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J. EDGAR RUIZ  
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commissioners' Court has been furnished with background and support on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

1. Approval of Minutes - February 08, 1994
2. Approval of Bills - County Auditor
3. Approval of Official Bonds:
  - A. Randall Sarabia - Reserve Deputy Constable - Pct. #3
4. Approval of voting machines:
  - A. City of Alton - 3 machines
5. Approval of Fee Reports:
 

A. Sheriff's Department -	\$ 98,558.10	- February
B. Constables:		
1. Horacio Aguirre -	\$ 0.00	- February
2. Gilbert Alaniz -	\$ 185.00	- " "
3. Luis Zamora -	\$ 1,155.00	- " "
4. Rumaldo Cerda -	\$ 450.00	- " "
5. Eduardo Bazan -	\$ 0.00	- " "
C. Justice of the Peace:		
A. Arnaldo Corpus -	\$ 5,036.58	- February
B. Pete Leal -	\$ 8,043.00	- " "
C. Ismael Ochoa -	\$ 7,132.82	- " "
6. Jail Commissary:
  - A. Surplus:
    1. Various Equipment

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7. Planning Department:
  - A. Subdivisions:
    1. R. Villarreal Subdivision - Pct. #2
    2. Summit Park North - Pct. #2
  
8. Internal Line Item Transfers:
  - A. Health Department - Administration
  - B. Pct. #3 - Park
  - C. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved
  - D. Pct. #3 - Enterprise Fund
  - E. Voter Registration
  - F. Road and Bridge County Wide
  - G. Extension Service
  - H. WIC
  - I. Boot Camp (State Funds)
  - J. Restitution Center (State Funds)
  - K. Pct. #2 - Paved/Unpaved
  - L. Pct. #2 - Parks
  
9. Permits:
  - A. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Pct. #1

Dated this the 24th day of March, 1994



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1. Resolution - Liberty Bell Award
2. Approval of Extension for filing Audit Reports - Fire Dist. #4
3. Approval of Agreement between School District within County Commissioners Pct. #2 & #4 - South Texas Independent School District
4. Health Department:
  - A. Approval of Radiology Contract with Radiology Associates of McAllen
  - B. Approval of Cancer Screening Contract with Dr. Manuel P. Lastra
5. Sheriff's Investigation Fund:
  - A. Appropriation:
    1. Acct. # 4-010-421-100.86 \$ 349.26
6. Budget Amendment:
  - A. J.P. - Esperidion Jackson
  - B. Election Expense
7. Discussion on Group Health Plan
8. County Auditor:
  - A. Discussion on County Property Insurance
9. Pct. #1:
  - A. Transfer 1993 R & B Fund Balance into 1994 Budget
10. Pct. #3:
  - A. Authorization to amend 1994 Budget to pay for Ambulance Services
  - B. Request authorization to amend Budget to pay for fence - Sullivan City Clinic
11. Authorization to file Injunction against Doffing Acres
12. Amend budget for Empowerment Zone Expense Fee

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13. J.D. Salinas - Project Coordination:
  - A. Authorization to enter into interlocal agreement with Horizons of Mission Enterprises (HOME) - Confiscated Funds
14. Purchasing Department:
  - A. Award Buds:
    1. Rental space - WIC
    2. Removal of buildings - Pct. #3
    3. Copiers - Hidalgo County
15. Planning Department:
  - A. Subdivisions:
    1. Doffin Acres Subdivision - Pct. #3
    2. Hackberry Cottage Subdivision - Pct. #4
16. Urban County:
  - A. City of La Joya - Professional Services Contract - (Engineering)
  - B. City of Alton - Approval of Construction Contract
  - C. City of Alton - Change Order #1 - Rio Valley Construction
  - D. Pct. #2 - Construction Contract - Change Order #1
  - E. City of Alton - Approval of Change Order #1 with Sascon Inc.
  - F. Declaration of April as "Fair Housing Month"
  - G. HOME - 1st Time Home Buyer Contract Agreements & Letter of Commitments
  - H. Interlocal Agreement Between Hidalgo County and City of Donna
  - I. Approval of bills
17. Community Service Agency:
  - A. Conduct Public Hearing on the submittal of the Housing Preservation Grant Application to Farmers Home Administration
  - B. Approval of HPG Application to FMHA
18. Office of Employment and Training:
  - A. Consider and approve appointment of Benigno Pena to the Hidalgo/Willacy SDA Private Industry Council

Dated this the 14th day of March, 1994

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A D D E N D U M

1. Discussion and Budget Amendment - Enterprise Fund
2. Authorization to pay bill

Dated this the 28th day of March, 1994

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HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Drainage District will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

1. Purchasing Department:
  - A. Award Bids:
    2. Removal of buildings - Pct. #3

Dated this the 14th day of March, 1994

THE STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 29TH day of MARCH, 1994, 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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MARCH 29, 1994

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 - February 08, 1994  
(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor

General Fund	- #97705	- #97929	- \$458,441.92
Special Revenue Fund	- #96532	- #96811	- \$763,568.61
Debt Service Fund	- # 920	- # 921	- \$ 226.48
Capital Projects Fund	- # 4702		- \$ 6,939.00
Enterprise Fund	- # 1820	- # 1826	- \$ 516.20

(SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND:  
A. Randall Sarabia - Reserve Deputy Constable - Pct. #3  
(SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF VOTING MACHINES:  
A. City of Alton - 3 machines  
(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS:

A. Sheriff's Department	- \$98,558.10	- February
B. Constables:		
1. Horacio Aguirre	- \$ 0.00	- February
2. Gilbert Alaniz	- \$ 185.00	- "
3. Luis Zamora	- \$ 1,155.00	- "
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5. Eduardo Bazan	- \$ 0.00	- "
C. Justice of the Peace:		
1. Arnaldo Corpus	- \$ 5,036.58	- February

- 2. Pete Leal - \$ 8,043.00- "
  - 3. Ismael Ochoa - \$ 7,132.82 - "
- (SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 6. JAIL COMMISSARY:

- A. Surplus:
  - 1. Various Equipment

(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
  - 1. R. Villarreal Subdivision - Pct. #2
  - 2. Summit Park North - Pct. #2

7/A/1

R. Villarreal Subdivision - Pct. #2 is located approximately 296 feet east of Dogwood, on the north side of Caffery Avenue, City of Pharr, Precinct Two.  
(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

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Summit Park North Subdivision is located on the southeast corner of McColl Road and Fern Avenue, City of McAllen, Precinct Two.  
(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

ITEM 8. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. Health Department - Administration - \$5,632.00
- B. Pct. #3 - Park - \$3,000.00
- C. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$2,000.00
- D. Pct. #3 - Enterprise Fund - \$3,000.00
- E. Voter Registration - \$3,000.00
- F. Road and Bridge County Wide - \$6,250.00
- G. Extension Service - \$700.00
- H. WIC - \$2,000.00
- I. Boot Camp (State Funds) - \$1,142.00
- J. Restitution Center (State Funds) - \$838.00
- K. Pct. #2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$500.00
- L. Pct. #2 - Parks - \$3,000.00

(SEE "EXHIBIT H")

## ITEM 9. PERMITS:

## A. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Pct. #1

In Precinct One, Southwestern Bell Telephone is requesting a permit to lay a cable along South Val Verde Road, beginning at U.S. Business 83 and going south 1150 feet, thence across Val Verde Road. (SEE "EXHIBIT I")

The County Judge asked the Commissioners if they had any questions and/or comments on any of the items on the Consent Agenda, there being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBITS A-I"

Judge Ruiz then announced that, this afternoon, at TSTI, in Harlingen, there would be a discussion regarding the proposed Health and Science Center, in Hidalgo County. He also mentioned that he and Commissioner Camarillo would be attending a hearing, in Austin, with the Texas Water Commission, with regards to the landfill expansion.

REGULAR AGENDA  
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## ITEM 1. RESOLUTION - Liberty Bell Award

Travis Heister explained that this resolution was in support of LeAnna Morse, a teacher, at Memorial High School, who had sent teams to the National Finals, on Constitution Law. She was being nominated for the Liberty Bell Award, by the Bar Association. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

## ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION FOR FILING AUDIT REPORTS - FIRE DIST. #4

Judge Ruiz explained that he had received a letter from John A.

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Laansma, for a thirty day extension, on the audit report. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize an extension for the filing of an audit report, for Fire District #4, extending the time limitation for thirty more days.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PCT. #2 & #4 - South Texas Independent School District

The County Judge explained that this was in reference to the South Texas ISD Board of Trustee Election, to be held on May 7, 1994. A motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve an interlocal agreement between South Texas Independent School District and the County of Hidalgo, for their running of elections, for selection of trustees, in Precincts Two and Four.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of Radiology Contract with Radiology Associates of McAllen
- B. Approval of Cancer Screening Contract with Dr. Manuel P. Lastra

Ofelia Espinoza, Budget & Personnel Director, for the Health Department, was requesting approval of a radiology contract, with Radiology Associates of McAllen. She stated that all the procedures conducted would be paid through the Adult Health Grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute, to authorize a renewal of a contract, beginning February 1, 1994 for a period of one year, between Radiology Associates of McAllen and the County of Hidalgo, for cancer screening procedures.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

ITEM 5. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:  
A. Appropriation:

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## 1. Acct. #4-010-421-100.86 - \$349.26

Judge Ruiz indicated that this was an insurance reimbursement check, in the amount of \$349.26, for damages to a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Camarillo and Sanchez, to authorize the appropriation of \$349.26 into account 86, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

## ITEM 6. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. J.P. - Esperidion Jackson
- B. Election Expense

6/A

Judge Ruiz explained that the budget amendment request of \$450.00, from Justice of the Peace Jackson, was for the purchase of Word Perfect Software and a printer. A brief discussion ensued with the County Auditor indicating that the appropriation of the budget amendment was for \$350.00 for office supplies and \$100.00 for travel. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a budget amendment of \$450.00, for the Justice of the Peace, in Precinct Five.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

6/B

The County Judge indicated that this amendment is to pay the early voting clerks, who worked in the Primary Elections, from February 16 through March 4. The total amount requested is \$32,300.00. Judge Ruiz then stated that he had received a call from Florestella Chavez, the Elections Administrator, who stated that she was trying to run the run-off election, and had begun the civil service election, as well as assisting in the school elections. She is requesting one person on a temporary full-time basis, through May 7. It was then brought up that they should hire someone, under contractual services, through May 7th, and if additional funds were needed for this, to bring it to Commissioners' Court after the elections. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve an election expense budget amendment of \$32,300.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

Judge Ruiz then informed Steve Austin, the County Auditor, to try to pay the early voting clerks, for their services, before the beginning of the next election, possibly before the next early voting

session begins. Steve Austin then stated that he did not think that his office would be able to do this, and that the earliest that they could send out any checks was April 15th. Judge Ruiz then stated for the record, that this Commissioners' Court has amended the budget to pay all judges and clerks, on absentee and that they were requesting that the Auditor pay as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION ON GROUP HEALTH PLAN

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that he has received complaints, regarding reimbursements, from the insurance companies. He then stated that he felt that the majority of employees were not well informed on the program. Amber Etnire, Risk Manager, then indicated that the plan had been changed, last year, and she had meetings with the various departments, to explain those changes. She mentioned that she felt that the one area, in which the employees had the most difficulty was in informing PAR, of hospital stays. She also stated that with new employees, her office now had her clerks brief them on the insurance and workman compensation plans.

She then turned to the subject of payments and she said that at this time there were no claims pending payment for monetary reasons. The only reasons that they may be pending is for claim forms, for audits or they may have only paid a portion of the deductible. Judge Ruiz then brought up that she may want to call some more workshops, to inform the employees of these changes again. Commissioner Sanchez then brought up a letter, from the County Auditor, that had been included in the Court packet regarding a possible deficit in the group health plan. Ms. Etnire stated that as of this morning she could not say if there was a deficit or not, as she has not been able to get any figures from Mr. Austin. Ms. Etnire did recommend that they look into the alternative of first-dollar insurance, which would take away all accounting problems and such. After further discussion, Judge Ruiz recommended that Ms. Etnire, get together with the County Auditor and Third Party Administrators to try to come up with a possible solution, and then come back to Commissioners' Court with a presentation.

NO ACTION.  
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

ITEM 8. COUNTY AUDITOR:

A. Discussion on County Property Insurance

Steve Austin, County Auditor, explained that the reason that he had placed this item on the agenda, was because of a letter that had been sent to the County Judge's Office, from the Texas Association of

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Counties (TAC), in which they state that there is a contract "between Hidalgo County and Texas Association of Counties....[that] calls for a contact individual; and that contact individual is the Risk Manager." He then continued by saying that in TAC's letter they had mentioned that "the information that we received from your Risk Manager, is the information that we take to be true and correct, as the information from Hidalgo County; and if Commissioners' Court declares that that information is true and correct...regardless of any audit that the Auditor might conduct...then Hidalgo County should pay this bill". He indicated that the bill in question was for an amount of \$34,400.00, which constituted a portion of a premium that was paid earlier this year. Mr. Austin mentioned that the full premium was not paid due to an audit, conducted by his office, where he contends some discrepancies were found. He stated that the issue was that he believed that the County was making an overpayment. The County Judge then reaffirmed that the issue here was that the values indicated by the County Auditor's audit were lower than those submitted by Amber Etnire, the Risk Manager, and Mr. Austin replied that he felt that some items were over-valued, some were undervalued and some were duplicated. After a brief discussion, Judge Ruiz asked him if his request was to accept his audit report, as "factual, true and correct" and that it be adopted as "factual, true and correct". Judge Ruiz then pointed out that his concern at this time was value, mainly that the Auditor might have undervalued any property. Amber Etnire then stated that she had sent a letter to the County Judge's Office, in response to Mr. Austin's letter. She mentioned that her figures were based on a professional asset evaluating company, which used historical values, replacement costs and insurance. Judge Ruiz then asked here if she concurred in that some items might have been duplicated and she stated that she didn't. She then gave an example of the Auditor's thinking, if a certain building should be damaged, due to fire. She then mentioned that Mr. Austin had recommended that the Courthouse be insured for \$5 million, which constituted the historical cost back in 1954 and she had had it insured for \$9 million, but she believed that it should be insured for more. Judge Ruiz then asked if this can be resolved by paying \$34,359.46, to TAC, which would constitute the premium owed and Ms. Etnire replied that it would. She also stated that there are some items that need to be deleted from the asset list, but that TAC will not make any additions and/or deletions, until the bill is paid in full. The County Judge then recommended that this Commissioners' Court authorize the County Auditor to submit payment to the Texas Association of Counties, in the amount of \$34,359.46 and request the Risk Manager to continue her efforts, in getting the County a rebate for the items that are either under-insured and/or stricken off the record. The discussion then continued with Commissioner Rosel recommending that more time be taken to discuss this issue, in a Workshop. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the payment to the Texas Association of Counties of \$34,359.46.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

Commissioner Sanchez also recommended that a Workshop be held regarding this issue.

ITEM 9. PCT. #1:

A. Transfer 1993 R & B Fund Balance into 1994 budget

NO ACTION.

ITEM 10. PCT. #3:

A. Authorization to amend 1994 budget to pay for ambulance Services

B. Request authorization to amend budget to pay for fence Sullivan City Clinic

10/A

Commissioner Rosel explained that this was a request to amend the 1994 budget, in order pay for the ambulance services for Precinct Three, for La Joya, Palmview, Alton and the rural areas of this precinct. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioners Sanchez and Camarillo, to authorize a budget amendment of aid to other governments in the amount of \$23,750.10.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to amend the budget, for the fence of the Sullivan City Health Clinic, by \$6,760.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 11. AUTHORIZATION TO FILE INJUNCTION AGAINST DOFFING ACRES

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that he had a petition, which had been submitted by a number of individuals who lived on Doffing Road, who were concerned with the drainage problem, in that area. He explained that their main concern was that the continuing urbanization of that area would enhance the drainage problem, in the area. Emilio Garcia, the Chief Planner, then stated that the main problem was that F.M. 492 flooded during heavy rain. He added that the road itself was in a Zone C area, but the surrounding land was in a Zone A. Commissioner Camarillo asked Mr. Garcia where the water drained to and he responded that it

drained towards the road, even though there was a drain ditch in the area. Alfonso Quintanilla, an engineer, then stated that Doffing Acres would drain easterly, but that the road ditch, on F.M. 492 drained northerly. He added that the Texas Department of Highways had agreed to grate the ditches in this area, to help with the flow of water. Commissioner Rosel then said that he would like that the State Highway Department take care of the present problems, before this Commissioners' Court approves any new subdivisions, in the area. Vona Walker stated that the Highway Department was not going to fix the roads, but that they were going to install some drop structures to alleviate this problem. Mr. Sanchez, a member of the audience, pointed out that his understanding was that the Highway Department had no plans to improve this area. After further discussion, Commissioner Rosel stated that he felt that first of all they had to get together with the State Highway Department to make sure that the people who live there are protected, from further flooding and also that the canal in the area be repaired to ground level, in order to speed the flow of water.

NO ACTION.  
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

ITEM 12. AMEND BUDGET FOR EMPOWERMENT ZONE EXPENSE FEE

Judge Ruiz informed the Court that this was in reference to the Empowerment Zone, in which Hidalgo County's portion was \$50,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize a budget amendment of \$50,000.00 for the empowerment zone application.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

ITEM 13. J.D. SALINAS, Project Coordinator:

- A. Authorization to enter into interlocal agreement with Horizons of Mission Enterprise (HOME) - Confiscated funds

J.D. Salinas came before the Court requesting approval of an interlocal agreement with Horizons of Mission, for funding through the confiscated funds, in the amount of \$36,840.00. He explained that they were proposing to do a prevention theatrical presentation. Judge Ruiz then asked both Steve Austin and Mr. Salinas, if they had reviewed the agreements that had been presented, for the confiscated funds, because he had been informed that the scope of services that were going to be provided were different from those that had been proposed initially. Mr. Salinas then stated that that was true, but his understanding, at this time was that they were going to go with the initial proposal. Com-

missioner Rosel then asked Mr. Fernando Valley, from Horizons of Mission if they were going to the original proposal and Mr. Valle responded that they were. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize an interlocal agreement with Horizons of Mission, for the funding of \$36,840.00, under confiscated funds.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

ADD. 1. DISCUSSION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT - ENTERPRISE FUND

ADD. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILL

ADD. 1/2

Judge Ruiz explained that this was for the expansion of the landfill, with regards to pending bills to Almaraz and Canales, in the amount of \$23,400.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize a budget amendment and authorization to pay said bill.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT AA"

THE COUNTY JUDGE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND COMMISSIONER ARCAUTE PRESIDED OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

ITEM 14. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. Award Bids:

- 1. Rental space - WIC
- 2. Removal of buildings - Pct. #3
- 3. Copiers - Hidalgo County

14/A/1

Mary Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, informed the Court that she had received two bids for the rental space of the WIC Department, in the City of Mission. The bids were from First American Realty Company, out of McAllen, with a bid of \$.65 per square foot, for a total of \$1,625.00 per month; and from Mrs. Placida Rosel, out of Mission, with a bid of \$.35 per square foot and a bid of \$.45 per square foot, with central air and heat. She explained that her recommendation at this time was for the bid from Mrs. Placida Rosel. At this point, Commissioner informed the Court that he would not take any part, in the

discussions and/or the voting, on this item. A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to award the bid to Mrs. Placida Rosel, out of Mission, at a low bid price of \$.45 per square foot.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

14/A/2

This item will be considered under the Drainage District Agenda.

14/A/3

Ms. Maldonado explained that the bid for the copiers would be for a period of two years and she had received bids for the rental and the purchase on four different types of copiers. The bids received were from Xerox, OCS, Texas Copy RGV, Copy Data Inc., Copy Data of McAllen and Copy Graphics, of McAllen, Valley Office Systems, of Harlingen. She proceeded to give a listing of her recommendations, both on the purchase and the rental of the copiers. Commissioner Sanchez then asked her what the number of copies had to do with the purchase of a copier and the response was that it dealt with the service agreement. A discussion then ensued, with continuing inquiries, from Commissioner Sanchez, regarding what the number of copies had to do with the purchase price. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to take all bids under advisement for the purchase and rental of copiers.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT V"

ITEM 15. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Doffing Acres Subdivision - Pct. #3
2. Hackberry Cottage Subdivision - Pct. #4

15/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to TABLE the plat of Doffing Acres Subdivision, which is located on the southwest corner of 5 Mile Line and Doffing Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

15/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the plat of Hackberry Cottage Subdivision, which is located three mile north of Monte Cristo Road, between

Highway 281 and Seminary Road, in the rural area of the County, in Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

ITEM 16. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of La Joya - Professional Services Contract - (Engineering)
- B. City of Alton - Approval of Construction Contract
- C. City of Alton - Change Order #1 - Rio Valley Construction
- D. Pct. #2 - Construction Contract - Change Order #1
- E. City of Alton - Approval of Change Order #1 with Sascon, Inc.
- F. Declaration of April as "Fair Housing Month"
- G. HOME - 1st Time Home Buyer Contract Agreements & Letters of Commitment
- H. Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County and City of Donna
- I. Approval of bills

16/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, reported that the City of La Joya was requesting to enter into a professional services contract with R.E. Garcia & Associates, for a street improvement project in the amount of \$4,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the professional services contract, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/B

He then stated that the City of Alton was asking for permission to enter into contract with Rio Valley Construction, who was the low bidder on a park project. The contract amount is \$614,977.00 and it is a joint project with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to authorize approval of a construction contract, with Rio Valley Construction, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize a change order #1, with Rio Valley Construction, for a park project in the City of Alton; the change order is for a decrease of \$103,908.00.

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MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/D

Mr. Covacevich explained that he had a change order #1 for a construction contract, with Precinct Two. The change order was for an increase of \$7,748.75 in the contract with Mission Paving and it was for driveways, in a street improvement project. After a question from Commissioner Arcaute, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to TABLE this request at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/E

The City of Alton was requesting permission for a change order #1 with Sascon Inc. The change order was for an increase in the amount of \$8,062.50, for some additional drainage work that was needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, to approve the change order, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the declaration of April, as "Fair Housing Month", in Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.S  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/G

Mr. Covacevich explained that he was bringing four more qualified applicants for approval, these being Guadalupe Zamora, Mari-celda Guerrero, Manuel Rangel and Virgilio Flores. He was also requesting approval of the letters of commitment from Frontera Mortgage, for each applicant. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the HOME First-Time Homebuyer contract agreements and letters of commitment, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/H

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this was an interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County's Precinct One and the City of Donna, for the construction and/or reconstruction of Golly Avenue, Hester Avenue, 29th Street, 11th Street, South Victoria Road and an overlayment of about 3,000 linear feet on North Victoria Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Donna and Pre-

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cinct One, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

16/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the 1991 Urban County bill #5854 in the amount of \$5,000.00; the 1992 Urban County bills #5855 and #5856 totaling \$12,020.00; the 1993 Urban County bills #5857 thru #5865 totaling \$8,845.10 and the HOME Program bills #5866 thru #5868 in the amount of \$15,000.00. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is in the amount of \$40,865.10.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

ITEM 17. COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY:

- A. Conduct Public Hearing on the submittal of the Housing Preservation Grant Application to Farmers Home Administration
- B. Approval of HPG Application to FMHA

17/A

Maribel Navarro-Saenz came before the Court to request a public hearing on the submittal of the Housing Preservation Grant application. Commissioner Arcaute then proceeded to call the public hearing to order, after which Ms. Navarro-Saenz gave a brief explanation of what benefits the grant would provide. She stated that this application was for \$150,000.00, from Farmers Home Administration and it would be used for fifteen homes, at \$8,000.00 maximum per home. The funds would be used for the repair and replacement of roofs, interior walls, repair of floors, twenty percent cosmetic, such as repair of cabinets and they cannot exceed 60% repair of the total home. This grant would require a \$100,000.00 match from the local agency. She then explained the qualifications that had to be met by the applicants, this was followed by a questions and/or comments session, there being none, however, the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Y"

17/B

After a brief discussion, regarding the amount of applicants on the waiting list for this grant and how this grant money could be used to assist more applicants, a motion was made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the submittal of the Housing Preservation Grant application to Farmers Home Administration.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 18. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

- A. Consider and approve appointment of Benigno Pena to the Hidalgo/Willacy SDA Private Industry Council

Commissioner Sanchez asked Leonard Guerra if there were any more nominations, besides that of Mr. Benigno Pena and Commissioner Camarillo explained that they had set a policy of having at least three nominations to choose from. After a brief discussion, regarding the sole nomination, a motion was then made by Commissioner Camarillo and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to TABLE this item.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT Z"

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1  
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In the absence of the County Judge, the Honorable Abelardo "Lalo" Arcaute, County Commissioner, called the Drainage District meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

ITEM 1. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Award Bids:

- 1. Removal of buildings - Pct. #3

Mary Maldonado, Purchasing Agent, informed the Court that she had received one bid for the removal of buildings and this was from William J. Guinn, at a bid price of \$4,200.00. After a brief discussion it was clarified that this bidder would pay the Drainage District, for the removal of the buildings. A motion was made by Commissioner Sancez

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and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to accept the sole and low bidder being William J. Guinn, at \$4,200.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
SEE "EXHIBIT BB"

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Camarillo, that said meeting 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 Rosel \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner, Precinct #3

Leonard Camarillo \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 29TH day of MARCH, 1994.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM R. LEO, County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Jennifer Castillo, Deputy

