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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being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon.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 - January 03, 1995
- January 09, 1995
2. Approval of bills - County Auditor
3. Approval of Official Bonds:
 - A. Carlos Espinoza - Justice of the Peace - Pct. #4
4. Request for Voting Machines:
 - A. Reynaldo Garza Elementary (McAllen) - Two (2) Machines
5. Approval of Fee Reports:
 - A. Constables

1. Horacio Aguirre	- \$	0.00	- December
2. Gilberto Alaniz	- \$	0.00	- " "
3. Luis Zamora	- \$	270.00	- " "
4. Rumaldo Cerda, Jr.	- \$	446.00	- " "
5. Eduardo Bazan	- \$	0.00	- " "
 - B. Justice of the Peace:

1. Pete Leal	- \$	11,492.50	- December
2. Esperidion Jackson	- \$	3,188.00	- " "
6. Approval of Court Reporters Fees:
 - A. Jennifer K. O'neal - \$ 175.00

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HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE

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7. Planning Department:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Barcelona Heights Subdivision - Pct. #3
2. Coy Subdivision - Pct. #3
3. Mrs. Mills' Subdivision - Pct. #3
4. Owens Subdivision - Pct. #3
5. Stone Ridge Estates - Pct. #3
6. Tamkin Subdivision - Pct. #3

8. Urban County:

- A. City of Weslaco - Budget Amendment Yr. 7
- B. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Application
- C. HOME - "First Time Home Buyer Contract Agreements" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company
- D. TCDP Contract No. 702035 Amendment H.M.E. Subdivision

9. Permits:

- A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pct. #1

10. Internal Line Item Transfers:

- A. Planning Department - 1994
- B. County Court at Law #2 - 1994
- C. Human Services - 1994
- D. Personnel Department - 1994
- E. Pct. #2 Parks - 1994
- F. Pct. #2 Paved/Unpaved - 1994
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- M. D.P.S. - 1995
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- P. Historical Commission - 1995
- Q. Enterprise Fund - 1995

Dated this the 11th day of January, 1995

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1. Presentation of Edinburg's Central Business District Parking Study
2. Appointment of County Representative to the lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
3. Appointment of new member to the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation
4. Interlocal agreement between Edinburg Independent School District and Hidalgo County regarding Animal Control Officers - Travis Hiester
5. Policy for payment of salaries for Elected Officials and County Employees - Travis Hiester
6. Appointment of Director to the Hidalgo County Industrial Corporation
7. Consideration to join Association of Cities and Counties as a part of the Final Routing - I -69
8. Library System:
 - A. Authorization and approval to exempt Amigos Bibliographic Council from bidding process
9. District Attorney:
 - A. Authorization to decrease two (2) vacant slots #18 and #20 in the amount of \$ 4,800.00 and increase slot #7, 2a & 3a in the amount of \$ 1,600.00 per slot
10. County Treasurer:
 - A. Authorization and approval to adjust salaries for organizational purposes
11. Request to purchase three (3) years Military Service - Pete Leal - \$ 540.00
12. Declare items surplus:
 - A. Office Furniture and Equipment - County Clerk
 - B. Copier and Stand - Library System
 - C. Paper Back Books and Pocket Parts - Jail Law Library

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13. Sheriff's Department:
- A. Approval of Line Item Transfer in the South Texas Auto Theft Task Force Grant
 - B. Authorization to purchase from the Council of Governments Fifteen (15) 1995 vehicles from the Sheriff's Budget
 - C. Request waiver of Competitive bid process on vehicles being purchased from the Council of Governments
 - D. Authorization of purchase from the Texas Department of Public Safety Fifteen (15) used vehicles from the Sheriff's Budget
 - E. Request waiver of Competitive bid process on vehicles being purchased from Texas Department of Public Safety
 - F. Approval of Two (2) Medical Service Agreements for rendering medical services to inmates housed at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center for the Year 1995 - Retroactive to January 01, 1995
 - . Dr. Gilbert Diaz
 - . Dr. Marin Garza
 - G. Authorization to exempt Medical Agreements from bidding process
 - H. Authorization to set salary of \$ 21,958.00 for two (2) deputies assigned under the contract between Tropical Texas Center MH/MR and the County of Hidalgo
 - I. Budget Amendment - Jail Commissary Acct.
 - J. Budget Amendment to cover Architect Fees and Construction - Jail Budget
 - K. Budget Amendment - Jail Commissary Acct.
 - L. Authorization and Approval to Appropriate Court Ordered Confiscation:
 - 5-104-421-100 - \$ 17,608.50
 - 5-104-421-100 - \$ 8,938.80
 - 5-104-421-100 - \$ 9,114.80
 - 5-104-421-100 - \$ 242.40
 - 5-104-421-100 - \$ 541.00
 - M. Authorization and Approval to declare tires surplus and request to sell tires
14. Health Department:
- A. Approval of HIV Division/Surveillance of Aids Grant - Attachment, No. C6000010-01A
15. WIC:
- A. Request to Advertise:
 - 1. Phone System for Fourteen (14) WIC Clinics

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16. Request from County Auditor to exempt McClelland Electric Company from Bidding Process - Insurance Claim
17. Budget Amendments:
A. PBX
B. Adult Probation (State Funds)
C. Rural Fire Calls
D. General Government Buildings
18. Pct. #3:
A. Authorization to Unappropriate a portion of the estimated 1994 Park Fund Balance and appropriate same to be transferred into General Fund - payment of 1994 Ambulance Service
B. Budget Amendment
19. Pct. #4:
A. Approval of salary adjustments on three (3) employees - Acct. #5-060-431-210.03
B. Authorization and approval of payment to Goldstar, Invoice # 21328 dated 11-15-94, in the amount of \$ 5,727.65
C. Discussion and possible action to address situation on Rabies Outbreak and possible addition of Emergency Manpower for Health Department
20. Cellular Phones:
A. Review and acceptance of inventory of Cellular Phones County Wide
B. Authorization to submit User Notice to Cellular Phone Companies
21. Planning Department:
A. Subdivisions:
1. Los Ninos Subdivision Unit No. 2 - Pct. #2
2. Basham No. 37 Subdivision - Pct. #3
3. Doffing Heights Phase II Subdivision - Pct. #3
4. Vicente Subdivision - Pct. #3
B. Final Plat Approval:
1. North Stewart Estates - Pct. #3
C. Preliminary Plat Approval:
1. San Carlos Estates Unit II - Pct. #4
2. San Marcos Acres No. 3 - Pct. #4
22. Purchasing Department:
A. Request to advertise for On-Highway Diesel - County Wide
B. Consideration and approval of installation request for one (1) mobile phone - County Clerk's Office
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13. Urban County:
- A. City of Donna - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) PFI - Street Improvements Project, Yr. 7 (B-94-UC-48-0501)
 - B. City of Alamo - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Yr. 6 PFI - Street Improvements
 - C. City of Edcouch - Fire Fighting Facility (Acquisition) Yr. 6 Appraisal Contract Agreement
 - D. City of Edcouch - Fire Fighting Facility (Acquisition) Yr. 6 Review Appraisal Contract Agreement
 - E. City of San Juan - Approval of Agreements for Appraisal and Reviewer Services - PFI - Neighborhood Facilities\Yr. 7
 - F. City of Weslaco - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) PFI - Street Improvements Project, Yr. 7 (B-94-UC-48-0501)
 - G. Pct. #3 - Subrecipient Agreement - Teens Own Print Shop (TOPS) Yr. 7
 - H. Approval to Amend Contract with Texas Enterprise for Housing Development Incorporated under the FY '94 HOME Program
 - I. City of Alamo - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Cancellation case #: AM 93-11
 - J. HOME Rental Rehabilitation Contract
 - K. Approval of bills

Date this the 11th day of January, 1995.

J. Ruiz

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HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE
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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF EMERGENCY ADDITION
TO AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17, 1995

The eminent threat to public health and safety of persons located in Hidalgo County requires an emergency addition to the agenda for the January 17, 1995 meeting of the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court. The recent rabies outbreak creates an urgent public necessity to adopt ordinances, rules and regulations connected with the control rabies in the areas of Hidalgo County located outside of the boundaries of each City in the County. Items to be discussed and/or adopted are those listed as follows:

1. Ordinances, rules and regulations connected with the control of *rabies* rabies in the areas of Hidalgo County located outside the boundaries of each city in the County

Dated this the 17th day of January, 1995 X

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. Permit - City of Edinburg
2. Internal Line Item Transfer - 1994
3. Award bid:
 1. Fence

Dated this the 11th day of January, 1995.

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 17TH day of JANUARY, 1995, 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. Guadalupe "Lupe" Garces
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings

were had, to-wit:

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 - January 03, 1995
 January 09, 1995

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS - County Auditor

General Fund	- #105737	- #105985	- \$1,191,249.49
Special Revenue Fund	- #105792	- #106097	- \$ 793,644.49
Trust and Agency Fund	- # 4525		- \$ 296,640.88
Enterprise Fund	- # 2450	- # 2163	- \$ 9,053.04

(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS:
 A. Carlos Espinoza - Justice of the Peace - Pct. #4
 (SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 4. REQUEST FOR VOTING MACHINES:
 A. Reynaldo Garza Elementary (McAllen) - Two (2) Machines
 (SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS:

A. Constables:

1. Horacio Aguirre	- \$	0.00	- December
2. Gilberto Alaniz	- \$	0.00	- " "
3. Luis Zamora	- \$	270.00	- " "
4. Rumaldo Cerda, Jr.	- \$	446.00	- " "
5. Eduardo Bazan	- \$	0.00	- " "

B. Justice of the Peace:

1. Pete Leal	- \$11,492.50	- December
2. Esperidion Jackson	- \$ 3,188.00	- " "

(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTERS' FEES:
A. Jennifer K. O'neal - \$175.00
(SEE "EXHIBIT E")

ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

1. Barcelona Heights Subdivision - Pct. #3
2. Coy Subdivision - Pct. #3
3. Mrs. Mill's Subdivision - Pct. #3
4. Owens Subdivision - Pct. #3
5. Stone Ridge Estates - Pct. #3
6. Tamkin Subdivision - Pct. #3

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Barcelona Heights Subdivision is located approximately 1/2 mile north of U.S. Hwy 83, on the west side of Tom Gill Road, City of Penitas, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/A/2

Coy Subdivision is located 238 feet west from Bentsen Palm Drive, between Mile 1 North and U.S. Expressway 83, City of Palmview, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/A/3

Mrs. Mill's Subdivision is located 250 feet south of First Street, on the east side of South Bryan Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/A/4

Owens Subdivision is located 537 feet east of Western Road, on the north side of U.S. Expressway 83, inside the extra-territorial jurisdiction of the City of Mission, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/A/5

Stone Ridge Estates is located between Inspiration Road and Los Ebanos Road, on the north side of 2 Mile Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

7/A/6

Tamkin Subdivision is located on 8th Street and Bryan Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

ITEM 8. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of Weslaco - Budget Amendment Yr. 7
- B. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Application
- C. HOME - "First-time Homebuyer Contract Agreements" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company
- D. TCDP Contract No. 702035 Amendment H.M.E. Subdivision

8/A

The City of Weslaco was requesting approval of a budget amendment in their Year 7 Urban County budget. The amendment was for the transfer of \$30,000.00 from Street Improvements to Public Service-Youth Services.

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

8/B

The City of Alamo was recommending the following three applicants, for approval, under the HOME Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. The applicants were Maria A. Garay, Belia Villagomez and Alejandro Lopez.

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

8/C

The following applicants were being recommended for approval under the HOME First-time Homebuyer Program, as well as the letters of commitment, from the mortgage companies, as listed:

Pablo Ibarra	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Minerva Sanchez	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Federico Lucio, Jr.	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Daniel Natera	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Antonio Gamboa	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Bernado Hernandez	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Arturo Esteviz	Rural Economic & Community Dev.
Diego Morales	Rural Economic & Community Dev.

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

8/D

An amendment was being requested under the Colonia Program, contract no. 702035, for H.M.E. Subdivision. The amendment is for change order #3, in the amount of \$5,500.00, the cost of which will be covered by the City of Pharr.

(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

ITEM 9. PERMIT:

- A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pct. #1

In Precinct One, North Alamo Water Supply Corporation is requesting a permit for two inch lines to cross Mile 16 North, 1/4 mile west of F.M. 88; a road crossing in Delta West Subdivision and to cross Mile 12 1/2 North at its intersection with Mile 4 West.

(SEE "EXHIBIT H")

- ITEM 10. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:
 - A. Planning Department - 1994 - \$100.00
 - B. County Court at Law #2 - 1994 - \$903.27
 - C. Human Services - 1994 - \$114.14
 - D. Personnel Department - 1994 - \$56.29
 - E. Pct. #2 Parks - 1994 - \$850.00
 - F. Pct. #2 Paved/Unpaved - 1994 - \$1,620.00
 - G. Pct. #2 Administration -1994 - \$25.00
 - H. County Shop - 1994 - \$35.00
 - I. County Court at Law #4 - 1994 - \$22.62
 - J. Juvenile Prob. Dept. - 1994 - \$1,592.00
 - K. Buildings and Grounds - 1994 - \$14,236.12
 - L. Bldgs/Grounds - Minor Structure - 1994 - \$3,180.28
 - M. D.P.S. - 1995 - \$140.00
 - N. County Clerk - 1995 - \$3,000.00
 - O. Constable Pct. #4 - 1995 - \$4,800.00
 - P. Historical Commission - 1995 - \$1,000.00
 - Q. Enterprise Fund - 1995 - \$10,200.00

(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

Judge Ruiz informed the Commissioners that there was one correction on the Consent Agenda, that being under the line item transfers, item 10/K, Buildings and Grounds. The correction was decreasing it from \$14,911.75, to 14,236.12, by reducing #47 to \$1,020.00 and #64 to \$20.00. He then asked the Commissioners if they had any questions and/or comments on any of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, there being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.
 SEE "EXHIBITS A-I"

REGULAR AGENDA
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ITEM. 1. PRESENTATION OF EDINBURG'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING STUDY

Joe Ochoa, Mayor for the City of Edinburg, came before the Commissioners' Court, and began by thanking them for allowing them some property for the recycling center, which was presently in operation. He

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then continued by discussing the parking problems around the Courthouse area, in which he stated that the City of Edinburg "had one particular goal and that's to improve the parking management, that has been certainly, in particular, a nightmare for all of us, because of some of the problems that are incurred during the normal business hours that we have here". Mayor Ochoa went on by saying that the City had had a study performed, between February and August of 1994, "to assess current parking supply and demand to well determine future needs and identify recommendations, for improvement. The study consisted of a twenty-nine block. area with Courthouse being the center, of the central business district" He added that the conclusion of this study was to have short-range, mid-range and long-range improvement prog, and he began with the short-range portion of it, which entailed "additional personnel, increase in fines for overtime parking violations, to provide directional signage to public parking areas, and the possible staggering of Court schedules, to reduce parking peak demand hours, on Mondays and Tuesdays", as well as the possibility of providing a transit transportation, to alleviate the parking problem. Their mid-range recommendations are "to establish public parking areas and a new plan for designation of on-street meter parking to complement implementation of paid parking and improve parking usage". The long-range recommendation is "to implement a community plaza, in the Courthouse Square, providing for various amenities and accommodating parking, office space, retail uses and a public market square, [as well as,] four parking structures which are being proposed to serve the needs of the central business district parking area". The Mayor then proceeded to ask permission to acquire an opinion, from the County Attorney, because the main problem, as he saw was in trying to establish who the parking lot belonged to and what right the City had in order to improve it, as in their long-term plan, and the proposed community plaza. He then asked the members of the Commissioners' Court if they had any questions and/or comments, during which Commissioner Garces asked about the City of Edinburg's proposed transit system, which Mr. John Milford, Edinburg's City Manager explained would be implemented in the next six months. Commissioner Garces' question was if this new system would alleviate some of the problem and Mr. Milford responded that this system would alleviate some of the downtown parking, as well as some of the parking problems, which entailed the jury pools, on Mondays and Tuesdays. Judge Ruiz then continued this discussion, by saying that he felt that this was a "reversal" of the policy that had been in place in the past, whereby the interlocal agreement between the County and the City expired and it indicated that all of the meters around the Courthouse would be free of charge, for County services and what he saw now was that the meters were implemented, at one and two hour intervals. Mayor Ochoa then added that the parking would be taken care of, with the cooperation of both entities and he was willing to meet with the Commissioners' Court in workshop to further discuss this issue, as the City was looking forward in trying to implement the majority of the proposed recommendation. Judge Ruiz then brought up the renovation of the fifth floor of the Administration Building, which was at a standstill, at this time, due to the lack of parking space, as per City Code. Mayor Ochoa again stated that it was this type of problem that should be discussed in workshop.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT J"

ITEM 4. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDINBURG, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HIDALGO COUNTY REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS - Travis Hiester

Judge Ruiz briefed the Commissioners on some previous action which had been taken by this Court, with regards to the rabies problem in the County. In that action, they had authorized the County Legal Counsel, to look into some alternatives in finding a solution, to this problem, with this in mind, the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, (ECISD), has taken an initiative, in assisting the County, by providing some personnel to better regulate, this problem, particularly around the school-ground areas. In their packs was a proposed interlocal agreement, which he directed Travis Hiester to explain. Mr. Heister began by reiterating that this was an interlocal agreement between the County and the Edinburg CISD, "whereby the District agrees to furnish people to perform the duties of a County Animal Control Officer, in accordance with the rules and regulations related to the control of rabies within the boundaries of the District, together with all vehicles and equipment needed to perform these duties". He went on by saying that these people "would be trained, if not already trained, they will be trained by the County, but will be under the specific direction control, of the Superintendent of the Edinburg Independent School District". In essence the Superintendent will direct them as to where to go and what duties to perform, at those locations, but only within the jurisdiction of the Edinburg CISD. and they will be paid by the ECISD., as well as other costs and expenses that are incurred by them. Mr. Heister continued by going down the various sections of the contract, pointing out that item three on the agreement indemnifies the County for any activities conducted by these people or anything that might occur with respect to any vehicle or equipment utilized by the people. He did stress that this agreement supersedes any other agreements that there may be, with regards to this situation. Commissioner Garces then briefed the Commissioners' Court on a meeting that was held at Zavala Elementary, yesterday, with Dr. Adalberto Garza, a veterinarian and the majority of the questions dealt with who the residents should call, what they should do, as well as, what the cost would be. He continued by saying that an agreement was signed last week, which had been ongoing for the last couple of days and Mr. Heister added that the State of Board of Health has quarantined South Texas for rabies and they will be having some activities, such as a flyover, in which they will feed medication, to some of the more isolated areas, in the four county area. The County Judge indicated that the people who could assist the most are pet owners, in getting their dogs and cats vaccinated and also leashed or fenced in. He then asked Brinkley Oxford, who was representing the Edinburg CISD, if he would like to say a few words and Mr. Oxford began by thanking Commissioner Garces who had been very active in this process, as well as,

the City of Edinburg, who would be providing the personnel and equipment that would be needed. He continued by saying that most of the problem was in and around the Edinburg CISD and the School Board did not feel that this was an area that the School Board should be involved in, and they have asked that he express their concern, about the School District, assuming the liability. He added that Mr. Heister has explained to him the position of the County, in as far as the liability, but the position of the School Board, is that since they were forced to get into this situation, that they should not be liable. He also went into the proposed ordinance, and asked that some additional measures be taken in four campus areas, these being Lorenzo De Zavala Elementary School, San Carlos, Hargill and Monte Cristo and these additional measures are the following:

- 1) that all the people in these campus areas, must have their dog or cat vaccinated, no exceptions;
- 2) that person must have his dog or cat on a leash, at all times, or in a fenced in area or inside the house or building, no exceptions;

Mr. Oxford continued by saying that presently he was receiving reports from the County Animal Control Officers, that they are having problems with pet owners telling that their animals are vaccinated and they can run loose or finding out that some of the animals that are being picked up are already vaccinated and this problem has been occurring in the four campus area that was indicated. Judge Ruiz thanked him and applauded the School Board's and his participation in the solution to this problem. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the interlocal agreement, between the County of Hidalgo and the Edinburg CISD, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT K"

ADD. 1. ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CONTROL OF RABIES IN THE AREAS OF HIDALGO COUNTY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF EACH CITY IN THE COUNTY

Travis Heister explained that this was hurriedly put together and because of this emergency, instead of confining this to one area of the County, as suggested by Mr. Oxford, he was proposing the adoption of regulations, that would cover the entire unincorporated area, of the County and it basically lists the rules and regulations, as indicated in Chapter 826, of the Texas Health and Safety Code. He added that this was basically an ordinance, which the County was authorized to do in cases like these. Mr. Heister went on to list the various items that were a part of the ordinance, and mentioned that he had overlooked the placing of an item that states "each dog or cat, must have set animal vaccinated against rabies on or before Monday midnight, January 23, 1995" and he recommended that this item be place in the ordinance, under Subsection (C) and that the other subsections be relettered. He continued his ex-

planation of the subsections of the ordinance, during which Commissioner Rosel ensued a discussion with regards to the picking up of animals, by the Animal Control Officers, that have already been vaccinated and what the fee for taking back that animal will be. During this discussion, it was clarified that presently the maximum fine that could be imposed for not restraining pets was \$500.00 and not \$200.00 as indicated on the proposed ordinance and this should also be amended. Commissioner Sanchez joined this discussion by stating that the idea was to get the animals vaccinated. Mr. Heister urged the Commissioners to pass this ordinance, as amended and Commissioner Garces added that they inform the local Justices of the Peace, and also discuss what other sentences may be imposed.

The County Judge then mentioned that presently the County has a contract with the Humane Society and he was wanting to know what the purpose of the impoundment fee was and Mr. Heister responded that this fee was to cover the "expenses of impoundment plus...whatever expense [Commissioners' Court may] want to add to this to cover [the County's] expenses". The discussion then continued, with the Court trying to clarify what this fee is for and Mr. Heister stated that it can be for anything that can be used to "defray the costs of administering the county rabies control program". Brinkly Oxford came up and asked that they clarify the subsection pertaining to the restraining of animals, whether they were vaccinated or not and Mr. Heister indicated that this was basically a "leash law". Judge Ruiz went back to the issue of the fee and recommended that the Commissioners take into effect that this was being imposed on the rural area, where there was some indigency. Commissioner Arcaute then stated that in place of imposing a fee for dogs that are brought in by the animal wardens, they should pay the people to bring the dogs in, in this way they can guarantee that the animals will be brought in. Commissioner Garces argued this by saying that if this took place then people would be bringing in all animals, whether they were rabid or not, and this could pose a risk. Judge Ruiz went back to the amount of the fee and asked for recommendations, after which Commissioner Rosel made a recommendation of \$50.00. Commissioner Sanchez asked what the cities were charging and Eloy Pulido, the County Clerk, indicated that they were charging \$16.00 at the Humane Society. After further discussion, Judge Ruiz made a recommendation that the ordinance of Hidalgo County regarding the control of rabies in unincorporated areas, as amended, to include, each "owner of cat and dog, as defined by section 826.002, Texas Health & Safety Code, must have said animal vaccinated against rabies on or before Monday midnight, January 23, 1995 and setting a fee of \$20.00". Upon a motion by Commissioner Arcaute and a second by Commissioner Garces, it carried unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L"

Commissioner Sanchez then asked how long this ordinance would be in effect and Mr. Heister replied that it could be amended it and rescind it at anytime. Judge Ruiz also asked about the farmhouses that have their dogs loose in their yards for protection and Commissioner

Sanchez concurred, with Mr. Heister reiterating that even these animals may be infected with rabies. Steve Austin, the County Auditor asked for some clarification on the \$20.00 fee and he was informed that this was to go into the General Fund, to help defray the cost of administering the county rabies control program.

ITEM 10. COUNTY TREASURER:

A. Authorization and approval to adjust salaries for organizational purposes

Norma Garcia, the County Treasurer, came before the Court to request approval of the change of status, for the County Treasurer's Office. Judge Ruiz informed the Commissioners that in their packets they had supplied letters from those individuals who had been terminated and Ms. Garcia clarified that the issue that she was here to discuss was the adjustment of the salaries. Her intent was to go from four full-time employees to two full-time employees and one employee who works twenty-four hours per week; this change would not entail any additional monies. She mentioned that she was wanting to make these positions more competitive. Commissioner Arcaute then asked her if she had any additional information, such as salaries, that they could go by and Ms. Garcia responded that she did not, but she could inform them of her proposed salaries. She went on to state that one position would be at \$26,000.00, one at \$17,000.00 and the part-time position at \$10.00. Commissioner Rosel concurred with Commissioner Arcaute in that he felt that they did need additional information/backup, in order to be able to better consider this request.

Judge Ruiz strayed from the issue in asking Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel, what the liability to the County would be, on the individuals who were dismissed and Ms. Garcia indicated that they were not actually dismissed, as two of the individuals were offered the job and turned it down; and the first assistant position is considered an appointment and the newly elected official has the prerogative to re-appoint or appoint. The County Judge then asked if this fell under Civil Service and Mr. Heister replied that all this was done before the rules were adopted and thus they fell under the old rules of the personnel policy and Ms. Garcia added that these new employees are covered under Civil Service. She continued by saying that she is presently following the grievance procedure, with the former employees and there is a grievance conference scheduled with them tomorrow. Commissioner Rosel then indicated that he would like some additional information before taking any action. He made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to TABLE this item.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT M"

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ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION TO JOIN ASSOCIATION OF CITIES AND COUNTIES AS A PART OF THE FINAL ROUTING - I-69

Judge Ruiz informed the Commissioners that this item was placed back on the agenda, for further consideration. He mentioned that many cities and counties in and around this State, were joining forces to promote I-69 as the final routing towards Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, through U.S. Highway 281, into McAllen. Commissioner Rosel asked why this routing was so crucial for the Valley, as he felt that this was similar to the Empowerment Zone and Commissioner Sanchez informed him that this County was the one who initiated, not only the Empowerment Zone, but also the I-69 issue. Mike Allen came up and explained that there were two issues, with one being the Valley Mobility Group, which will be meeting in Corpus Christi, on Friday, and was involved in trying to get limited access roads connecting 37 down to 281 and also 77 connecting to 37. The other issue was that there would be a meeting in Houston, of the I-69 Corridor Group that most of the mayors and people in the Rio Grande Valley have been involved with. He continued by saying that if we don't pay we don't participate, and the City of Edinburg and the City of McAllen, and other entities have already joined. Mr. Allen added that presently there was a study of Interstate 59 and going on down into Laredo. Commissioner Arcaute then indicated that he had voted down this issue before, because he felt that the money had to be paid at that time, but after further consideration and knowing now that it did not have to be paid right away, he was in agreement. Judge Ruiz recommended, to those Commissioners who were voting cautiously, in terms of budget, that they apply this to all issues. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to join the Association of Cities and Counties, as a part of the final routing of I-69.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT N"

ITEM 2. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Judge Ruiz informed the Commissioners that former Commissioner Camarillo had served on the Development Council, in his place, due to his hectic schedule. He was at this time requesting that one of the Commissioners serve on the Development Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to appoint Commissioner Samuel Sanchez, as the representative to the Development Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT O"

ITEM 3. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The County Judge indicated that this next item was to appoint the members to the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation, and it has been the practice that all five members of Commissioners' Court serve on this Corporation. A discussion then ensued with regards to the appointment of the new member only and the County Judge recommended that to be on the safe side, they appoint all five members. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Garces, to approve the appointments to the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation, due to the termination of the appointment of Leonard Camarillo, as a member to that Corporation and the addition of Commissioner Lupe Garces, as the new member; also to reaffirm the appointments of Commissioner Lalo Arcaute, Commissioner Sam Sanchez, Commissioner Juan Rosel and the County Judge, J. Edgar Ruiz.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT P"

ITEM 5. POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF NEW SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES - Travis Heister

Travis Heister, the County Legal Council, explained that he was hoping to have a policy drawn up, in accordance with the direction of this Commissioners' Court. He continued by saying that the problem with this was that a meeting had been held with the Wage and Hour official, who had been directed to concentrate his efforts on the County and after the meeting it was obvious that it would be impossible to keep the payroll on a semi-monthly payment. He added that there would be an advantage in going into a bi-weekly payroll, as there were different work periods for regular County employees and for employees who were in law enforcement. He stated that they had all come to the conclusion that this would be the only practical way to do this and he was presently trying to draft a policy that would cover this situation and it would be brought back to Court, possibly the following week. Judge Ruiz then added that this would entail a restructuring of the payroll and Mr. Heister said that they were trying to pick a time when it would have the least impact on the employees. Judge Ruiz continued by saying that there would probably be a lapse of about a week, in which they would not get paid, but they would get paid the following pay period. He indicated they were basically talking about changes in an overall policy to make it right, define overtime properly, define all the fringe benefits, to make sure that this is incorporated properly. Mr. Heister reiterated that only those employees who were classified as exempt, by the Fair Labor Standards Act, shall be permitted to work in excess of forty hours, for those employees having a seven day work period, and eighty-six hours for those employees having a fourteen day work period, the latter being for law enforcement. Commissioner Sanchez then ensued a discussion by

bringing up the present payroll and how it was setup with the employees allowing for days that had not been worked and this in effect would standardize the pay period, in which the employee was paid only for time worked. Mr. Heister clarified that this Court, did not want anyone working over-time and Commissioner Arcaute indicated that it was stated in the personnel policy that only Commissioners' Court could approve over-time. Judge Ruiz recommended that they look at all aspects of this issue.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

Judge Ruiz explained that this was similar to the Housing Finance Corporation, where the members Commissioners' Court have served on the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Sanchez, to approve the termination of former Commissioner Leonard Camarillo, from the Board, the appointment of Commissioner Lupe Garces, to the Board and the reaffirmation of the appointment of the remaining four members of this Court.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 8. LIBRARY SYSTEM:

- A. Authorization and approval to exempt Amigos Bibliographic Council from the bidding process

NO ACTION.

SEE "EXHIBIT Q"

ITEM 9. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- A. Authorization to decrease two (2) vacant slots #18 and #20 in the amount of \$4,800.00 and increase slot #7, 2a & 3a, in the amount of \$1,600.00 per slot

Ramona Villanueva informed the Court that she would be resigning and Mr. Dick Wade would be taking her place. Mr. Wade then stated that the request at this time was to decrease two slots, by \$4,800.00 and increase three slots by \$1,600.00 each. He added that the reason for the request was in anticipation of taking this additional responsibility, they had taken the total budgeted amount and are restructuring all of their salaries, to basically create some slots. He continued by

saying that they would like that these people get paid retroactively, to January 1, 1995. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to accept the District Attorney's request to authorize decreasing two vacant slots, as indicated and increasing three slots, in the amount of \$1,600.00 per slot.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R"

ITEM 11. REQUEST TO PURCHASE THREE (3) YEARS MILITARY SERVICE - Pete Leal - \$540.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Sanchez, to authorize the purchase of three years of military service, into a retirement program, by Mr. Pete Leal, at the cost of \$540,00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT S"

Steve Austin, the County Auditor, indicated that there will have to be a corresponding budget amendment, for this and the total amount that would be needed was \$650.00, which entailed \$540.00 for the purchase and \$110.00 of unbudgeted monies, which were not within the budget. The \$110.00 was due to the fringe benefits not be calculated correctly. Judge Ruiz then informed him that this amendment would be in next week's agenda.

ITEM 12. DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS:
A. Office Furniture and Equipment - County Clerk
B. Copier and Stand - Library System
C. Paper Back Books and Pocket Parts - Jail Law Library

Judge Ruiz explained that this was a request from the County Clerk's Office, to declare various furniture and equipment surplus; there was also one from the Library System, for the declaration of a copier and stand surplus and one from the Jail Law Library, for the declaration of paper books and pocket parts. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to declare all equipment surplus, from these three departments and authorize the Purchasing Agent to dispose of said equipment.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT T"

ITEM 13. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of line item transfer in the South Texas Auto Theft Task Force Grant
- B. Authorization to purchase from the Council of Governments Fifteen (15) 1995 vehicles from the Sheriff's budget
- C. Request waiver of Competitive bid process on vehicles being purchased from the Council of Governments
- D. Authorization of purchase from the Texas Department of Public Safety Fifteen (15) used vehicles from the Sheriff's budget
- E. Request waiver of Competitive bid process on vehicles being purchased from Texas Department of Public Safety
- F. Approval of Two (2) Medical Service Agreements for rendering medical services to inmates housed at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center fo the Year 1995 - Retroactive to January 01, 1995:
 - 1. Dr. Gilbert Diaz
 - 2. Dr. Marin Garza
- G. Authorization to exempt Medical Agreements from bidding process
- H. Authorization to set salary of \$21,958.00 for two (2) deputies assigned under the contract between Tropical Texas Center MH/MR and the County of Hidalgo
- I. Budget Amendment - Jail Commissary Acct.
- J. Budget Amendment to cover Architect Fees and Construction - Jail Budget
- K. Budget Amendment - Jail Commissary Acct.
- L. Authorization and Approval to appropriate Court Ordered Confiscations:
 - 1. 5-104-421-100 - \$17,608.50
 - 2. 5-104-421-100 - \$ 8,938.80
 - 3. 5-104-421-100 - \$ 9,114.80
 - 4. 5-104-421-100 - \$ 242.40
 - 5. 5-104-421-100 - \$ 541.00
- M. Authorization and Approval to declare tires surplus and request to sell tires

13/A

Chief Dick Dickinson came before the Court to request approval of a line item transfer in the South Texas Auto Theft Task Force Grant. The reason for the line item was due to a miscalculation in the amount of \$227.48, in social security. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to approve the line item transfer from health insurance to social security, in the amount of \$227.48.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/B&C

Chief Dickinson also requested authorization to purchase up to fifteen 1995 vehicles, from the Sheriff's budget, as well as, the

waiver from the competitive bid process, as these vehicles will be purchased from the Council of Governments. He added that they were limited in funds in Object 95, but they hoped that through budget management, in confiscations and seizures, they may be able able to buy up to this many vehicles. They are also trying to avoid being caught in the same situation as the previous year, in trying to adhere to the Auditor's requests and he believed that if they took care of the problem in this way, by waiving the competitive bid process on this number of cars, then they could have to problem purchasing the vehicles as needed. Commissioner Sanchez asked him if the intent was to add to the fleet or to replace some of the vehicles and Chief Dickinson replied that they were replacing, as most of their vehicles had in excess of 300,000 to 400,000 miles each. Commissioner Sanchez continued his discussion by stating that the previous year this Court had authorized the purchase of twenty vehicles, in order to replace other vehicles and Chief Dickinson responded that there was a lot of wear and tear on vehicles that were used for patrol. The County Judge then questioned the purchase of the vehicles by asking if these were confiscated vehicles that they were wanting to purchase and Chief Dickinson stated that these were brand new vehicles, however, some of the vehicles that were presently being used by the department, were confiscated or seized vehicles. Chief Dickinson continued by saying that they would be using the funds in Object 95, to try to purchase not only some new units, but some use DPS units, as well. They wanted to try to purchase these vehicles "as these monies became available" either through seizure monies or surplus funds, in operation line items they would like to use these funds to purchase equipment; also by requesting the authorization to purchase up to fifteen vehicles, they hoped not to be in the same situation that they were in last year, where they had to come back and request the transfer of funds from 1994 be moved into 1995, because they did not meet the waiver of competitive bid and other things that the Auditor requires. Judge Ruiz indicated to him that he felt sure that this request could be granted, however, "when the negotiation is made, when the purchase is done, that it be brought back to Commissioners' Court for authorization for payment" and in this way this Court will be informed of the number of cars that are purchased and Chief Dickinson stated that that would be no problem. Commissioner Sanchez commenced an additional discussion, with regards to the number of cars on the patrol fleet, presently and Commissioner Garces also inquired as to the number of patrols out at any given time. After this discussion, the County Auditor recommended that when the requisition is prepared by the Sheriff's Department and sent to the Purchasing Agent, that the Purchasing Agent bring this purchase order to Commissioners' Court prior to ordering the vehicles, as the waiver had to be done prior to the purchase. Judge Ruiz then explained that this was a request for a blanket for up to fifteen vehicles. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute, to give authorization to the Sheriff's Office to purchase from the Council of Governments, up to and no more than fifteen 1995 vehicles and also waive the competitive bidding process, on the vehicles being purchased from the Council of Governments.

MOTION CARRIED.

SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/D&E

Chief Dickinson explained that this next request was for the same situation, with the purchase of the vehicles being from the Department of Public Safety. They are also hoping to purchase up to fifteen of these vehicles, possibly 1992 models, to help in acquiring cars closer to the current year model. Chief Dickinson then went on to indicate how the purchase of used DPS units would be to their advantage versus the purchase of brand new units, budgetwise. He added that currently the price for the purchase of '92 models is \$6,800.00 and the price for '93 models is \$8,500.00. Commissioner Rosel continued the discussion by asking the County Judge for permission to possibly research this further basically with regards to the budget, and maybe purchasing new vehicles instead of used vehicles. Chief Dickinson informed him that they would much rather prefer new vehicles, but they are trying to stay within budget. Commissioner Sanchez inquired on the possibility of purchasing new vehicles and financing them over a period of time and Judge Ruiz stated that in order to do this it would take approximately \$1 million, without the equipment. Commissioner Rosel continued his argument on financing this purchase and Judge Ruiz informed him that this was the first time in a long time that this line item has been funded a quarter of a million dollars and Chief Dickinson's request is a way of trying to catch up. He then stated that the request at this time was to authorize the purchase of no more than fifteen vehicles, from the Department of Public Safety, be-it '92 and '93's and that they waive the competitive bidding process, therefore exempting them from the bidding procedure. Upon a motion from Commissioner Arcaute and a second from Commissioner Rosel, it carried unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

Judge Ruiz then informed Chief Dickinson and Mary Maldonado, the Purchasing Agent, that once there is a purchase order that it be brought to Commissioners' Court, so they can be made aware and authorize payment.

13/F&G

This next item was for approval of two medical service agreements for rendering medical services to the inmates housed in the Detention, for the year 1995. They were also requesting that these contracts be approved retroactive to January 1, 1995, with Dr. Gilbert Diaz and Dr. Marin Garza. This ensued in a discussion ensued by Commissioner Rosel with a question regarding retroactive pay and a previous request from the District Attorney's Office and Mr. Travis Heister replied that they had previously brought an Attorney General's opinion, which indicated that retroactive pay could be paid if those services have already been rendered and Steve Austin, the County Auditor, added that if they have already been paid on the fifteenth of this month, then the pay is retroactive to the sixteenth of this month. Mr. Heister clarified that this, however, was on contractual services and it could be retroactive to January 1. Judge Ruiz added that the contracts were with Dr. Marin

Garza and Dr. Gilbert Diaz, at \$1,100.00 per month, to be retroactive to January 1, 1995 and also exempt them from the bidding procedure under professional services. Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosel and a second by Commissioner Garces, the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/H

Chief Dickinson stated that this was a request to set the salaries of the two deputies under the contract with MH/MR and the County of Hidalgo, at \$21,958.00. He added that the salaries have been budgeted in the 1995 budget, however as per the contract, half of the salaries are to be paid from the Sheriff's budget and the other half by MH/MR. A discussion was then ensued, by Commissioner Rosel, with regards to the present contract and "the number of times that these deputies are asked to respond to mental problems and going to Sullivan City to pick a mental patient and transporting, in some cases Harlingen" and Chief Dickinson replied that presently they averaged approximately three per day and the time involved is approximately three to four and a half hours per trip. Commissioner Rosel indicated that maybe they should pursue acquiring that additional deputy and vehicle to better serve the County and Commissioner Garces questioned the placing of a female deputy in this type of situation, as he felt there was some aggression involved in these types of cases and he was worried on the risk factor. Chief Dickinson responded to his concern by saying that presently they have two deputies on workman's compensation, "strictly due to the fact of trying to handle a mentally ill patient". Judge Ruiz then stated that this contract had been amended, as it had called for three deputies and they had approved only two, and it was done solely on a budgetary issue and he concurred with Commissioner Garces. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to set the salary at \$21,958.00 for the two deputies assigned to the MH/MR contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/I

Chief Dickinson explained that this was to increase the budget salary as it is related tot he payroll expense of the termination of the former Commissary Supervisor. The reason for the request is to reimburse this former employee for his comp-time and vacation time, as it was necessary to have a supervisor there at all times. This will come out of the 1995 Commissary budget and the amount is \$3,365.42. A motion was made by Commissioners Garces and Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize a budget amendment from the Jail Commissary account, in the amount of \$3,365.42, this is for salaries and fringes.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/J

The following request was in the form of a budget amendment as per the County Judge, as it had to do with the construction of the isolation quarantine section in the jail, that has been mandated by the State Health Department and Commission on Jail Standards. He then referred to a letter in the agenda pack, from the Architect, for an amount of approximately \$39,000.00, plus a contingency of \$10,000.00 for cost overruns. Judge Ruiz continued along this line, by saying that he felt this was the most cost efficient way of meeting the demand, as per the health issue that was being encountered in the jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and Arcaute, to approve a \$50,000.00 budget amendment, for architectural fees and construction at the jail.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

Steve Austin then asked how this amount would be appropriated and Judge Ruiz informed that \$13,000.00 would go towards architectural fees and \$37,000.00 would go towards the construction. After a brief discussion, in which Chief Dickinson made a report of an incident that had occurred at the Jail, the County Judge advised him to get together with Dr. Garza and draw up a letter requesting that this firm be waived from the bidding procedure, under a state of emergency.

13/K

Chief Dickinson informed the Commissioners' Court that this request was for a budget amendment of \$6,000.00, for the purchase of storage bags, which were used to place the personal belongings of the inmates, as they were coming into the jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a budget amendment, from the Jail Commissary account, of \$6,000.00, for household and institutional supplies.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/L

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the appropriation of court ordered confiscations, in the amounts of \$17,608.50, \$8,938.80; \$9,114.80, \$242.40 and \$541.00, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

13/M

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to authorize the approval to declare tires surplus and request the sale of these tires.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT U"

ITEM 22. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- B. Consideration and approval of installation request for one
(1) mobile phone - County Clerk's Office

Judge Ruiz went to Item 22/B, with reference to the request for an additional mobile phone, for the County Clerk's Office. Judge Ruiz then informed the Commissioners that previously there had been a request for two cellular phones for the County Clerk's Office, one for the elected official and one for the assistant, of which the request for the elected official had been approved. This Commissioners' Court had indicated that they would need justification for the additional request. Mr. Eloy Pulido, the County Clerk, came before the Court and stated that the second phone would be basically for general office use. He added that he has people traveling to and from the post office and the warehouse and this phone would be used as a safety factor and to keep in constant communication with the office. Judge Ruiz then asked him if it would only be used from the hours of eight to five and Mr. Pulido replied that it would and based on this the County Judge concurred with the request, as it would not be assigned to any one individual. Commissioner Rosel ensued a discussion, with regards to the calls being for official business and nothing else. County Judge also argued the issue of a fixed rate, as he has had experience with the District Attorney and grand juries, and if this phone is not used strictly for official business, there could be problems. Commissioner Rosel made a suggestion that whomever has it, this Court could address that issue and Judge Ruiz indicated that he felt that this was an issue "that [was] affordable to the elected official, not to staff. If you open it up, everyone has a need like him and before you know you've got a hundred and two hundred phones out there and not that their going to abuse them, but you're allowing that, to have that potential". He then addressed the County Clerk, by telling him that if there was an emergency whereby an instrument had to be filed, and it was after hours, he would be found, with or without a mobile phone. Mr. Pulido again pointed out that even if this phone was taken home, it would only be used for official business and the County Judge went back to the budgetary issue and the possibility that every department would ask for a mobile phone and he changed his stance on the consideration. He went on to discuss the proposed policy by saying that it was basically a budget issue and it needed to be controlled, with this in mind, he recommended that the request be rejected. The County Clerk continued to state his position, in point-out that a lot of the documents have been transferred to the warehouse and he would not want to be liable if anyone should get hurt trying to retrieve a file. Commissioner Rosel stated that he was in concurrence with the request, from the County Clerk, and Commissioner Sanchez added that he did not feel right with the setting of a time for the use of the phone and also brought up the issue that this Court had agreed that if any department felt they needed a mobile phone, that they would have the chance to justify their request. Commissioner Sanchez continued by saying that if the County Clerk felt that a more effective job could be performed by the use of this phone, then he concurred. The discussion continued afterwhich, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to accept the County Clerk's request for

an additional mobile phone for his office, for County business only.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONERS ROSEL, SANCHEZ AND ARCAUTE VOTED IN
SEE "EXHIBIT V" FAVOR OF THE MOTION; JUDGE RUIZ AND COMMISSIONER
GARCES VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)

ITEM 14. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of HIV Division/surveillance of Aids Grant -
Attachment No. C6000010-01A

Ofelia Espinoza came before the Court requesting approval of an amendment to the HIV Division/Surveillance of Aids Grant, in the amount of \$17,360.00. This is a contract renewal, to run from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Rosel, to approve the HIV Division/Surveillance of Aids Grant Attachment No. 01A, in the amount of \$17,360.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT W"

ITEM 15. WIC:

- A. Request to Advertise:
1. Phone System for Fourteen (14) WIC clinics

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to authorize the advertising for bids for a phone system within the WIC clinics.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT X"

ITEM 16. REQUEST FROM COUNTY AUDITOR TO EXEMPT MCCLELLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FROM BIDDING PROCESS - Insurance Claim

Mrs. Loura Etnire explained that she had received a call from the Auditing Department, that they will not pay the bill, as it is over \$10,000.00. This is on an insurance claim, the money has been received and placed into the Detention budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the waiver, under a state of emergency for the payment and authorize payment to McClelland Electric Company.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Y"

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- ITEM 17. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:
- A. PBX
 - B. Adult Probation (State Funds)
 - C. Rural Fire Calls
 - D. General Government Buildings

17/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve a budget amendment of \$7,100.00 for PBX. (NOTE: These are for 1994 bills.)

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Z"

17/B

Joe Lopez, Adult Probation Director, informed the Court that CJAD had approved a higher salary for the 02 line item than the request at that point in time. This additional money has not been approved by the Board of Judges and at budget time, all he submitted was for the 5% only. He continued by saying that the amount that CJAD approve and the amount that this Court approves has to be the same, so at this time he is requesting that \$7,531.00 be appropriated into the 02, not to be used at this time. Judge Ruiz indicated that he has held discussions with the Board of Judges, with regards to this particular salary increase, which amounts to \$10,000.00 total, which he feels could lead to similar requests from Juvenile Probation, for example, and he is not in agreement with this. He states his positions, purely as a budgetary issue. Mr. Lopez explained that he understand his position and that all of these factors will be discussed at a meeting of the Board of Judges, and they also concurred that this could have an impact on the County. This request presently, is just to appropriate the additional funds, in the 02 category. After continued discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioners Roseland Arcaute, to authorize the budget amendment to the State grant, by \$7,531.00, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EHXIBIT Z"

17/C

Loura Etnire, the Administrative Assisitant, informed the Commissioners that according to a letter from the County Auditor, Steve Austin, they needed amend the budget by about \$300,000.00 to pay for rural fire calls, for 1994. She continued by saying that at the beginning of 1994 this budget was approximately \$997,000.00, out of which \$239,425.00 had been taken out to pay for the previous year's bills.

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Commissioner Arcaute asked the Commission, if it was possible for the County to assess a fee for those residents who lived outside the corporate limits, for fire protection, ambulance, etc. and the response was that a fee could not be imposed, but a tax could, through the establishment of a district. The County Judge then asked if some of this cost could be reimbursed through fire insurance and Travis Heister, the County Legal Counsel, explained to him that it was not possible. Judge Ruiz inquired as to the amount of the fund balance at this time and Mr. Austin informed him that the expenditures were running a lot less than were projected and at this time the estimated fund balance was approximately \$800,000.00, this not counting pending insurance bills. Judge Ruiz voiced his concern regarding the approval of "a budget amendment to actually clear the payment of the bills, knowing that it exceeds our present fund balance, will there be payment" and Mr. Austin responded that the bills would be paid. Judge Ruiz then asked him if he would make the appropriate appropriations to cover the budget amendment and Mr. Austin replied that he would. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to accept a budget amendment of \$300,000.00 for payment of rural fire calls.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Z"

17/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Garces, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$34,183.83, for the payment of electricity, gas and water, for the month of December.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT Z"

ITEM 19. PCT. #4:

- A. Approval of salary adjustment on three (3) employees - Acct. #5-060-431-210.03
- B. Authorization and approval of payment to Golsstar, Invoice #21328 dated 11-15-94, in the amount of \$5,727.65
- C. Discussion and possible action to address situation on Rabies Outbreak and possible action of Emergency Manpower for Health Department

19/A

Commissioner Garces indicated that presently slot #26 was vacant and he was wanting to transfer some monies from this slot into other slots as follows: \$2,000.00 into slot #1; \$2,000.00 into slot #16 and \$5,000.00 into slot #13. He was also wanting to change the classification of slot #13 to General Foreman. Judge Ruiz reiterated that a labor position #26 has a \$12,973.00 salary and the recommendation is to reduce it by \$9,000.00, leaving \$3,973.12, in that part-

icular slot; increases to the Administrator Assistant position, a grader operator position and a tractor driver position that is being reclassified to General Foreman. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to this effect and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT AA"

19/B

Commissioner Garces explained that this was a pending bill to Goldstar of \$5,727.65. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize payment to Goldstar, exempting them from the bidding procedure and authorizing the payment of \$5,727.65.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT AA"

19/C

NO ACTION.

ITEM 18. PCT. #3:

- A. Authorization to Unappropriate a portion of the estimated 1994 Park Fund Balance and appropriate same to be transferred into General Fund - payment of 1994 Ambulance Service
- B. Budget Amendment

18/A&B

Commissioner Rosel indicated that the request was to unappropriate an amount of \$1,625.11, for ambulance service, to pay for this outstanding bill, for 1994. The County Judge then asked for some clarification, due to the County having four separate contracts, with each being lump sum contracts, which have already been paid. Steve Austin, the County Auditor, added that there was an appropriation, but it was an insufficient appropriation. Judge Ruiz continued his discussion by informing the Commissioner that if this was a bill for a particular ambulance call, then they could not pay it, but if it was to pay-off the contract then it was okay, but he wanted to make sure that they were not paying over and above the amount of the contract. After further discussion Commissioner Rosel stated that he would look into this issue further, before consideration.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT BB"

ITEM 20. CELLULAR PHONES:

- A. Review and acceptance of inventory of Cellular Phones - County wide
- B. Authorization to submit user notice to Cellular Phone Companies

20/A

Judge Ruiz stated that they could not certify that this was an accurate inventory, but after sending about three requests to the Departments this is the report that they have come up with (See Exhibit CC). Noe Cavazos, the Project Coordinator, in charge of this survey, explained that as per the report there are approximately ninety cellular phones that are in use, at the present time. As of January 1st, three additional requests have been submitted, which one for Precinct Three, one for Mr. Pulido, the County and an additional one that was approved this morning, that would amend that total to ninety-three. Commissioner Rosel asked if all of these were going to be approved and Judge Ruiz informed him that this was basically for review, as there were some that he would recommend for termination. He added that once they did approve an inventory, then they would be issuing a letter to the cellular phone companies informing them of the phones that could be under government rates. A discussion ensued with regards to the budget issue and Judge Ruiz informed them that they had just approved an additional phone, and he felt that this established a precedence. Commissioner Sanchez also recommended that maybe they should establish a policy whereby the County pays for 50% of the bill and the mobile phone user pay the other 50%. The Commissioners then went down the list and made the following recommendations:

- 1) Urban County - one phone - yes, because Anthony Covacevich was always out attending meetings, during and after business hours;
- 2) Risk Management - yes, as she was not equipped with a two-way radio and also she was always out giving depositions;
- 3) Voter Registration - No;
- 4) Regional Infant Screening - No;
- 5) County Auditor - the Commissioners questioned his having one, as his job was an eight-to-five job and Steve Austin tried to justify that he needed his mobile phone, as he attended a number of meeting that there ws communication that needed to take place. Judge Ruiz told him that a beeper would serve the same purpose and he could call from where-ever he may be.

The discussion then shifted back to the possiblity of a 50/50 phone bill, and Anthony Covacevich asked that, if this were to take effect would they still have to micro-manage the phone bill, by marking all the personal calls and the County Judge explained that by approving a 50/50 plan, they were leaving it open for questioning. Commissioner Sanchez came back to the micro-management, whereby the County Judge informed the Commissioners that they had the authority to accept or deny the people who have phones now and Commissioner Arcaute commented that he was up to rejecting all of them, as it would be a savings to the County. The Commissioners then went back to the list, where the follow-

ing recommendations were discussed:

- 6) Planning Department - No;
- 7) Financial Disruption Task Force - Judge Ruiz indicated that this was a State grant, for law enforcement and he did not want to "mess" with it;
- 8) Right of Way - Yes, because of travel;
- 9) Adult Probation- questionable;
- 10) Boot Camp - questionable;
- 11) Sheriff's Department - the County Judge stated that he would give them discretion, being that it was law enforcement;
- 12) Juvenile Center - No;
- 13) Health Departemnt - only one for the Health Director;
- 14) WIC Department - questionable;
- 15) Youth Village - no;
- 16) Office of Employment and Training - only one for the Department Head;
- 17) County Clerk - only one for the elected official;
- 18) District Attorney - discretion would be given as they were all being used by investigators;
- 19) Computer Department - no;
- 20) Tax Office - yes, being that it was for the elected official;
- 21) Child Welfare - discretion would be given as it was being paid by the State;
- 22) District Judges, County Courts at Law - one would be considered, for the elected official only;
- 23) County Commissioners, Justices of the Peace and Constables - one would be considered for the elected official only.

These were the recommendations at this time, but it would be up for further review and they would ask that these department heads and elected officials justify the need for the phones. Commissioner Sanchez also brought up the possibility of splitting the cost, thus recuperating some of the cost. Judge Ruiz then stated that when they make their presentation, that this Court make an offer "okay, we're not sure that you need a phone, are you willing to pay fifty percent of the cost?" and this should be offered to everybody. The County Auditor then asked what the 50/50 split would be for, as this would result in some taxation problems, where that employee may need to pay for that fringe benefit. Judge Ruiz brought up another alternative to this, by saying that every call after five o'clock, be reimbursed by the mobile phone user. The Commissioners then asked for some additional time to consider this issue, after which the discussion shifted to how the management of the billing would be handled, either under the 50/50 plan or any other alternative. During this discussion, the County Auditor stated that "if the telephone [was] not going to be used for official County duties and purposes, then a phone should not be given to that department and Commissioners' Court should not be considering a 50/50 plan". The County Judge then indicated that aside from law enforcement, the Financial Disruption Task Force, Urban County, Risk Management and elected officials, no other employee should have a mobile phone. Judge Ruiz again

stated that this was a serious matter, and they had to take a position on this particular issue, and he went back to the approval for the County Clerk's Office, by saying that everybody would be able to justify the need for a mobile phone. He then stated that this item would be brought back to Commissioners' Court the following week, for additional discussion.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT CC"

ITEM 21. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Subdivisions:

- 1. Los Ninos Subdivision Unit No. 2 - Pct. #2
- 2. Basham No. 37 Subdivision - Pct. #3
- 3. Doffing Heights Phase II Subdivision - Pct. #3
- 4. Vicente Subdivision - Pct. #3

B. Final Plat Approval:

- 1. North Stewart Estates - Pct. #3

C. Preliminary Plat Approval:

- 1. San Carlos Estates Unit II - Pct. #4
- 2. San Marcos Acres No. 3 - Pct. #4

21/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the plat of Los Ninos Subdivision Unit No. 2, which is located 495 feet west from Tower Road, on the north side of Sioux Road, City of Alamo, Precinct Two.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the plat of Basham No. 37 Subdivision, which is located at the southeast corner of the 5 Mile Line and Palm Drive, City of Mission, Precinct Three. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) the installation of all street sign(s), traffic control device(s) and testing of the streets be done in accordance to the Hidalgo County Subdivision Regulations; and
- 2) all water lines to be constructed in accordance to Sharyland Water Supply Corporation's regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the plat of Doffing Heights Phase II

Subdivision, which is located approximately 3/4 of a mile north of the 3 Mile Line, on the east side of Doffing Road, City of Mission, Precinct Three. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) the installation of all street sign(s), traffic control device(s) and testing of the streets be done in accordance to the Hidalgo County Subdivision Regulations; and
- 2) all water lines to be constructed in accordance to La Joya Water Supply Corporation's regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the plat of Vicente Subdivision, which is located 1098 feet east from Taylor Road, on the south side of Mile 3 Road, City of McAllen, Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Sanchez and Arcaute, to give final approval to the plat of North Stewart Estates, which is located approximately 1/4 of a mile south of the 3 Mile Line, on the east side of Stewart Road, City of Palmhurst, Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/C/1

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, presented this plat for approval, with conditions, to which the addition of a thirty foot easement from the edge of the drain ditch had be dedicated on the north and west side of the subdivision and this is as recommended by the Drainage District. Vona Walker, Right-of-Way Director explained that what had happened was that if approved the plat only allows for ten feet of easement, which is not sufficient for properly maintaining this drain ditch and the developer is not willing to give the thirty feet, as is necessary. Judge Ruiz indicated that the thirty feet would move the whole subdivision to the right, by that amount. Mr. Garcia stated that he thought that the Irrigation District had talked to the developer about this, but apparently they had not. The County Judge did not feel that this item should even be considered, until this issue is solved, as it did not meet Drainage District requirement.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

21/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by

Commissioner Arcaute, to give preliminary approval to the plat of San Marcos Acres No. 3, which is located 208 feet south from Trenton Road, on the east side of Alamo Road, in the rural area of the County, in Precinct Four. Preliminary plat approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) testing of all street(s) shall be done;
- 2) street sign(s) and traffic control device(s) shall be installed in accordance to the County specifications; and
- 3) a final letter from North Alamo Water Supply Corporation to the Commissioners' Court that the water line has been done in accordance to their regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT DD"

ITEM 22. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Request to advertise for on-highway diesel - County Wide
- C. Consideration and approval of installation request for one (1) mobile phone - Health Department

22/A

Mary Maldonado, the County Purchasing Agent, came before the Court requesting authorization to advertise for on-highway diesel. The reason for the request is that there are two types of diesel, one for on-highway and one for heavy machinery. The on-highway diesel does have a tax, which will have to be paid by the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of on-highway diesel, County wide.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT EE"

22/C

Ms. Maldonado explained that this next item was for a request for an additional mobile phone, for the Health Department. Ms. Maldonado stated that she had been informed that the phone would be for the Health Director, but upon reading the request, as presented for to the Commissioners' Court, it was clarified that it was for the motor van. Commissioner Arcaute recommended that no action be taken on this item until it can be resolved.

NO ACTION.
SEE "EXHIBIT EE"

ITEM 23. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of Donna - Professional Service Contract (Engineering) PFI - Street Improvements Project, Yr. 7 (B-94-UC-48-0501)
- B. City of Alamo - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) Yr. 6 - PFI - Street Improvements
- C. City of Edcouch - Fire Fighting Facility (Acquisition) Yr. 6 Appraisal Contract Agreement
- D. City of Edcouch - Fire Fighting Facility (Acquisition) Yr. 6 Review Appraisal Contract Agreement
- E. City of San Juan - Approval of Agreements for Appraisal and Reviewer Services - PFI - Neighborhood Facilities Yr. 7
- F. City of Weslaco - Professional Services Contract (Engineering) PFI - Street Improvements Project, Yr. 7 (B-94-UC-48-0501)
- G. Pct. #3 - Subrecipient Agreement - Teens Own Print Shop (TOPS) Yr. 7
- H. Approval to Amend Contract with Texas Enterprise for Housing Development Incorporated under the FY '94 HOME Program
- I. City of Alamo - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Cancellation Case #AM 93-11
- J. HOME Rental Rehabilitation Contract
- K. Approval of bills

23/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before the Court reporting that the City of Donna was requesting permission to enter into contract with Melden & Hunt Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$37,500.00, for a street improvement project. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to authorize a professional services contract between Melden & Hunt, the City of Donna and the County of Hidalgo, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/B

Mr. Covacevich also stated that the City of Alamo was requesting approval of a professional services contract with CEC Consulting Engineers, for \$5,500.00, for a street improvements project. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a professional services contract between CEC Consulting Engineers, the City of Alamo and the County of Hidalgo, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/C

The City of Edcouch was asking for permission to enter into contract with Leonel Garza, Jr. and Associates, for appraisal services, in the amount of \$750.00, being the low bid. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a contract with Leonel Garza, Jr. and Associates, the City of Edcouch and

the County of Hidalgo; for appraisal services.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/D

Mr. Covacevich explained that this was for review appraisal, for the City of Edcouch and the low bidder was Professional Appraisal Services, Inc., in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/E

The City of San Juan was requesting for both appraisal services and review appraisal services, from The Noble Group, in the amount of \$350.00 and Leonel Garza & Associates, in the same amount, respectively. This is for the City's Year 7 Neighborhood Facility Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the request from the City of San Juan, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/F

The City of Weslaco was asking for approval of a professional services contract, with Winston, Sigler & Associates, for engineering services on their Year 7 Street improvement Project. The amount of the contract is \$20,787.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a professional services contract, between Sigler, Winston & Associates, the County of Hidalgo and the City of Weslaco, for street improvements.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/G

Mr. Covacevich informed the Commissioners that Precinct Three was requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with Teens Own Print Shop, in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a subrecipient agreement with Teens Own Print Shop and Precinct Three, for \$10,000.00, out of Year 7 funds.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/H

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this was an amendment to

the contract, that had been approved the previous week, with the Texas Enterprise for Housing Development Inc., and it was to increase the contract amount from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00, for the purchase of two lots. He added that the reason for the amendment was that they had made a mistake in the pricing of the lots, and they were wanting to take out a second lien on the whole lot. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve a contract amendment with Texas Enterprise for Housing Development Inc., increasing the amount of the loan from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/I

Mr. Covacevich explained that this item was on a cancellation of a Housing Rehab Program contract. The reason for the request was that the City of Alamo had failed to notify the applicant, that a mobile home, did not qualify under this Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve and authorize a cancellation of Case #AM 93-11, which was previously funded.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/J

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was a contract with Agustin and Modesto Hernandez and the County of Hidalgo for the rehabilitation of a rental unit, located at 230 Silva Circle, in San Juan, and the amount of the contract is \$8,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve a HOME Rental Rehabilitation contract, in the amount of \$8,500.00, to Agustin and Modesto Hernandez.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

23/K

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve the 1992 Urban County bills #8211 and #8212 totaling \$12,657.00; the 1993 Urban County bills #8213 thru #8220 totaling \$56,413.37; the 1994 Urban County bills #8221 thru #8223 totaling \$37,208.96; the 1993 Emergency Shelter Grant bill #8224 in the amount of \$15,191.19; the 1994 Emergency Shelter Grant bill #8225 in the amount of \$948.44; the 1992 HOME Program bills #8226 thru #8231 totaling \$20,169.24 and the 1993 HOME Program bill #8232 of \$5,000.00. The total Urban County memorandum to be approved is \$147,588.20.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT FF"

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT
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The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called the Drainage District meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

ITEM 1. PERMIT - City of Edinburg

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a request for permit by the City of Edinburg for Escondido Creek Estates Phase I Subdivision, for an eighteen inch opening to drain 5.5 cfs.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT GG"

ITEM 2. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFER - 1994

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve an internal line item transfer of \$99.35 from Telephone to Unemployment Compensation.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT HH"

ITEM 3. AWARD BID:
A. Fence

Mary Maldonado, the Purchasing Agency, came before the Drainage District and reported that she had received four bids for a chain link fence for the Hoehn Drive Holding Pond. The bids received were from Titan Fence Co. of South Texas, at a bid of \$18,868.00; Central Fence & Supply, at a bid of \$16,576.00; Hurrigan Fence Co., for \$18,807.00 and

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Pueblo Construction, at a bid of \$23,000.00. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to Central Fence & Supply, being the low bid. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to award the bid to the low bidder, be-it Central Fence & Supply in the amount of \$16,576.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT II"

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, 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

Guadalupe "Lupe" Garces _____
County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Dated this 17TH day of JANUARY, 1995.

ATTEST:

JOSE ELOY PULIDO, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Jennifer Castillo, _____
Jennifer Castillo, County Clerk

