

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF HIDALGO :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13TH day of MAY, 1996, after due notice having been given, there was begun and holden, a REGULAR 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 being members of said Court:

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:

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MAY 13, 1996

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called this Commissioner's Court Meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had to wit

CONSENT AGENDA

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ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR
GENERAL FUND - #120212 - #120480 - \$480,036.16
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - #119808 - #120057 - \$351,095.24
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND - # 5493 - # 5494 - \$182,263.82
ENTERPRISE FUND - # 2647 - # 2660 - \$ 8,295.65

(SEE EXHIBIT A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 21, 1996
(NO EXHIBIT)

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY'S FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,785.00
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. COUNTY CLERK PART I - \$111,801.20 - APRIL
PART II - \$151,933.04 - APRIL
B. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - \$ 57,377.47 - MARCH
C. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:
1. RUBEN RAMOS - \$ 12,459.64 - MARCH
2. RUBEN RAMOS - \$ 15,527.34 - APRIL
D. CONSTABLES:
1. HORACIO AGUIRRE - \$ 45.00 - JANUARY
2. GILBERTO ALANIZ - \$ 258.11 - JANUARY
3. LUIS ZAMORA - \$ 665.00 - JANUARY
4. RUMALDO CERDA JR. - \$ 345.00 - JANUARY
5. EDUARDO BAZAN - \$ 0.00 - JANUARY

1. HORACIO AGUIRRE - \$ 0.00 - FEBRUARY
2. GILBERTO ALANIZ - \$ 398.35 - FEBRUARY
3. LUIS ZAMORA - \$ 865.00 - FEBRUARY
4. RUMALDO CERDA JR. - \$ 815.00 - FEBRUARY
5. EDUARDO BAZAN - \$ 0.00 - FEBRUARY

1. HORACIO AGUIRRE - \$ 0.00 - MARCH
2. GILBERTO ALANIZ - \$ 65.00 - MARCH
3. LUIS ZAMORA - \$ 1,245.00 - MARCH
4. RUMALDO CERDA JR. - \$ 110.00 - MARCH
5. EDUARDO BAZAN - \$ 0.00 - MARCH

(SEE EXHIBIT C)

ITEM 5. COURT REPORTER'S FEES:
A. ALMA A. GARZA - \$370.00
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

ITEM 6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. SUBDIVISIONS:
1. LOT A1 HEARTSTONE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
2. BRIARWOOD SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3
3. CONCHITA ESTATES - PCT. 3
4. TREBOL SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3

5. WALTERS SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

ITEM 7. PERMITS:

- A. NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY CORP. - PCT. 1, 2 & 4
- B. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE - PCT. 4

(SEE EXHIBIT F)

ITEM 8. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY (NARCOTIC TRAFFIC) - \$ 89.00
- B. 13TH COURT OF APPEALS (CONSTRUCTION) - \$4,000.00
- C. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT (GENERAL FUND) - \$ 547.00
- D. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT (STATE FUNDS) - \$3,500.00
- E. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (JAIL COMMISSARY) - \$1,125.00
- F. PCT. 4 (PAVED/UNPAVED) - \$1,039.46
- G. PCT. 3 (PAVED/UNPAVED) - \$1,000.00
- H. PCT. 3 (ADMINISTRATION) - \$1,745.00
- I. PCT. 3 (PARK) - \$1,480.00
- J. HEALTH DEPARTMENT (ADMINISTRATION) - \$2,000.00
- K. PUBLIC DEFENSE - \$2,054.00
- L. PCT. 1 - \$1,200.00
- M. COURTHOUSE SECURITY - \$1,000.00

(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Judge Ruiz opened by asking if there were any additions, deletions, changes or comments on the Consent Agenda. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBITS A-G)

REGULAR AGENDA
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ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION:

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 551.074 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

A. PERSONNEL MATTER:

- A. DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND RECOMMENDATION OF STATE COMPTROLLER

At this time, the Commission retired into executive session.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:

A. PERSONNEL MATTER:

- 1. DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that he has reviewed the financial management report by John Sharp. He has also experienced the Purchasing Policy and the failure to follow the policy. Today, he would like to discuss a new job description for the Purchasing Agent to meet state statute and the financial review. He is now recommending the dismissal

of Mary Maldonado as the Purchasing Agent. He would like to have a voice vote if there is a motion and a second. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces for discussion. Commissioner Garces stated that this is needed to go forward. The motion for the immediate dismissal of Ms. Mary Maldonado as Purchasing Agent was put to a vote. Commissioner Sanchez; Aye, Commissioner Arcaute; Aye, Commissioner Rosel; Aye and Commissioner Garces; Aye. Judge Ruiz also voted in favor. The vote is unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

Judge Ruiz also recommended that a temporary Purchasing Agent be appointed also to be effective immediately. Commissioner Rosel then recommended Martha Salazar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garces. The motion to appoint Ms. Martha Salazar as temporary Purchasing Agent effective immediately for the County of Hidalgo was put to a vote and all voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

Judge Ruiz then stated that there was a copy of a recommended new job description for Purchasing Agent. It calls for highly technical advanced purchasing work, duties and responsibilities, supervisory responsibilities in a interviewing, hiring, training, employing, planning and assigning, directing work, raising performances capacity. It also calls for qualifications, education experience: Bachelor's Degree from a 4 year college, University, Public Administration or related field, 4 years experience and at least 3 years supervisory experience within a Purchasing Department. It calls for language skills, reasoning ability, certifications and also the ability to develop and administor all aspects of public procurement, knowledge of the Texas County Purchasing Act, ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with County Employees and must be polished in Computer Literacy. Judge Ruiz is also asking that this be advertised for at least 30 days in a Statewide search for a Purchasing Agent. The salary issue will be left open at this time and will be negotiated at a later date. At this time, they have not made any comparisons as to competitive ranges on the market. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the job description as prepared and authorize the advertisement for the filling of the position on a Statewide mode.

MOTION CARRIED

Judge Ruiz stated that there is still other business to be taken care of concerning this matter. This will be a new position of Assistant Purchasing Agent. The job description for this position is more hands on and more technical in nature. Judge Ruiz felt that this position should also be a Statewide search and that it may help with the Purchasing Agent. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the creation of a new position, Assistant Purchasing Agent; approving it's job description and authorizing the advertising of said position.

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION:

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MAY RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS LISTED

NO ACTION

ITEM 4. OPEN SESSION:

COMMISSIONER'S COURT MAY RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS LISTED

NO ACTION

ITEM 5. REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE:

A. FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL - TTC MH/MR

Lydia Flores Perkins opened by stating that the Council of Families would have been unsinkable a year ago. They have been without a Council of Families and they have been unable to monitor and guide the Center. The reason for her asking to be placed on the Agenda today is to express their ideas and feelings about family members with special needs being serviced by the Tropical Texas Center. She proceeded to state her feelings concerning this council as per the exhibit. She felt that there should be new criteria to serve on the Board of Administrators to be a more effective and functional administrative and service system. The new criteria should be membership of a Hidalgo County family member of a consumer being provided services by the Texas Family Center with a minimum of three members on the board. The members should have sufficient time to dedicate to executive board duties. Appointments should be limited to three years with only one renewal. Lastly, there should be open participation in the selection and appointment of new members. They would like to have new members appointed with the exception of Irma Gomez who is the newest member. Their sense of urgency is that a new Executive Director is about to be chosen by the members of the current board. Most of the current board supported an administration which is under investigation by the Texas Rangers because of massive misuse of taxpayer money. This misuse has deprived residents of services paid for by the State of Texas. She now wants to know when the tenure of office expires for the five board members and how many of them are still members. They would like to have the Commission be a part of the selection process for board members. They no longer want it to be left up to the Executive Director or Chairperson and members of the board. She does have a list of perspective members. Judge Ruiz responded by stating that he did not know the tenures of the members but he does know that there are appointments coming up in the near future. He will find out what the status of the members is at this time. Judge Ruiz stated that there had been a new appointment process enacted by the legislature. Since the enactment, there has been one appointment process. They now accept the nominations and they give them to the administration and the administration does the background checks. After that, they come back to Court and approve the appointments. He also stated that he did not know if the Commission had authority to change tenures. He would look into this request and he would be glad to work with them but at the same time, they must adhere to the law. The rest of the Commission was in agreement with Judge Ruiz. After further brief comments, Judge Ruiz stated that there would be no action necessary.

NO ACTION

(SEE EXHIBIT H)

ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF TWO DIRECTORS TO SOUTH TEXAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that there were some changes to the School Board. In Pct. 1, Evaristo Leal lost his election and he is being replaced by Homer Garcia. Maria Elena Champion was an appointment to a vacancy that was created when Sonny Martinez resigned and there is also another vacancy. Judge Ruiz is now recommending the reappointment of Maria Elena Champion and the appointment of Arturo Guajardo. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

ITEM 7. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION:
A. REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR VOTING MACHINES

Noe Perez addressed the Court and stated that the reason the City of Pharr was making this request is in a letter submitted as exhibit J. This is due to budgetary constraints. There has never been this type of request. The Commission was not in favor of this request due to the precedence that this will set. Commissioner Arcaute suggested maybe carrying this as an account as opposed to a waiver. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to reject the request by the City of Pharr for waiving fees for the use of County voting machines for their election process.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT J)

ITEM 8. WIC:
A. APPROVAL TO PAY OVERTIME

Norma Longoria addressed the Court and stated that this was in relation to some action that was taken the previous week. She stated that what she requested the previous week was approval for the time that had already been worked. She is now requesting prior approval for time to be worked in the future. The dates will be 5/18, 6/22, 7/27 & 8/24 of this year. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the overtime program that has been established for these 4 dates as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

ITEM 9. BUDGET AMENDMENT:
A. LRGVDC - MEMBERSHIP DUES

Judge Ruiz stated that this was an annual fee that is paid every year. This is not budgeted annually due to the figures changing constantly. He is now recommending a budget amendment for the dues for the membership in the amount of \$2,659. Commissioner Sanchez so moved and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

- ITEM 10. APPROVAL TO EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR FOR COUNTY'S ALCOHOL BREATH TEST PROGRAM AND APPROVE CONTRACT FROM JAN. 1, 1996 THROUGH DEC. 31, 1996

Judge Ruiz stated that this was an entity that would be conducting these tests. Commissioner Rosel stated that they have exempted them in the past but he now wants to know if there was anyone that provides this service. This request is from Kathy Kokernot. Steve Crain stated that the County had entered into this agreement in January of '95 to be the technical supervisor for the County's Alcohol program. The term was for one year with an automatic rollover for an additional one year period unless the County terminated the agreement. What is being done now is the exercising of the renewal of the contract being that the County gave that option when the contract was originally entered into. Ms. Kokernot is licensed by the State which is required of this position. The reason this is being brought back at this time even though the contract allowed for a rollover is so that she can get paid. Ms. Kokernot is just being exempt from the bidding procedure and not as a sole source. There was a motion made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize the exemption from the competitive bidding procedure and authorize a one year extension with Kathy Kokernot for intoxilizer 5000; Alcoholic Breath Test Program. Contract to go January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)

- ITEM 11. 13TH COURT OF APPEALS:
A. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,707.00 TO MERIT CONSTRUCTION

Judge Ruiz stated that the application and certification is included and it is recommended by the Architect. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize payment #1 to Merit Construction in the amount of \$57,707.00.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT N)

- ITEM 12. PRO BONO PROJECT:
A. DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)

- ITEM 13. COUNTY JUDGE (ROY QUINTANILHA):
A. WAIVER OF THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS TO PURCHASE 10 VEHICLES FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE OFFICERS
B. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR VEHICLES
C. AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ISSUE CHECK FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

13A&B

Judge Ruiz stated that this was a pending request to purchase vehicles for the Constables. There has since been considerable review of this process. Judge Ruiz stated that he was told by Mr. Quintanilha that there were a number of cars that could be acquired from the State at approximately \$6,000 per car. These vehicles are normally sold at \$8,000. These vehicles are vehicles that are driven by staff and supervisors. They are not on the road as much as patrol vehicles. The total amount for the 10 vehicles is \$56,900. Commissioner Sanchez wanted to know which budget was going to be amended. The Commission elaborated on how to go about paying for the units. They suggested maybe placing the money from each precinct into one budget and have just one check issued. After further brief comments, Judge Ruiz recommended the exemption from the competitive bid process the purchase of 10 vehicles from the State of Texas Department of Public Safety for the Hidalgo County Constable's Office and also the amendment of each Constable's budget by \$12,000. Commissioner Sanchez so moved and was seconded by Commissioner Garces.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT P)

13C

Mr. Quintanilha stated that before the DPS will release any vehicles, they need to have a check in hand. This is the way it has always been done. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to issue checks for the purchase price of the Texas Department of Public Safety as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT P)

ITEM 14. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. APPROVAL OF INCLUSION IN GRANT APPLICATION (SO. TX. AUTO THEFT)
- B. APPROVAL TO MAKE AVAILABLE A PROPOSED CASH MATCH OF \$16,116
- C. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED GRANT BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,290

14A&B

Emilia Uriegas stated that the grantee of this grant will be the City of Brownsville. This will be a continuation and also the match will be \$16,116 in cash. The total match is \$24,120 but part of it will be an inkind match. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the Sheriff's Department to include itself in the grant application of the South Texas Auto Theft Grant that is administrated by the City of Brownsville and also approve a budget amendment as a proposed cash match totalling \$16,116.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)

14C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the grant budget for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$183,290 which is the grant money, the inkind money and the cash match.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)

ITEM 15. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval and appropriation of program Income for Title V Funds
- B. Authorization to create new position in Health Department Budget - Public Health Administrator
- C. Approve job description for Public Health Administrator
- D. Approve & set salary for Public Health Administrator
- E. Authorize the Persomnel department to advertise for the employment of Public Health Administrator

15A

Dr. Omar Garza requested that this item be tabled until the following week so that he may have time to make some corrections on this item.

NO ACTION
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

15/B,C,D&E

Dr. Omar Garza informed the Commission that he had wanted to create the position of Public Health Administrator for the Health Department. Upon a question from Commissioner Sanchez, about the salary for this position, Judge Ruiz stated that not only some transition measures had to be taken within the health department, but also that it was taking two roles, that of preventive health care and primary/managed care, thus the position would have to be filled by a person who would pursue a hands-on approach in the direct administration of all grants and funds, plus would also seek other funds that would benefit the department. This the County Judge felt would free the Health Director to concentrate on the Primary Care and Management Care issues. He went back to the issue of the salary by telling the Commission that he had no idea what the market holds, but he thought that once the position is approved it can be brought back in order to establish the salary. Commissioner Sanchez asked Dr. Garza how the position would be funded and the doctor responded that it would be funded by the Health Department, through a budget amendment from the County. Judge reiterated what Dr. Garza had said about the funding for the position and he added that he felt that it would be a wise and necessary investment for the County. Commissioner Garces if the position would be created and Judge Ruiz indicated that he recommended that they create it and come back at a later date and set a salary, after further research of this type of position in other counties. A discussion then ensued by comments from Commissioner Sanchez with regards to the COPC program, more particularly that the County would provide the building and the State would fund the personnel. Commissioner Arcaute then asked if there would be an adjustment to the Medical Director's salary, since it included the job of administrator and Judge Ruiz responded that with this creation it would not, since a nine-month contract has previously been approved, but he may recommend it during the renewal of the contract. Judge Ruiz then asked if there were any numbers in terms of salary and Lisa Saucedo explained that they had done some research. Judge Ruiz then indicated that they could set a salary range, but he would like to create the position, approve the job description and authorize for the advertising of the position. Commissioner Sanchez pointed that he did not want the overlapping of salaries, nine months down the road and the County Judge said that there would be no overlapping as there was plenty of work for both the Health Director and

this proposed position. Dr. Garza stated that he would like to have a Workshop to determine what the job description would be and what would be expected of this person. Judge Ruiz asked him if he had a job description and the Health Director said that he had not received one. The County Judge then stated that no action would be taken on this item.

NO ACTION.

(SEE EXHIBIT R)

ITEM 16. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. APPOINTMENT OR RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HIDALGO COUNTY WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- B. PCT. 2 & THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PHARR SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT
- C. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PROYECTO AZTECA AS COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CHDO'S) FOR THE COUNTY'S FY '95 CHDO HOME PROGRAM

16A

Anthony Covacevich opened by stating that there is now a need to replace or re-appoint some members of the Water Development Board because they no longer fit the category that that they were appointed for such as Mayor Arturo Guajardo is no longer Mayor. This slot requires that a Mayor be in this position. There are also some members who's terms have expired and the by-laws require that they serve until they are replaced or their terms run out. The only position that has no term limit is the position of County Judge. Mayor Joe Ochoa no longer wishes to serve on this board. Norman Jensen just came on and does not need to be appointed. The term of Mayor Hilda Adame has just expired but she will stay on if re-appointed. Commissioner Sanchez stated that he would like to recommend Dr. Jim Braught, Mayor of Weslaco. Commissioner Garces is unable to recommend someone being that the person has to be a mayor and Mayor Ochoa no longer wishes to serve. Commissioner Rosel recommended Fito Farias and Commissioner Arcaute recommended Rudy Villarreal. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to appoint Mayor Jim Braught, Mayor Fito Farias and Mayor Rudy Villarreal to the Hidalgo County Water Development Board. Mayor Braught would replace Mayor Adame. Mayor Farias would replace Mayor Ochoa and Mayor Villarreal would replace Mayor Guajardo.

MOTION CARRIED

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

16B

Mr. Covacevich stated that this item had been tabled the previous week due to the figures being incorrect. The corrected amount is \$12,640.01 and it is for a subrecipient agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a Subrecipient Agreement between the County of Hidalgo, Pct. 2 and the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr for \$12,640.01.

MOTION CARRIED

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

16C

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract will be for

\$100,000 for their 1995 allocation. The money will be used to help 15 families pay off balances on lots and additional funds will be used to build houses on the lots. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County and Proyecto Azteca as Community Housing Development Organization.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT S)

ITEM 17. PCT. 2:

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE FOUR TEMPORARY FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO OPERATE SWIMMING POOL - PARKS
- B. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE 1995 FUND BALANCE TO 1996 BUDGET
- C. APPROVAL OF INTELOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO CO. AND HIDALGO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

17A

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize the creation of four temporary full-time positions to operate the swimming pool in Pct. 2. The pay will be \$5.00 per hour on a 36 hour work week for 11 weeks. The motion was put to a vote.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT T)

17B

Commissioner Arcaute stated that this amount would be \$230,501.17. \$100,000 will go to roads, \$50,000 to new machinery and the rest will go to obj. 86 which is \$80,501.17. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the appropriation of the 1995 fund balance to 1996 budget which totals \$230,501.17. This is in Pct. 2, Paved/Unpaved Roads. Parks will be in the amount of \$31,487.65.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT T)

17C

Commissioner Arcaute stated that this agreement will be to help the school district in hauling some excess dirt that was left behind in the expansion of an elementary school. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County, Pct. 2 and Hidalgo ISD.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT T)

ITEM 18. PCT. 3:

- A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION - 3 MILE LINE AND ABRAM ROAD AND 5 MILE LINE AND ABRAM ROAD

Commissioner Rosel stated that this is due to a petition by the people of the area. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and

was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a four way stop inter-
on 3 mile line and 5 mile where they intersect Abram Road.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT U)

ITEM 19. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL WITH LETTER OF CREDIT
 - 1. FIVE MILE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN PCT. 3
- B. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL:
 - 1. SANTA LUCIA PHASE II SUBDIVISION - PCT. 1
- C. LOS CERRITOS UNIT #4 REQUESTING EXTENSION APPROVAL - PCT.
4

19A1

Roy Gonzalez addressed the Court and stated that preliminary approval had been given on April, 16. Since then all requirements have been met in accordance to the City and County regulations. The Planning Department recommended approval subject to before the release of the letter of credit, steet signs, traffic control devices, testing of the streets and also the final letter from the Water Supply Corp. along with the affidavit regarding the drainage facilities must be complete. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve 5 Mile Heights Subdivision.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT V)

19B1

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this subdivision had been approved by the City of Donna and they recommended the preliminary approval of this subdivision at this time. Commissioner Sanchez was asking what the ETJ of the City of Donna was. He had tried to get some information from the City but they were not able to provide a map showing the city's ETJ. Mr. Gonzalez advised Commissioner Sanchez that the City has recently hired an Engineer to detail the enforcement of the ETJ but he is unable to be more definitive at this time. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to give preliminary plat approval to Santa Lucia Phase II Subdivision as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT V)

19C

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this subdivision had been approved preliminarily in 1995. The owner is now asking for an extension of 6 months to complete the improvements that have not been completed. The reason for the extension is due to slow sales and the loan for this has not been granted as of yet. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to grant the extension of 6 months to Los Cerritos Unit No. 4.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT V)

ITEM 20. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. REJECT BID FOR PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS AND RE-ADVERTISE - PCT. 4
- B. AWARD BIDS:
 - 1. 1985 OR NEWER MOTORGRADER - PCT. 4
 - 2. TWO DUMP TRUCKS - PCT. 4
 - 3. 1990 OR NEWER MOTORGRADER - PCT. 4

20A

Commissioner Garces stated they would like to reject the bids and readvertise due to the vendor not being able to deliver. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to reject all bid received for the purchase of two trucks and authorize the readvertisement of said trucks.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT W)

20B1,2&3

NO ACTION

ITEM 21. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

- A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE - APPROPRIATE FUNDS, CREATE POSITION, SET SALARY AS PER THE HIDALGO COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE INTERIM RULES

21A

Dick Dickinson addressed the Court and stated that they had been in Austin previously and he stated that there will be an increase in funding for 96-97 program year. Title IIA will increase 4%, Title IIC is projected to increase by 22% and Title III is projected to increase by 40%. The projected amount for the new year will be \$10,240,000. He is now requesting a no action be taken until the following week to make any changes that need to be made before approval from the Court.

NO ACTION
(SEE EXHIBIT X)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called this Drainage District Meeting to order, whereupon the following items were had to wit:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT
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ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE EMERGENCY AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR PARTS TO REPAIR DRAGLINE

Vona Walker stated that their biggest dragline had broken down the previous week. The turntable bearing and a shaft are the parts that are inoperable. Ms. Walker stated that they have gotten quotes on these parts. The lowest price for both parts together is \$15,492.25. The reason she feels that this would qualify as an emergency is the fact that Hur-

ricane Season was fast approaching. If this is declared an emergency, she can get the parts in approximately 6 weeks. If she winds up having to advertise, it will take an additional month. They will be able to fix this item themselves. It will not be any faster to contract this repair job out. After brief comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to declare an emergency for the purchase parts necessary to repair our dragline.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Y)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to adjourn Drainage District #1.

MOTION CARRIED

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD, THIS MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED.

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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 13TH day of MAY, 1996.

ATTEST:

JOSE ELOY PULIDO, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Aaron Betancourt
AARON BETANCOURT, Deputy

