

THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

vs. 0154-683

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23RD day of NOVEMBER, 1993, after due notice having been given, there was begun and holden, a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District, 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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NOVEMBER 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 - November 02, 1993
November 05, 1993

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor

General Fund	- #94228	- #94354	- \$470,824.26
Special Revenue Fund	- #92716	- #92927	- \$277,965.66
Debt Service Fund	- # 902		- \$ 49,128.81
Capital Projects Fund	- # 4671		- \$ 2,000.00
Trust and Agency Fund	- # 3781	- # 3803	- \$ 35,882.41
Enterprise Fund	- # 1669	- # 1675	- \$ 737.36

(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF VOTING MACHINES:
A. Donna Irrigation District #1 - 1 machine
(SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. County Clerk	- \$177,640.29	- October
B. District Clerk	- \$119,210.63	- "
C. Constables:		
1. Horacio Aguirre	- \$.00	- October
2. Gilberto Alaniz	- \$ 175.14	- "
3. Luis Zamora	- \$1,720.00	- "
4. Rumaldo Cerda	- \$ 200.00	- "
5. Eduardo Bazan	- \$.00	- "
D. Justice of the Peace:		
1. Ismael "Melo" Ochoa	- \$ 7,249.90	- October
2. Arnaldo Corpus	- \$ 2,308.64	- "
E. Sheriff's Department	- \$74,876.45	- October

(SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

A. Health Department (Co-Pay)	- NO ACTION
B. J.P. Pct. 2, Pl. 2 (Rosa Trevino)	- \$290.00
C. Computer Department	- NO ACTION
D. Library System	- \$100.00
E. Extension Service	- \$2,434.22
F. County Auditor	- \$1,480.00
G. Pct. #2 (Parks)	- \$8,000.00
H. Pct. #2 (Paved/Unpaved)	- NO ACTION
I. District Clerk	- \$3,732.90
J. Juvenile Probation Department	- \$1,200.00
K. Drug Impact Court	- \$10,000.00
L. 275th District Court	- \$160.00

M. Sheriff's Investigation Fund - \$8,000.00
N. Pct. #1 (Paved/Unpaved) - \$66,000.00
(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Garden of the Four Apostles Subd. - Pct. 1
2. MaCo Industrial Park Subd. - Pct. 2
3. Plantation South Unit No. 12 Subd. - Pct. 2
4. Siete Encinos Subd. - Unit 1 - Pct. 2
5. Valle Alto Subd. No. 3 - Pct. 2
6. Lots 1-B thru 14-B North Park Estates - Pct. 4
7. Lots A, B & C, Block 14, Primrose Terrace Unit No. 7 - Pct. 4
8. Texas Commerce Bank McAllen North Subd. - Pct. 4

6/A/1

Garden of the Four Apostles Subdivision is located between Mile 11 1/2 and Mile 11 3/4, on the west side of Mile 5 West, City of Weslaco, Precinct One.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/2

MaCo Industrial Park Subdivision is located approximately 1/4 mile north of F.M. 495 on the west side of "I" Road, City of Pharr, Precinct Two.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/3

Plantation South Unit No. 12 Subdivision is located on the north and south side of Melanie Drive, City of Pharr, Precinct Two.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/4

Siete Encinos Subdivision is located on the northwest corner of "I" Road and F.M. 3072, City of Pharr, Precinct Two.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/5

Valle Alto Subdivision No. 3 is located on the southeast corner of Highline Road and McColl Road, City of Hidalgo, Precinct Two.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/6

Lots 1-B thru 14-B North Park Estates is located on the northeast corner of Dove Avenue and North 16th Street, City of McAllen, Precinct Four.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/7

Lots A, B & C, Block 14, Primrose Terrace Unit No. 7 Subdivision is located on the southwest corner of North 10th Street and Shasta Avenue, City of McAllen, Precinct Four.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

6/A/8

Texas Commerce Bank McAllen North Subdivision is located on the northwest corner of Dove Avenue and North 10th Street, City of McAllen, Precinct Four.
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 7. PERMITS:

- A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pct. 1
- B. Sharyland Water Supply - Pct. 3
- C. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company - Pct. 3
- D. CP & L - Permit - Progreso Community Center - Pct. 1

7/A

In Precinct One, North Alamo Water Supply is requesting a permit to cross Mile 11 North, 1/2 mile east of Mile 2 West; to cross Mile 11 North 1/4 mile west of F.M. 88 and to cross Mile 1 1/2 West, north of Mile 11 North.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/B

In Precinct Three, Sharyland Water Supply is requesting a permit for a one inch line to cross Los Ebanos Road, 2630 feet north of the 2 Mile Line.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/C

In Precinct Three, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is requesting a permit to lay a cable along the Old Military Highway east from F.M. 2062.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/D

Central Power & Light is requesting a permit to lay an underground electrical cable at the Progreso Community Center, in Precinct One.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

The County Judge asked the Commissioners if they had any questions and/or comments on the Consent Agenda, after which Commissioner Arcaute stated that in the line item transfers, that #5/H be deleted. Steve Austin, the County Auditor, then added that items 5/A and 5/C also need to be deleted. The County Judge then had a question on the line item transfer request from Precinct One, Item #5/N, regarding bond money that had been transferred earlier. There being no further questions, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (THE COUNTY JUDGE VOTED AGAINST THE LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST FOR PRECINCT ONE)
SEE "EXHIBITS A-F"

REGULAR AGENDA
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ITEM 1. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Consideration & Approval of Cancer Screening Contract
- B. Allocation of Insurance Refund (Co-Pay)
- C. Amendment to 1993-94 Contract Tuberculosis Outreach Worker

1/A

Dr. Charles Wilson, County Health Director, informed the Commissioners' Court that presently the County of Hidalgo was involved in a consortium with Planned Parenthood and the Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation for a grant of \$76,000.00 to do breast cancer screening and cervical cancer screening. He continued by saying that the Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation is presently the lead agency and has been writing this grant but they have been having some difficulties, in which they have lost all of their administrative personnel, their medical director, as well as having some financial diffi-

culties. He stated that due to the importance of this grant, he has been asked to administer this grant and that is why he was bringing it before the Court. Dr. Wilson mentioned that he has the staff to administer this grant and there is a need for this type of service. The County Judge then asked what the position of the Health Care Corporation was and Dr. Wilson responded that they had met and they were in agreement with this request. Commissioner Sanchez commented that he had no problem with this request and Commissioner Camarillo felt that the Commissioners' Court should be supplied with more information. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that No Action would be taken on this item, at this time.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

1/B

Dr. Wilson informed the Court that about three months ago there had been a break-in at the Edinburg Clinic and this was the insurance refund, and he was requesting to allocate it back into the Co-Pay grant, under Object #95. Judge Ruiz then stated that the total reimbursement was for \$6,309.88, of which \$2,117.69 would go into Co-Pay, \$2,313.00 would go towards WIC and the General Fund would receive the remaining \$1,879.19. He then added that he would recommend that it all be allocated to the respective budgets at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to allocate the amount of \$6,309.88 appropriately, to WIC Program, Health Department Co-Pay and the General Fund, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

1/C

Dr. Wilson stated that this was for a new contract that was received for an amount of \$24,318.00 for the Tuberculosis Outreach Worker Program. He explained that this was primarily to hire an outreach worker to go to correctional institutions, in Hidalgo County, to administer the necessary medications to those inmates who may have tuberculosis. After a brief discussion, regarding who would be treated under this grant, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve an amendment to the 1993-94 contract for Tuberculosis Outreach Worker.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

- ITEM 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT:
 - A. Child Welfare
 - B. 206th District Court
 - C. Autopsies
 - D. Insurance
 - E. Road & Bridge - Insurance
 - F. Pct. 1 - Lateral Roads

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a budget amendment of \$97,000.00 for Child Welfare Board of Children. (NOTE: 95% of these monies would be reimbursed by the State.)

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by

Commissioner Sanchez, to authorize a budget amendment of \$1,750.00, to pay pending and anticipated bills.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER ROSEL VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

2/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve a budget amendment of \$7,234.50, for autopsies.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

2/D&E

The County Judge explained that this was for insurance as follows: \$24,357.00 for Building insurance, \$64,965.00 for auto and building insurance, \$186,145.51 for other insurance and \$5,011.00 for interest that would be set aside to meet this payment. Included in this amendment were \$6,576.35 that would be paid from the General Fund for Road and Bridge since this fund had been depleted. This budget amendment totaled \$287,054.86. There was another request for a budget amendment, under Road and Bridge, for insurance as follows: \$1,487.00 for building insurance, \$35,182.46 for auto and building insurance and \$3,330.54 for other insurance. This second budget amendment would total \$40,000.00. The County Judge then added that the insurance had increased because the County had not only acquired more buildings, but had completed more buildings within the past two years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the budget amendments, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

2/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a budget amendment of \$12,582.79, which would include \$8,882.40 in carry-over funds from 1992 and State allocated funds of \$3,700.39.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

ITEM 3. AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION - J.P. PCT. 4, PL. 1 (GUADALUPE GARCES)

The County Judge introduced Judge Lupe Garces, who was submitting his letter of resignation. Judge Garces then proceeded to thank the Commissioners for their support and announced that he would be resigning as of November 30, 1993. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to accept the resignation of Guadalupe Garces, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, Pl. 1.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

ITEM 4. PCT. #2:

- A. Request to enter into Interlocal Agreement with City of McAllen

Commissioner Arcaute informed the Court that this was to pro-

vide the road materials and the hauling for the paving of East Fern Street, in the City of McAllen. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Sanchez, to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of McAllen and the County of Hidalgo, where Precinct Two will do all purchase of caliche and haul it for the construction of Fern Street, in McAllen, Texas.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 5. AMEND CONTRACT BETWEEN LINN-SAN MANUEL & MONTE ALTO RURAL FIRE CALLS

The County Judge explained that they had inadvertently, in the retyping or the renegotiation of this contract, left out a paragraph which stated that the County would pay for the worker compensation costs, for the firefighting employees, of these two cities. He was at this time requesting that this contract be amended to reflect this correction. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to amend the contract, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ITEM 6. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Award Bids:
 - 1. Rental Space - WIC
 - 2. Rental Space - D.P.S.

6/A/1

Mary Maldonado, the Purchasing Agent, informed the Commissioners' Court that she had received only one bid for rental space, for the WIC Program, in the Donna area. The sole bidder was Bell's Inc. at a bid price of \$.50 a square foot per month. Commissioner Rosel then pointed out that this had been brought before and the Commissioners had had a question concerning the five-year leasing period. Norma Longoria the WIC Director, explained that she had discussed this with Mr. Bell and he was in agreement that either a 30 or 60-day cancellation clause would be included in the lease. The building would be built to the specifications of the WIC Department and the County had a choice of two sites. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award bid to Bell's Incorporated, included a five-year lease with option to terminate within a 60-day period.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

6/A/1

Ms. Maldonado stated that she had received one bid for rental space, for the D.P.S., in the City of Weslaco. The sole bidder being Larry Dittburner, at a bid price of \$500.00 per month, with the present building to be remodeled to meet the needs of the D.P.S. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to award bid to low and sole bidder, Larry Dittburner, for office space rental for the D.P.S., at \$500.00 per month, lease is for one year.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

ITEM 7. AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO RENEW & AMEND LEASE - HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Mr. Bill McGee came before the Court to request renewal of the lease for the Library Systems current office space and reinstate the cleaning services that had been taken out about three years ago. The monthly rate would be \$677.00 and it would run from December 1, 1993 thru November 30, 1994. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to authorize an amendment to the lease, to include the janitorial services and renew the lease for one year; the new rate for the services and the lease is \$677.00 per month and the contract is for one year.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL TO EXTEND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR D.P.S. OFFICES - WESLACO

The County Judge explained that due to the bid that was awarded earlier in this agenda, the office would not be ready, by the end of the present lease. Mary Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, then stated that it would need to be extended for thirty days. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve an extension of a contract for the leasing of the building used by D.P.S., in Weslaco; the extension is for thirty (30) days.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 9. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
 - 1. G & G Mobile Home Park Unit 2 - Pct. 3
 - 2. Vista Bonita Subd. - Pct. 4
- B. Final Plat Approval:
 - 1. Nuevo Amanecer Phase I - Pct. 3
- C. Request for Change Fund Acct. - Pct. 3 Sub-Station

9/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the plat of G & G Mobile Home Park Unit 2, which is located approximately 1/2 mile north of Mile 1 (F.M. 495) on the east side of Goodwin Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

9/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the plat of Vista Bonita Subdivision, which is located on the northeast corner of Kenyon Road and Ramseyer Drive, City of Edinburg, Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to give final approval to the plat of Nuevo Amanecer Phase I, which is located approximately 1/2 mile north of the 8 Mile Line, on the west side of Moorefield Road, in the rural area of the County, in Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

9/C

Emilio Garcia, the Chief Planner, explained that the change fund request was for the sub-station, that was located in Mission. The requested petty cash amount was for \$50.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve a change fund of \$50.00 for the Planning Department's sub-station.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 10. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. First Home-buyer Contract Agreement & Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company
- B. Change Order on Tom Weekly & El Charro Subdivision
- C. Pct. #3 - Street Construction Contract Award
- D. City of La Joya - Change Order No. 1
- E. Colonia 1-A TCDP Contract No. 701015 - Award Construction Contract
- F. Approval of Bills

10/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before the Court requesting approval of the contract agreements and permission to issue letters of commitment to the mortgage companys, as listed on the exhibit. He stated that there were ten families, with each receiving \$5,000.00, for down-payment and closing cost assistance. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve First Home-buyer contract agreements.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

10/B

Mr. Covacevich explained that he had two change orders for Tom Weekly subdivision; one increasing the contract by \$5,575.90, for quantitative adjustments and the other increasing it by \$1,400.00. He continued by saying that he also had two change orders for El Charro Subdivision, one was for an increase of \$1,440.00, for quantitative adjustments and the other increasing the contract by \$28,875.00, for sewer line connection that were originally left out. After a brief discussion on these last two change orders, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve change orders for Tom Weekly and El Charro Subdivision, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

10/C

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was for Year 5 and Year 6, for street construction and the streets to be paved are Inspiration Road, between Mile 5 and Mile 7 and Los Vecinos Subdivision. He added that the low and sole bidder was Mission Paving Company, with a low bid price of \$97,966.00. A discussion then ensued regarding the high price bidded by Mission Paving being that Mission Paving Company was situated in the same city as the work to be done. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to reject the bid by Mission Paving Company and readvertise; bid opening December 15, bid award December 21, 1993.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

10/D

The City of La Joya was requesting approval of a change order, for an architectural barrier removal project, with Solis & Chapa Construction. The change order is for an increase of \$2,010.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve change order #1 totaling \$2,010.00, for Solis & Chapa Construction.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

10/E

Under Colonia 1-A, Mr. Covacevich stated that they had gone out for bids on three subdivisions, as follows: Colonia #1, an unnamed subdivision on 3 Mile Line and Western Road; Colonia #2, another unnamed subdivision on Morningside and Anaya Roads and Bertha Acres. He added that all the bids came in over the amount budgeted and they were at this time requesting the rejection of bids for Colonia #1 and Colonia #2 and acceptance of the low bid for Bertha Acres, from J.M. Construction, at a low bid price of \$6,346.00, for waterline installation. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize and award the bid to J.M. Construction for the construction of Bertha Acres waterlines, contract to be \$6,346.00; and to reject all bids received for the construction of waterlines in Colonia #1 and Colonia #2.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

Mr. Covacevich stated that he would be coming back to Commissioners' Court with recommendations to do both, Colonias #1 and #2, with forced accounts.

10/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the 1991 Urban County bill #5381 in the amount of \$24,815.70; the 1992 Urban County bills #5382 thru #5385 totaling \$7,530.01; the 1993 Urban County bills #5386 and #5387 totaling \$9,265.60 and the Colonia 1-B Fund bills #5388 and #5389 totaling \$62,817.66. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is in the amount of \$104,428.97.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 11. DISCUSSION OF TAX RATE

The County Judge informed the Commissioners that there was a sizeable increase in property value for the County for the 1992-93 tax year, from \$7.08 billion to \$7.5 billion. He stated that this would have an impact on the effective tax rate, with the effective tax rate being the rate that would bring into the County, the equal amount of money as the previous year. He then continued by saying that based on the projections of both the Auditor and the Tax Assessor/Collector, the effective tax rate would be \$.3860 and the actual tax rate being \$.3989. He added that the effective tax rate should include the General Fund, the Road & Bridge Fund, all indebtedness through certificates of obligation or general obligation bonds and the Park Fund. The tax rate that is being proposed this year is \$.4006, being an increase of \$.0017. He then went through a list of what the proposed rate for each fund would be, which was as follows:

General Fund	- \$.3818,
Road & Bridge	- -0-

Certificates of Obligation Series 1990-A	-	\$.0019,
Refunding Bonds Series 1990	-	\$.0051
Certificates of Obligation Series 1991	-	-0-
Certificates of Obligation Series 1992	-	\$.0030
Certificates of Obligation Series 1993	-	\$.0015
Park Fund	-	\$.0073

TOTAL:		\$.4006
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Judge Ruiz stated that the Certificates of Obligation Series 1991 would be paid from the proceeds that were received from the Boot Camp. The County Judge then continued by saying that other taxes to be imposed would be:

Road District # 5	-	\$.02
Road District #15	-	\$.005
Drainage District (Debt)	-	\$.0787
Drainage District (Oper.)	-	\$.0393
So. Tex. School Dist.	-	\$.0375

Judge Ruiz stated, for the record, that these last tax rates had previously been voted on by the constituents. He also stated that when taking the General Fund, Road & Bridge and Parks and indebtedness, including road districts and drainage district, the comparison from last year was a decrease of \$.0065. He then continued with the Fire Districts and the rates that were voted on, were as follows:

Fire Dist. #1	-	\$.0159
Fire Dist. #2	-	\$.03
Fire Dist. #3	-	\$.0249
Fire Dist. #4	-	\$.0299

The County Judge then mentioned that he felt that these tax rates would be sufficient to operate the County "in a fiscally responsible way for the year 1994". Commissioner Camarillo asked the County Judge if this tax rate would be sufficient to not only give the employees a 5% salary increase, but also to give the departments the amounts that they had requested and the County Judge replied that it was not. Judge Ruiz stated that the request from the department heads had been \$37,914,305.77, but this was being reduced to \$35,129,071.91. He continued by saying that this year's budget included a 5% salary increase for all positions, that exist in the budget, eliminating all requests for new positions; it would include the fringes and that the operational portion of the budget, was in proportion to the 1993 budget. Commissioner Arcaute then stated that if the total tax rate was \$.0065 less than last year's then this amount should be added to the Road & Bridge Fund, thus leaving the tax rate, as the same as last year's. This would bring the overall tax rate to \$.4071 and the County Judge stated that the roll-back rate was \$.4172. Commissioner Sanchez then defended Commissioner Arcaute's recommendation, by saying that most of the calls received by the Commissioners was due to badly needed improvements on roads, bridges etc.. A brief discussion then ensued regarding where the increase in property value had come from, with the County Judge stating that most of it had probably come from new construction. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the tax rate at \$.4071, with the breakdown, as presented by the County Judge, including \$.0065 for Road & Bridge.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

Anthony Covacevich then came back and explained that under item 10/C the reason that the bid was so high was that the notice had specified 150 pounds per square yard. Commissioner Rosel then stated that

he still wanted to readvertise, but only after he discussed this with the engineer.

ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Commissioners' Court may go into Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss the following matter:
 - 1. Discussion & Possible action of Property - City of Edcouch

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Mr. Steve Crane. The Executive Session lasted approximately fifteen minutes.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 13. OPEN SESSION:

- A. Discussion & Possible action of Property - City of Edcouch

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that this discussion was regarding some property that the County presently owned, in the City of Edcouch. The property in question was Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 14 of Edcouch Original Townsite and this property was in between the present fire station and the swimming pool, in Edcouch. He was at this time recommending that this property be placed for sale through the bid process, with the proper advertising and he asked that Vona Walker take care of this matter. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Rosel, for the sale of this property.

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, 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. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT - RANCH SANTA CRUZ PROJECT - PHASE V ENGINEERING AND EXEMPT FROM BIDDING PROCEDURE - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to appoint Phase V Engineering, exempting them from the bidding procedure, under professional services, for the Ranch Santa Cruz Project.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PIPE - LINDA VISTA PROJECT

Vona Walker explained that this was for the purchase of eighteen, thirty-six and forty-two inch pipe for the Linda Vista drainage project. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of eighteen, thirty-six and forty-two inch RCPR-RJ culvert pipe for the Linda Vista subdivision, area drainage improvements; bid opening December 15, bid award December 21, 1993.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

ITEM 3. AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR MILE 5 CROSSING AND METER STATION CROSSING - LINDA VISTA PROJECT

Vona Walker explained that on the Linda Vista Project, Mile 5 needed to be crossed, Mile 5 being a State road. The State as indicated that they would provide the pipe, but the County would have to provide a contractor to install the pipe. Also, a meter station will need to be crossed and a contractor is needed for this, as well, the County will be providing the pipe for this second crossing. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize the advertising for bids for the labor to make crossings at Mile 5 and Meter Station, this is also for the Linda Vista Project; bid opening December 15, bid award December 21.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

ITEM 4. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a line item transfer of \$3,630.00 for Drainage District No. 1, under other insurance.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Commissioners' Court may go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss the following matter:
 1. Discussion & Possible action fo Property - City of Mission

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Mr. Steve Crain. The Executive Session lasted approximately ten minutes.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 6. OPEN SESSION:

A. Discussion & Possible action of Property - City of Mission

The County Judge informed the Court that the discussion was in reference to a property directly west of the Precinct Three Warehouse. The property being the west 54 fraction part of east 44 feet of west 97 of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 Block 212, of Mission Original Townsite. He added that this land had been appraised at approximately \$22,000.00 and Commissioner Rosel had been having discussion with the owners of this property, who have agreed to a sale price of \$26,000.00. He was at this time recommending that the County purchase these two tracts of land from William Marvin Stewart and Odessa Blanche Stewart at a price of \$26,000.00 and authorize the County Judge to sign an earnest money contract for this particular purchase. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the purchase of this particular property at \$26,000.00 and authorize the County Judge to sign an earnest money contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Arcaute, to adjourn said meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME

BEFORE SAID COURT, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District were hereby adjourned.

J. Edgar Ruiz _____
County Judge

Samuel Sanchez _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #1

Lalo Arcaute _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #2

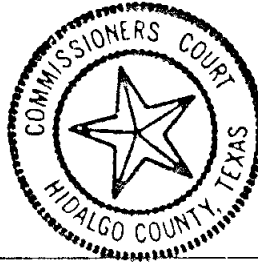
Juan Rosel _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 23RD day of NOVEMBER, 1993.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas



By: Jennifer Castillo, Deputy