

THE STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9TH day of  
JUNE, 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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The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

CONSENT AGENDA  
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ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 20, 1993

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor  
General Fund - #89827 - #90016 - \$200,003.50  
Special Revenue Fund - #87566 - #87724 - \$346,941.46  
Trust and Agency Fund - # 3504 - # 3525 - \$430,205.82  
(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND:  
A. Arl Nathaniel Mann - Part-time Reserve Deputy Constable -  
Pct. #3  
B. Ernesto Suarez - Reserve Deputy Constable - Pct. #2  
(SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTERS' FEES:  
A. Shirely A. Ralston - \$302.00  
(SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:  
A. Justice of the Peace:  
1. Rene O. Torres - \$12,875.60 - April  
(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 6. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:  
A. WIC - \$16,000.00  
B. Human Services - \$1,200.00  
C. Buildings & Grounds - \$600.00  
D. Pct. #2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$10,000.00  
Parks - \$12,000.00  
E. Solid Waste Enforcement Program - \$300.00  
F. County Extension Service - \$500.00  
G. Financial Disruption Task Force - \$2,000.00  
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:  
A. Subdivisions:  
1. Circuit City Subdivision - Pct. 2  
2. Collision Center Subdivisoin - Pct. 2

- 3. Esparza Subdivision - Pct. 2
- 4. Jackson Gardens Subdivision - Pct. 2
- 5. Summit Executive Park Subdivision - Pct. 2
- 6. Nottingham Estates, Phase I Subd. - Pct. 4
- 7. Quail Village Subdivision - Pct. 4

(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

ITEM 8. PERMITS:

- A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pct. 1
- B. City of Mercedes - Pct. 1
- C. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Pcts. 2 & 3
- D. Sharyland Water Supply Corp. - Pct. 4

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

Judge Ruiz gave a brief description of each of the items on the Consent Agenda. He stated that the minutes and the internal line item transfers were in order and the subdivisions had been approved through their respective city commissions and Emilio Garcia, the Chief Planner, was requesting No Action on Esparza Subdivision, at this time. The permits were requested for the following: North Alamo Water Supply was requesting for a six inch line within Country Village #2, in Precinct One; the City of Mercedes was requesting a permit for several water lines, in the area of Precinct One; Southwestern Bell Telephone was requesting to bury cables along Minnesota Road, Owassa Road and streets within Lopezville, in Precinct Two and also along Western Road and La Homa Road, in Precinct Three; and Sharyland Water Supply Corporation was requesting a permit for four inch water lines within Palm Lake Subdivision and Seminary Estates Subdivision, in Precinct Four. Judge Ruiz then entertained questions and/or comments from the Commissioners, there being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBITS A-G"

REGULAR AGENDA

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Judge Ruiz then called upon Ms. Denise Kemp, the Chairperson from the Texas Historical Commission, who had a special presentation to make. Ms. Kemp then introduced some of the members of the Historical Commission who were present, to present a plaque to the Commissioners' Court. She explained that the plaque had been engraved and would be mounted on the Courthouse Lobby, along with the distinguished service award medallions, which the Commission received this year.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 1. COUNTY CLERK:

- A. Canvassing of Runoff Election for U.S. Senator
- B. Discussion and possible action on purchase of a Dedicated AlphaMicro 1000 for Election Processing

1/A

Florestella Chavez, Elections Administrator, came before the Court and stated that the total votes cast for this election

were 21,177. The totals for the candidates were as follows:

Kay Bailey Hutchinson - 11,142  
Robert (Bob) Krueger - 10,028

A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve canvass report for the Special Senatorial Election held June 5, 1993.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

1/B  
NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:  
A. Approval of TDH Contract

NO ACTION.  
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

ITEM 3. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:  
A. Final Approval and Executing of Computer Contract with The Software Group Inc.  
B. Authorization and Approval to Execute Loan Agreement with the First National Bank of Edinburg for computer equipment purchase

3/A

Judge Ruiz explained that the Tax Assessor/Collector was requesting final approval of the contract with The Software Group, Inc. Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel, stated that this was basically the same contract that the County had had about five years ago, with some modifications, due to this being a new system. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a contract with The Software Group, Inc., as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

3/B

Armando Barrera, a representative from the Tax Assessor Collector's Office, came before the Court and explained that the terms of the contract were "basically to borrow the amount of \$124,404.00 and then expense it out for two years with a balloon note." Judge Ruiz then stated that the payment was \$25,000.00 plus interest, effective February 1st, 1994, then a second payment on February 1st, 1995 of the same amount and the remaining balance of \$74,404.00 due May 31st, 1995. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize and approve a loan agreement with the First National Bank of Edinburg for the amount of \$124,404.00 and authorize the County Judge to execute all necessary documents for said loan.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 5. LISA SAUCEDA, Administrative Assistant:

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A. Authorization to accept or reject bids for Juvenile Detention Center

Ms. Saucedo explained that the bids for the renovation of the Juvenile Detention Center had been opened the week before and the bids were not within the budget. She was at this time requesting to reject all bids, as presented. The Judge then asked if this could be redesigned to come within budget and the architect, Ray Vargas explained that if that were done it would be difficult to redefine the scope of the project. Judge Ruiz then explained that if it could not be done then the Commission would have to reject the project altogether. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to REJECT all bids submitted for the additional beds for the Juvenile Detention Center, as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ITEM 6. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. Authorization & Approval of TNCP Narcotics Trafficking Task Force Grant, Year '93-'94 - (Sheriff/District Attorney's Office ):
1. Appropriate Budget - Sheriff/District Attorney's Office
  2. Set salaries & benefits - Sheriff/D.A.'s Office
  3. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County and the City of McAllen
- B. Budget Appropriation:
1. Acct. #3-102-421-100 - \$1,371.66
  2. Acct. #3-104-421-100 - \$12,080.76
- C. Budget Amendment:
1. Fencing
  2. Revamp and Remodel locking and entry system for permanent facility and two temporary buildings
  3. Medical Services - Obj. #44
  4. Authorization of repairs under emergency status

6/A/1&2

Emilia Uriegas came before Court requesting approval of Texas Narcotics Trafficking Task Force Grant, the budget appropriation of \$287,669.00 and the approval of salaries. Judge Ruiz then stated that they were requesting the approval of two budgets, the Sheriff's Narcotic Traffic Task Force, \$210,932.00, setting salaries for the investigators at an amount of \$22,322.00 and one secretary for \$15,000.00; secondly approve the District Attorney 1993 Narcotic Traffic Task Force proposal in the amount of \$76,737.00, with one salary of an assistant district attorney at \$51,900.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the appropriation of budgets for the Sheriff and District Attorney's Narcotic Traffic Task Force and set salaries and benefits, within those two budgets.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

6/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve an interlocal agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of McAllen, for the 1993 Narcotic Trafficking Task Force.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

6/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by

Commissioner Rosel, to appropriate budgets from confiscations to the Sheriff's Investigation Fund from Item 102 of \$1,371.66 and Item #104 \$12,080.76.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

6/C

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that this was for an amendment of \$65,000.00 for some adjustments that were needed at the County Jail due to the recent breakouts. He explained that the locking system would have to be remodeled in the temporary facilities and in the permanent facility the visitation area would have to be remodeled as well. With respect to the medical services, he stated that due to the increase of inmates the Department would need about \$20,000.00 to finish out the year. The fencing would entail an amount of \$5,000.00 and this would cover the area around the three temporary facilities. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize a budget amendment of \$65,000.00; \$5,000.00 going to fencing, \$40,000.00 going to revamping and remodeling of the locking system, for the permanent and temporary facilities and \$20,000.00 for medical services; also authorize the declaration of emergency under the purchasing act, to waive all bids; we [the Commissioners' Court] are requiring three quotes through our Purchasing Agent.

MOTION CARRIED.

A lengthy discussion then ensued with comments from Commissioner Rosel, with regards to the number of prisoners who were ready to be relocated to state facilities.

ITEM 7. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

1. General Government Buildings - NO ACTION
2. Enterprise Fund - \$21,366.50
3. 92nd District Court - \$2,843.63
4. 139th District Court - \$2,454.94
5. 332nd District Court - \$71.05

The County Judge explained that these were for costs that have already been incurred. With regards to the District Court, Judge Ruiz stated that a visiting judge had already been appointed, by State District Judge Hester, to assist in the case overload, in our District Courts. A discussion then ensued with comments from Commissioner Rosel and Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel, with regards to costs incurred without regards to budget. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Judge Ruiz, to approve the budget amendments, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONERS ARCAUTE AND CAMARILLO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION; COMMISSIONERS ROSEL AND SANCHEZ ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AND JUDGE RUIZ VOTED IN FAVOR.)  
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

ITEM 8. DISTRICT ATTORNEY - (Hot Check Division):

- A. Approval of Budget Upgrade and Appropriation
- B. Set Salaries

Ramona Aguilar came before the Court and explained that this was an appropriation for some summer help, on a temporary basis, for a period of ten weeks. She explained that this was to assist in the backlog of work, for the Hot Checks Department, at a salary of \$5.00 per

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hour and the amount of the budget amendment was \$4,354.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to authorize a budget upgrade and appropriation from the Hot Checks Division to employ four temporary part-time positions at \$5.00 per hour; the budget amendment calls for \$4,354.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

- ITEM 9. PCT. #2:  
A. Authorization & Approval of Personal Services Contract - Parks

After Commissioner Arcaute explained that this was for lifeguards at the swimming pool at Valley View Park, he made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve personal service contracts, under contractual services, with four individuals, one at \$5.50 per hour and the other three at \$4.75; these are for lifeguards at the Precinct Two swimming pool; contracts to run through August 31.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

- ITEM 10. PCT. #3:  
A. Approval to name two (2) unnamed County roads

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that he was asking for approval to name two unnamed roads, which are located in Cuevitas and the names to be given to these are Reginaldo Villalon Road and Flores Road. Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosel and a second by Commissioner Sanchez, it was authorized to approve the naming of, first an unnamed road to Reginaldo Villalon Road and, secondly, an unnamed road goes to Flores Road.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

- ITEM 11. PCT. #4:  
A. Request to consider increase of waste disposal fees for the cities of San Juan and Mercedes  
B. Resolution Authorizing 4-Way Stop Intersection - Ingle Road & Doolittle Road

11/A

Commissioner Camarillo stated that he was not requesting any action on this at this time, but rather he was inquiring on the original contract. He mentioned that the original contract was approved back in October of '91 and he did not recall if it had any type of expiration date. He added that he would like the Commission to consider increasing the fees set on the contract due to mounting costs in the disposal of solid waste at the new landfill. A discussion then ensued regarding some of the fees that were being imposed by other entities for solid waste disposal and the cost for this type of disposal at the new landfill. Commissioner Camarillo then stated that he would recommend a fee no less than \$14.00 per ton.

Commissioner Camarillo did add however that there would be a public hearing by the Texas Water Commission for the expansion of the

landfill. Commissioner Arcaute then mentioned that expanding the site would not solve the problem and Judge Ruiz then asked that Commissioner Camarillo negotiate a new rate with the Cities of Mercedes and San Juan and bring it back to Commissioners' Court at a later date.

NO ACTION.

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, and carried unanimously, to authorize a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Ingle Road and Doolittle Road, in Precinct Four, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. Award Bids:

1. Medical Supplies - Health Department
2. Gasoline & Diesel - Hidalgo County
3. Pit-run Caliche Gravel - Hidalgo County
4. 1993 Passenger van - Youth Village
5. Juvenile Detention Center

B. Request to advertise to dispose of surplus property

12/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award bid to Klinck's Wholesale, of McAllen, for all medical needs of the Health Department, as listed on the bid and then all the supplies and equipment, as per bid, to International Medical Supplies, of Edinburg, both being low bid.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

12/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award bid for the purchase of fuel of Unleaded Plus, Unleaded Super, Unleaded Regular and diesel to fuel, to Discount Oils, Lubricants & Fuels, out of Pharr; contract for a one year period.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

12/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the bid for Valley Caliche Products for the supplying of pit-run caliche gravel, this is a contract for one year and the cost is \$1.07 per ton.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

12/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award bid to Crosstown Truck Center, out of Corpus Christi for the purchase of a 15-passenger 1993 van at a bid price of \$17,015.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

12/A/5

NO ACTION.

12/B  
NO ACTION.

ITEM 13. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
  - 1. Centre Subdivision - Pct. 1
  - 2. Montoya Subdivision - Pct. 3
- B. Preliminary Plat Approval:
  - 1. Las Palmas Del Valle Subdivision - Pct. 1

13/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the plat of Centre Subdivision, which is located approximately 135 feet south of Mile 10 North, on the west side of F.M. 493, City of Donna, Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

13/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the plat of Montoya Subdivision, which is located between the 3 Mile Line and the 4 Mile Line, on the west side of Trooper Road, City of Palmhurst, in Precinct tTree.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to give preliminary approval to the plat of Las Palmas Del Valle Subdivision, which is located approximately 1000 feet north of Expressway 83, on the east side of Mile 1 East, City of Mercedes, Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 14. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Contract Award (1) 1993 Cargo Van Year 5 County wide (Library System)
- B. Approval of Bills

14/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize a bid award to Crosstown Truck Center, for the purchase of a 1993 cargo van at \$13,936.00, also to take under advisement all bids received for the 1993 passenger vans.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

14/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the 1989 Urban County bill #4773 in the amount of \$1,000.00; the 1990 Urban County bill #4774 in the amount of \$4,703.91; the 1992 Urban County bills #4775 thru #4788 totaling \$142,310.61; and the Emergency Shelter Grant bills #4789 and #4790 totaling \$7,747.85.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

ITEM 4. J.D. SALINAS, PROJECT COORDINATOR:

A. Request to Advertise:

1. Two (2) Compact Trucks

Judge Ruiz explained that these vehicles are to be used by the Solid Waste Enforcement Grant Project. He said that it had just been confirmed, earlier this morning that the cooperative purchasing program with the State of Texas, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council does supply this type pick-ups. The cost for each vehicle would amount to \$7,995.00, with an administrative fee of \$359.78, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He then stated that this would be on the agenda next week, for confirmation. At this time he was requesting authorization to purchase two pick-up Ford Ranger trucks, at a cost of \$7,995.00 plus a \$359.78 administrative fee. Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosel, and a second by Commissioner Camarillo, it was carried unanimously to authorize the purchase.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

A questions and comments session then followed with the County Auditor stating that Dr. Wilson, the Health Director, had requested a grant of \$2,000.00, which had previously been approved by the State of Texas. Judge Ruiz then confirmed that Dr. Wilson had requested that it be TABLED at this time.

Commissioner Camarillo then made some comments on the requests from the District Judges and he recommended that the Commission meet with the Board of Judges to discuss the matter of amending the court cost line item. A discussion then ensued regarding this matter. J.D. Salinas then informed the Court that the next Board of Judges' meeting would be held on June 25th, 1993 and the Commission concurred that they would meet at that time.

Tom Stolehansky, from San Antonio, came before the Court and stated that he was appearing as a representative of a transplant unit who was interested in doing some retrievals, with a non-profit organization, on visceral organs, for transplants. He was requesting information on contracting with the County, to work through the County and in doing this. The County Judge then asked him why he would be going through the County to do this and Mr. Stolehansky asked that it would be primarily for the use of the facilities. This would be done with the consent of the family and it would help people with deformities, burn victims and bone marrow recipients. Judge Ruiz then recommended that he bring this matter back to Commissioners' Court, at a later date, with additional information.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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 9TH day of JUNE, 1993.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas



By:   
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy