

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	- #124713 - #124920 - \$1,119,639.87
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #124059 - #124251 - \$ 737,130.55
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 5835 - # 5864 - \$ 494,054.41
ENTERPRISE FUND	- # 2875 - # 2883 - \$ 13,065.16

(EXHIBIT A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 1996

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEES:

A. DISTRICT CLERK - \$134,283.78 - SEPTEMBER

(EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. SUBDIVISIONS:

- 1. N.C.J. SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
- 2. G & L SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4
- 3. SNELL SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
- 4. MAGIC VALLEY TRAILER PARK - PCT. 1
- 5. TIERRA SANTA GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY PHASE II - PCT. 1
- 6. LOTS A-1 THRU A-5 CAPITAL ASSET SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
- 7. SEVILLE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
- 8. CORNERSTONE MEDICAL PARK PHASE II - PCT. 4

(EXHIBIT C)

ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM - \$1,100.00
- B. PCT. 2 PAVED/UNPAVED - \$9,000.00
- C. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - \$500.00
- D. COUNTY JUDGE - \$775.00
- E. PCT. 1 - \$4,000.00
- F. CONSTABLE PCT. \$54.64
- G. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - \$1,715.00
- H. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT - \$
- I. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT (ST. FUNDS)
- J. PCT. 3 PAVED/UNPAVED/ADMINISTRATION/PARK/CAPITAL PROJECTS
- K. HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- L. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

(EXHIBIT D)

ITEM 6. PERMITS:

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

(EXHIBIT E)

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

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBITS A-E)

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION:
COMMISSIONER'S COURT MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 551.071 & 551.074 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

- A. DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL - OET
- B. LUNA VS. COUNTY OF HIDALGO CAUSE #123-095-D-LITIGATION
- C. GILL VS. COUNTY OF HIDALGO CAUSE #M-94-158 - LITIGATION

At this time, the Commission retired into Executive Session.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:
A. POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERSONNEL - OET
B. POSSIBLE ACTION ON LUNA VS. COUNTY OF HIDALGO - LITIGATION
C. POSSIBLE ACTION ON GILL VS. COUNTY OF HIDALGO - LITIGATION

2A
NO ACTION
(NO EXHIBIT)

2B
A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a settlement offer in the Luna vs. County of Hidalgo cause #123-095-D of \$1,000.

MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)

2C
Judge Ruiz recommended a settlement of \$12,000 for attorney fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner to authorize a settlement offer in the Gill vs. County of Hidalgo litigation for settlement of attorney fees and court costs not to exceed \$12,000.

MOTION CARRIED
(NO EXHIBIT)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. CONSTRUCTION OF 5TH FLOOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:
A. APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION
B. APPROVAL OF FINAL APPLICATION & CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT NO. 5
C. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FOR CONSTRUCTION AND TELEPHONE SYSTEM
D. APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT - 13TH COURT OF APPEALS - ARCH. FEES
E. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR ROOF - ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS

At this time, there was no representative present for the issue of the 5th floor. The Commission went on to item 2 and will return to Item 1.

ITEM 2. STATUS OF FIRE DISTRICT #2 AUDIT FOR THE YEARS 88-95

Florestella Chavez addressed the Court and stated that they have provided most of the items needed to complete the audit as per the exhibit. They are lacking some items and she is requesting more time to acquire these items. Upon getting all the information, the audit will be complete within a week. Noone had problems with this extension. After further comments, **Judge Ruiz granted the extension and this will be brought back in 3 weeks.**

***NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT F)***

AT THIS TIME, THE COMMISSION RETURNED BACK TO ITEM 1.

1A&B

Tomas Canul addressed the Court and stated that they are requesting payment No. 5 in the amount of \$52,784 to Merritt Construction and also the approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion. This will close out the project with the exception of some ceiling tiles. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the certificate of substantial completion for the 5th floor administration building, 13th Court of Appeals and approval of final application for payment in the amount of \$52,784 contingent on their submittal of all warranties.**

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

1C

Mrs. Etnire stated that this was for construction and the telephone system for the 13th Court of Appeals. Judge Ruiz asked why this money did not come from their budget. Judge Ruiz asked if any money came from the State of Texas. Mrs. Etnire responded by stating that they paid for the equipment and the Bar Association paid for the library. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve a budget amendment for construction and telephone system in the amount of \$26,940.63.**

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

1D

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the final payment to the architect in the amount of \$455.44.

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

1E

NO ACTION

ITEM 3. HIDALGO COUNTY HIDTA TASK FORCE:

A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

3A

Celia Haro addressed the Court and stated that this was an increase in their budget in the amount of \$18,229. The money will be used for computer equipment. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appropriate \$18,229 from program income for the purchase of computer equipment.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT H)**

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

A. SANITATION DEPARTMENT:

1. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF HIDALGO AND THE STATE OF TAMAULIPAS DEPARTMENT OF SERVICIOS COORDINADOS DE SALUD PUBLICA

B. APPROVAL OF TITLE V (W&C/FEE) GRANT #746000716A-01 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$553,676

C. SET SALARIES

4A1

Rudy De la Vina stated that this agreement had been approved the previous year. All they did was change the dates. Mr. De la Vina stated that for some reason, the equipment in this agreement had never been picked up. This was all in correlation with the spread of dengue fever. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT I)**

4B

Mr. De la Vina stated that this was a request for the title V grant for the coming year. They will be receiving less money than the previous year. They will cut down on the amount of people working under this grant. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the State Grant.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT I)**

4C

Mr. De la Vina stated that there were no salaries increases although they did change some titles to these positions. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to change job classifications in accordance with Mr. De la Vina's statement that there are changes in job duties and they have been approved through the Personnel Department and set salaries as such.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT I)**

ITEM 5. PCT. 2:

A. APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE UNBUDGETED FUNDS TO PAVED/UNPAVED ACCOUNT (\$156,207.79)

5A

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

MOTION CARRIED

(EXHIBIT J)**ITEM 6. PCT. 3:**

- A. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY \$11,126.36**
- B. **APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

6A

Commissioner Rosel stated that this change order was for a street project being done by Mission Paving. It was for additional linear feet of streets. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the change order by the amount of \$12,348.74 which is a final quantitative adjustment and authorize a payment of said change order by \$11,126.36 coming from road and bridge and the remaining balance from urban county year 7.**

MOTION CARRIED**(EXHIBIT K)****6B****NO ACTION****ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- A. **SUBDIVISIONS:**
 - 1. **AMENDED PLAT OF LA HOMA TRACE - PCT. 3**

7A1

Mr. Garcia stated that the only amendment to this plat was the adding of an easement at the request of Sharyland Water. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the amended plat of La Homa Trace as presented.**

MOTION CARRIED**(EXHIBIT L)****ITEM 8. URBAN COUNTY:**

- A. **CITY OF ALAMO - PFI YOUTH CENTERS YEARS 7 & 8 (1994-95) - CHANGE ORDER #1**
- B. **CITY OF EDCOUCH - APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**
- C. **CITY OF PENITAS - BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FY 1994 WORKPLAN**
- D. **CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR RENOVATIONS AT MUJERES UNIDAS/WOMEN TOGETHER, INC. LOCATED IN McALLEN, TEXAS**
- E. **HOME/HOMEOWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB APPLICATIONS**

8A

Anthony Covacevich stated that this change order is for the reduction of the contract for the Youth Center in the amount of \$15,533.37. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve change order #1 decreasing the contract by \$15,533.37.**

MOTION CARRIED**(EXHIBIT M)****8B**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was an amendment to the contract for the increase of this contract. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded**

by Commissioner Rosel to approve and amendment to the Professional Service Agreement, R. E. Garcia & Associates in the amount of \$12,036.51.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT M)

8C

Mr. Covacevich stated that this amendment would take \$73,228.99 from un-programmed funds and move them to neighborhood facilities. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an amendment to the 1994 workplan deleting \$73,228.99 from un-programmed was and placing them under neighborhood facilities.**

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT M)

8D

Mr. Covacevich stated that this change order is in the amount of \$1,225 and it is an increase. The reason for this is because of the change of the choice of brick that was bid, is not the same that is on the building now. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve change order #1 increasing the contract by \$1,225.**

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT M)

8E

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve 3 applications in the City of Progreso for housing rehab.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT M)

ITEM 9. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. **DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS - DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- B. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PCT. 3 PHASE V ENGINEERING ON ABRAM BRIDGE PROJECT**
- C. **APPROVAL FOR FARM LEASE FOR 131 ACRES**
- D. **AWARD BID ON CULVERT PIPE INSTALLATION**
- E. **DECLARE VARIOUS ITEMS SURPLUS - HIDTA TASK FORCE**
- F. **REPORT ON STATE APPROVED - QUALIFIED INFORMATION SYSTEM CATALOGUE VENDOR PROGRAM**

9A&E

Mrs. Salazar stated that she would like to take items A and E at this time. She stated that these all have to do with seizures. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the declaration of equipment surplus from the D.A.'s Office and HIDTA Task Force of which all items will be auctioned except item 8, poster printer, which will be used for trade-in.**

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)

9B

Mrs. Salazar stated that this contract has been reviewed and is in order. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve a contract, Co. of Hidalgo contract, totaling \$71,500 in the construction of the Abram Bridge Project.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)**

9C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the farm lease as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)**

9D

Mrs. Salazar stated that there were three bids received for this item. Roberto Nava for \$445 for labor and material, Ayala's Excavating at \$420 and Triple E Excavation that \$418.81 for labor and material. She is recommending bid number 3 that \$418.81. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to award bid to the low bidder, Triple E Excavation Services out of Mercedes.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)**

9F

Mrs. Salazar commenced to give a report on the phone system. She stated that the current phones cannot be used. She has met with Southwestern Bell and because they are State qualified, the County meets State requirements. She has negotiated the price of the phones as per the needs of all departments. During further discussion, **Judge Ruiz instructed Mrs. Salazar to keep negotiating further. No further action was taken.**

**NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT N)**

ITEM 10. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

- A. ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS MANAGER - GRADE 17 TO GRADE 18, STEP 1-8**
- B. CREATING A NEW POSITION, PIC LIAISON WITH NEW JOB DESCRIPTION**
- C. UPGRADE AN ACCOUNTANT I POSITION TO AN ACCOUNTANT II POSITION, ELIMINATION OF TWO BUILDING AND TRADE POSITIONS**
- D. RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITION (TO CHANGE FROM NON-EXEMPT TO EXEMPT STATUS), RE-DESIGNATION OF TITLE INCLUDING JOB DESCRIPTION**
- E. CREATION OF NEW POSITION; NEW JOB DESCRIPTION**
- F. CONSIDERATION OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- G. REQUEST THE ADJUSTMENT IN LEVEL AND STEP CHART TO REFLECT THE 5% PAY INCREASE IF APPROVED AND EXTEND THE STEPS TO 10**
- H. REQUEST TO INCREASE 5% COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR ALL OET PERSONNEL (TO CHANGE FROM NON-EXEMPT TO EXEMPT)**

10C

Mr. Dickinson addressed the Court and went to item C first. He stated that what they were trying to do was reorganize as it allows for in the budget. He wants to eliminate the two

building trade instructor positions since this program has not been implemented. They are however, trying to create an Apprenticeship Program, which has not come about as of yet. By eliminating these two positions, this would free up \$45,120. He is also looking to upgrade the Administration Operations Manager equal to other Senior Managers. The Operations Manager has had added responsibilities and is currently a grade lower than the rest of them. Judge Ruiz asked Mr. Dickinson why this wasn't done when the organizational chart was approved and Mr. Dickinson's response was that they had not anticipated the additional responsibilities of this position. Judge Ruiz asked if this would conflict with Civil Service and it was stated that it would not, being that it is simply adding duties to the description. If there were any problems, he would be notified by the Civil Service Secretary. The salary of the Operations Manager is now \$33,953 and the new salary would be of to \$40,000. Mr. Dickinson stated that since this member just came on board, he would not see this salary change but the potential would be there and they would all be at the same level. This would be happening even if the Building Trade positions were not being eliminated because of State requirements. This position's responsibilities were being spread among staff as a result of the reduction in force. They are now back to where they should be being that they have hired more employees. Judge Ruiz asked since responsibilities were being taken away from other positions, were they taking a pay reduction and Mr. Dickinson stated and they weren't being that this was a result of the reduction in force. After some questions, Mr. Dickinson elaborated on some of the other requests. He mentioned the reclassification of a secretary to an Administrative Assistant. Mr. Dickinson also stated that this one save monies overtime. Judge Ruiz then stated that he felt that this should not affect overtime being that overtime is discretionary and that the work should be done from 8 to 5. Mr. Dickinson stated that this is why he would like to reclassify some positions from non exempt to exempt also. At this time, **Judge Ruiz recommended a motion to eliminate the two Building Trade positions. Commissioner Arcaute so moved and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the elimination of the two Building and Trade positions within the structure of OET.**

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

10A

Judge Ruiz clarified that this was the request for the Administration Manager. He stated that the request was to have the discretion to raise the salary up to \$40,000, thus making this a grade 18, step 1-8. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.**

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

10B

Mr. Dickinson stated that this was a request from the PIC Board. The Court in not feel that this position was necessary back at the time of the request and that OET would provide that person. At this time, the Executive Secretary has been functioning in this capacity as well as Mr. Dickinson's secretary. He would now like to create a position for someone to work directly with the PIC as are as taking the minutes, typing the agenda and so forth. Commissioner Sanchez expressed his discontent with this request citing that why must they create a new position for everyone. Can't it just stay as it is now? Mr. Dickinson stated that his secretary was on the agenda to change her from non exempt to exempt because of the demands on her now and the overtime she is putting in now which is 20 hours per week. Judge Ruiz was totally against this position. He felt that there should be no one between the PIC and the Executive Director. He also felt that between all the staff personnel, there should be no reason that all the clerical work shouldn't be done without going into overtime. If this wasn't happening, then maybe he should fire that person and find someone that can do the work between 8 and 5. The Commission did not agree with this position request either. Mr. Dickinson stated that if the Court would rather take no action at this time, then that they do that and he will meet with them individually to elaborate on

the justification of this position. Judge Ruiz didn't feel that there was any more to talk about. The rest of the Commission also agreed that there should be more communication between the PIC, Executive Director and the Commission. Commissioner Rosel also felt that for money should be put into more job training as opposed to staffing. **Judge Ruiz recommended that this item be rejected. There was no motion on this item and there was no action taken.**

**NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT O)**

10C

Mr. Dickinson stated that this position was a result of a recent monitoring review by the State. The State suggested that this position be upgraded because of necessary responsibilities that this position will have. They will take some responsibilities from the Accountant 2 position and give them to the Accountant 1 position. Some of the responsibilities will be payroll, taxes for payroll, accumulations and so forth. He wants to have this position up to a step of 8 to have some parity. This will not be an actual increase in pay. It would just be an increase in the base grade. Judge Ruiz again expressed his disagreement with this issue. He felt that this should not be done just because the money was there. He felt that it would send the wrong message to other people. Commissioner Rosel also felt that they should stay away from this. **Judge Ruiz asked if there was a motion to upgrade this position or a motion not to upgrade. Mr. Dickinson then asked to pull this off the agenda for the time being.**

**NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT O)**

10D

Mr. Dickinson stated that he wanted to go to the Personnel Secretary and reclassify her to a Personnel Assistant. This would be a downgrade in positions from grade 6 to 5. The reason for this is that they will be moved back to OET building and they will have direct supervision and less discretion. It was clarified that this request had two reclassifications in this one item. Judge Ruiz clarified what Mr. Dickinson was requesting here at this time. He stated that this was an Executive Secretary to an Administrative Assistant position from grade salary 10 and move them to a grade salary 12 and in an exempt status. This position would no longer have overtime according to Mr. Dickinson. This would change the salary from \$18,228 to \$26,160 and exempt it. Mr. Dickinson stated that the reason for this change is this person is now putting in overtime to meet the needs of the PIC. If they exempt here, it will save the Agency about \$6,000 per year. To this point, she has been paid close to \$4,000 in overtime. Commissioner Sanchez expressed his discontent with this request. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to reject the request for reclassification.**

**MOTION CARRIED (DENIED)
(EXHIBIT O)**

THIS MOTION WAS INCLUSIVE OF ALL OF ITEM 10D.

10E

Mr. Dickinson stated that this was concerning the Purchasing Agent and moving them from non exempt to exempt status. Judge Ruiz expressed some confusion being that the agenda called for Personnel Secretary downgrade to Personnel Assistant. Mr. Dickinson stated that the reason for this is because there is less responsibility, less ability for discretionary judgment, more supervision and less work. This position is currently vacant. Judge Ruiz asked if this person can be given some of the responsibilities that are requiring someone else to work overtime. After further comments, **Judge Ruiz called for any action on this item. There was no motion.**

NO ACTION

(EXHIBIT O)**10F**

Mr. Dickinson stated that this request is that the employees be allowed to use their annual leave for Thursday the 26th, Friday the 27th, Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st. The reason for this is because their people had to work through the summer because of the IIB program and for this year, they will have a 40% increase in funds which will not allow for people to go on summer vacation. Since there are no programs of any kind during the holidays for schools being that they are let out for the holidays. This will allow for employees to use some of their annual leave. **Judge Ruiz felt that Mr. Dickinson had all the discretion on this issue.** If his people had the time, then they take it during this time. Mr. Dickinson is asking this because of the people that will be on probation at this time. According to the policy, people on probation cannot take any vacation until their probation is up. If the employees can take the time, they take it and if they cannot, then they cannot. **Judge Ruiz did not want to change policy because he did want to open the door to everyone. It was up to the discretion of Mr. Dickinson.**

**NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT O)****10G&H**

Mr. Dickinson stated that this request is due to his staff not getting a cost of living increase the previous 3 years while the County got a 7% increase. The money is in the budget. According to the agenda, Judge Ruiz asked if this 5% increase would increase them to step 10 and Mr. Dickinson answered in the affirmative because of the people already at step 8. Judge Ruiz felt that if they do go off the scale, then that they just go up to the next grade but Mr. Dickinson stated that if that happens, he will come to Court. Judge Ruiz stated that he was in favor of the 5% increase but if he felt that the people do go off the scale in step and grade, then they just go up and not change the step and grade system. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a 5% pay increase to all staff and authorize the movement into step and grade in accordance with the 5%.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)****THIS MOTION COVERED ITEM H WHICH MADE ITEM G MOOT.**

Mr. Dickinson was now requesting action on the Purchasing Agent. Judge Ruiz stated that this was not on the agenda so they could not take any action. They asked Mr. Dickinson when he wanted the item for the 5% increase effective and he stated that he would like to make it effective the next pay period.

**ITEM 11. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE RELEASE OF EASEMENT AND CONSIDERATION
TO SET FEE TO RELEASE EASEMENT**

Vona Walker addressed the Court and stated that this easement was acquired in the 1940's. Since then, it has not been utilized and it was quit claimed back to the County in May of '96. The current owner of lot 5 and lot 10 would like to reclaim this easement. She is recommending the fee of \$2500. After further comments, **a motion was then made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the execute of release of easement and set fee of \$2500.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)**

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

**ITEM 1. LINE ITEM TRANSFER: \$100.00
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**ITEM 2. PERMIT - CITY OF MERCEDES
(EXHIBIT R)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Drainage District Consent Agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBITS Q & R)**

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ONE NEW FOUR WHEEL DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve. Bid opening Nov. 13th and bid award Nov. 27th.

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT S)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel 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.