

JANUARY 7, 1997

The Honorable Juan Rosel, County Commissioner Pct. 3, called this Commissioner's Court Meeting to order, whereupon the following items were had to wit:

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

GENERAL FUND	- #126478 - #126864	- \$2,342,531.59
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #126123 - #126381	- \$ 799,632.81
DEBT SERVICE FUND	- # 1045 - # 1047	- \$ 6,011.49
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 5961 - # 6019	- \$ 933,331.41
ENTERPRISE FUND	- # 2991 - # 3010	- \$ 18,305.84

**(EXHIBIT A)**

#### **ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 13, 1996**

#### **ITEM 3. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. SUBDIVISIONS:
1. LLANO WEST MOBILE HOME PARK - PCT. 1
  2. HEAVENLY SPLENDOR SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
  3. BENTSEN HEIGHTS UNIT #2 - PCT. 3
  4. COUNTRY ESTATES PHASE 2 - PCT. 3

**(EXHIBIT B)**

#### **ITEM 4. PERMITS:**

- A. NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY - PCT. 1 & 4  
B. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY - PCT. 3 & 4

**(EXHIBIT C)**

#### **ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: (1996)**

A. JAIL	- \$21,000.00
B. JUVENILE PROBATION (GF)	- \$ 8,587.00
C. JUVENILE PROBATION (STATE)	- \$ 5,000.00
D. J.P. PCT. 3, PL. 1 - ARNALDO CORPUS	- \$ 680.00
E. PCT. 4 - ADMINISTRATION	- \$ 179.00
F. COUNTY AUDITOR	- \$ 900.00
G. CONSTABLE PCT. 5	- \$ 526.00
H. WARRANT OFFICERS	- \$ 1,372.00
I. VISITING COURT (JAIL COURT)	- \$ 1,112.54
J. COUNTY JUDGE	- \$ 1,600.00
K. PRINTING DEPARTMENT	- \$ 800.00

**(EXHIBIT D)**

Commissioner Rosel opened by stating that Judge Ruiz would not be attending this meeting due to illness. At this time, he proceeded with consent agenda. There were no changes at this time. Mrs. Etnire stated that on item 5, the line item transfers were for year 1996. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**(EXHIBITS A-D)**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Rosel stated that this was a resolution honoring Ciro Trevino for his years of service in the County. Commissioner Garces proceeded to read the resolution as per exhibit. Mr. Trevino then proceeded to say a few words on his behalf. He thanked the Commission for this resolution. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to adopt the resolution honoring Ciro Trevino.**

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT E)***

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND:**

- A. LETICIA HINOJOSA - 139<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT JUDGE
- B. ARMANDO BARRERA - TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

**2A&B**

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

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

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TROPICAL TEXAS CENTER FOR MH/MR AND THE COUNTY OF HIDALGO FOR PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION**

Commissioner Garces stated that this called for a reimbursement of some fees. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

**ITEM 4. LIBRARY SYSTEM:**

- A. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE HCLS ADVISORY BOARD FROM MISSION AND EDINBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
- B. AUTHORIZATION TO USE TRAVEL FUNDS FOR INTERVIEWING OUT OF COUNTY JOB CANDIDATE

**4A**

William McGee addressed the Court and stated that they had some recommendations for these libraries. For the Mission library, they are recommending Norma Andes, Liz Garza and Ann Whitfield. Ms. Andes is a current member and if appointed, this will be her second term. Mr. McGee proceeded to run down the qualifications of fees candidates. Commissioner Rosel recommended to the Court that they appoint Norma Andes as the representative and Liz Garza as the alternate for the Mission library. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)***

Mr. McGee stated that the recommendations for the Edinburg library are Lydia Ochoa, Ralph Niehaus and Noemi Garza. He proceeded to run down there credentials. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to have as Rep. Lydia Ochoa and as alternate Ralph Niehaus.**

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)***

**4B**

Mr. McGee stated this was to cover a bill for a candidate who will fly down for a job interview. This bill will come to the amount of \$459.00. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT H)**

**ITEM 5. JAIL COMMISSARY:****A. APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE 1997 BUDGET****5A**

Joe Jackson addressed the court and stated that the amount of this budget is \$26,940. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT I)**

**ITEM 6. SHERIFF'S/DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

- A. APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE GRANT FOR THE 1997-1998 PERIOD**
- B. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**
- C. APPROVAL OF ATTACH FORMS:**
  - 1. COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT**
  - 2. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM CERTIFICATION**
  - 3. CERTIFIED ASSURANCES**

**6A,B&C**

**NO ACTION**

**ITEM 7. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:****A. APPROVAL OF 1997 SALARY SCHEDULE****7A**

Mando Barrera addressed the Court and stated that this was in reference to his salaries and some of his job descriptions for his department. There was some question as to if anyone's salary would be reduced and Mr. Barrera stated that it would not be. Commissioner Garces asked if this had gone through personnel and he stated that he had not. The commission was in favor of this but they felt that this should go through personnel to avoid any future problems. After further comments concerning the approval of the 1996 salary schedule being taken up on item 15 along with the other schedules, **Commissioner Garces made a motion to table which was seconded by Commissioner Handy.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT K)**

**ITEM 8. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:****A. APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO 1997 SALARIES****8A**

Rene Guerra addressed the Court and stated his budget was the same as the previous year. It was brought to his attention that when he was asking for approval previously, his schedule was pulled off the agenda without his knowledge. It was pulled off because of the salary structure in which some employees at a raise and some did not. These raises were due to some employees leaving his office. After further brief comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the adjustments to the 1997 salaries for the district attorneys office.**

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

**ITEM 9. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 3, PL. 1 - ARNALDO CORPUS**

- A. **APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO 1997 SALARIES**
- B. **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**9A&B**

Mrs. Etnire stated that this was a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,253.20 to adjust the salary of one employee which is the Court Coordinator. This will allow for the Coordinator to be commensurate with the other J.P. Coordinators. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the salary adjustment for '97 in the amount of \$1,253.20 and a budget amendment to align the salaries as needed.**

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

**ITEM 10. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

- A. **332<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COURT**
- B. **LUNACY TRIALS**

**10A**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$7,312.35 for the Court Coordinator of the 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court. This will be from the 1997 budget.**

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

**10B**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve. This will be from the 1996 budget.**

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

**ITEM 11. PCT. 4:**

- A. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION**
- B. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWO WAY STOP INTERSECTION**

**11A**

Vona Walker stated that this would be for Rogers Rd. and Hoehn Dr. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**(EXHIBIT O)****11B**

Ms. Walker stated that this will be for N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Mile 19. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT O)**

**ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR DATA PROCESSING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT - COUNTY AUDITOR**

**12A**

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

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT P)**

**ITEM 13. URBAN COUNTY:**

- A. CITY OF ALAMO - STREET IMPROVEMENTS - YEARS 8 & 9**
- B. CITY OF ALAMO - PFI-WATER/IMPROVEMENTS YEAR 9**
- C. CITY OF HIDALGO - PFI - SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
- D. CITY OF MERCEDES - CHANGE ORDER #2 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROJECT COMPLETION ON STREET PAVING IMPROVEMENTS**
- E. PCT. 2 - BUDGET AMENDMENT YR. 9**
- F. PCT. 3 - BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 1996**
- G. PCT. 3 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PENITAS - FY 1996**
- H. HOME - CITY OF DONNA - HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM - CANCELLATION**
- I. HOME - CITY OF EDCOUCH - HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM - CANCELLATION**
- J. HOME - FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO MORTGAGE COMPANY**
- K. TRI-PARTY CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE COLONIA SELF-HELP CENTER INITIATIVE**
- L. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LINE OF CREDIT WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF EDINBURG AND APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COLONIA DEVELOPMENT INTEREST EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000**
- M. VILLA RAMA SUBDIVISION - APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT COST FOR SALE OF HOUSE ON LOT 39 TO JUAN DE DIOS SUAREZ**

**13A**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was a contract in the amount of \$18,800. This is for street improvements. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**13B**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract is in the amount of \$12,500. This will cover water and sewer improvements. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

**13C**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract was with Noe Garza Engineers Inc. in the amount of \$1,000. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

**13D**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was for a change order by the City of Mercedes to extend the amount of time by 90 days. This is due to the delay by the city to remove some utilities from the streets to be paved. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

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

**13E**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this budget amendment was to move \$5,000 from his budget to that of the City of San Juan parks and recreation budget and also \$5,000 to the City of Hidalgo youth services line item. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

**13F**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was to increase neighborhood facilities from \$14,000 to \$54,000. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

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

**13G**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was an interlocal agreement with the City of Penitas. This will allow for Pct 3 to help with a neighborhood facilities project. The agreement is in the amount of \$50,000. This is from year 1996. In 1997, the city will transfer back this amount to the County. The Mayor for Penitas addressed the Court and stated that this community center will be part of their headstart program in the City of Penitas. This building used to be a school. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

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

**13H**

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was to cancel three rehab contracts. The reason for the cancellation is because the units are beyond repair. They are currently seeking other means of assistance for these families. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**13I  
NO ACTION**

**13J**  
Mr. Covacevich stated that this was for two families in the amount of \$3,000 each. Upon his recommendation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**13K**  
Mr. Covacevich stated that this to conduct a self help center initiative. This will be to help the residents in some colonias. There will be several activities for this purpose provided with this program. The amount of funding for a two year period is \$389,092 for the first year and \$319,628 for the second year. This agreement will cover the State, County and Proyecto Azteca. Upon approval from the State, the County will forward the money to Proyecto Azteca and then the County will get reimbursed by the State. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Tri-Party Contract Agreement for the Colonia Self Help Center Initiative.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**13L**  
Mr. Covacevich stated that this line of credit will be for \$300,000 and the interest will be \$6,000. Through this fund, the County will pay the interest. This line of credit will facilitate the projects. After further brief comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.**

**MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT Q)**

**13M  
NO ACTION**

**ITEM 14. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

**A. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL WITH LETTER OF CREDIT:**

1. **WESTVIEW ESTATES - PCT. 1**

**B. PLAT APPROVAL:**

1. **CURVE N CURRY - PCT 4**

**14A1**

Roy Gonzalez opened by stating that this subdivision had been given prelim approval on August 20, 1996. Since then all requirements have been made. The developer is asking for final approval but prior to the release of the letter of credit, he needs to comply with the traffic control devices, street signs, testing of the streets, final letter from the water supplier and an

affidavit regarding drainage facilities. Upon his recommendation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to give final plat approval of Westview Estates.**

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

**14B1**

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this subdivision had been approved by the City of Edinburg and their Planning Department. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

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

Commissioner Rosel stated that the Tax Office will be included in this approval as they were for 1996. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.**

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

**ITEM 16. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

**A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDS TO SUBCONTRACTORS RESPONDING TO TITLE 2C, 2A & 3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR YEAR ENDING '96**

**16A**

Dick Dickinson stated that these entities have passed the grading requirements as respondents. This will cover the second half of the program year. These are subject to negotiations and regulatory compliance as well as a pre-award survey to be done by the agency. This has been approved by the PIC. Mr. Dickinson proceed to explain which each program as per the exhibit. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve subject negotiations, regulatory compliance and final approval of the negotiated contract for the respondents to RFP and once all approvals have been obtained, they will then be brought back for final approval.**

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to adjourn Commissioner's Court.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

The Honorable Commissioner Rosel, Commissioner Pct. 3, called this Drainage District Board Meeting to order, whereupon the following items were had to wit:

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF TWDB GRANT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL MATCH**

**IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,429.00 (BUDGET AMENDMENT)**

Vona Walker addressed the Court and stated this was a grant to address the drainage in the County. There is a local match and it will be a 1996 transfer. This amount will be taken from her budget and it will go towards the local match. She is hoping to accomplish the surveying of the area and receive proposed drainage ditches to connect to the master drainage ditches so that when subdivisions are approved, the drainage situation is better addressed. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the grant budget and appropriate the local match from the Drainage District in the amount of \$26,429.00.**

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

**ITEM 2. PERMITS:**

- A. CITY OF EDINBURG
- B. CITY OF MISSION

**2A**

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

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT V)***

**2B**

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

***MOTION CARRIED  
(EXHIBIT V)***

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

***MOTION CARRIED***

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