

APRIL 1, 1997

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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 CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR

GENERAL FUND	- #129069 - #129251	- \$279,582.07
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	- #128307 - #128504	- \$505,170.51
DEBT SERVICE FUND	- # 1071 - # 1073	- \$ 6,011.49
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	- # 6171 - # 6198	- \$155,855.55

(EXHIBIT A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. JULY 2, 1996
- B. JULY 16, 1996
- C. JULY 23, 1996
- D. JULY 30, 1996

ITEM 3. COURT REPORTER FEES:

- A. ANNETTE ESCOBAR - \$115.00

(EXHIBIT B)

ITEM 4. MONTHLY COLLECTION REPORT:

- A. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - FEBRUARY 1997
 - 1. JESUS MORALES - \$8,062.00
 - 2. ESPIRIDION JACKSON - \$9,548.60
 - 3. ISMAEL "MELO" OCHOA - \$24,012.29

(EXHIBIT C)

ITEM 5. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

A. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3	- \$	500.00
B. JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT		- NO ACTION
C. ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT	- \$	200.00
D. HIDALGO COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES	- \$	100,082.00
E. HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER	- \$	632.50
F. PCT. 3	- \$	1,00.00
G. PCT. 4	- \$	3,300.00

(EXHIBIT D)

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that there were some changes on the consent agenda. The changes were items' 5B & 5D. There will be no action on item 5B and item 5D will just change account number. The amount will stay the same. The account number will be 7-170-441-117.45. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBITS A-D)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DESIGNATION OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER AS AN AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER

Dr. Norton addressed Court and stated that he felt that this was important to the State and the Nation. He feels this will bring some recognition to this river and the area. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to endorse this resolution.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT E)

ITEM 2. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO RE-APPROPRIATE 1996 FUNDS INTO 1997 ACCOUNTS TO PAY AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS AND 1996 INTERNET SERVICE CHARGES - \$54,128

2A

William McGee addressed the Court and stated that the agreements have been done. The monies were budgeted for and planned for in 1996. He would like to pay for these agreements from those monies. There was some question as to whether or not they could be done in this way as well as the effective dates on the agreements. These agreements were approved the previous week. After further comments, Judge Ruiz stated that he wanted to clarify how this issue should be handled before taking any action. The Commission decided to take no action until clarified.

NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT F)

ITEM 3. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN \$50.00 DONATION FROM ROBERTO GARZA FOR THE K-9 UNIT - \$50.00 - 7-010-421-100.24 - FEED FOR ANIMALS

3A

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

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT G)

ITEM 4. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

- A. APPROVAL - REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT - \$25,270
- B. APPROVAL - REQUEST FOR SALARIED POSITION - \$18,470
- C. SET SALARY - \$18,470
- D. APPROVAL OR PRORATED SALARY AND LINE ITEM AMOUNT:
 - 7-010-421-150.03 - SALARIES (97 PRORATED) - \$13,498
 - 7-010-421-150.06 - LABOR TAXES - \$1,033
 - 7-010-421-150.07 - HEALTH INS. - \$1,345

- 7-010-421-150.08 - RETIREMENT - \$945
- 7-010-421-150.10 - UNEMPLOYMENT \$91
- 7-010-421-150.11 - WORKER'S COMPENSATION - \$88
- 7-010-421-150.12 - OFFICE EQUIPMENT - \$1,600
- 7-010-421-150.39 - MINOR EQUIPMENT - \$1,000
- 7-010-421-150.95 - EQUIPMENT - \$22,670

4A-D

Judge Ruiz stated that this was requested by the DPS the previous week. The prorated salary will be \$13,498. The rest of the monies will be appropriated accordingly. The total amount of the amendment was \$42,270. Judge Ruiz voiced the appropriation as per the exhibit. After further brief comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the budget amendment from the County Wide Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$42,270 of which equipment, minor equipment, office equipment and salary are budgeted, approving the budget and set amount, setting a salary for a secretarial position in the amount of \$18,470 annually.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT H)

ITEM 5. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE:

- A. APPROVAL TO INCREASE CHANGE FUND FOR TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENT FROM \$125 TO \$500

5A

Armando Barrera addressed the Court and stated that this was previously done for the substations. He is now requesting approval for the tax office. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an increase in change fund for the tax collection department from \$125 to \$500.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT I)

ITEM 6. PCT. 2:

- A. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE 1996 FUND BALANCE TO 1997 BUDGET PARKS & RECREATION - \$77,061.12

6A

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

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT J)

ITEM 7. PCT. 3:

- A. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,500 FROM PAVED/UNPAVED - RE-APPROPRIATE FROM 1996 FUND BALANCE
- B. APPROVAL OF 1997 LANDFILL CONTRACT WITH RUST ENVIRONMENT

& INFRASTRUCTURE INC. CONTRACT NT TO EXCEED \$51,100

C. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PALMVIEW FOR PAVING OF CITY'S YOUTH CENTER PARKING AREA - PARK FUNDS

7A

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

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT K)

7B

Commissioner Rosel stated that they will be trying to reach the goals that pct. 4 is attempting to reach with their landfill. He would like approving a contract for \$51,100. A discussion ensued where he made a motion to approve this contract. There were some questions raised about this contract. After the discussion, Commissioner Rosel requested that they wait until the following week to clarify this issue. No further action was taken.

NO ACTION
(EXHIBIT K)

7C

Commissioner Rosel stated that this will provide for the paving of the parking lot in the youth center. These monies will come from the park fund from his pct. The amount of the agreement will be \$8,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an interlocal agreement with the City of Palmview, County of Hidalgo for assistance in their paving of a parking area in their city youth center; max. amount of participation from pct. 3 will be \$8,000.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT K)

ITEM 8. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

A. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - RICHARD DICKINSON

8A

Judge Ruiz opened by stating that this is a drafted contract for the Executive Director for OET, Dick Dickinson. Judge Ruiz asked Mr. Dickinson if there were any comments or questions concerning this contract and he stated that he had no problem with this contract at this time. Judge Ruiz asked if the Commission had any questions with this contract. Commissioner Arcaute then addressed the 5% increase that was recently given to OET personnel which did not include that of the Director. He felt that the Director's pay should be increased by at least 5%. The present salary is \$68,000. A 5% increase would bring it up to approximately \$72,000. Commissioner Rosel suggested that they set it at \$75,000. Commissioner Arcaute agreed with a salary of \$75,000. The rest of the Commission did not have any objections to this amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the contract with the only change that they make be the annual salary to be

\$75,000 for a year for that term.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT L)

ITEM 9. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. APPROVAL TO AMEND TDH GRANT 3746000717696-10-A IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,987 AND RELEASE THAT AMOUNT TO THE STATE, AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT WILL READ \$681,160.00 INSTEAD OF \$772,147.00

9A

Dr. James Michael Keenan addressed the Court and stated that this was a State bookkeeping error. A total of \$90,987 needs to be returned to the State. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT M)

ITEM 10. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. SUBDIVISIONS:
1. CIELO AZUL SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1 - PCT. 1
 2. CIELO AZUL SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2 - PCT. 1
 3. EURESTE ESTATES SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4
 4. PALOMA DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4
- B. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL:
1. TEXAS VALLEY ESTATES #3 - PCT. 3
- C. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL:
1. RICHARDSON ESTATES SUBDIVISION - PCT. 4

10A1&2

Emilio Garcia addressed the Court and stated that all requirements have been met. They were approved by the City of Weslaco. Judge Ruiz asked about the drainage of this subdivision. Mr. Garcia stated that it will drain swales in the rear of each lot and going toward Mile 12 North into a drain ditch of Irrigation District #1. Judge Ruiz had some concerns regarding this subdivision with regards to the drainage. Alfonso Quintanilla attempted to ease the concerns. Judge Ruiz was not satisfied with this drainage plan. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve Cielo Azul 1 & 2.

MOTION CARRIED (JUDGE RUIZ OPPOSED)
(EXHIBIT N)

10A3

Mr. Garcia stated that this subdivision was presented previously and the developer has since completed the improvements. He is recommending approval of this subdivision. Commissioner Garces stated that he and his foreman inspected the sight as recently as this morning and everything checked out. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve Eureste

Estates Subdivision in pct. 4, in an AH Zone as presented.

MOTION CARRIED (JUDGE RUIZ & COMM. ARCAUTE OPPOSED)
(EXHIBIT N)

10A4
NO ACTION

10B1

Mr. Garcia stated that this subdivision has been approved by the City of Donna. All prelim requirements have been met. He is recommending prelim approval subject to street signs, traffic control devices, testing of the streets, a final letter from the water supply corporation and the drainage facilities affidavit. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to give preliminary plat approval to Texas Valley Estates #3 in pct. 1 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)

10C1

Mr. Garcia stated that this subdivision has been approved by the City of Edinburg. All requirements have been met and he is recommending approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve Richardson Estates Subdivision in pct. 4 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT N)

ITEM 11. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. CITY OF ALTON - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD YEAR 9 - PFI - STREET IMPROVEMENTS
- B. CITY OF EDCOUCH - APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ALL VALLEY POOL INC. FY 1996
- C. CITY OF EDCOUCH - APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (ENGINEERING) WITH HINOJOSA ENGINEERING, FY 1996
- D. CITY OF LA VILLA - APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 1995
- E. CITY OF MERCEDES - HOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM -CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD
- F. HOME/HOMEOWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHAB APPLICATION
- G. HOME FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO MORTGAGE COMPANY (5 FAMILIES)
- H. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT TO BUDGET \$13,000 TO PAY FOR COUNTY CLERK FEES UNDER HOME PROGRAM
- I. APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PROCEDURES POLICY

11A

Anthony Covacevich stated that this contract is in the amount of \$221,045.90. It will provide for paving of 8 streets. This is the low bid among 4 bidders. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner

Garces to award low bid to Chris Equipment Company, City of Alton, County of Hidalgo, street improvements project.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11B

Mr. Covacevich stated that this contract amount is less than \$15,000. They only obtained written quotations for this project. The amount of the contract is \$8,500. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a low quotation in the amount of \$8,500 to All Valley Pool Inc.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11C

Mr. Covacevich stated that this agreement is in the amount of \$23,272.24. This will be for street improvements in the city. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a professional service contract with Hinojosa Engineering for street improvements, City of Edcouch.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11D

Mr. Covacevich stated that in this budget amendment, La Villa will take monies from year 8 Youth Center, Sidewalks & Removal of Architectural Barriers and move them to water and sewer improvements. This is needed to fund a project that came in higher than expected. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment to their 1995 Urban County Budget, yr. 8 activities in the amount of \$90,000.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11E

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was a low bid situation. The amount of the bid for bid option #1 for \$45,470. There were 4 bidders and it will be for 4 units. The low bidder was J.D. Villarreal. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the home housing rehab program recommendations and bid award to J.D. Villarreal Construction in the amount of \$45,470.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11F

Mr. Covacevich stated that there was one applicant. The City of La Joya is recommending the approval of this application in the amount of \$12,000 for housing rehab. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by

Commissioner Garces to approve a homeowner occupied housing rehab application, Roberto Gonzalez in the amount of \$12,000.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11G

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was approval for 5 families that met the requirements. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the home first time home buyer program of 5 applications and 5 letters of commitment to several mortgage companies.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11H

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was to pay for fees being charged by the County Clerk to file documents for the home program. They are currently taking from the monies that are supposed to go to the families. This amount will cover them for 1997. Judge Ruiz wanted to know why they are being charged. Mr. Covacevich stated that they are trying to exempt themselves from paying these fees due to the tremendous charge. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve budget amendment.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

11I

Mr. Covacevich stated that this had been presented previously. According to state regulations, an engineering study must be done every time a traffic control device is erected. To implement these regulations, a policy needs to be adopted as to how go about this. The Commission was in favor of this plan. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT O)

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. APPROVAL TO EXTEND CURRENT CONTRACT CENTAURI SYSTEMS, INC. FOR 90 DAYS TO AVOID LAPSE IN SERVICE
- B. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE
- C. APPROVAL TO EXTEND PRESENT RENTAL CONTRACT FOR MERCEDES HEALTH DEPARTMENT (PRESENT CONTRACT ENDS 4/18/97)
- D. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR RENTAL SPACE IN THE CITY OF MERCEDES
- E. APPROVAL TO EXTEND PRESENT CONTRACT FOR 60 DAYS - JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY TO AVOID

LAPSE IN SERVICE

- F. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
- G. AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE 2 VEHICLES THROUGH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
- H. AWARD BID FOR AUCTIONEER SERVICES
- I. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PIPE - ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.
- J. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PIPE - VARMICON, PARTNERSHIP
- K. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND INFIRMARY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO EDINBURG PHARMACY
- L. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND INFIRMARY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE MEDICINE SHOPPE
- M. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TIRES TO GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER, INC.
- N. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MS - EMULSIFIED ASPHALT TO TEXAS FUEL & ASPHALT

12A

Martha Salazar addressed the Court and stated that since they will be going out on bids for these services, they will need to extend the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an extension of the contract with Centauri Systems, extension for a period of 90 days.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertisements for bids for the purchase of services for our computer system, services in terms of support and maintenance.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12C

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was an effort to look for new building to rent. The contract needed to be extended. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize an extension of the contract with Mrs. Laura Salinas for the health clinic in Mercedes for 90 days.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertisements for bids for rental space in the City of Mercedes.

MOTION CARRIED

12E

Mrs. Salazar stated that there is an agreement with the vendor to extend the current services while they go out on bids. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the extension of the contract with E & D Janitorial Services for period of 60 days.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertisement for bids for janitorial services for the Community Service Agency.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12G

Mrs. Salazar stated that this will be for only one vehicle instead of two. The amount for one unit will be \$28,519.32. After further comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the purchase of one vehicle through interlocal agreement with the Houston/Galveston Area Council for pct. 1 at a cost of \$28,519.32.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12H

Mrs. Salazar stated that there was only one bid. She is recommending that they award to Bond and Bond Auctioneers to stay at the same rate. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute. After brief comments where it was discussed the County had the option of selling upon surplus, the motion to award bid to Bond and Bond Auctioneers with the amendment that we discussed and authorize our legal counsel to appropriately write an agreement for that.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12I

Mrs. Salazar stated that the following contracts have been approve by legal counsel and have been awarded. This contract is with Advanced Drainage Systems for polyethylene pipes. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approved contract with Advanced Drainage Systems for the purchase polyethylene pipes.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12J

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was the contract for the reinforced concrete pipe and the heavy wall concrete pipe. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Varmicon as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12K

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was a dual award. Edinburg Pharmacy will get the infirmary medical supplies. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract with Edinburg Pharmacy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12L

Mrs. Salazar stated that the Medicine Shoppe will be getting the prescription drugs portion of the award. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract with Medicine Shoppe as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12M

Mrs. Salazar stated that this contract is for the Sheriff's Department and it will not be for a full year. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a Good Year and Rubber Inc.; contract for the purchase of tires.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

12N

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract between County of Hidalgo, Texas Fuel and Asphalt as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT P)

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE REGARDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Paul Vazaldua addressed the Court and handed out a handout concerning the steps required to form this board. There were 5 sections to this process. Sections 1 & 2

have been completed. Section 3 is pending a signature by Mayor Brand. Then there is the interlocal agreement which will be the main portion of the board. It sets out the guidelines for this board and how to appoint officers. Section 5 sets out the actual nomination process for these individuals to be appointed to this board. After brief comments, the Commission took no further action.

NO ACTION
(NO EXHIBIT)

ITEM 14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION
PERTAINING TO
COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Judge Ruiz stated that they are sending letters to the legislation on the items that they approve of and disapprove of, endorse or not endorse. The Commission skipped the first 4 bills of the exhibit. Mr. Vazaldua then went on with item 5, SB 1488. This bill allows for in house counsel and keep the district attorney as attorney of record for the County. Judge Ruiz stated that this bill applies to smaller counties and not Hidalgo County.

Item 6 is a bill which will mandate that constables turn all monies back over to the general fund. This does not apply to Hidalgo County being that this is done already.

Item 7 is a bill for counties to be able to call for county wide referendums. This also only applies in certain aspects being that the County has this authority now for certain issues such as bonds. Judge Ruiz was in favor of this. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to endorse.

MOTION CARRIED (COMM. ARCAUTE OPPOSED)

Item 8 is a bill that pertains to courthouse security. This reads that the Sheriff shall have charge and control of the Courthouse Security subject to the regulations of the Commission. The Court of a county may regulate participation in any county courthouse security program and may require any employee of the county and/or county officer to participate in the courthouse security program. Judge Ruiz felt that they should leave this to the Sheriff. After further comments, the Commission decided to oppose this issue. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to oppose this bill.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 9 is a bill to form a salary grievance committee. This will allow for the public members of this committee be selected by the Court in January of each year. Judge Ruiz was not in favor of this issue being this could possibly delay the budget being that there is a process that must be followed if there is a grievance on any salary. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to not endorse this bill.

Item 10 is a bill that will provide for public mass transit. The Commission had no opinion in favor or against this bill.

Item 11 is concerning the recommendation of Senator Lucio for the 206th District Court be a family court as well as juvenile cases. The Commission wanted to know if this would prohibit this court from taking criminal cases. The Commission had some questions regarding this bill. Judge Ruiz is not recommending this bill until clarified.

Item 12 is a bill that will allow for the appointment of an individual to be the acting County Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer. The appointment will be by the County Treasurer. The Commission was not in favor of this individual. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to not endorse this bill.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces 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 Drainage District Board Meeting to order, whereupon the following items were had to wit:

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. PERMITS:

- A. CITY OF McALLEN - NORTH BENTSEN ROAD
- B. CITY OF EDINBURG - NORTH MAIN DRAIN
- C. CITY OF EDINBURG - NORTH SIDE OF FREDDY GONZALEZ
- D. CITY OF EDINBURG - PALOMA DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION

(EXHIBIT Q)

ITEM 2. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFER:

07-080-433-200.63 - 07-080-433-200.66 - \$500

(EXHIBIT R)

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

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL TO EXEMPT FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT OF A FLOOD STRUCTURE AT MILE 12 3/4 NORTH AT THE IBWC MAIN FLOODWAY LEVY

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to exempt the firm of Sigler, Winston, Greenwood for engineering services in connection to the project of flood control.

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT S)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ENGINEERING FIRM OF SIGLER, WINSTON, GREENWOOD & ASSOCIATES

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

MOTION CARRIED
(EXHIBIT T)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to adjourn Drainage District No. 1.

MOTION CARRIED

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