

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR

GENERAL FUND - #122219 - #122459 - \$517,867.04
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - #121693 - #121969 - \$232,004.20
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - # 4723 - # 4724 - \$132,055.00
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND - # 5646 - # 5646 - \$ 62,093.14
 ENTERPRISE FUND - # 2742 - # 2750 - \$ 4,248.40

(SEE EXHIBIT A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. COUNTY CLERK - PART I - \$108,696.20 - JUNE
 PART II - \$138,013.66 - JUNE

(SEE EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 3. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. SUBDIVISIONS:
 1. CLOCKTOWER TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 2. BOOMTOWN SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4
 B. RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT:
 1. BROOK SUBDIVISION - PCT. 1

(SEE EXHIBIT C)

ITEM 4. PERMITS:

A. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY - PCT. 3
 B. CITY OF EDINBURG - PCT. 4

(SEE EXHIBIT D)

ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

A. COUNTY JUDGE - \$ 300.00
 B. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR - \$16,000.00
 C. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT - \$15,000.00
 D. LIBRARY SYSTEM - \$ 5,145.85
 E. PCT. 3 - ADMINISTRATION - \$ 1,200.00
 F. PCT. 3 - PAVED/UNPAVED - \$25,000.00
 G. YOUTH VILLAGE - \$ 2,000.00
 H. JUVENILE PROBATION (STATE FUNDS) - \$ 7,327.00
 I. COUNTY COURT #1 - \$ 300.00
 J. ENTERPRISE FUND - \$ 500.00

(SEE EXHIBIT E)

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

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBITS A-E)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. RESOLUTION FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A FACILITY PLANNING STUDY FOR IMPROVING

**WATER SERVICES FOR COLONIA RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION -
CITY OF PROGRESO**

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that this was a request by Military Highway Water Supply Corp. He also went on to state that this was just a show of support and it had no financial obligations to the County of Hidalgo. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the resolution supporting the Military Highway Water Supply Corporation in their application for a facility planning study under their economic area program to assist the City of Progreso in their water needs.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT F)***

**ITEM 2. ACCEPT REVENUE CHECK FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - LARRY
DITTO**

At this time, Mr. Ditto was not present. The Commission went on to the next item.

ITEM 3. COUNTY TREASURER:

**A. APPROVAL OF HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER'S SECOND QUARTER
INVESTMENT REPORT**

3A

Norma Gonzalez addressed the Court and stated that the interest comparison from this year to last year, they were now ahead slightly. She proceeded to state what is on this report as per the exhibit. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the treasurer's report for the second quarter of County's Investment Report.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT G)***

ITEM 4. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE POLLING LOCATIONS, JUDGES & ALTERNATE JUDGES,
EARLY VOTING SUB-STATIONS & RETAIL MOBILE EARLY VOTING FOR THE
NOVEMBER 5, 1996 GENERAL ELECTION**
- B. REQUEST FOR OVERTIME FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING DURING EARLY
VOTING STARTING OCTOBER 16 THRU NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

4A

Judge Ruiz opened by reminding the Court that they had set up an election Commission. Even though this Commission is in place, the Polling Places, Judges, Alternate Judges and sub-stations have to be approved by Commissioner's Court according to statute. Mr. Perez stated that the Election Commission has not looked at the list Mr. Perez is proposing to the Court at this time. He will show this list the Commission once approval has been given by the Court. Mr. Perez would like to have all locations with the exception of 3 approved. There are 3 that he is looking to replace. The Las Milpas Community Center for early voting, he is looking at Valley View School and on Election Day, he is looking at the Kelly Elementary. Also the Pharr City Hall, he is looking at Carnaghan Elementary. During the discussion that ensued concerning the locations of the polling places, Judge Ruiz had some problems with the places with regards to there not being enough places in South McAllen. He wanted more balance with the places. The Commission suggested other place for Mr. Perez and they suggested that if maybe he was having some trouble finding some of these places, that they get some people together to identify some other places. At this time, the Commission felt that maybe they should take this under advisement so that Mr. Perez has more time to look at some of these places. After further

comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to take all polling places under advisement.

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

4B

Mr. Perez stated he anticipates no overtime during early voting but there will be some when the preparation for early voting begins and also on election day voting. He will try to keep the overtime down as much as possible. Judge Ruiz recommended to Mr. Perez that Sheriff's Deputies pick up the results after the polling places close to avoid any delays. Sometimes the Judges will go home and do other things before dropping off the ballots. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the overtime of employees working during early voting starting October 16 thru November 5 for the Election Department only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garces for discussion.** He felt that Mr. Perez should figure out with a little more detail how many people and hours this will entail. The Commission agreed that there should be some type of estimated time and personnel. During this discussion, Mr. Perez was asked if this had been presented to the Election Commission and he stated that he had not and that they did not recommend this. He also stated that he didn't feel that they needed to be involved in this. At this time, **Commissioner Rosel withdrew his motion until the next meeting of the Commissioner's Court** so that they can see some more definitive figures. Commissioner Sanchez also recommended to Mr. Perez that he meet with the Election Commission and get some type of clearance from them on this overtime issue.

NO ACTION (MOTION WITHDRAWN)
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

ITEM 5. FINANCIAL DISRUPTION TASK FORCE, LUPE TREVINO:

- A. **DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS & APPROVAL TO AUCTION:**
 - 1. **AUTOMOBILES, TRUCK TRACTORS, TRAILERS, ETC.**
- B. **INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY FINANCIAL DISRUPTION TASK FORCE & HIDALGO COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

5A

Celia Haro addressed the Court and stated the vehicles that they were requesting to be surplus were not suitable for daily law enforcement use. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to declare equipment surplus and authorize the auctioning of these vehicles.**

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

5B

Ms. Haro stated that this agreement was for the use of a 1993 Crown Victoria and it is with the D.A.'s Office. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an Interlocal Governmental Agreement between the County of Hidalgo Disruption Task Force and the County of Hidalgo Criminal District Attorney's Office.**

MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

ITEM 6. ACCEPT PETITION IN REFERENCE TO HEALTH CLINIC IN THE CITY OF HIDALGO

Judge Ruiz stated that this was in relation to the workshop that was held the previous week. It was concerning a petition opposing the closing of the Hidalgo Clinic. He would now like to accept the petition since they could not during the workshop. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the petition.** Luisa Castillo then addressed the Court and gave some reasons for this opposition. She corrected a statistic that was noted that the clinic only served 3000 clients for that year. She stated that this was not true. This number only covered 3 months. She stated that they needed all the services that were provided at this clinic such as infant care, prenatal care and education. The biggest reason they want to keep this clinic open is because of the transportation issue. Many residents do not have a way to get to other clinics. She would like the Commission to consider an options possible to keep this clinic open. Judge Ruiz then addressed this issue. He stated that they are looking at different avenues to address the health issue. They are talking to some members of the medical community to provide not only preventative care but primary care as well. He assured them that they are looking at all alternatives. Mr. Vera also addressed the Court and reiterated the concerns of the people in Hidalgo. He also addressed the issue of all the money that has gone into this clinic. They do not want to lose their investment. After further comments, **the motion was put to a vote and all voted in favor.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT J)**

ITEM 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. **BUDGET AMENDMENT & APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$433,000.00**
- B. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE REDUCTION IN FORCE**
- C. **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE CLOSURES OF CLINICAL SITES**

7A

Mr. De La Vina opened by stating as previously discussed, they are in need of these monies because of a shortfall to continue to operate the existing clinics and the over Health Department at the level that they are today. These monies will be needed by September 1 to continue operations. Mr. De La Vina stated that this amount is needed for the whole year which starts September 1. Commissioner Sanchez asked him what would be needed to operate until the end of the County fiscal year which in essence will be from September 1 to December 31 until the new County budget goes into effect. This will give them more time to look at other options. Commissioner Sanchez feels that they cannot afford this entire amount at this time but maybe with a little more time, some other alternatives will present themselves. A discussion ensued between Lydia Serna and the Commission with regards to the understaffing, the funding or lack thereof. She stated that they only way they would be able to survive is with more funding. All this is due to cut of Title V monies. During the discussion, Judge Ruiz stated that he does not recommend a budget amendment. The Commission did not agree with not giving a amendment. They just felt that it should be less to give them more time. Commissioner Arcaute stated that he did not feel that the solution would be to close clinics. He felt that if they did that, it would only cause more problems. Norma Longoria also suggested that maybe they come back with a plan on how to keep this clinics open or how to go about this issue. Commissioner Rosel then stated that he will not support a budget amendment of \$433,000 or anything close to it but he is not in favor of closing clinics either. He does favor a reduction in force. Commissioner Arcaute stated that it would take about \$148,000 to run all the clinics from September 1 to December 31. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to amend the budget by \$148,000 for the Health Department.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT K)**

**7B&C
NO ACTION**

ITEM 8. PCT. 1:**A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONTE ALTO ISD & PCT. 1****8A****NO ACTION
(NO EXHIBIT)****ITEM 9. PCT. 3:****A. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY CONTRACT FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT ANZALDUAS PARK****9A**

Commissioner Rosel stated that this was a temporary contract with South Texas Temporary Services Inc. which has been providing the security and is still willing to provide those services needed at the park. This company has complied with all specifications. They have expressed interest in entering into a contract with the County on a temporary basis. He would like to make this for a length of time to advertise and award a contract through the bid process. He also reminded the Court of the number of times they have gone out for bids without an award. They have tried to lower the specifications to try to award a contract but they still have not been able to do so. One of the reasons that they have not been able to award is because the firms have not been able to comply with the workman's compensation issue. Judge Ruiz asked if that was necessary and David Girault, Legal Counsel, responded by stating that if they do not and that issue arises, the employee of the firm will be able to come back and claim workman's comp. under the County's plan. They cannot lower the specs. any lower. They have been lowered to the bare minimum. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract between South Texas Temporary Services, Inc. and the County of Hidalgo to provide security and Anzalduas with the approval of Legal Counsel. Judge Ruiz asked what the cost of this contract was. Mr. Girault stated that it is limited to a maximum of \$14,900 to stay under the bidding requirements. There are other stipulations to this contract. The firm charges on an hourly basis a charge of \$10.50 per hour. Mr. Girault also stated that there was one firm that did meet the insurance requirements but they did not qualify under their licensing. After further discussion, Commissioner Rosel requested that no action be taken until the following week so that he may come back with further information.

**NO ACTION
(SEE EXHIBIT L)****ITEM 10. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND CONTRACT FOR HAULING SERVICES FOR PCT. 1**
- B. AUTHORIZATION TO EXEMPT FROM BIDDING PROCESS HAULING SERVICES UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS - PCT. 1**
- C. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE:**
 - 1. SEAL COAT APPROXIMATELY 4.5 MILES OF ROADS & STREETS - PCT. 2**
 - 2. RE-SURFACING AT LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3**
 - 3. RE-PAVING OF TWO STREETS AT NUEVO ALTON SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3**
 - 4. MEDICAL SUPPLIES - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
 - 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM**
 - 6. PIPES (REINFORCED CONCRETE, HIGH DENSITY POLYETHEYLENE & HEAVY WALL CONCRETE) - COUNTY WIDE**

10A

Martha Salazar opened by stating that this was in relation to the contract that was awarded to Mr. Rendon whereby he refused to sign the contract. He was sent a notice in the mail

where he was given a date by when he could come sign the contract and he then did sign. Mrs. Salazar then was advised by Pct. 1 that there was a breakdown in communication between Pct. 1 and Mr. Rendon. She proceeded to try and contact him for 4 days and she was unable to. She then received a call from Pct. 1 and was told that Mr. Rendon had advised them that he would be willing to commence the hauling services on July 17. On the day of the 17th, Mr. Rendon visited Mrs. Salazar and voiced his objections to doing this hauling which he had agreed to do. Since then, noone has heard from Mr. Rendon. Mr. Rendon then addressed the Court and again voiced his objections. He stated that the reason for his refusal is because pct 1 wanted him to haul hot mix and asphalt and it was supposed to be caliche. There was some disagreement between Mr. Rendon and Commissioner Sanchez as to what this entailed. It was the understanding of Commissioner Sanchez that it was hauling in general. The caliche that Mr. Rendon was referring to was from one location. Mrs. Salazar stated that there were no questions by Mr. Rendon before the opening of the bids. Judge Ruiz then stated that he is in agreement with the recommendation of Mrs. Salazar and he recommends that they rescind the motion to award the contract and or if they signed the contract to cancel the contract. Mrs. Salazar stated that it has been signed but has not been brought to the Court for approval. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to rescind our actions approving this contract for hauling services in pct. 1 and above that, cancel all negotiations with Mr. Rendon.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)***

At this time, Commissioner Sanchez wanted to go to the next bidder. Judge Ruiz did not agree with that. He stated that they should advertise all over again due to the specs. being ambiguous. He stated that the specs. should say Hauling and that is it. Mrs. Salazar then stated to the Court that she had been advised by legal counsel that they can award to the next bidder if they so wished. David Girault stated that he had spoken with the Comptroller's Office and they were the ones that advised him that the Commission could go with the next lowest bidder because there has yet to be an award to a responsible bidder. Commissioner Sanchez stated that he would like to go with that recommendation and have Mrs. Salazar speak to the next lowest bidder and find out if they are willing to take on these hauling services. Mr. Girault stated that action would have to be taken to do this but that it is not on the agenda. They will return the following week to award the bid.

**10B
NO ACTION**

10C1

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Seal Coat, approximately 4.5 miles of roads and streets in Pct. 2.

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)***

10C2&3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertisements for one bid for the re-surfacing of Linda Vista Subdivision or certain streets within Linda Vista Subdivision and certain within Nuevo Alton Subdivision to be re-paved in pct. 3.

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)***

10C4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertisements for bids for the purchase of medical supplies for the Health Department. Bid opening August 14, bid award August 20.

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)***

10C5

Paul Vazaldua addressed the Court and stated that since they had decided not to close the clinics, no action was required. Judge Ruiz did not agree with this. He felt that need to try to get other providers into the health clinics to provide primary and preventative health care. He would like to advertise and try to get these services. The Commission agreed with this sentiment. This will be within the facilities that they now have. Paul Vazaldua stated that they would require that they serve the indigent and not reject any patients and there are providers that are willing to do so. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the proposal for the rural health program in Hidalgo. Bid opening August 8 and bid award August 27.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT M)***

10C6

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

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

ITEM 11. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**A. SUBDIVISIONS:**

1. **ELLIS SUBDIVISION NO. 1 - PCT. 3**
2. **CYN-SYL SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4**
3. **SEMINOLE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4**

11A1

Emilio Garcia opened by stated that this subdivision had been approved by the City of Mission and all requirements have been met and he recommended the approval as per the City. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the re-plat as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT N)***

11A2

Mr. Garcia stated that this was a two lot subdivision and it was located the Edinburg ETJ. All requirements have been met. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve CYN-SYL Subdivision.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT N)***

11A3

Mr. Garcia stated that this subdivision should be called Seminole Valley Subdivision. He stated that this subdivision has also met all requirements and upon his

recommendation and also of the City, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve Seminole Valley Subdivision in Pct. 4 as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT N)***

ITEM 12. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. CITY OF ALTON - STREET IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT - A & E PAVINIG
- B. CITY OF LA VILLA - FLOOD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
- C. CITY OF EDCOUCH - HOME/HOUSING REHAB. PROGRAM - CHANGE ORDER
- D. CITY OF HIDALGO - HOME/HOUSING REHAB. PROGRAM - CHANGE ORDER
- E. COUNTYWIDE - HOME/HOUSING REHAB. PROGRAM - CHANGE ORDER
- F. INTERLOCAL BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO & MONTE ALTO ISD

12A

Anthony Covacevich addressed the Court and stated that this contract amount will be for \$232,553.40 and it will be with A & E Paving. The City of Alton will take monies from year 8 in the amount of \$141,500 and an additional \$96,790 will be re-allocated from year 8 as a budget amendment from the City of Alton. This is in conjunction with the Headstart Building and the recreational facilities next to the park. This will not include the parking lot but it can be remedied with a change order. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to award bid to A & E Paving for paving contract \$232,553.40 as low bidder. This is for the City of Alton, County of Hidalgo.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)***

12B

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract will be with Hinojosa Engineering in the amount of \$14,400. This money will come from year 5 and 9. This will be for the improvements on the study that was done in La Villa. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Professional Service Contract with Hinojosa Engineering, County of Hidalgo, City of La Villa as presented.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)***

12C

Mr. Covacevich stated that this change order was in the amount of \$520 for additional items needed to meet HQS standards. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a change order in the amount of \$520 for case ED 93-22 in the City of Edcouch.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)***

12D

Mr. Covacevich stated that this change order was for contract no. 95-09. This will allow for handicap bars and larger stalls. The increase will be \$680. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve a change order of \$680 to contract HD 35-95-09, City of Hidalgo.**

MOTION CARRIED

(SEE EXHIBIT O)

12E

This change order is for a County wide case. Case number CW -85-95-18. The change order is in the amount of \$700. It will be for roof, wall and floor materials needed to repair termite damage. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)**

12F

Mr. Covacevich stated that this agreement is with the Monte Alto ISD. It will provide for a recreational facility for the Monte Alto area. It will be used by the residents and youth alike. The amount of this agreement is \$20,000 and it will come out of County wide 1995 funds. If it takes more than this amount to build this court, the City has agreed to pay the balance. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the Monte Alto ISD for recreational facility improvements in the Monte Alto area.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT O)**

**ITEM 13. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION OF REQUEST FROM AMERICORPS U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Paul Vazaldua stated this was a gleaning project request to assist Department of Agriculture. They are requesting the use of a vehicle. The vehicle will be used for taking surplus fruits and vegetables and delivering them to the colonias Monte Alto and Munoz in the County. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize the Interlocal Agreement between Americore USA Department of Agriculture and the County of Hidalgo for use of a County vehicle for a clean up project. This will be for a period of 120 days.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT P)**

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

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before this Commissioner's Court, this meeting stands adjourned.

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, called this Drainage District #1 meeting to order, whereupon the following items were had to wit:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

ITEM 1. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Vona Walker stated that this was in the amount of \$1,000 from obj. 18 to obj. 39. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a line item transfer of \$1,000.**

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

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE ITEMS VALUED AT \$250.00 OR LESS FROM FIXED ASSET INVENTORY

Ms. Walker stated that this was an attempt to clean up her inventory. All these items are creating a mix up with the rest of her inventory. Steve Austin stated that the reason for removing items of \$250 or less from the inventory list is for efficiency purposes. Ms. Walker stated that it would be easier to keep a separate list of these small items and that also they will have to keep up with this list on their own. This list will not be provided by the Auditor. It will have to be maintained by the departments. The Commission wanted to know who was requiring that this list be maintained by the departments. There were mixed feelings among the Commissioners. They did agree that there was a lot of confusion regarding this issue and they felt that this was the job of the Auditor. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve.**

***MOTION CARRIED (JUDGE RUIZ OPPOSED)
(SEE EXHIBIT R)***

**ITEM 3. PERMITS:
A. CITY OF WESLACO**

3A

Ms. Walker stated that there were four permits by the City of Weslaco. There were for Eagles Nest Subdivision, West View Estates Subdivision, and two for Los Alamos Subdivision. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the permits requested by the City of Weslaco as presented.**

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

**ITEM 4. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
DRAIN 37, SOUTH OF WESLACO**

Ms. Walker stated that this was for a drainage project in Weslaco's southwest portion of the City. The City has done their portion and they are now requesting help from the County Drainage District for a bridge over a drain ditch and a boxed over crossing on the other and on F.M. 88, the Highway Department is going to furnish the boxes and they will re-pave the road. The County would have to furnish the labor to install the boxes. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

***MOTION CARRIED
(SEE EXHIBIT T)***

**ITEM 5. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE:
A. TIRES**

Judge Ruiz suggested that they use the State bid that is in place. Ms. Walker stated that they are finding that a lot of the tires that are being requested are not being found. **A motion was**

made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertisement of bids for the purchase of tires for Drainage District for one year.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adjourn Drainage District No. 1.

MOTION CARRIED

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