

The Honorable J. Edgar Ruiz, County Judge, 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	- #127990 - #128268	- \$1,849,891.83
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #127419 - #127627	- \$1,414,433.75
DEBT SERVICE FUND	- # 1061 - # 1068	- \$ 552,260.84
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 6109 - # 6132	- \$ 96,267.51
ENTERPRISE FUND	- # 3068 - # 3077	- \$ 9,209.58

(EXHIBIT A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF COURT REPORTER FEES:

A. SHIRLEY RALSTON - \$1,732.00
 B. MARK KVAPIL - \$ 305.00

(EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 3. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. SUBDIVISIONS:
 1. EL GAVILAN - PCT. 1
 2. CEPEDA SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 3. ROSENDO RAMIREZ, JR. SUBDIVISION - PCT. 2
 4. VALENCIA VILLAGE PHASE II - PCT. 2
 B. RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT:
 1. LA MANCHA #2 - PCT. 3

(EXHIBIT C)

ITEM 4. PERMITS:

A. NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY - PCT. 1
 B. SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE - PCT. 2 & 4
 C. MILITARY HIGHWAY WATER SUPPLY CORP. - PCT. 2

(EXHIBIT D)

ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

A. REPRODUCTION - \$400.00
 B. PCT. 2 - PAVED/UNPAVED - \$500.00
 C. PBX - \$300.00
 D. CONSTABLE PCT. 4 - \$150.00

(EXHIBIT E)

Judge Ruiz called this meeting to order. He stated that Commissioner Arcaute would not be present at this meeting. After some opening announcements, it was stated that there would be no action on item 3A1. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda as amended deleting item 3A1 El Gavilan, Pct. 1, no action.**

MOTION CARRIED

(EXHIBITS A-E)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE - \$98,730.00**

1A

Ramiro Castellano stated that this grant will reimburse them for the housing of illegal aliens. These funds can be used for any use. The Sheriff is requesting that these funds be placed in their jail budget to upgrade their facility. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to appropriate funds of \$98,730 into four categories. 31, 61, 66 & 95 which are improvements to physical operation of the Adult Detention Facility.**

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

ITEM 2. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE 1997 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN FOR HIDALGO COUNTY**

2A

Paul Vazaldua stated that this is a requirement of the Drug Impact Court Grant and the Auxiliary Court Grant. This is this standard policy for the County as well. **A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve and adopt the 1997 Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for the County of Hidalgo. This is for 1997.**

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

ITEM 3. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- A. J.P. PCT. 1, PL. 2 - \$1,200
B. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2 - \$1,300**

3A&B

Judge Ruiz stated that the reason for this is because these amounts were cut from their budget request. It was found that was money was needed. These funds for office supplies. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve budget amendment for both J.P. Pct. 1, Pl. 2 and County Court at Law #2 respectively \$1200 and \$1300.**

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

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:

- A. **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF TEXAS - IMPROVEMENTS TO BUSINESS HIGHWAY 83**
- B. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION - FM 1015 PROJECT**
- C. **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MISSION - EXPANSION OF WEST 495**

4A

Vona Walker stated that this was initially done in 1984. The State would like to continue to improve Highway 83 to Cameron County. The County will only be responsible for the right of way in this County. The County's 10% is estimated at \$14,000. There is money available for this. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the agreement with the State of Texas for the improvements of Business Highway 83 which is our portion of 10% approximately \$14,000.**

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

4B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve resolution authorizing the condemnation against Jackie J. Gatton, property owner along 1015 in Progreso.

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

4C

Mrs. Walker stated that this will allow for the City of Mission to appraise the parcels of land for the County and the County will then reimburse them for this. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement between the County of Hidalgo, City of Mission authorizing the cost for appraisals of 5 parcels, total cost \$3,125.**

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

ITEM 5. PCT. 4:

- A. **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE ESCROW FUNDS TO HOMER H. SCOTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 FOR THE PAVING OF THE ROAD WEST OF JACKSON ROAD AND NORTH OF ROGERS ROAD**

5A

Vona Walker stated that this was a metes and bounds subdivision and the Court had accepted this \$8,000 subject to subdivision being properly platted. It has since been platted and the expense of the developer. All requirements have been met. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the return and release of escrow funds placed by Homer H. Scott in the amount of \$8,000.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT J)**

ITEM 6. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. CITY OF ALTON - ACTION ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AMENDMENT - PFI STREET IMPROVEMENTS (FY 1995-96)
- B. CITY OF ALTON - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 PFI - STREET IMPROVEMENT (HEADSTART FACILITY) (FY 1995-96)
- C. CITY OF LA VILLA - APPROVAL OF APPRAISAL SERVICES - PFI NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY LAND ACQUISITION
- D. MUJERES UNIDAS ESG 1995 - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR RENOVATION AT SHELTER LOCATED IN McALLEN, TEXAS
- E. HOME FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO MORTGAGE COMPANY (3 FAMILIES)
- F. APPROVAL OF 1996 CDBG SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH EDINBURG PONY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (PCT. 4 YR. 9)

6A&B

NO ACTION

6C

Anthony Covacevich stated that contract will be Leonel Garza Jr. for Appraiser at \$650 and Aguirre & Patterson, Inc. for Review Appraiser at \$500. This was bid out. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the appraisal services.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT K)**

6D

Mr. Covacevich stated that this change order was in the amount of \$5,637. The reason for this is change is because the bidder were not allowed to set the site of renovations until after the bid was awarded thus changing some things. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve change order #2 with ESG contract with Mujeres Unidas increasing it by \$5,637.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT K)**

6E

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract was for three families. All the requirements have been met by them. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve three first time home buyers and approve the mortgage companies for letter of commitments.**

**MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT K)**

6F

Mr. Covacevich stated that these monies will come from Pct. 4 yr. 9. The amount of the agreement is for \$5,000 and it will be used to help operate a baseball league. **A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a subrecipient agreement with the Edinburg Pony Baseball Association for an amount of \$5,000 from CDBG funds.**

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

ITEM 7. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:**A. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$55,000.00****7A**

Pete Leal addressed the Court and stated that this money will be used for enhancing the current memorial in front of the Courthouse. The Commission was in agreement with this request. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment of \$55,000 for the Veterans Service for the use of expanding the infrastructure landscaping of the veterans memorial, County of Hidalgo.**

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

ITEM 8. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITATION OF TITLE IIB REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (SYETP) FOR CY 97**
- B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF IIB PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997**

8A

Donna Woodard addressed the Court and stated that they need this approval to go ahead with this process. This program will serve 3,729 participants. This is an increase of approximately 1300. This was approved by the PIC. After further comments, **a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the RFP for these particular programs and functions.**

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

8B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the title IIB Plan for Summer Youth for yr. 1997.

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

ITEM 9. ORDER WAIVING COUNTY JUDGES EXECUTION OF REQUISITIONS

Judge Ruiz stated that this order addresses both requisitions and purchase orders. By this order, there will be more of a burden on the Auditor's Office concerning the bills. During further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces but it was clarified that no action was needed. **All that needed to happen was the signing of the order. Judge Ruiz just wanted this to be part of the record that he was proposing this.**

***NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT N)***

ITEM 10. MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- A. **APPROVAL TO PAY DUES ON CONFERENCE OF URBAN COUNTIES**
- B. **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

10A

Judge Ruiz stated that the dues are in the amount of \$4,010. **A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve membership of \$4,010.**

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

10B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment of \$4,010 for the payment of dues to the Conference of Urban Counties.

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

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:

CONSENT AGENDA**ITEM 1. PERMITS:**

**A. CITY OF EDINBURG - ENCINOS ESCONDIDOS SUBDIVISION
(NO EXHIBIT)**

NO ACTION ON CONSENT.

REGULAR AGENDA

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 - McALLEN CONSTRUCTION CO. -
WESLACO
DRAIN 37 PROJECT**

Vona Walker stated that this change order was in the amount of \$2,730 to reconnect some pipes that were connected to a crossing that was removed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve change order #1 with McAllen Construction increasing the contract by \$2,730.**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

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