

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

### **EXECUTIVE AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION:**

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTER:**

##### **A. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

1. OET REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY OF HIDALGO - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

At this time, the Commission retired into executive session.

#### **ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:**

##### **A. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

1. OET REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY OF HIDALGO - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

##### **2A**

Judge Ruiz stated this was in relation to a revolving fund that was established for OET for cash flow purposes. It was also for disallowed costs. At this time, there is a balance on the money that was advanced to them in the amount of \$220,153.05. He is now recommended that this money be de-obligated from this fund and returned to the general fund. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR**

GENERAL FUND	- #126134 - #126335 - \$1,008,458.49
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #125636 - #125879 - \$ 842,661.48
CAPITAL PROJECTS	- # 4725 - # 4726 - \$ 26,685.25
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 5959 - # 5960 - \$ 466,721.39
ENTERPRISE FUND	- # 2949 - # 2971 - \$ 20,013.92

***(EXHIBIT A)***

#### **ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 7, 1997**

#### **ITEM 3. MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. COUNTY CLERK - PART I | - \$ 93,786.20 - NOVEMBER |
| COUNTY CLERK - PART II   | - \$124,412.28 - NOVEMBER |
| B. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: |                           |
| 1. ISMAEL OCHOA          | - \$11,673.16 - OCTOBER   |
| 2. JESUS MORALES         | - \$ 6,014.00 - OCTOBER   |
| "        "               | - \$ 6,379.00 - NOVEMBER  |
| 3. ROSA E. TREVINO       | - \$15,123.23 - OCTOBER   |
| 4. ESPERIDION JACKSON    | - \$ 4,863.20 - OCTOBER   |
| 5. RENE O. TORRES        | - \$13,531.00 - OCTOBER   |

- “ “ - \$10,079.00 - NOVEMBER
- 6. CHARLIE ESPINOZA - \$16,848.76 - OCTOBER
- “ “ - \$10,204.50 - NOVEMBER
- C. CONSTABLES:
  - 1. HORACIO AGUIRRE - \$142.00 - OCTOBER
  - 2. GILBERTO ALANIZ - \$320.00 - OCTOBER
  - 3. MATEO CAVAZOS - \$565.00 - OCTOBER
  - 4. RUMALDO CERDA - \$475.00 - OCTOBER
  - 5. EDUARDO BAZAN - \$ 0.00 - OCTOBER

**(EXHIBIT B)**

**ITEM 4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. SUBDIVISION:
  - 1. HOLIDAY RETIREMENT COMMUNITY SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
- B. RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT:
  - 1. EL JARDIN ESTATES - PCT. 3
  - 2. AMENDED PLAT OF LA HOMA TRACE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3

**(EXHIBIT C)**

**ITEM 5. PERMITS:**

- A. NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY - PCT. 1

**(EXHIBIT D)**

**ITEM 6. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:**

- A. HIDALGO COUNTY HIDTA TASK FORCE - \$ 2,500.00
- B. J.P. PCT. 3, PL. 1 - \$ 30.00
- C. PCT. 2 - PARK - \$ 1,500.00
- D. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT - \$ 1,817.00
- E. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - \$ 5,500.00
- F. SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION FUND - \$ 400.00
- G. COUNTY JUDGE - ADMINISTRATION - \$ 1,000.00
- H. 370<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT - \$ 3,700.00
- I. YOUTH VILLAGE - \$ 7,407.30
- J. J.P. PCT. 3, PL. 2 - \$ 119.48
- K. 275<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT - \$ 500.00
- L. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1 - \$ 100.00
- M. COUNTY TREASURER - \$ 2,820.00
- N. COUNTY AUDITOR - \$ 1,000.00
- O. J.P. PCT. 5, PL. 1 - \$ 200.00
- P. PERSONNEL - \$ 1,435.39
- Q. LIBRARY SYSTEM - \$ 1,110.00
- R. CONSTABLE PCT. 1 - HORACIO AGUIRRE - \$ 400.00
- S. DISTRICT CLERK - \$ 6,150.39
- T. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT - \$ 604.00
- U. SHERIFF - JAIL COMMISSARY - \$ 160.00
- V. ELECTION DEPARTMENT - \$22,671.34
- W. DISTRICT ATTORNEY - GENERAL FUND - \$ 1,700.00
- X. HEALTH DEPARTMENT - SANITATION - \$ 1,641.00
- Y. PCT. 1 - PARKS - \$ 1,000.00
- Z. PCT. 1 - PAVED/UNPAVED - \$32,600.00
- AA. VISITING JUDGE (JAIL COURT) - \$ 1,200.00

**(EXHIBIT E)**

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that there were several changes. Item 6A is a change in the acct. no. It should read 6-150-421.706. Item 6H changes in the amount. It should be \$3,700 instead of \$3,400. Item 6Y also changed in amount. It should be \$1,641 instead of \$1,741. **A**

motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBITS A-E)**

### REGULAR AGENDA

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND**

- A. ROBERTO PENA - CONSTABLE PCT. 3
- B. GILBERT ALANIZ - CONSTABLE PCT. 2
- C. HOMERO GARZA - COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3
- D. DARIO L. MARTINEZ - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 2, PL. 1
- E. RUMALDO CERDA - CONSTABLE PCT. 4
- F. HORACIO AGUIRRE - CONSTABLE PCT. 1
- G. GILBERTO SAENZ - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 1, PL. 1
- H. ENRIQUE ESCALON - SHERIFF
- I. ARNALDO CORPUS - JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3, PL. 1
- J. ARMANDO BARRERA - TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

**1A-J**

Judge Ruiz stated that these bonds have to be approved prior to taking office. After stating who was getting approved, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Rosel to approve the elected official bonds as presented.**

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

**ITEM 2. WIC:**

- A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ELSA, EDINBURG ISD AND HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM
- B. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH NINOS DEL MUNDO AND HOLY FAMILY BIRTHING CENTER

**2A**

Norma Longoria stated that these agreements are to provide a location for the mobile clinics. There are 3 agreements with these two entities. There will not be any charge. This will just provide for the location. The utilities will be run on generators. There are two with Edinburg and 1 with Elsa. Judge Ruiz asked if there was any need for any provisions in the contract that allow for the payment of utilities and Ms. Longoria stated that there was none. If it happens that they need to install an electric pole, it will be done with WIC's own funds. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the interlocal agreements between Elsa and 2 with Edinburg ISD with the County of Hidalgo's WIC program.**

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

**2B**

Ms. Longoria stated that this will provide for electrical connections to include a \$25.00 set fee. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the cooperation agreements between Ninos Del Mundo and WIC program and also Holy Family Birthing Center and the WIC program, Hidalgo County.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT G)**

**ITEM 3. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

- A. **APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE GRANT FOR THE 1997/1998 YEAR**
- B. **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- C. **APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION AND CERTIFIED ASSURANCE**

**3A**

Emilia Uriegas stated that this grant for year beginning June 1, 1997. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the participation of the Sheriff's Department and our District Attorney's Office to participate in the Narcotics Task Force Grant for the year 1997/1998.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)**

**3B**

Ms. Uriegas stated that the budget for the Sheriff's Department is \$250,497 and for the D.A.'s Office, it is \$82,714. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the proposed budget for the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office under the Narcotic Traffic Task Force, respectively the Sheriff's Department \$250,497 and the D.A.'s Office \$82,714.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)**

**3C**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Cooperative Agreement as presented; the equal employment opportunity certification and certified assurances and request authorization to sign said agreements.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)**

**ITEM 4. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

- A. **APPROVAL TO TRANSFER ACCOUNTANT POSITION FROM SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION FUND #104 TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT #010 EFFECTIVE 12/23/96**
- B. **SET SALARY**
- C. **APPROVAL OF LINE ITEM TRANSFER IN THE 1997 BUDGET FOR THE ACCOUNT POSITION -SALARY & FRINGE BENEFITS**

**4A**

Emilia Uriegas stated that they wanted to transfer this position to the Sheriff's General Fund. This is due to them not anticipating enough forfeitures to keep this position in the investigation fund. They do not want to let her go. This position has not yet been created. They would now like to create this position and approve a line item transfer from the 1997 budget to fund this position. Judge Ruiz stated that they would not be able to transfer because this position is not in the general fund for the department. If it was, then she could be transferred. He also

added that the Commission would not be in a position to say that they were creating a position and they want a certain person in that position. That would be the function of the Sheriff. They can just create the position. Commissioner Garces if this had been through personnel and Ms. Uriegas stated that they had checked with Mrs. Etnire to see if this was a creation or a transfer. Judge Ruiz again reiterated that this could not be a transfer because there was no position there to transfer to. He then asked if this position is actually necessary due to there being an accountant there in the department under the general fund. Ms. Uriegas stated that there was because this individual had other duties other than those of the investigation fund. Commissioner Arcaute suggested that this be cleared through Personnel to avoid any problems. Judge Ruiz stated that at this point, Personnel has nothing to do with until the position is created and how it is filled is between the department and Personnel. Comm. Arcaute then asked about the line item transfer from the '97 budget. He asked from what line item this would be taken from. She stated that it would be from line item 18, gasoline. He also stated that this is problem because the Commission does not transfer monies from one line item into salaries line item. During further comments, Comm. Arcaute suggested that they table all of item 4 until this issue is clarified. Chief Eastin addressed the Court and stated that this position is needed due to the loss of about 5 or 6 personnel lost because of budget cuts. This individual has taken up some or most of those duties. Judge Ruiz then asked if this position could be funded through the 03 category and Ms. Uriegas stated that she would have to look at this before answering this question. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to table.**

***MOTION CARRIED (TABLED)  
(EXHIBIT I)***

**ITEM 5. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY:**

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

5A

William McGee stated that this was in relation to a candidate being flown down for an interview for the position of cataloger at his expense. This individual came from Detroit. She was offered the position but she did turn it down. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the reimbursement of travel expense in the amount of \$360.94 and also establish policy that if a reimbursement of travel expense to be incurred by job application for the position within the County of Hidalgo, that that individual, department head or elected official be placed on the agenda for approval by Commissioner's Court prior to said expenditure.**

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT J)***

**ITEM 6. HIDTA GRANT:**

**A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDTA TASK FORCE AND SAN JUAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

6A

Celia Haro addressed the Court and stated that they have some surplus computer equipment that they do not use and the San Juan Police is in need of this equipment. They would like to transfer this equipment to them via this agreement. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the interlocal agreement between HIDTA Task Force and San Juan Police Department for use of particular computer equipment as detailed.**

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT K)***

**ITEM 7. ADULT PROBATION:**

- A. **EXEMPTION FROM BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH CPA TO CONDUCT FISCAL YEAR 1996 INDEPENDENT AUDIT**
- B. **MINISTERIAL APPROVAL ON FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET AMENDMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS:**
  - 1. **SUPERVISION**
  - 2. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**
  - 3. **RESTITUTION CENTER**
  - 4. **EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
  - 5. **ELECTRONIC MONITORING**

**7A**  
**NO ACTION**  
**(NO EXHIBIT)**

**7B1**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Supervision Budget as amended totaling \$4,389,600.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBIT L)**

**7B2**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve of the amendment with the stipulation that at some point and time, you are to fill that super director position, that you get permission from this Commissioner's Court.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBIT L)**

**7B3**  
Mr. Lopez stated that nothing changed except that the carry over from the previous year was added. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the restitution budget of \$807,179.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBIT L)**

**7B4**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the amended budget of Education/Employment Services totaling \$202,388.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBIT L)**

**7B5**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**(EXHIBIT L)**

**ITEM 8. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. **SUBDIVISIONS:**
  - 1. **McCOOK ACRES #2 - PCT. 3**
  - 2. **OCANA SUBDIVISION - PCT. 3**
- B. **FINAL PLAT APPROVAL WITH LETTER OF CREDIT**
  - 1. **RMR SUBDIVISION - PCT. 1**
- C. **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL:**
  - 1. **CRESTA DE NORTE - PCT. 1**
  - 2. **INCA SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2**

**8A1**

**NO ACTION**  
**(EXHIBIT M)**

**8A2**

Emilio Garcia stated that this subdivision had been approved by the City of Mission and it does meet with all the requirements in accordance to County regulations. He recommended the approval of this subdivision. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve Ocana Subdivision as presented.**

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

**8B1**

**NO ACTION**  
**(EXHIBIT M)**

**8C1**

Mr. Garcia stated that this does meet the requirements of the City of Donna and the County. Upon his recommendation for approval subject to items a, b & c as per the exhibit, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to give preliminary plat to Cresta del Norte in Pct. 1 as presented.**

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

**8C2**

Mr. Garcia stated that all prelim requirements have been met. He recommended approval subject street signs, traffic control devices and testing of the streets. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to give preliminary plat approval to INCA Subdivision in Pct. 2 as presented.**

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

**ITEM 9. PCT. 1:**

- A. **APPROVAL OF JOINT VENTURE PROJECT WITH COLONIA LA PALOMA LOCATED ON MILE 11 ½ E. OF FM 1015 AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$3,382.00 FROM THE RESIDENTS OF COLONIA LA PALOMA**
- B. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS - JOINT VENTURE PROJECT**

**9A**

Judge Ruiz stated that this was a continuing effort to construct roads and better the area in his precinct in and around colonias. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a joint venture project with**

Colonia La Paloma located on Mile 11 ½ east of FM 1015 and the acceptance of \$3,382 which is the portion the residents put up for this particular paving.

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

**9B**

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the appropriation of \$3,382 onto obj. 37 under pct. 1 road and bridge.

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

**ITEM 10. URBAN COUNTY:**

- A. CITY OF HIDALGO - SEWER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
- B. CITY OF HIDALGO - WATER WELL PROJECT
- C. PCT. 4 - YOUTH SERVICES SUBRECIPIENT
- D. COLONIA FUND CONTRACT - SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION CHANGE ORDER #1
- E. HOME - FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO MORTGAGE COMPANY

**10A**

Anthony Covacevich stated that this was a low bid with Fitzgerald Contracting. The amount of the contract is \$187,926. This will increase the gallons per day. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award low bid to Fitzgerald Contracting Inc. Contract amount \$187,926 which is low bid.**

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

**10B**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was also a low bid by Thomas Well Service. This will construct a 600 gallon per minute water well. The amount of the bid is \$238,000. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the bid of Thomas Well in the amount of \$238,000.**

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

**10C**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this agreement with the Edinburg Boys and Girls Club was for \$15,000. \$7500 from year 8 and year 9. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a subrecipient agreement for one year and the amount is \$15,000.**

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

**10D**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this change order is for an additional 75 days. The reason for the delay is that several units that were chosen were changed by the Rural Development Agency for different reasons. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and**

was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve change order #1 with Rio Grande Valley Environmental Services adding 75 days to their contract for termination of services.

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

10E

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was one family. The lending institution will the Rural Development Agency. **A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.**

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

**AT THIS TIME, JUDGE RUIZ MOVED TO ITEM 14.**

**ITEM 14. APPROVAL OF BILL - TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Judge Ruiz stated that these were some pending bills with the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Covacevich stated that some of these bills are for legal expenses and also some matches. This involves the Cities Alamo, La Joya Water Supply Corp. and the McAllen Public Utility Board. Mr. Covacevich stated that he would like to transfer the \$20,000 that are budgeted for this purpose to pay these bills. The monies will be transferred to the Hidalgo County Water Development Board for disbursement. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve bills and authorize the transfer of funds of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Hidalgo County Water Development Board.**

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

**ITEM 11. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. **DECLARE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS:**
  - 1. **VARIOUS ITEMS - PCT. 2**
- B. **APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT - ALVARADO ARCHITECTS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. - PCT. 1**
- C. **AWARD BIDS:**
  - 1. **PHARMACEUTICALS AND INFIRMARY MEDICAL SUPPLIES - ADULT DETENTION CENTER**
- D. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXEMPT FROM BIDDING PROCEDURE - ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- E. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ALVARADO ARCHITECTS AND ASSOCIATES INC. - HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- F. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE:**
  - 1. **REMODELING OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC FOR A PULMONARY CLINIC - PHASE I**

11A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the declaration of equipment surplus and authorize our Purchasing Agent to dispose of said equipment.**

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

**11B**

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was in relation to the renovation of Sun Rise Hill Park Pavilion. This contract is in your standard AIA form and it has been reviewed by legal counsel that incorporated some deletions and also some added responsibilities that the architect has agreed to. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute.** Judge Ruiz asked about construction management and it not being included. He did question the needed for architects for the types of renovations that will be done. After further brief comments, **the motion to approve the architectural contract with Alvarado Architects & Associates in pct. 1 as presented was put to a vote.**

**MOTION CARRIED (JUDGE RUIZ OPPOSED)  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**11C**

Mrs. Salazar stated that there was some additional information she needed to gather and she has done so at this time. She stated that bidder #5 & 6 as per the exhibit. She is now recommending the Medicine Shoppe at 10% below AWP + \$3.00 as the most advantageous to the County for prescription drugs. She is recommending Edinburg Pharmacy at a 15% blanket discount for infirmary and medical supplies. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award bid to Medicine Shoppe for the prescription drugs at 10% below AWP + \$3.00 and part II which is prescription infirmary and medical supplies blanket discount which is 15%, that award goes to Edinburg Pharmacy.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**11D**

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was the project for the health clinic. They would like to exempt Alvarado & Assoc. for this project. This has been reviewed by legal counsel and the architect and they approve. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel.** After some clarification as to whether or not they had taken this action in the past and where this project was to happen, **the motion to exempt the architect under professional services from the bidding procedure was put to a vote.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**11E**

Judge Ruiz stated that this was the actual contract. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel.** There was some confusion as to whether the fee was 7 or 8 percent. It was clarified that it was 7% and 8% if the payment was late. **The motion to approve the contract was put to a vote in which all voted in favor.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**11F**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertisement for bids for the proposed remodeling of the old ACCEDC facility to build it into a Hidalgo County Pulmonary Clinic Phase I.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(EXHIBIT Q)****ITEM 12. PCT. 4.:**

- A. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PCT. 4 LANDFILL REPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGE COMPLETION OF WORK IN THE EXISTING ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT**
- B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CLOSING OF PCT. 4 LANDFILL AND RETAINING PORTION OF EXISTING PERMIT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
- C. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITY WITH RUST, LICHLITER/JAMESON YEAR 1997**

**12A**

Judge Ruiz stated that he had not had an opportunity to look over this report and he is not in a position to make recommendation on this issue. Comm. Garces stated that they have checked off on the tasks for pct. 4 landfill. He is in the process of submitting to TNRCC these documents. Judge Ruiz stated that what little he has reviewed, he does not feel it is complete. He would like some more time for the him and the rest of the Commission to review this report to make a better decision on this issue. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to table item 12A,B&C.**

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

**ITEM 13. COUNTY JUDGE:**

- A. **APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PARKS**
- B. **CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS**
- C. **SET SALARIES**

**13A,B&C**

Judge Ruiz stated that this was related to the workshop concerning the consolidation of the parks fund. He asked what the position of the Court was at this time. Commissioner Arcaute stated that based on the figures not being defined as of yet, he is suggesting that they rescind the action on consolidation to be done the following week and then come back with a reduction in force and working out the numbers. After further comments, **the Commission decided that they take no action and that they all figure out how to go about this issue.**

**NO ACTION  
(NO EXHIBIT)**

**ITEM 15. SET AND APPROVE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION, OFFICE & AUTO ALLOWANCE AND OTHER ALLOWANCE FOR COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Judge Ruiz stated that all these budgets have been reviewed by Mrs. Etnire. Aside from the mandatory adjustments concerning minimum wage, there are no increase to any employee. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to set and approve amount of compensation, office and auto allowance and other allowance for county and precinct officers and employees.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT R)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel 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, this meeting is adjourned.

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

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

At this time, Judge Ruiz turned the chair over to Commissioner Arcaute due to another appointment.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,285**

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

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

**ITEM 2. EXEMPTION FROM BIDDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to exempt from the bidding process in the contract for professional services with Turner, Collie & Braden.

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

**ITEM 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TURNER COLLIE & BRADEN INCORPORATED**

Vona Walker stated that this was to be a study under the grant that was approved. This has been approved by legal counsel A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to enter into contract with Turner, Collie & Braden.

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

**ITEM 4. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE:
  - 1. ONE NEW 1997 MOTORGRADER
- B. AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE SURPLUS FOR TRADE IN
  - 1. ONE 1980 CHAMPION MOTORGRADER

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

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

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

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

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

***MOTION CARRIED***

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