

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

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION:

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

- A. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER & PURCHASING AGENT

At this time, the Commission retired in Executive Session.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:

- A. **PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER & PURCHASING AGENT**

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that they have been conducting preliminary reviews of all applicants for the Veterans Officer and the Purchasing Agent. He stated that there were 95 for the position of Purchasing Agent. Of those 95, 23 did not meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Commission. As of right now, they have also eliminated the individuals that have no experience in public or private purchasing or computers. After this breakdown, this leaves a total of 22 applicants. The Commission may go back into executive session to further bring down the number of applicants. He stated that he might recommend to the Commission that they bring the number down to 10 applicants for the interview. He also wants to establish a Committee to conduct these interviews. He is now nominating Commissioner Rosel to head this Committee of 3 to bring down the number of applicants to 3 and those three to be interviewed by the Commission as a whole. He is also recommending Paul Vazaldua to serve on this Committee and the third person to be chosen by Commissioner Rosel. The third individual chose by Commissioner Rosel is Vona Walker. As far as Veterans Service Officer, there were 31 applicants. By way of State Statute that states that the applicant have certain requirements, the Commission is also requiring at least 60 college hours, they have narrowed the number down to 8 applicants. He is not recommending that a Committee also be appointed to interview these final applicants and he is now recommending Commissioner Lalo Arcaute and Lisa Saucedo. Commissioner Arcaute is to pick the third person. The names of the applicants will not be released until such time that the Commission deems necessary if at all. Judge Ruiz again reiterated the fact that they might go back into executive session to further break down the number of applicants. At this time, the Commission then proceeded with the rest of the agenda.

**NO ACTION
(SEE EXHIBIT A)**

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- COUNTY AUDITOR

GENERAL FUND	- #121833 - #122218 - \$1,333,765.72
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #121413 - #121692 - \$1,957,280.61
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 5585 - # 5645 - \$ 863,045.48
ENTERPRISE FUND	- # 2729 - # 2741 - \$ 17,898.48

(SEE EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 3, 1996

(NO EXHIBIT)

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY'S FEES - \$38,107.50
(SEE EXHIBIT C)**

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

- A. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:
 - 1. ARNALDO CORPUS - \$ 5,100.59 - APRIL
 - 2. ARNALDO CORPUS - \$ 8,173.75 - MAY
 - 3. RUBEN RAMOS (REVISED) - \$ 11,070.90 - MAY
 - 4. ADAN CABALLERO - \$ 3,396.60 - JUNE
 - 5. CHARLIE ESPINOZA - \$ 16,292.34 - MAY
 - 6. ADAN CABALLERO - \$ 2,810.40 - MAY
 - 7. ISMAEL OCHOA - \$ 14,150.68 - MAY
- B. ANZALDUAS PARK - \$ 9,848.00 - MAY
- C. ANZALDUAS PARK - \$ 8,576.00 - JUNE
- D. DISTRICT CLERK - \$111,053.74 - JUNE

(SEE EXHIBIT D)

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. SUBDIVISIONS:
 - 1. EL TIGER FOOD STORE NO. 5 SUBDIVISION - PCT. 1
 - 2. B-K PHARR SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 - 3. GARCIA-PATINO ESTATES - PCT. 2
 - 4. RESUBDIVISION LOT 6 & 7 - MACO INDUSTRIAL PARK - PCT. 2
 - 5. SOUTH 10TH SHOPPING CENTER UNIT 1 - PCT. 2
 - 6. RESUBDIVISION LOT 21 SING'S SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 - 7. VAUGHN SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 - 8. PUTZ SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 - 9. LOT 66A, 67A, 68A, VILLAGE OF WEST LAKE 3 & 4 - PCT. 3
 - 10. WARE ROAD PLACE - PCT. 3
 - 11. GREEN RIDGE PARK - PCT. 4
 - 12. SILVA SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4
 - 13. LOT 1-A TAGGART SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4

(SEE EXHIBIT E)

ITEM 6. PERMITS:

- A. NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY - PCT. 1 & 4
- B. CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY - PCT. 3
- C. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE - PCT. 4
- D. SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY - PCT. 4

(SEE EXHIBIT F)

ITEM 7. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. CHILD WELFARE - \$5,000.00
- B. DISTRICT CLERK - \$1,800.00
- C. D.A. NARCOTIC TRAFFIC - \$ 51.00
- D. D.A. SOUTH TEXAS AUTO THEFT - \$ 59.00
- E. D.A. INVESTIGATION FUND - \$ 305.00
- F. DISTRICT ATTORNEY - \$3,100.00
- G. J.P. PCT. 2, PL. 2 - \$ 250.00
- H. WIC - \$3,900.00
- I. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - \$1,000.00
- J. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - \$ 425.00
- K. HUMAN SERVICE - \$8,000.00
- L. 13TH COURT OF APPEALS - \$1,000.00
- M. SHERIFF SOUTH TEXAS AUTO THEFT GRANT - \$ 350.00

N. SHERIFF NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE GRANT	- \$ 800.00
O. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	- \$5,500.00
P. DETENTION CENTER (JAIL)	- \$8,000.00
Q. PLANNING DEPARTMENT	- \$ 400.00
R. COUNTY CLERK	- \$4,000.00
S. PCT. 1 - PARK AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILL	- \$1,500.00
T. PCT. 1 - PAVED/UNPAVED	- \$ 600.00

(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that there was an issue he wanted to address on the Consent Agenda. Item 7T calls for the correction of an account number. Steve Crain then addressed the Court and advised them to pull item 7S from the Consent Agenda and have a separate motion for that item due to this being authorization to pay a bill. Judge Ruiz stated that this item, 7S will be taken off the Consent Agenda and placed as the first item on the Regular Agenda. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections.**

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBITS B-G)

REGULAR AGENDA

Commissioner Sanchez stated that this item is to pay the water bill at Delta Lake Park. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the line item transfer as noted and authorization to pay the water bill for Delta Lake Park.**

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

ITEM 1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARCH FOR JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON D.C. OCTOBER 12, 1996 - MINERVA MONTES

Vierminia Villarreal addressed the Court and stated that December 3 & 4, 1994, leaders from throughout the Country met in Arizona to launch a nationwide mobilization to culminate in a march for justice in response to the hatred against Mexicans. She went on to voice her opposition to proposition 187 and other injustices as per the exhibit. Judge Ruiz then added to this by stating that he is in full support of this and that finally someone is now bringing this to light. After further brief comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the resolution.**

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

ITEM 2. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. **APPROVAL OF TAX REFUND:**
 - 1. **KATHY S. HAN - \$887.09**
 - 2. **HORACIO CANALES - \$738.86**
 - 3. **DONATO GARCIA - \$569.35**
- B. **APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR TAX ASSESSMENT & COLLECTIONS FOR THE SHARLAND ISD**

2A1-3

Judge Ruiz stated that these were overpayments to Kathy S. Han in the amount of \$887.09, Horacio Canales in the amount of \$738.86 and Donato Garcia, \$569.35. **A motion**

was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize and approve the tax refunds to names called out for the record and the amounts called out.

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT J)**

2B

Mr. Trevino addressed the Court and stated that this contract was your standard contract that is used with other entities he is collecting for. The premiums are based on the costs involved. The County cannot profit out of this. Mr. Trevino also stated that there are now currently 4 entities being collected for and there will be 3 others later on in the year and he feels that they can do the whole County. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between County of Hidalgo and the Sharyland ISD.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT J)**

ITEM 3. VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL:

- A. APPROVAL OF VALLEY PROUD ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
- B. APPROVAL TO PAY 1996 SPONSORSHIP FEE

3A&B

Judge Ruiz stated that they have part of this agreement the past five years and he would like to continue this. He would now like to authorize this agreement and pay the sponsorship fees in the amount of \$2,500. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the agreement to join Valley Proud Environmental Council and authorize the payment of \$2,500 as a sponsorship fee.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT K)**

ITEM 4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS - DESK, COMPUTERS, CHAIRS, ETC.

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

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT L)**

ITEM 5. FINANCIAL DISRUPTION TASK FORCE - LUPE TREVINO:

- A. INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - HIDALGO COUNTY FINANCIAL DISRUPTION TASK FORCE & THE HIDALGO COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- B. GRANT ADJUSTMENT

5A

NO ACTION

5B

Celia Haro addressed the Court and stated that this adjustment has been approved to by the Criminal Justice Division so that they may be able to transfer \$10,002 from generated program income to Financial Disruption Task Force. The money will be used to pay off a lien on a Crown Victoria and to pay off other services rendered. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)**

ITEM 6. WIC:**A. APPROVAL OF LEASE BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY & PLACIDA ROSEL FOR MISSION CLINIC****6A**

Commissioner Rosel stated for the record, that he will not participate in any discussion or action in this matter. He will abstain from any vote. Ms. Longoria stated that there was a error on the lease with regard to the amount. The base rents states as per the bid submitted, 2700 sq. ft. at 45 cents per sq. ft. This should come out to \$1260 per month. On the lease, it states \$1,269. This will commence July 1 and it will be a two year lease. It will expire June 30, 1998. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the lease between Hidalgo County WIC Program and Mrs. Placida Rosel for a two year lease at the rate of \$1260 per month.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT N)**

ITEM 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**A. AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR HEALTH CODE, RABIES & OTHER VIOLATIONS****7A**

Rudy De La Vina opened by stating that this has been in the books for a while but they were not authorized to issue citations which has to be done by the Commission. There is a list of people they are requesting be allowed to issue these citations. There was an instance where some residents were issued citations but the J.P. threw it out due to the issuers not being authorized to issue the citations. They will be trained properly before they are allowed to issue any citations. The Commission is in favor of this because it gives them some teeth to be able to better manage these types of problems. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the order authorizing Public Health Enforcement Officers to issue citations for the following violations: Health Code, Rabies and other violations.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)**

ITEM 8. COUNTY JUDGE:**A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF \$209,639.00 GRANT APPLICATIONS REQUIRING A \$23,292.00 LOCAL MATCH TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS UNDER THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR ENHANCING ADJUDICATION - PAUL VAZALDUA****8A**

Paul Vazaldua addressed the Court and stated that the County had received notice that they were eligible to obtain funds through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Program for a variety of activities or for Law Enforcement Purposes. They are eligible for \$209,639 and the County will have to provide a match of \$23,292. Judge Ruiz then stated that being that they just set a budget for a Visiting Court System, it would be worthwhile in obtaining these funds to help relieve the budget constraints for this issue. They will be able to pay for that Court System entirely if they receive these funds. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize the submittal of the Grant Application to the Department of Justice Under the Local Enforcement Block Grant Program for enhancing Adjudication.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT P)***

ITEM 9. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. **1996 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**
- B. **CITY OF DONNA - BUDGET AMENDMENTS**
- C. **CTY OF HIDALGO - WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**
- D. **CITY OF LA VILLA - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**
- E. **CITY OF MERCEDES - CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH RICHARDSON WATER WELL DRILLING COMPANY**
- F. **CITY OF PALMVIEW - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PHASE II WITH MORECO, INC.**
- G. **COLONIA FUND NO. 714105 - DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPOSED CHANGES**

9A

Anthony Covacevich stated that this is done every year with the participating cities. Recently, they entered into Coop Agreements with them, in which the cities would give their cooperation. They would now like to approve the Interlocal Agreements for the 1996 year. These agreements will set out the responsibilities of the Cities as opposed to the County. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of Alamo, Alton, Donna, Edcouch, Elsa, Granjeno, Hidalgo, La Joya, La Villa, Mercedes, Palmview, Penitas, Progreso, Progreso Lakes, San Juan and Weslaco.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)***

9B

Mr. Covacevich stated that they will be taking this money from Street Improvements and creating a Water and Sewer Improvements Line Item. This money will be used to build a sewer line along 3rd Street and two water lines on 1st and 13th Streets. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget on year 7, Urban County Budget for the City of Donna as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)***

9C

NO ACTION

9D

Mr. Covacevich stated that La Villa would like to increase their Professional Services Contract with Richard Salinas & Associates. This is a Water Plant Project. Upon the inspection by TNRCC, it found that more work was needed. They will be pulling year 7 and year 8

monies together and also get help from the Empowerment Zone to help meet the requirements. The additional services will be \$39,000 and the new contract amount will be \$59,000. After further brief comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a change order for additional services to the original contract of Richard Salinas & Associates and City of La Villa, increasing it by \$39,000 for a total lump sum of \$59,000.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)***

**9E
NO ACTION**

9F

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract will be for the fire station improvements. The contract will be with Moreco Inc. The amount of the bid was \$41,000. The money will come from '94 and '95 years. The whole contract will be paid upon completion of the project. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a low bid to Moreco Inc. in the amount of \$41,000, City of Palmview, County of Hidalgo.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)***

9G

Mr. Covacevich stated that this is concerning the Tres Colonias Project. He stated that he is bringing it now before the Court because they are at the point where they need to increase the construction estimate over \$35,000 because of additional costs associated with a lift station. They were not able to negotiate the original site for this station so they had to find another sight. Because of this new sight. It will cost an additional \$35,237.75 as an estimate. The reason he is bringing it in now, is because the project has already taken all of the amount that was budgeted for it. They have tried to get help from the City of Edinburg but they have not had any indication as to whether they will contribute. This project will serve approximately 120 families. Commissioner Garces stated that he had written correspondence to the Mayor and the Mayor was to get together with the City Manager to what they could do. He added that he is also looking into get some help from the School District. Judge Ruiz, Mr. Covacevich and some of the Commission members did not understand what would deter the City of Edinburg with this issue. After all, they are the ones benefiting from this. Mr. Covacevich stated that he is in a hurry because if he does not, he will be at a disadvantage with more colonia funds in the future. **Judge Ruiz then recommended action for Mr. Covacevich to write a letter to the City of Edinburg saying that the Commissioner's Court is requesting to be placed on the City's Agenda to publicly ask them what is their reluctance to participate. Because of this reluctance, it placing other County activities of this type in jeopardy. Commissioner Garces so moved to that effect and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)***

ITEM 10. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. **PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL:**
 - 1. **TEXAS VALLEY ESTATES UNIT NO. 2 - PCT. 1**
 - 2. **SABANITO ESTATES - PCT. 4**
- B. **FINAL PLAT APPROVAL:**
 - 1. **LA HOMA GROVES UNIT NO. 6 - PCT. 3**
- C. **UPDATE DISCUSSION:**

1. **AYALA-BAZAN ESTATES - PCT. 1**

10A1

Emilio Garcia stated that this was preliminary plat approval. He stated that this subdivision has been approved by the City of Donna and all prelim requirements have been met. Mr. Garcia recommended the approval subject to street signs, traffic control devices, testing of the streets, final letter from North Alamo Water and the Affidavit regarding drainage facilities. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to give preliminary approval to Texas Valley Estates Unit No. 2 as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT R)***

10A2

Mr. Garcia stated that this subdivision has also met prelim requirements. Upon his recommendation subject to the street signs, traffic control devices, testing of the streets, the final letter from North Alamo and the Affidavit regarding drainage facilities, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve preliminary plat approval to Sabanito Estates in Pct. 4 as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT R)***

10B1

Mr. Garcia stated that prelim approval had been granted back on April 30. Since then, all improvements have been made in accordance with Mission and County regulations. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to give final plat approval to La Homa Groves Unit No. 6 as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT R)***

10C1

Mr. Garcia stated that since the last report, no improvements have been made. He went on to say that he been in contact with Mr. Ayala and he was told that they were trying to get all other items taken care of. **After further brief comments, no action was taken and the Commission proceeded with the rest of the agenda.**

NO ACTION

ITEM 11. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. **DE-OBLIGATE STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS FOR SPEED/STEP GRANT**
- B. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION FUND 104 - \$44,595.00**
- C. **APPROVAL OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND - PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE & COUNTY OWNED VEHICLE - \$1,964.12**
- D. **APPROVAL & AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE PAYMENT FOR RURAL FIRE CALLS TO THE CITY OF EDCOUCH TO SATISFY DELINQUENT AMOUNT DUE FOR BOARDING OF PRISONERS**

11A

Roy Quintanilha addressed the Court and stated that they had received a speed enforcement grant, but because of the 7K rules, the officers do not meet the criteria to work overtime hours required for this grant. Subsequently, they would like to de-obligate the funds and

return them back to the general fund. The officers are not willing to work 86 hours before they can qualify for overtime. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the de-obligation of State and Local funds for the Speed/Step Grant.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT S)***

11B

Mr. Quintanilha stated that this money was derived from an auction that was held in June by Purchasing. They received a check in the amount of \$44,595 from Bond and Bond for the sales. They would now like to have those monies transferred to the Sheriff's Investigation Fund 104 account no. 6-104-421-100.95 which is equipment. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the appropriation of \$4,595 to the Sheriff's Investigation Fund under Machinery Equipment.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT S)***

11C

Mr. Quintanilha stated that these funds were derived from the same proceeds. These were County owned vehicles. The County's profit was \$1,964.12. They would like to appropriate this money into their Sheriff's account #6-010-421-100.95 for the purchase of vehicles. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to appropriate to the General Fund under Machinery and Equipment the amount of \$1,964.12.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT S)***

11D

Mr. Quintanilha stated that currently, Edcouch owes the County \$8,427.41 for housing inmates. Their first quarter fire calls for Edcouch are projected at \$42,600. They would now like to adjust the figure minus the amount owed to the County. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the reduction of payment from rural calls from the City of Edcouch to satisfy a delinquent amount due boarding of prisoners in the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$8,427.41.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT S)***

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. PCT. 3:
 - 1. AWARD BID FOR HAULING SERVICES
 - 2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE - LUBRICANTS & OILS
- B. PCT. 1:
 - 1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE - INSTALLATION OF CULVERT PIPES
- C. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:
 - 1. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT BIDS & RE-ADVERTISE FOR UNIFORMS
 - 2. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT BIDS & RE-ADVERTISE REMOVAL & INSTALLATION OF RADIO & EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR DEPARTMENT FLEET.

12A1

Martha Salazar opened by stating that she had met with the five bidders who had all bid the same. In that meeting, they have come to the agreement that they would like to be placed on a rotation basis and that is their recommendation. Commissioner Rosel stated that they do have their own trucks but the project is so large that they might need some support and that is the purpose of these hauling services. After further comments regarding who to award to and what the specifications called for, the Commission decided to draw lots as to who to award the bid to. Judge Ruiz announced that the winner of the bid was Leal Trucking. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to award hauling services for one year for Pct. 3 to Leal Trucking.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT T)**

12A2

The Commission had some discussion regarding the specifications for these lubricant and oils. Commissioner Rosel requested a no action. Mrs. Salazar stated that she had faxed all Commissioners the specifications for their review. Commissioner Arcaute reiterated the fact that he does not want to use the specifications used the Drainage District. The Commission reminded him of the fact that they had been revised in recent months but he stated that he did not have a set a revised ones. After further brief comments, **the Commission decided to take no action.**

NO ACTION

At this time, the Commission moved on to item 18 and will return to Mrs. Salazar further in the agenda.

- ITEM 18. A. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS FOR SALE OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND SERIES 1996**
- B. ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND SERIES 1996 & MAKING PROVI-
SIONS FOR THE SECURITY THEREOF & AWARD A SALE, APPROVAING OF-
FICIAL STATEMENT, & AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW
AGREEMENT**
- C. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT BY MERIT CONSTRUCTION &
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SUCH AMOUNT TOGETHER WITH APPLICABLE
AMENDMENT TO BUDGET**

18A&B

Judge Ruiz stated that this was in reference to the refunding bonds series 1996. The amount is for \$4,085,000. The money will be used for the refunding \$1.2 million that was done in 1985 for the purpose of paying compensatory time and overtime due to Sheriff's Department Employees. Chris Vela of First Southwest Company, addressed the Court. He stated that there was some good news for the County. The credit ratings of the County are in good standing. There were a total of 4 bids received. {1} A.G. Edward & Sons Inc. at an effective interest rate of 5.2223 which is \$1,331,189.38 in interest of the life of the issue. {2} Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. at an effective rate of 5.1929, which is \$1,323,706.67 in interest of the life of the issue. {3} Paine Webber at an effective rate of 5.249506 which is \$1,338,120.83 in interest of the life of the issue. Finally {4} Southwest Security at an effective rate of 5.2971 which is total interest cost of \$1,350,254.79. During the comments that followed, Mr. Vela stated that they had estimated a 5.75 rate on the bonds even with there being four bidders and the rates were substantially lower. **Judge Ruiz then recommended the approval of the order authorizing the issuance of Hidalgo County, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bond Series 1996 & making provisions for the security thereof & awarding the sale of these particular bonds of**

\$4,085,000 to Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. at an effective interest rate of 5.129 net interest cost \$1,323,706.67 and authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement and also approving an official statement. Commissioner Arcaute so moved and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT U)***

ITEM 18C WILL BE LATER ON THE AGENDA.

12B1

Judge Ruiz opened this topic by asking why this wasn't a Drainage District issue. Vona Walker reminded the Court of the time that Progreso wanted the Drainage District to work on a bar ditch, Travis Heister had made a determination that if it was in the road right of way, it was part of road operations and not the Drainage District. Judge Ruiz felt that this was still a Drainage issue. Steve Crain suggested to the Court that they take no action and he will look into this and see if this can be done by the Drainage District. The Commission did not agree on that. Judge Ruiz asked if they could advertise County wide but on a per precinct basis but the Commission stated to him that they have already tried that and it took them entirely too long to decide on one. They liked that idea and they thought they should do it that way but Commissioner Arcaute still opted to stay out of the bidding. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces authorize to advertise for the installation of culvert pipes for pct. 1, 3 & 4.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)***

12C1

Martha Salazar stated that the reason for this rejection was that there was only one bid received and there was a sample required. On that one, the sample did not meet specifications. Also, the bidder imposed certain surcharges that were not part of the specifications. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the rejection of all bids received for the purchase of uniforms at the Sheriff's Department.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)***

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez for the re-advertisement for bids for the purchase of uniforms in the Sheriff's Department. Bid opening August 7 and bid award August 12.

***MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)***

12C2

Mrs. Salazar stated that this bid did not meet specs. either. There were three bids. What happened here was the vendors were also imposing charges. The vendors will charge a certain amount regardless of what is taken in for repair. If the County only takes one thing in to be repaired, there will still be a certain charge and the Sheriff's Department is not looking for that according to Mr. Quintanilha. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to reject all bids and reauthorize the advertisement for bids with new specifications. Bid opening August 7 and bid award August 12.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)**

ITEM 13. PCT. 1:

A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MONTE ALTO ISD

13A

**NO ACTION
(NO EXHIBIT)**

ITEM 14. PCT. 3:

**A. RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS & APPOINTING SPECIAL
COMMISSIONER - (PORTION OF ABANDONED RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY)**

14A

Vona Walker stated that this right of way was acquired when they were acquiring additional right of way along 107 from the 7 mile line south to Mission. On section of Conway north of the 7 mile line, which is from 8 mile line to 1925, the County owns the railroad right of way. There are several developers that want to develop some property and they would like to buy this right of way to do so. The Thoroughfare Plan will require 150 ft of right of way and there is currently only 80 ft. Before this sale this railroad right of way, the County will retain the 70 ft of right of way required to meet the 150 ft. They will only sell the west 30 ft of this right of way. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to adopt the resolution.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT V)**

ITEM 15. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Lisa Saucedo addressed the Court and stated that there have been some revisions on this contract. She had just received a phone call from Dr. Avila requesting more time to answer some questions he may have regarding this contract. There was some question regarding who would have resume the liability if Dr. Avila had another commitment and was out of town and other small questions. Judge Ruiz felt that if he was gone, it should be under Dr. Avila's liability. **After further brief comments, no action was taken.**

**NO ACTION
(NO EXHIBIT)**

**ITEM 16. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$13,055 - VONA WALKER**

Vona Walker addressed the Court and stated that this related to the change order that was approved the previous meeting. The contract with Richard Salinas. This money will come from the Capital Projects Fund Balance. Vona Walker reminded the Court what the reason was for this increase. It all had to do with the more work being done at the request of the Highway Department. Judge Ruiz felt that the amount of this change order was high. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appropriate the funds of \$13,055.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT W)**

ITEM 17. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - JAIL - ROOM/BOARD OF PRISONERS - \$124,032.66
- B. JAIL - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, HOSPITAL SERVICES, MEDICAL & DENTAL SERVICES - \$134,500.00
- C. CONSTABLE PCT. 1 - TRAVEL TO PICK UP D.P.S. UNITS - \$460.00
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER - SETTLEMENT CLAIM WITH COPYSTAR LEASING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,621.88
- E. TAX OFFICE - TO COMPLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMPTROLLERS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW - \$28,862.98
- F. J.P. PCT. 1, PL. 2 - PURCHASE COMPUTER - \$3,250.00

17A

Joe Jackson addressed the Court and stated that this was a request to pay a bill for the boarding of prisoners. The amount is \$124,032.66. These are bills that are pending with 5 different Counties. They are Atascosa, Victoria, San Patricio, Nueces and Goliad Counties. This amount would make the County current up until July 15. They are pending bills. Mr. Jackson stated that they have reduced the number of inmates that are housed out of County and they working harder to bring the number down even more. After further brief comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a \$124,032.66 budget amendment.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)**

17B

Captain Jackson stated that this amendment was also to pay outstanding bills. Judge Ruiz asked about the individual that had the bulk of the medical bills and whether or not they have looked into covering those bills through Indigent Care. Mr. Jackson stated that they have initiated this process but part of the process requires the signature of this individual on the application but they have not been able to find this individual being that he is no longer in custody and they do believe he has returned to Mexico. They are still trying to work this application through this system. Judge Ruiz could not recommend this amendment. He felt that everyone of these bills should have gone through Indigent Health Care. Chief Eastin stated that they have sent these bills through Indigent Health Care but for some reason, they did not qualify and usually because they were not citizens of the Country. He also stated that even if they were to approve them, they would only pay up to \$30,000. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to table this item.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)**

17C

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

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)**

17D

Buddy Silva addressed the Court and stated that this was in relation to the situations that has occurred in other departments. This amount will close out the contract with Copystar. Mr. Silva reminded the Court that this money was in his budget at one point but the bills were never paid because the lease was not a proper lease. After the new budget went into effect, those monies reverted back to the General Fund. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve a**

budget amendment of \$11,621.88 for the Juvenile Probation to pay the settlement claim by Copystar Leasing.

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)***

17E

Ciro Trevino addressed the Court and stated that these were two positions that were recommended by John Sharp. There are a total of 3 employees being requested. One was a mail clerk that will handle the mail exclusively being that there are lots of checks in the mail and they want to keep better track of that. The next positions are an Assistant Bookkeeper in the automobile department and one to keep track of all contracts. Judge Ruiz felt that they should not go by the review by Mr. Sharp and hire more personnel because if they use that review as a guide and hire personnel for all five departments that were reviewed, it will be too much on the County. Mr. Trevino stated to the Court that he was not doing this just because of the report, he has looked into this for some time now. The report just made bring it up now. The next position of the Accountant that he is requesting will monitor and report for all other entities and make presentations to them. Mr. Trevino stated that the budget for these positions will be \$28,862.98 for the rest of the year. Judge Ruiz then addressed the Commission and he recommended that at this time, Mr. Trevino be allowed to have the Bookkeeper and/or the Accountant and then address the other two when it comes to his budget. Mr. Trevino stated that they are in his budget plans for the following year at this time. Judge Ruiz then specifically recommended the approval of the Accountant and that Mr. Trevino come back to Court in 30 days to see where they are at as far as the budget is concerned. This position will be a salary of \$25,000 annually and it will be funded for a five month period. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a budget amendment funding and creating a new position of Accountant in the Tax Office and setting a salary of \$25,000 and approving a budget amendment of \$12,840.86 to fund that particular position.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)***

17F

Judge Ruiz stated that he has talked to Judge Morales and he made certain that the equipment Judge Morales is seeking will be compatible with the system at the Auditor's Office. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize a budget amendment of \$3,250 for the purchase of computer equipment in J.P. Pct. 1, Pl. 2 as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT X)***

AT THIS TIME, THE COMMISSION WENT BACK TO ITEM 18C.

18C

Judge Ruiz stated that this was part of the ongoing construction for the 13th Court of Appeals. The total amount is \$242,164. He also stated that he anticipates that this money will be returned through bonds. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a budget amendment of \$242,164 for Meritt Construction payment request.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Y)***

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to recess.

MOTION CARRIED

HOUSING FINANCE COPORATION

Judge Ruiz called this meeting of the Housing Finance Corporation in which a report on the success to the corporation was given. Judge Ruiz and the Commission were pleased with this status report. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adjourn Housing Finance Corporation.**

MOTION CARRIED

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called this meeting to order whereupon the following item were had to wit:

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE PICK-UP TRUCK SURPLUS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of a 1987 GMC Pick-up Truck surplus and authorize our Purchasing Agent to dispose of said equipment.

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT Z)**

ITEM 2. CHANGE ORDER #1 & APPROVAL OF FINAL ESTIMATE - McALLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - CANAL BORING CONTRACT

Vona Walker stated that this contract was in relation to the Linda Vista Project. The amount of the original contract was \$30,800. This change order will be a decrease of \$1,302 bringing the contract to \$29,498. The work is complete. This will also be the approval of the payment. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the change order.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT AA)**

ITEM 3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INSTALLATION OF CULVERT PIPES

NO ACTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to adjourn Drainage District No. 1.

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Drainage District Board, this meeting is adjourned.

At this time, Judge Ruiz reconvened Commissioner's Court so that they may go back into the Executive Session to further review applicants. At this time, they went back into closed session.

The Commission returned from the closed session into open session. Judge Ruiz stated that they have still been continuing the process of reviewing the applicants for Purchasing Agent and Veterans Services Officer. For the Veterans Officer, there are 8 applicants that meet the minimum requirements established by the State and the County. These 8 will be reviewed further and a committee will further breakdown these application and bring back to the Commission 3 applicants to be interviewed in full by the Commission. With regards to the Purchasing Agent, they are now down to 9 applicants. There will also be a committee to further break down the applications to also bring back 3 applicants for an interview by the Commission. At this time, no further action is required under open session.

NO ACTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to adjourn Commissioner's Court Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COMMISSIONER'S COURT OR DRAINAGE DISTRICT , THIS MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED.