53
 F. Criminal District Attorney - \$11,000.00

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G. Computer Department - \$2,000.00
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

ITEM 8. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. Award Bids:

1. Crushed caliche - Pcts. #1, #2 and #4

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

ITEM 9. PERMITS:

- A. Military Highway Supply Corp. - Pct. #1
- B. North Alamo Water Supply - Pcts. #1 & #2
- C. Southwestern Bell - Pcts. #3 & #4

(SEE "EXHIBIT H")

Judge Ruiz gave a brief explanation of each of the items on the Consent Agenda. He stated that on the awarding of the bid for crushed caliche, the bid would be awarded to Redland Stone Products, out of Corpus Christi, at a bid price of \$2.00 per ton. Commissioner Camarillo then stated that, last week, he had had an item on the agenda, regarding a Ford pickup that he wanted to declare surplus, as soon as possible, and he would like to do that at this time. There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBITS A-H"

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

- A. Consideration and approval of appointments to the Child Protective Services Board

Judge Ruiz informed the Court, that due to lack of time, the Child Protective Services was requesting the waiver of the nomination procedure and the appointments of Carlos Noyola, Jr., Harold Palmer and Marie Pineda Salazar. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the waiver of the procedural requirement of nomination and appoint Carlos Noyola, Jr., Harold Palmer and Marie Pineda Salazar, to the Child Protective Services Board.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #4 - Hidalgo County Weslaco Clinic Project

Anthony Covacevich came before the Court requesting the approval of change order #4, for the Weslaco Health clinic project. He explained that this was a quantitative change order in the amount of \$1,525.00. The total amount of all the change orders, including this

one, was \$13,525.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve change order #4, for the Weslaco Health clinic, totaling \$1,525.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 3. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. Consideration and action to participate in Auto Theft Task Force
- B. Approval to enter into Interlocal Agreement between various cities and other counties
- C. Approval of Cooperative Working Agreement with the Grantee and Equal Opportunity Employment Certificate
- D. Authorize County Auditor to set up Grant Budget
- E. Set salaries - Sheriff/Dist. Atty
- F. Authorize the lease of Five (5) vehicles from Capps Van & Car Rental

3/A, B&C

Bob Davis, the Chief Deputy, for the Sheriff's Department, came before the Court requesting authorization to participate in an Auto Theft Task Force. He explained that this grant was to be funded at 100% and the County would be participating along with Cameron, Starr and Zapata counties, as well as with the cities of McAllen, Mission, Hidalgo, Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito, Pharr, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. The grant period is from March 1st, 1993 through August 31st, 1993. This will entail the participation of four investigators, from Hidalgo County, and the grant will cover their salaries, the leasing of vehicles and gasoline. Mr. Davis also asked that because of time constraints if, instead from going out for bids, for the leasing of the cars, if he could lease from Capps Van & Car Rental, who was supplying cars for another grant project. A discussion then ensued regarding this, with comments from Mr. Travis Heister, Legal County, and Mr. Rene Guerra, District Attorney. Both attorneys agreed that it would be in the best interest of the County to advertise for the leasing of the cars. They did state however that during the advertising period, they could go into contract on a monthly basis and lease the vehicles. Judge Ruiz then stated that once the bid was in they could lease the vehicles for two years, with an option to renew as per availability of funds. He also asked Mr. Guerra what the purpose of this task force was and Mr. Guerra stated that it was to try to reduce the amount of auto theft, within this region, by trying to apprehend felons and close chop shops. Mr. Davis added that the task force would be working closely with the Mexican authorities, in doing this.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Sanchez, to authorize the participation in the Auto Theft Task Force, authorize the approval of an interlocal agreement with the various cities, counties and entities, as stated above and approve the Cooperative Working Agreement with the Grantee and Equal Opportunity Employment Certificate.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

3/D&E

Bob Davis explained that the proposed salaries for the investigators were \$13,633.20 plus fringes, each and that he was requesting that the County Auditor set a grant budget from which the salaries, car leases and fuel would be paid out. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the salaries of the four investigators, as presented, and also authorize the County Auditor to set a grant budget totaling \$88,531.24.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

3/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the advertising for bids for the leasing of five vehicles, for the Auto Theft Task Force; bid opening to be April 14th, bid award April 20th.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ITEM 4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- A. Approval of salary adjustment on the Financial Task Force Grant
- B. Appropriate adjustment

Ramona Aguilar came before the Court requesting approval of salary adjustments within the Financial Task Force Grant. The change would be from the over-time line item into the salaries line item, in the amount of \$6,050.00. These monies would be used to give slight increases to the five slots under the grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the appropriation of \$6,050.00, from over-time into salaries and also approve the salary adjustments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

ITEM 5. JUVENILE PROBATION:

- A. Approval of 1993 contract for Residential Services with Coastal Bend Youth City
- B. Approval to Amend County Correction Assistance Funding

5/A

Buddy Silva, Juvenile Probation Chief, came before the Court requesting approval of a contract with Coastal Bend Youth City, for residential services. He explained that the contract would run through December 31st, 1993 at a rate of \$41.21 per day per client. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a contract with Coastal Bend Youth City, for residential services, as presented.

MOTION CARRIES.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

5/B

Mr. Silva explained that his department had received additional funding totaling \$11,961.00. These funds would be used for residential services and he was requesting approval at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve \$11,961.00 in additional funding, for the Juvenile Probation Department, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

ITEM 6. 139TH DISTRICT COURT:

A. Approval of Budget Amendment

Judge Ruiz explained that due to budget cuts the court costs of all District Judges had been cut from \$9,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Judge Longoria's request called for an increase in his budget, under this line item, of \$7,000.00. The reason for this was that due to his illness, he was having to bring in visiting judges to hear his cases. The County Judge was at this time requesting that this item be brought before the Board of Judges, before Commissioners' Court takes any action on it.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

ITEM 7. WIC:

A. Approval of lease agreement - Alton site

Norma Acosta, WIC Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a lease agreement, for a clinic in the Alton area. She explained that the lease would be with Balde Garcia, for a period of two years. A discussion then ensued with comments from Commissioner Rosel, regarding the term of the lease, and Ms. Acosta stated that there was a thirty day clause in the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve a lease agreement between Mr. Balde Garcia and the County of Hidalgo, through the WIC Program, for a clinic site in the Alton area, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF POLICY TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE MH/MR BOARD

Mr. Marion Chirah came before the Court requesting approval of a new policy for the appointment of members to the Texas Tropical Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MH/MR) Board. He went into a brief explanation of what had been discussed in Workshop regarding this matter. Judge Ruiz then added that the purpose of the law was to appoint board members who would represent the total community. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the policy to appoint members to the Texas Tropical MH/MR Board, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

ITEM 9. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL TO TRANSFER DEBT SERVICE ALLOCATION TO REDUCE COUNTY DEBT

NO ACTION.

ITEM 10. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of Alton - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Street Improvements (Sidewalk) Year 4
- B. City of Alton - Budget Amendment Year - UCP Years 4 & 5

- C. City of Alton - Personal Services Contract - (Appraisal) - Land Acquisition, Parks, Recreational Facilities - Year 5 activity
- D. City of La Joya - Construction Contract Award to McCrea Water Tower, Inc. for PFI - Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project, Year 5
- E. City of La Villa - Personal Services Contract (Appraisal) Land Acquisition, Years 2, 3 & 4 activity
- F. City of La Villa - Personal Services Contract (Appraisal Review) - Land Acquisition, Years 2, 3 & 4 activity
- G. City of La Villa - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) for PFI - Water/Sewer Fac. (Reservoir) Year B-91-UC-48-0501
- H. City of Mercedes - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Street Improvements Project (Phase II), Year B-91-UC-48-0501
- I. City of Palmview - PFI - Fire Protection Fac./Equipment Award, Year 5
- J. City of Palmview - PFI - Parks, Recreational Facilities (Overhead Doors) Award, Year 5
- K. Precinct #2 - Interlocal Agreement with City of San Juan Parks, Recreation Facilities Improvements
- L. Precinct #2 - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Street Improvements - Years 4 & 5
- M. 1993 Emergency Shelter Grant Subrecipient Agreements
- N. Colonia Fund 1A & 1B Permission to Advertise for Bids
- O. Approval of Bills

10/A

After a discussion regarding the need to approve payment, to an engineer, for the acquisition of right-of-way and also the administration of this program, by the cities, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to TABLE, this item.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/B

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, explained that the amendments were for a sidewalk project and also for a Multi-Purpose Facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Arcaute, to approve a budget amendment Years 4 & 5, for the City of Alton, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize a contractual agreement between Noe Garza, Jr. & Associates, the County of Hidalgo and the City of Alton, for professional services contract, for appraising of land at the cost of \$800.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to award bid to McCrea Water Tower, as the sole bidder for the rehabilitation of a storage tank in La Joya, total cost \$13,900.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award a personal service contract to Leonel Garza, Jr. & Associates, for appraising, in the City of La Villa, at a total cost of \$750.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to enter into contract with Sun Valley Appraisal & Associates, with the City of La Villa and the County of Hidalgo, for a personal service contract for appraisal review, at a cost of \$400.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Arcaute, to authorize a contractual agreement with R.E. Garcia & Associates Engineering, with the City of La Villa and the County of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award a professional services contract to Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates, in the amount of \$12,000.00; this is with the City of Mercedes and the County of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the purchase of fifteen pagers from Lodico Electronics, through Urban County funds, City of Palmview and the County of Hidalgo. The amount is \$3,975.00.

MOTION CARRIED.S
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/J

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to enter into contract with Garza's Garage Door Installation & Electronic Door Openers, in the amount of \$3,090.00, with the City of Palmview and the County of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/K

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of San Juan, for \$5,000.00, for youth services.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/L

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to award a professional service contract to Noe Garza Engineering, at a cost of \$8,539.20.

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MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/M

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, explained that this was the fifth year that the County received a subrecipient agreement and the allocation for this year was \$83,000.00. He was at this time requesting that \$36,373.40 be allocated to the Mujeres Unidas and \$42,476.60 to the Community Service Agency. The Judge then made a presentation of a check for \$36,373.40 to Ms. DeAnda, who was present on behalf of Mujeres Unidas/Women Together. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the Emergency Shelter Grant, along with the subrecipient agreements with Mujeres Unidas and the Community Service Agency.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/N

Anthony Covacevich explained that they would like to go out for bids for grant 1A and 1B under the Colonia Fund. Under grant 1A, the bids were for Seminary Estates, Palm Lake Subdivision, Country Village No. 2 and Tierra Maria Subdivision. The estimated construction cost would be \$131,389.00. Under grant 1B, the bids were for H.M.E. Subdivision, El Charro Subdivision and Tom Weekley Subdivision. The estimated cost for these is \$286,273.41. Judge Ruiz then asked if it was possible to include a subdivision, located on Stewart Road, south of the levies. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to authorize the advertising for bids for the improvements in seven colonias, these are community development contracts, Nos. 701015 and 701135; bid opening opening to be April 21st, and bid award April 27th.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

10/O

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the 1989 Urban County bills #4475 and #4476 totaling \$254.00; the 1990 Urban County bill #4477 in the amount of \$75.00; the 1991 Urban County bills #4478 thru #4480 totaling \$6,744.59 and the 1992 Urban County bills #4481 thru #4485 totaling \$3,657.80. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is in the amount of \$10,731.39.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

A questions and comments session then followed with Judge Ruiz introducing two UT-Pan American Political Science students who were observing the Court, this morning. He also informed the Court that he would be attending a Jail Commission meeting tomorrow and also that there would be no Workshop this Thursday. He would like to have one on Monday, March 29th, at 1:30 PM and also he would like to reconvene Monday's meeting this afternoon at 1:30 PM.

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

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. PERMIT:
A. City of Progreso

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a request for permit by the City of Progreso as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, the meeting was 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

Samuel Sanchez _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Lalo Arcaute _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

Juan Rosel _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 23RD day of MARCH, 1993.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, COUNTY CLERK



By: _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy