

THE STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 7TH day of
DECEMBER, 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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DECEMBER 7, 1993

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

The County Judge began by recognizing some elected officials who were sitting in the audience. He then announced that a meeting of the Housing Finance Corporation, would be held tomorrow, December 8, at 2:00 PM, in the Commissioners' Court courtroom. He also informed the Court that an Empowerment Zone Meeting would be held in the Conference Room, on Thursday, December 9, at 9:00 AM.

He then stated that there would be a regular meeting of Commissioners' Court on Monday, December 13, during which the proposed budget would be approved, as well as the setting of the tax rate. On this day there would also be a Workshop, regarding all the funding organizations that would seek funding from the confiscated funds. On December 21st, there would be a Special meeting of Commissioners' Court, and this would be the last meeting of the year, which would be followed by a Workshop, regarding proposed construction, for 1994. On December 23rd, the Employee Bar-B-Que, would be held at the Palmer Pavilion, at noon. The County Judge once again announced that there would be no meeting on December 28.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor

General Fund	- #94470	- #94678	- \$717,597.79
Special Revenue Fund	- #93093	- #93272	- \$214,785.19
Capital Projects Fund	- # 4672	- # 7676	- \$452,742.78
Trust and Agency Fund	- # 3804	- # 3828	- \$661,690.02
Enterprise Fund	- # 1688	- # 1692	- \$ 5,003.76

(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. Justice of the Peace:

1. Guadalupe Garces - \$7,109.50 - October

(SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF VOTING MACHINES:

A. Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 16 - 1 machine

B. City of Penitas - 2 machines

C. Zavala Elementary - 2 machines

(SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 4. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

A. Reproduction - \$40.00

B. Sheriff's Investigation Fund - \$200.00

C. Financial Disruption Task Force - \$1,000.00

D. County Auditor - \$2,440.00

E. Sheriff Department - NO ACTION

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- F. Pct. #2 (Parks) - \$5,500.00
- G. Pct. #2 (Paved/Unpaved) - \$6,500.00
- H. Pct. #3 (Administration/Paved/Unpaved) - \$4,771.20
- I. Pct. #3 (Parks) - \$11,000.00
- J. County Court #2 - \$92.00
- K. Pct. #4 (Road & Bridge) - \$12,000.00

(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Hacienda Trevino Subdivision - Pct. 2
2. Old Fort Subdivision - Pct. 2
3. E.C.I.S.D. Subdivision Unit 4 - Pct. 4
4. Hidalgo County Boot Camp Subdivision - Pct. 4

5/A/1

Hacienda Trevino Subdivision is located on the southwest corner of Ridge Road and Jackson Road, City of McAllen, Precinct Two.

(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

5/A/2

Old Fort Subdivision is located on the north side of Esperanza Road and east of Gray Recio Subdivision Unit No. 6, City of Hidalgo, Precinct Two.

(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

5/A/3

E.C.I.S.D. Subdivision Unit 4 is located on the northwest corner of U.S. 281 and Rogers Road, City of Edinburg, Precinct Four.

(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

5/A/4

Hidalgo County Boot Camp Subdivision is located on the northeast corner of Schunior and "M" Road, City of Edinburg, Precinct Four.

(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 6. PERMITS:

A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pcts. 1 & 4

In Precinct One, North Alamo Water Supply is requesting a permit to lay two inch water lines within Country View Estates and to cross Mile 14 North east of Mile 6 West.

In Precinct Four, North Alamo Water Supply is requesting a permit for a two inch water line to cross Doolittle Road, north of F.M. 2812 and a four inch water line to go along Kenyon Road, for 3,964 feet north of Mile 19 North.

(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

The County Judge informed the Court that there would be no action on Item 4/E, regarding an internal line transfer request by the Sheriff's Department. He then asked the Commissioners if they had any questions and/or comments on the Consent Agenda, there being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

SEE "EXHIBITS A-F"

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Authorization & Approval of Childhood Intervention Contract
- B. Authorization & Approval of Cancer Screening Contract

1/A

Dr. Charles Wilson, Health Director, came before the Court requesting approval of the Childhood Intervention Contract. He stated that this was a yearly contract and it was basically a renewal. The amount of the contract was \$107,928.00 and this would be used for identifying children who have physical, psychological or social defects. After a brief discussion, regarding the use of the funds, under this contract, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the Childhood Intervention contract, as proposed.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

1/B

Dr. Wilson informed the Court that this item was tabled last week and it need to be removed from the table. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to remove the Cancer Screening contract, from the table.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Wilson then stated that this was a contract that was being headed by the Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation and the three entities involved in this corporation, had agreed that the County Health Department should take over this contract. He stated that this item had previously been brought before Commissioners' Court, and at that time more information was requested. After that time a letter had been sent to the Commissioners' Court stating that this had been consented to from the corporation and Commissioner Camarillo stated that he had not received a letter. The County Judge then informed him that every thing had been cleared, in this matter and he was recommending approval of this contract. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the Cancer Screening contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT G"

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TEXAS-LOUISIANA LEAGUE & UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - PAN AMERICAN TO ESTABLISH A BASEBALL LEAGUE IN HIDALGO COUNTY

Judge Ruiz mentioned that there was an agency that had approved the establishment of the Texas-Louisiana League, at the University of Texas-Pan American, with approximately seventeen teams from Texas and Louisiana. He stated that one of the requirements was to improve the present baseball field, as well as acquire authorization from the UT System to award a joint lease to the Texas-Louisiana League and the County of Hidalgo. He stated that there would be an investment from the County of Hidalgo of approximately \$200,000.00, to improve the field,

with no investment to the League itself. He stated that this would be a successful venture, with UT-Pan Am being the sole winner, due to the improvements. He then added that there were some steps that needed to be taken, such as approaching the University Board of Regents, to give the County authorization for a lease, as well as grant authorization for the consumption of beer, during the games and authorize the improvements to the field. He was at this time requesting authorization to pursue the negotiations necessary to establish the Texas-Louisiana League at the University of Texas-Pan Am and the County of Hidalgo. He then gave the floor to Commissioner Camarillo, and the Commissioner added that he had met with several groups who were all in favor of pursuing this project. He continued by asking that the advice of Legal Counsel, be present during further negotiations and he would endorse this venture provided that consideration be taken on this project in conjunction with another project, such as clinics. The County Judge then stated that this issue had been worked on by many people, as well as the Sports Committee, which had been established by this County. He then asked that those members of the Sports Committee please make themselves known. Judge Ruiz then went on to state that more recreation, in terms of sports, was needed in our County and thus he was requesting that the negotiations, with UT-Pan Am and the Texas-Louisiana League continue, to establish a team in Edinburg, for a summer league.

Commissioner Rosel then stated that he had no problem with a baseball team, but he was concerned about the amount of investment that was being proposed. He felt that there were more important ventures that could be pursued, with this amount of money. Commissioner Camarillo then added that for this pursuit to come into fruition the University must first approve the lease and the sale of beer. Commissioner Rosel then asked who the beer license would be issued to and Judge Ruiz stated that that would be part of the negotiations. Commissioner Arcaute asked if there was any indication from the Board of Regents that they would pursue this and Commissioner Camarillo responded that Dr. Nevarez had stated that if there was no commitment, in terms of funds, for the improvements of the park, then he would not take it the Board. Commissioner Sanchez then asked if the \$200,000.00, was the total cost for improvements to the park and Judge Ruiz replied that it was. The Commissioner then asked if the University was going to underwrite any of those funds and the County Judge replied that they would not. Commissioner Sanchez then mentioned that there would be revenue generated and he was asking who would receive this revenue and Judge Ruiz replied that the revenue would go towards the University of Texas and Texas-Louisiana League. The County, he continued, would, gain not only in economic development, but also in entertainment and recreation. Commissioner Sanchez then asked Commissioner Camarillo to expand on his condition for negotiation and Judge Ruiz then indicated that he did not feel this type of project should be attached to any other type of package. Commissioner Camarillo then stated that he did not think that this type of venture should take priority over other concerns in this County and the County Judge responded that he needed a commitment. Commissioner Camarillo then stated that he was "willing to make the commitment to the Texas-Louisiana League, providing that we also do other things, such as the building of clinics". Travis Heister, County Legal Counsel, then noted that the issue of clinics was not on the agenda. Commissioner Rosel then pointed out that he had no problems with the pursuit of negotiations, but he did have a concern with the amount of money that was being suggested. Commissioner Camarillo again stated his position, after which Commissioner Sanchez once again addressed the issue of revenue and how it would affect the other entities involved.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, for authorization to pursue negotiations with Texas-Louisiana League and the University of Texas-Pan American, to establish a baseball league in Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT H"

ITEM 3. VETERANS' SERVICE:

- A. Accept Resignation of the Veterans Service Officer
- B. Temporary appointment to the vacancy of the Veterans' Service Office

3/A

The County Judge gave a brief review of Mr. Pete Leal's tenure in office. Mr. Pete Leal then announced that this was the fifty-second anniversary of the bombing at Pearl Harbor and he would at this time request a moment of silence. Mr. Leal then continued by reading his letter of resignation.

After this, Judge Ruiz introduced Mr. Leal's wife and thanked Mr. Leal for the services and projects that he worked on, as Service Officer, such as the Veterans' Memorial, which is situated in front of the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Camarillo then expanded on the acquisition of the Veterans' Memorial.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize and approve the resignation of Mr. Pete Leal, as Veterans' Service Officer.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT I"

3/B

After a brief overview of the Veterans' Service Office, the County Judge made a recommendation of Mr. Rudy Villarreal, to a temporary appointment as Director of the Veterans' Service Office. Judge Ruiz continued by informing the Court of Mr. Villarreal's military record, as well as his background in community service, which included serving as Mayor for the City of Alamo. The County Judge indicated that sometime in the near future, the County would be advertising for a permanent Service Officer and he presumed that Mr. Villarreal would apply, but at this time he was recommending that Mr. Villarreal be appointed temporarily to the Veterans' Service Office. A motion was then made by Commissioners Arcaute and Sanchez and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Camarillo, to accept the recommendation of Mr. Rudy Villarreal, as Veterans' Service Officer. After a few words, by Mr. Villarreal, on his military service background and a word of thanks, the motion was put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 4. APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANCY OF THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE OF PEACE
PCT. 4, PL. 1

The County Judge reminded the Commissioners that there was presently a vacancy in the office of the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Pl. 1, by the previous acceptance of the resignation of Judge Lupe Garces. At this time Commissioner Camarillo recommended the appointment of Mr. Pete Leal to the position of Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Pl. 1. This recommendation was seconded by Commissioner Rosel, after which the County Judge informed the Court that, due to a vacancy, this position would be placed on the ballot in March and he hoped that between now and January 3rd, there would be other people filing for this position. He added that he had discussed this with Mr. Leal and it was Mr. Leal's intent not to run for the position. The recommendation was then put to a vote and it carried unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED.

The County Judge then proceeded to administer the oath of office to Judge Pete Leal, the newly appointed Justice of the Peace for

Pct. 4, Pl. 1

ITEM 5. LISA SAUCEDA, Administrative Assistant:

- A. Authorization to renovate warehouse portion of the Hidalgo County Health Administration Office
- B. Authorization to Lease Building Space to Hidalgo County Extension Service Nutrition Department

Lisa Saucedo came before the Court to request that the cafeteria portion of the ACCEDC Building, where the Health Department is presently housed. The portion to be renovated is presently used for the housing of the voting machines. The reason for the request is due to the need for space by the Extension Service, for their nutritional program. Ms. Adelita Munoz, from the Extension Service, then came up and explained the need for the additional space. Commissioner Camarillo asked what would happen to the voting machines and Judge Ruiz replied that they were hoping to move all the voting machines to the warehouse in San Carlos. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo, seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the entering into a lease agreement with the Hidalgo County Extension Service Nutrition Department, for one year for \$1.00 a year and authorize the renovation of this portion of the health administration office, the cost for the latter to be brought back at a later date.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 6. J.D. SALINAS, Project Coordinator:

- A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County Housing Authority - Texas Forest Service - SBA Grant '92-09-06

J.D. Salinas informed the Court the he had received an approved grant from the Texas Forest Service and the Hidalgo County Housing Authority had approved the matching, the in-kind and implementation of this grant. He was at this time requesting authorization to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the Hidalgo County Housing Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Housing Authority and the County of Hidalgo for use of the Texas Forest Service, or a portion thereof.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 7. NOE CAVAZOS, Administration Assistant:

- A. Approval of Resolution endorsing McAllen Public Utility Board's Applications under the Economically Distressed Areas Program

Noe Cavazos announced that the Public Utilities Board was intending to submit an application under the EDAP Program, for the Texas Water Development Board funding, for the northwest side of McAllen, east of Alton, north and west of the service area. He stated that they had encouraged this application, and they were wanting to cover about 30 to 40 colonias in the area specified. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve a resolution endorsing McAllen's Public Utility Board's application for EDAP, to serve 30 to 40 colonias in the northwest section of the McAllen area.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

- ITEM 8. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:
A. Autopsies
B. District Clerk
C. Enterprise Fund - Pct. #4

The County Judge informed the Commissioners' Court that the budget amendment requests were as follows: Autopsies - \$11,421.00; the District Clerk - \$5,531.22 and Enterprise Fund/Pct. #4 - \$11,140.00, the latter request is for legal services. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the budget amendments, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

- ITEM 9. PCT. #3:
A. Approval of budget amendment - Lateral Roads
B. Authorization to appropriate 1992 Capital Project fund balance

9/A

Commissioner Rosel stated that his request to appropriate some monies from Lateral Roads, as follows: Road Materials, \$8,609.73 and Hauling, \$2,000.00. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, and it carried unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

9/B

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that he wanted to appropriate 1992 Capital Project surplus into New Roads. The total to be appropriated is \$13,410.00. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to authorize the appropriation of \$13,410.00, as the fund balance in the Capital Projects funds, to be appropriated into New Roads.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

- ITEM 10. PCT. #4:
A. Budget Amendments:
1. Lateral Roads
2. Road & Bridge

10/A/1

Commissioner Camarillo explained that he was trying to increase his Lateral Road budget. A motion was then made by him and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,949.85, for Road Materials, under Lateral Roads.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

10/A/2

Commissioner Camarillo then stated that this was for a transfer of \$360.00, to line item #68 which is Judgment and Damages. This transfer was due to some items that were stolen from his office. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a \$360.00 adjustment from the General Fund to Road and Bridge, for reimbursement of property loss, under Judgment and Damages.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

ITEM 11. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:
A. Budget Appropriation (Sheriff's Investigation Fund) - Acct. #3-102-421-100-95 - \$2,502.19

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize a budget appropriation of \$2,502.19 for the Sheriff's Investigation Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:
A. Award Bids:
1. Cold mix - Hidalgo County
2. Lubricants - Hidalgo County
3. Medical Supplies - Health Department
4. Two (2) 1994 Vehicles - H.I.D.T.A.

12/A/1

Mary Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, informed the Court that she had only received one bid for cold mix, County wide, and this was from Valley Caliche Products, at \$24.00 a ton. Commissioner Sanchez then asked if the distance consideration was specified in the bid and Ms. Maldonado replied that it was. He then asked the Court if he could be able to advertise, solely, for Precinct One and Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel, expressed that they could approve the bid, excluding Precinct One. After a brief discussion, a motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel, seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to accept the bid from Valley Caliche Products, at the bid price of \$24.00 per ton for Precincts Two, Three and Four.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

12/A/2

Ms. Maldonado announced that she had received three bids for lubricants. The bids were from Specialty Oil Company, Oil Patch Fuel & Supply and Sou-Tex Hydraulics. She was at this time recommending that the bid be awarded to Specialty Oil Company, for four (4) products, and to Sou-Tex Hydraulics, for seventeen (17) different products. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve low bids submitted by Specialty Oil Company, of La Feria, for four items, and Sou-Tex Hydraulics, for seventeen items.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

12/A/3

The Purchasing Agent then reported that only one bid had been received for medical supplies, be-it Syrpalta Red and eight

ounce amber child-resistant bottles. The sole bid was from International Medical Supply, out of Edinburg. A motion was then made Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the low and sole bidder of International Medical Supplies, for the purchase of Syrpalta Red and amber child-resistant bottles.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

12/A/4

Ms. Maldonado indicated that they would like to reject all bids, at this time and request authorization to readvertise, for vehicles for HIDTA. J.D. Salinas explained that only one of the bids received had met specification, but it had come in over budget. After a brief discussion regarding the reason that the vehicles did not meet specs, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to reject all bids and authorize the readvertising for vehicles, under the H.I.D.T.A. grant.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

ITEM 13. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
 - 1. M. Cardenas Subdivision - Pct. 3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the plat of M. Cardenas Subdivision which is located approximately 1/2 mile north of the 2 Mile Line, on the east side of F.M. 494, City of Mission, Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 14. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Pct. #3 - Rescind action of November 23, 1993 to reject construction contract award to Mission Paving Co., Inc.
- B. Pct. #3 - Street Construction Contract Award UCP Year 5 & Year 6
- C. Pct. #3 - Street Improvements Contract UCP Year 5 & 6 Change Order #1
- D. Interlocal Agreements: La Joya Water Supply Corporation & Military Highway Supply Corporation
- E. Permission to advertise for bids
- F. Approval of Bills

14/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, briefed the Commissioners' Court on action that had been taken to reject bids on street construction, for Inspiration Road. He stated that at this time they were requesting to rescind that action, the reasoning being that they had originally bid on 150 pounds per square yard and they had negotiated the bid at 125 pounds per square yard. Commissioner Arcaute then informed them that if they were going to change the specifications then they would have to readvertise. Commissioner Rosel then requested that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

14/B&C

Being that these items were related to the previous item, no action was needed.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

14/D

Mr. Covacevich informed the Court that this was for an interlocal agreement between the County of Hidalgo, La Joya Water Supply Corporation and Military Highway Water Supply Corporation. This was in reference to water improvements, for an unnamed Colonia #1, located at 3 Mile Line and Western Road, and an unnamed Colonia #2, located at Morningside and Anaya Roads. Both water supply corporations had agreed to do these projects under forced accounts. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve two individual interlocal agreements, one to La Joya Water Supply Corporation and one to Military Highway Water Supply Corporation, to do forced accounts, not to exceed \$23,255.00 and \$45,760.00, respectively, for water improvements.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

14/E

Mr. Covacevich stated that they were requesting permission to advertise for bids for materials for unnamed Colonia #1 and Colonia #2, which were mentioned in the previous item. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the advertising for bids, as presented; bid opening December 30, 1993, bid award January 5, 1994.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

14/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the 1992 Urban County bills #5435 and #5436 totaling \$47,635.99; the 1993 Urban County bills #5437 thru #5441 totaling \$25,054.67; the Emergency Shelter Program bill #5442 in the amount of \$12,727.40; the Colonia 1A bill #5443 totaling \$34,921.08; the Colonia 1B bill #5444 in the amount of \$2,601.40 and the HOME Program bills #5445 thru #5448 totaling \$23,104.85. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is \$146,045.47.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

ITEM 15. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The County Judge called the public hearing to order, whereupon he announced the tax rate that was being proposed for the budget 1993. He then reported the proposed tax rates, as follows:

under the County's General Fund, which included Debt Service, Road and Bridge and Parks, the tax rate would be \$.4071;

for the South Texas Independent School District the tax rate would remain the same at \$.0375;

for Drainage District #1 the tax rate would be \$.1180;

Road District #5 would remain the same at \$.0200;

Road District #15 would be \$.005;

Fire District #1 would increase to \$.0171;

Fire District #2 would be \$.0300;

Fire District #3 would decrease to \$.0240;

Fire District #4 would decrease to \$.0296

Judge Ruiz stated that these were the tax rates that were being proposed to be implemented in 1994. The County Judge then proceeded to give an example of how a tax rate would be levied. There being no further questions and/or comments from either the Commissioners' Court or the public, this public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

ITEM 16. 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 of Conveyance of land

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session, accompanied by the County Legal Counsel, Mr. Travis Heister.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 17. OPEN SESSION:

- A. Discussion & Possible Approval of Conveyance of land

Mr. Heister informed the Court that during Executive Session the discussion had involved the possible conveyance of the property that was located on Block 10 Country Club Place Subdivision, an addition to the City of Edinburg. This was basically the northeast corner of Block 10 and it was a tract of land that was approximately 245 feet in width, east and west, by approximately 195 feet, north and south. He continued by saying that while the County owned the property, Tropical Texas MHMR owned the building that was situated on this property and thus an appraisal had been done of the property only. He added that this property, the actual tract of land, had been appraised at \$2.14 per square foot, which would bring the total appraisal value at \$102,321.96 and Tropical Texas MHMR had offered to purchase the property for \$108,000.00. Mr. Heister then indicated that because Tropical Texas MHMR was a State entity, the County was authorized to convey this property directly to them for an amount that exceeds the appraised value and because of this they were not required to advertise for bids or declare it surplus. Judge Ruiz then recommended that this proposal be taken under advisement and kept under advisement until the final bids are received for the Grandview Hospital tract. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to take the bid of MHMR under advisement, for the purchase of the land at the cost of \$108,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

The County Judge then reported that last week he had been invited to attend Ms. Skiba's class, at Bonham Elementary School, in McAllen. During his visit, he had been informed that the students had studied the procedure of incorporating a city. It was because of this that they had taken upon themselves to form and incorporate, by vote, the City of Skibaville, which is Room 1 of Bonham Elementary School. Judge Ruiz stated that he had met with the students, in this classroom and had officially proclaimed and authorized by resolution, the City of Skibaville. He added that the students had also elected a mayor, and her name was Elvia Aguilar, whom he described as "a sharp lady" and he emphasized that he knew why she was mayor. He continued by saying that Mayor Aguilar had made a presentation and had offered this Commissioners' Court the key to the city. The County Judge then indicated that he wanted, included as a matter of record, that the City of Skibaville has been formally authorized.

Commissioner Arcaute then briefly stated that, during the special meeting that had been held the previous evening, the Commissioners present had adopted a resolution entering into a joint settlement agreement on the Monte Cristo Inn and Country Club Unit No. 1 litigation, with the City of Edinburg and Edinburg CISD.

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

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 Rosal _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 7TH day of DECEMBER, 1993.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas



By: Jennifer Castillo _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy