

The Honorable Renato Cuellar, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit::

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR
(SEE "EXHIBIT A")

ITEM 2. COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES:
A. May 06, 1997

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY COLLECTION REPORTS:
A. County Clerk May 1997 \$272,701.68
B. Law Library May 1997 \$ 4,397.75
(SEE "EXHIBIT B")

ITEM 4. COURT REPORTER'S FEES:
A. Annette E. Escobar:
Cause No. CR-1176-96-G; Sot vs. Santiago Mendoza - \$2,119.00
Transcript Preparation, Evidentiary Phase
(SEE "EXHIBIT C")

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
A. Subdivisions:
1. Amended Plat of Northgate Woods Subdivision Pct. #1
2. Anacuitas Manor Pct. #1
3. Bit-O-Heaven R.V. Park Pct. #1
4. San Isidro Estates Subdivision Pct. #2
5. Valle Alto North Unit III Pct. #2
6. Valle Alto North Unit IV Pct. #2
7. Villa Bonita Subdivision Phase II Pct. #2
(SEE "EXHIBIT D")

ITEM 6. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:
A. Justice of the Peace Pct. #1 Pl. #1 - \$324.50
B. Justice of the Peace Pct. #3 Pl. #2 - \$466.00
C. Justice of the Peace Pct. #5 Pl. #1 - \$550.00
D. 332nd District Court - \$449.95
E. 370th District Court - \$7,800.00
F. Constable Pct. #4 - \$300.00
G. District Attorney - 500.00
H. Jail - \$550.00
I. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved Roads - \$2,000.00
J. Hidalgo County Library system - \$700.00
K. Veterans Services - \$700.00
L. Buildings and Grounds - \$614.46

- M. Hidalgo County Human Services - \$6,100.00
- N. County Extension Service - \$500.00
- O. Hidalgo County Health Department - Administration - \$10.00
- P. Hidalgo County Health Department - Health Clinics - \$850.00
- Q. Hidalgo County Health Department - Immunization Services - \$1,429.00
- R. Adult Probation - Restitution Center (State Funds) - \$805.00, \$55.00 & \$900.00
- S. Drug Impact Court - \$5,335.22

(SEE "EXHIBIT E)

The County Judge began by introducing the consent agenda and asked the Commissioners if there were any changes, additions or deletions. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBITS A-E)

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM I. CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following matter:

- A. Litigation:
 - 1. Consultation with attorney

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:

- A. Litigation:
 - 1. Possible action regarding Civil Action No. M-94-115 Merida Sanchez, et al vs. Hidalgo County

ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding agenda items listed.

ITEM 4. OPEN SESSION:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding agenda items listed.

- 1.
 - The County Judge and Commissioners went into closed session accompanied by Mr. Steve Crain, the County's Legal Counsel.

- 2.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize Tom Brantz, the attorney in this matter to continue discussion at the Judge's discretion.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT F")

REGULAR AGENDA

ADD. 1. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR DISASTER DESIGNATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DUE TO HEAVY RAIN CONDITIONS

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Commissioners that he had provided them with a copy of a letter that had been drafted by Mr. Brad Cowen and himself. The letter was being sent to the Governor's Office requesting that this County be declared a disaster area in order to provide some assistance to farmers and ranchers throughout Hidalgo County due to heavy rainfall. Mr. Cowen, the Hidalgo Extension Agent, then proceeded to pass out a handout that listed the damage assessments that had been made so far. He indicated that they had surveyed many producers in the Rio Grande Valley in trying to make an assessment of the damage that had been caused by the extremely heavy rainfall in March and April of this year. He survey reflected the damage done to vegetable fields in and around Hidalgo County. Mr. Cowen added that there were significant loses and he did not anticipate a lot of funding being available but that there were programs for low interest loans, refinancing of existing debt and other programs that farmers would be able to qualify for. He then went on to explain the procedure that would be taken by the Governor's Office in order to qualify this County for any relief. Judge Cuellar asked Mr. Cowen about the surrounding counties and if they had already made their request and Mr. Cowen responded by saying that Cameron and Starr Counties had already made requests. Commissioner Rosel asked Mr. Cowen, if he was considering the labor costs in the loss of dollars and Mr. Cowen explained that the amount was just for the value of the crops and there were two columns that would compute costs due to labor loss. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that it was a great economic loss as far as farmworkers were concerned. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces that they authorize the submission of this request for disaster designation to the Governor because of the flooding.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 1. TAX OFFICE:

- A. Approval of Tax Refunds:
 - 1. ROC Communities, Inc. - \$1,273.61
 - 2. Lucrecia Cavazos - \$510.50
 - 3. Hollis M. Fritts - \$609-59

Armando Barrera, the County Tax Assessor-Collector, came before the Court requesting the approval of three refunds. He indicated that these were two late homesteads and one over 65, as reported by the Appraisal District.. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to approve the tax refunds.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT G")

ITEM 2. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE:

- A. Criminal Auxiliary Court:
Consider and approve submittal of a \$241,028.00 grant application requiring a \$26,781.00 local match to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program for enhancing adjudication
- B. Drug Impact Court:
1. Consider and approve Grant Acceptance
 2. Appropriation of budget (1997/1998)
 3. Set salaries

2/A

Paul Vazaldua informed the Commissioners that this item was pertaining to the Criminal Auxiliary Court.. He mentioned that in 1997 the County Judge's Office submitted an application to the United States Department of Justice which is currently operating the County's Criminal Auxiliary Court which holds cases in this court.. He added that he is requesting approval to resubmit the application to the department of Justice in the amount of \$241,028.00 which is available to this County under a block grant formula which requires a 10% match of \$26,781.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the submittal.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See "EXHIBIT H")

2/B

Mr. Vazaldua informed the Court that this next item was to accept the 1998 grant budget, appropriate it and set salaries. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve. Mr. Vazaldua proceeded to give the Commissioners a handout after which Commissioner Garces asked about the \$26,000.00 for allowed for travel and if there were any alternatives to bring this amount down. Mr. Vazaldua stated that they are now starting to make use of the local judges to bring the cost down. He added that he will be attending a conference on how they can better their monies in other areas such as serving warrants to all of the NISI cases, of which there are 300 at this time. As of right now, there are three current local judges that they can use for this issue. He also went on to say that there were some changes from the 96-97 grant., under the setting of the salaries, there is an administrative secretary position. Those funds have been allocated for Sandra De Leon, who is a secretary in Mr. Vazaldua's office, who handles the court's administrative duties. Judge Cuellar then called for the question and took a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT H")

Commissioner Arcaute asked Mr. Vazaldua that on the handout the local match was \$63,000.00 and in the request it was \$26,781.00. Mr. Vazaldua informed him that the in-kind for the auxiliary court was \$26,000.00 and the one for the drug court is \$63,000.00.

ITEM 3. ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT:

- A. August 09, 1997 Special Constitutional Amendment Election and November 04, 1997 Constitutional Amendment Election:
1. Approval of Appointment of Judges and Alternate Judges
 2. Approval of polling place locations and early voting substations
 3. Approval of overtime for office staff during early voting and election day
 4. Approval of pay rate for Election Judges and Clerks in the amount of \$6.00 per hour
 5. Approval of budget amendment and appropriation of \$34,646.90 for the special election to be held on August 09, 1997

3/A/1

Oscar Cantu, Election Clerk, came before the Court to request approval of the appointment of Judges and alternate judges for the Special Election to be held August 9, 1997 and the Constitutional Amendment Election to be held November 4, 1997. The appointments are for election day and early voting. Commissioner Rosel asked if most of these people had served previously and Mr. Cantu replied that they had. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the appointment of the judges and alternate judges.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

3/A/2

Mr. Cantu explained that the second item was for the approval of the polling place locations on election day and the early voting substations. Commissioner Rosel asked how the number of early voting substations compared with the previous years and Mr. Cantu responded that it was about the same. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

3/A/3

Mr. Cantu then indicated that the third item was approval of overtime for office staff during the early voting and election day period for both of these elections. Commissioner Garces asked if the total of \$6,005.00 was accurate and Mr. Cantu stated that it was. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve. Commissioner Rosel had a question on the overtime and Mr. Cantu indicated that the amount of the overtime was for a budget amendment

to cover the cost and expenses for these elections. A vote was called and the item passes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

3/A/4

Mr. Cantu requested approval of the pay rate for election judges and clerks in the amount of \$6.00 per hour. He pointed out that on the Special Election to held on August 9th, and previously they had been paying at \$5.00 per hour. On September 1st, the minimum wage will be going to \$5.45 and they will be able to cover the \$5.00 for the August election but he doesn't believe they can for the November election. Noe Perez, the Elections Administrator stressed that right now the law says that they can pay between \$5.00 and \$6.00 but after September it will change. Commissioner Garces asked them if they had calculated the amount that would be needed and Mr. Cantu pointed out that they had an estimate of \$9,540.00. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the pay rate for election judges and clerks, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

3/A/5

Mr. Cantu indicated that this next item was for approval of a budget amendment and appropriation in the amount of \$34,646.90 for the special election to be held on August 9, 1997. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT I")

ITEM 4. JUVENILE PROBATION:

- A. Approval of Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation TJPC D97 Grant Budget and appropriation of \$34,423.63

Buddy Silva, Juvenile Probation Director, came before the Court requesting approval of the appropriation of \$34,423.63 from their Title IVA funds received from the State. These monies are reimbursement funds that were received from the State through the Federal Government and he is requesting that they be appropriated and placed into the residential placement category for expenditure purposes. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request..

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT J")

ITEM 5. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E.. allocation from the State Comptroller in the amount of \$11,504.43 in Account No. 7-010-421-110
- B. Approval to appropriate \$4,376.30 in the Sheriff's Investigation fund 104 Account No. 7-0100421-100.47 (Telephone) for monies received from three (3) forfeiture Awards
- C. Authorize County Auditor to process payment of Clothing Allowance to non-uniform officers in the Sheriff's Dept., Jail, and the South Texas Auto theft Grant and make payment in conjunction with the regular payroll
- D. Approval to apply for a grant (Advance Community Policing) from the U.S. Department of Justice
- E. Approval of budget amendment from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,419.39 for the Jail Account No. 7-010-423-100.61 (Building Repairs and Maintenance Service)

5/A

Emilia Uriegas came before the Court to request the approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E. allocation in the amount of \$11,504.43. Commissioner Garces asked if these were like the constables funds and Ms. Uriegas said that it was. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT K")

5/B

Ms. Uriegas proceeded with the next item which was a request for the appropriation of \$4,376.30 in the Sheriff's Investigation fund account number 7-104-421-100.47. She explained that these monies were received from three forfeiture awards. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT K")

5/C

Ms. Uriegas then made a request to authorize the County Auditor to process payment of clothing allowance for non-uniform officers in the Sheriff's Department, Jail and the Auto Theft grant personnel. Commissioner asked Lt. Fidel Jasso if everything was in order and Lt. Jasso responded that it was. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize payment, after which Commissioner Garces commenced a discussion. He indicated that they had discussed this last year and that it had already been budgeted. Ms. Uriegas added that at the time Steve Austin, the former Auditor, had mentioned that it was compensation and that was the reason they were going through the payroll process. A vote was then taken on the motion and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT K")

5/D

Lt. Fidel Jasso then approached the podium to request the approval to apply for a grant under the U.S. Department of Justice for monies that can be utilized for equipment at the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Rosel asked what the purpose of the grant was and Lt. Jasso explained that it would be used on four possible projects. One of these projects was the monitoring between the courts and the Sheriff's Office; another was for the digitizing and fingerprinting system, this would be a vital service for both the Sheriff's Department and other agencies. They were also looking into the GPS, which was the Global Position System, and it was a type of communication system that would help to monitor their patrol monitors, as well as directing them to locations where assistance was being requested out in the rural areas. He added that this system would help them in locating the closest unit to respond to the situation being faced at the time. The fourth project that they were looking into was for computers for in-house and for the substations that would be designated throughout the county. Commissioner Rosel asked if the monies would be used for the purchase of the equipment and the implementation of same and Lt. Jasso responded by giving an in-depth explanation of the GPS system and how it would be utilized. Commissioner Garces also joined the discussion by stating that about two years ago they had visited with the Sheriff's Office and had discussed the setting up of a monitor to arraign and take pleas and motions from the Sheriff's Office over to any of the State Courts and he felt that this was being addressed on the fourth project. He felt that this grant would be a big help with regards to processing arraignments at a faster pace, as well as utilizing less personnel, which could be used at patrol or other areas. He then asked Lt. Jasso if this was the first time this type of grant was being offered and the reply was that it was and that there were no matching funds and he felt that, based on population, the County qualified for up to a million dollars. Commissioner Garces then made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the application for the grant, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT K")

5/E

Roy Quintanilla came before the Court requesting a approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,419.39 to be placed in line item 61, building repairs and maintenance. He explained that this year they had a rash of air conditioning problems that needed to be addressed quickly as several units in the back were out and had to be repaired. He added that they also had to address the duct issue in the building and this year alone they had two worker compensation claims filed against them for the condition of the air, that was being processed through the duct work that has never been cleaned and this issue was also addressed. Commissioner Garces made a motion to approve the budget amendment from the General Fund, in the amount of \$25,419.39 to the Jail account item number 61. Commissioner Rosel then seconded the motion and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT K")

ITEM 6. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Elsa - Approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Edcouch-Elsa (FY1996)
- B. HOME "First-Time HOMEBUYER Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (10 Families)
- C. HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications
- D. City of Hidalgo - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award
- E. Approval of an agreement with the Pharr Economic Development Corp. for services rendered in relation to the I-69 Project and a budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the General Fund
- F. Precinct #4 - Parks, Recreational Facilities - Approval of Professional Service Contract with Quintanilla, Headley and Associates
- G. Approval of 1995 Public Services - Youth Subrecipient Agreement with La Joya Housing Authority
- H. Approval of Tax abatement agreement with SCI Development Services, Inc. (Lessor) and Stuart Entertainment, Inc. (Lessee) as per the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement in Reinvestment Zones adopted by the Commissioners Court on April 29, 1997
- I. Public hearing on an Order designating certain real property within the unincorporated area of Hidalgo County as a Reinvestment Zone and approval of the order
- J. Appointment of members to the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation
- K. Appointment of member to the Hidalgo County Industrial Development Corporation

6/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that the City of Elsa was requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Edcouch-Elsa for an amount of \$35,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/B

Mr. Covacevich indicated that he had some First-Time Homebuyers agreements and letters of commitments to the mortgage companies. He added that there were ten families listed and they were for \$3,000.00 and the names of the lenders are also listed on the exhibited. He was at this time requesting approval to enter into agreement with these families and to issue letters of commitments to the lenders named herein. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/C

Mr. Covacevich stated that the next item was Homeowners Occupied Housing Rehab application and they had three cities that had submitted applicants. There were four applicants; two from Palmview for \$12,000.00 each, one from La Joya for \$15,000.00 and one from La Villa for \$15,000.00. He was requesting for approval of the Housing Rehab applications as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/D

Mr. Covacevich informed the Commissioners that the City of Hidalgo was requesting approval of a construction contract award under the HOME Housing Rehab Program. The award was for Alpha Construction for bid option number one for \$64,000.00 for the rehab of five units in the City of Hidalgo and it was a low bid. Alpha Construction have met all requirements and he is requesting approval to enter into contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/E

Mr. Covacevich continued by saying that on the next item he was requesting approval of an agreement with the Pharr Economic Development Corporation for services rendered in relation to the I-69 project and a budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the General Fund. He then mentioned that back in October or November of 1996, the County had met to renew an agreement with the Pharr Economic Development Corporation. The agreement called for a \$60,000.00 amount to be approved. At that time the Border Partnership was soliciting the funding and had not received commitments from the city of Edinburg or the City of Mission. Those commitments were made a condition to the approval of the agreement and until such time that those commitments were made by the Cities of Mission and Edinburg, who are partners in the Border Partnership, the County would not participate in the project. He added that those commitments have been made by those cities with the last one being the City of Edinburg. He stated that the Pharr Economic Development Corporation was handling the funding for the Border Partnership, which was formed to assist the interest of the border area. This particular contract was for the use of providing information and hiring of personnel that would provide federal legislation to make U.S. Hwy. 281 a part of the I-69 system. This was a renewal and a new contract had been drafted. Commissioner Garces wanted to know about any problem that the Pharr Economic Development Council had had with regards to staff layoffs and Mr. Covacevich explained that the City of Pharr was the entity who was handling the money and the duties that were previously handled by the staff are now being handled by the City Manager. The Corporation itself is still in existence and is a valid corporation. The agreement has been reviewed by the county legal counsel. Commissioner Rosel asked about the breakdown of funds by the participating entities and Mr. Covacevich responded that they were as follows: Pharr - \$40,000.00; Edinburg - \$38,000.00; Mission - \$40,000.00; McAllen - \$55,000.00 and the County - \$60,000.00.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces, to approve the request and the budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000.00 and for authorization to enter into the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/F

Mr. Covacevich stated that the next item was for Precinct #4. They were requesting approval of a professional services contract with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates for a recreational facility in the Hargill Community park area. The contract amount was for \$2,520.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/G

Mr. Covacevich informed the Court that the next item was a request for approval of the 1995 public services youth subrecipient agreement with the La Joya Housing Authority. This was the City of La Joya entering into an agreement with the La Joya Public Housing Authority for \$25,000.00. These funds will be used to provide youth activities such as a computer lab, karate, arts and crafts, music and dance instruction. The contract is for one year and he is requesting approval of the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/H&I

Mr. Covacevich requested that no action be taken on these two items as they were not ready.

NO ACTION.

6/J

Mr. Covacevich explained that this next item was a housekeeping item, where as the need arises this Commissioners' Court needs to appoint members to the Housing Finance Corporation. This corporation was created as a financial instrument to be able to allow the County to float housing bonds. He added that it carried a tax exemption because it was in the name of Hidalgo County, but the county suffers no liability from this Corporation. The members are appointed by the Commissioners' Court and traditionally the members have been the County Commissioners and the County Judge on a personal, private capacity. He was at this time requesting that the Commissioner appoint members to the Housing Finance Corporation at this time. A discussion ensued with regards to how the motion should be stated and if they could appoint members outside this Commission. Commissioner asked what the present membership was at this point and Mr. Covacevich replied that the present members were Lalo Arcaute, Sam Sanchez, J. Edgar Ruiz, Juan Rosel and Lupe Garces.

Commissioner Rosel indicated that he would like the public to get involved in this venture, possibly having the five members plus two others and Mr. Covacevich said that it could be done by amending the by-laws. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to appoint Sylvia Handy and Renato Cuellar as members of the Housing Finance Corporation. Commissioner Rosel then brought up the liability issue, after which Commissioner Garces made a friendly amendment to the motion to amend the by-laws to add an additional two positions and Judge Cuellar added that each of the members of this board be allowed to appoint one more, thus doubling the size, and that way they can have time to see what the duties are and to find someone that is willing to serve and accept the liability. Mr. Covacevich informed the Commission that according to legal counsel, the corporation was the only one who could amend the by-laws, so the corporation would have to meet at a later time and amend the by-laws, as Commissioner's Court has no power to do so. Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel explained that only the corporation could amend, and once the additional slots are added, then this Commissioners' Court would be able to fill those vacancies. Commissioner Garces then stated that they would be going back to the original motion, after which a vote was taken and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

6/K

Anthony Covacevich reported that the next item was to appoint members to the Hidalgo County Industrial Development Corporation. He added that at this time the only member of this corporation who sits on the Commissioners' Court is Lalo Arcaute. He was also wanting to appoint new members as there may be a new project coming up that may require action by the Industrial Development Corporation. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to appoint Juan Rosel, Lupe Garces, Renato Cuellar and Sylvia Handy to the Hidalgo County Industrial Development Corporation.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT L")

ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
 - 1. Amended plat of lots 9 thru 18 Abram North Subd. - Pct. #3
- B. Final Plat Approval with Letter of Credit:
 - 1. Silverado North Subd. - Pct. #3

7/A

Emilio Garcia came before the Court requesting approval of the Amended plat of lots 9 through 18 Abram North Subdivision. This subdivision is in Precinct Three, located approximately ½ mile north of Mile 4 North on the west side of Davis Lane. On November 13, 1995, the Court approved Abram North Subdivision, since then the engineering firm has found some errors on some of the lots and they have been corrected and this is what the amended is. A motion was made by

Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the subdivision as requested.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT M")

7/B

Mr. Garcia explained that he was requesting final approval with a letter of credit of Silverado North Subdivision. He added that about two weeks ago he had presented this subdivision to the Court and since then the developer had come in with a letter of credit in the amount of \$36,904.50 and this was for the street improvements. He is recommending approval of this subdivision subject to the street signs, traffic control devices, final letter from the corporation and also the final letter from the City of Mission that the sewer lines are in place. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the subdivision as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT M")

ITEM 8. PRECINCT #1:

- A. Approval of budget amendment and appropriation of \$6,294.73 from Parks Unappropriated Fund Balance into Park Pct. #1 budget for slot #9

Commissioner Handy informed the Court that she wanted to make a motion to amend the budget from the Parks Unappropriated Funds for Park slot #9 in the amount of \$6,294.73. This increase was approved in the Commissioners' Court meeting of June 17, 1997 and she was just doing the amendment. Upon a second by Commissioner Arcaute, the request was approved.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT N")

ITEM 9. PRECINCT #2:

- A. Authorization and approval of reclassification and upgrade of salary position #3 in Parks Department from \$13,495.91 to \$16,000.00
- B. Authorization and approval to increase salaries in Park Budget by 5% excluding position #3
- C. Approval of internal line item transfer

9/A

Commissioner Arcaute explained that this was a request for approval on the reclassification of one employee and the upgrade of salary position #3 in the Parks Department. The salary increase was from \$13,495.91 to \$16,000.00. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize to do the reclassification and salary upgrade as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT O")

9/B

Commissioner Arcaute informed the Court that on this item he was requesting authorization to increase salaries in the Park Budget by 5% with the exception of slot #3. Commissioner Rosel stated for the record that he was excluding position #3. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT O")

9/C

Commissioner Arcaute requested a line item to cover the increase for the remaining of 1997. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to approve a line item transfer of \$4,217.53, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT O")

ITEM 10. PRECINCT #3:

- A. Authorization to purchase three mobile phones and connect service for Administration, Park and Planning Department
- B. Authorization to increase salaries by 5% in Precinct #3 landfill
- C. Approval of budget amendment - Pct. #3 landfill

10/A

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that a couple of weeks ago they had discussed the possibility of changing the phone policy that this Commissioners' Court had adopted previously. He added that he had not talked to all of the Commissioners on this issue, but in the meantime he would like to request the purchase of three mobile phones; one for the Administration, one for Parks and one for Planning. He would like to purchase the telephones and enter into a lease service contractual agreement with a vendor. He indicated the need for the phones and he would like to make a motion to this effect. Upon a second by Commissioner Garces it was clarified that the phone for Planning would have to come out of the General Fund. He then amended his motion to the approval of two phones, one for Administration and one for Parks

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT P")

Commissioner Rosel then made a motion to authorize the Planning Department to purchase and execute or enter into an agreement with a vendor for a cell phone agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garces and upon a vote it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT P")

10/B

Under this next item, Commissioner Rosel stated that two weeks ago Commissioners' Court had taken action to increase salaries in Precinct One and he is presently requesting authorization to increase salaries by 5% for the landfill which would be a total of \$62,673.00. He then made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Garces to increase the salaries for Precinct Three landfill by 5% for the five employees.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT P")

10/C

Commissioner Rosel indicated that a budget amendment would be needed to fund the previous action. The amount of the amendment to cover the remaining year is \$3,954.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT P")

ITEM 11. PRECINCT #4:

- A. Approval to appropriate fund balance into 1997 budget
- B. Transfer \$15,900.00 from fund balance into 1997 Adm.
- C. Create (3) new positions (2 maintenance & 1 truck driver/maintenance)
- D. Set salaries for maintenance positions @ \$5.61 hourly - \$11,668.00 and truck driver/maintenance position @ \$6.50 hourly - \$14,196.00
- E. Transfer \$320,768.56 into 1997 paved/unpaved budget
- F. Increase slot #3521.27 (clerk position) by 5%, monies available from fund balance
- G. Abolish slot #0594.002 in the General Fund Pct. #4 landfill
- H. Reallocate monies into remaining 5 positions to grant a 5% salary increase with the remaining balance to be applied to contractual services
- I. Internal line item transfer
- J. Discussion and possible action with regards to a "washed out bridge" (Donna Irrigation District) located on Anderson Road and Valverde Road

11/A

Nelda Chavez came before the Court requesting approval to amend their Paved/Unpaved budget and appropriate their unappropriated fund balance into their 1997 Paved/Unpaved budget. She mentioned that item one was for approval of a budget amendment and appropriation of fund balance into 1997 budget. Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, informed the Court that under the item as posted it did not mention budget amendment, it only called for appropriation of the fund balance, so this has not been properly posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Garces asked for clarification and Steve Crain explained that under her

presentation she was calling for a budget amendment and it was not posted as such. Commissioner Garces told Mr. Crain that they had gone through this issue the previous week and they had questioned the terminology and they went and posted their item based on the action taken at last weeks meeting. Commissioner Rosel tried to clarify the situation by saying that the County Auditor was only needing them to appropriate the fund balances and Mr. Crain indicated that comparing the agenda that was posted and the exhibit that was just handed out the addition under item "A" is the word budget amendment. Commissioner Garces then stated that they would appropriate the monies as posted and they would come back next week and do the budget amendment. Commissioner Arcaute asked the Court why it was being called an amendment and after further discussion Commissioners Arcaute and Rosel didn't see why there would be a problem. Commissioner Garces then asked that they disallow the handout and just consider the request as posted. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy, to appropriate fund balance into 1997 budget; the amount being \$363,534.78.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/B

Ms. Chavez stated that the next item was for authorization to transfer \$15,900.00 from the fund balance into 1997 Administration. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/C

Ms. Chavez was requesting the creation of three new positions; two maintenance and one truck driver maintenance position. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to create the three positions; two maintenance and one truck driver maintenance and the total amount is \$26,385.32.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/D

Ms. Chavez was requesting the setting of salaries for the maintenance positions at \$11,668.00 and the truck driver maintenance at \$14,196.00, these are annual salaries. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/E

Ms. Chavez explained that this next item was for the transfer of \$320,768.56 into the 1997 Paved/Unpaved budget. Commissioner Garces moved to

approve and pointed out that they were allocating \$10,000.00 into Item 20, landscaping \$300.00, chemicals and medication for \$1,000.00, cleaning and sanitation \$500.00, uniforms \$100.00, parts and supplies \$50,000.00, road materials \$50,000.00, hauling \$50,000.00, road repair and maintenance \$10,000.00 and water accessories \$1.00, new roads \$100,000.00 and equipment \$48,867.56. Upon a second by Commissioner Rosel the item was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

Steve Crain again clarified the record by saying that there was a motion under Item C to create three new positions as total salary of \$26,385.32 and then there was a motion under item D to set salaries for \$11,668.00 and \$14,196.00, and he was wanting to know if that was a part of the \$26,385.32 and Ms. Chavez indicated that it was a total amount. He then added that the total amount did not add up to \$26,385.32. Commissioner Garces asked Ms. Chavez if they had created three positions but were setting salaries for only two of the positions and Ms. Chavez replied that they were setting salaries for the three positions. The Commissioner asked that she state what they were trying to accomplish and she said that they were wanting to create two maintenance positions at a salary of \$11,668.80 each. She added that it would not total to \$11,000.00 because it would only cover the remainder of the year. Steve Crain then stated that he would let the Auditor worry about it.

11/F

Ms. Chavez informed the Court that this next item was to increase slot #27 by 5% with monies were available from the Fund Balance. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/G

This next request called for the abolishment of slot #0594.02 in the General Fund Precinct Four Landfill account. Commissioner Garces explained that this position has been vacant for some time now and as they were trying to move forward on the closure of the landfill in Precinct Four, they were trying to downsize the staff as needed. He would be requesting, on the next item, to increase the salaries of the remaining staffers by 5%. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to abolish slot #02 in the General Fund Precinct Four landfill.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/H

Ms. Chavez explained that this next item was to reallocate monies into the remaining five positions to grant a 5% salary increase, with the remaining balance to be applied to contractual services. Commissioner Garces stated that this item was related to the previous item in that they were using the monies from the abolished

position to give the 5% increase. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/I

Commissioner Garces stated that he was requesting approval of an internal line item transfer of \$10,856.35 and they would like to appropriate this amount into contractual services, under the same department. He then made a motion to this effect and it was seconded by Commissioner Rosel.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT Q")

11/J

Commissioner Garces informed the Court that they had taken some pictures of this site, the Anderson Road crossing. He mentioned that on the second week of March the County had been hit with very heavy rainfall and this crossing had been washed out. It lay right between Precincts One and Four. He then went on to explain that his department had been working along with the Donna Irrigation System and the Drainage Department to see first of all who is responsible for the repairs. He stated that they had had several meetings to establish who's responsibility it was and they had been informed that there was no easement in the name of the County and they had been in contact with two employees from the Donna Irrigation District who said that they had worked on that particular crossing. He was at this time bringing it to the attention of Commissioners' Court to maybe get some feedback from Steve Crain, but the Drainage District manager to see what road or what easement they can use to repair it. He added that it had also been brought to his attention that Precinct One has had a horrifying incident where one did fall into one of those cave-ins and he would not like for this to happen again. Steve Crain stated that they had been in touch with the attorney for the Donna Irrigation District and they have had some managerial changes at the Donna Irrigation District. He said that another meeting was trying to be scheduled with the Donna Irrigation District Board and he was asking that this Court name who will be representing the County at that meeting, someone other besides himself. Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District Manager, also added that in his opinion, this crossing did not belonged to the Donna Irrigation District, but it was one of the ditches that the Drainage District was looking at taking over on the expansion of the Master Drainage System. Commissioner Garces said that his concern was appropriating monies to an ineligible project, dealing with paved/unpaved and he was willing to sit down with Donna Irrigation to see if maybe they can resolve the problem and repair this crossing and he felt that this had to be done right away. This was causing a great inconvenience for the regular traffic that passed through there. Commissioner Handy added that she had also received many calls from those areas and she felt that it was a street that was quite traveled. Commissioner Rosel asked what type of culverts were in place right now and how long it would take to repair the damage and Godfrey Garza responded to his question. Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute agreed that this problem can be repaired under declaration of an emergency, being that one vehicle has already fallen into the ditch. After further discussion Commissioner Garces asked Mr. Crain if it would be proper for this Court to take action under an emergency status and the response was

that his concern was the fact that this property did not belong to the County, where it crosses the canal, it's the property of Donna Irrigation District and the County would need their permission to cross their canal. Commissioner Garces felt that the County would not have any problem with the Donna Irrigation District telling them that it would be okay to fix it, but Mr. Crain stated that the Commissioner had to take into consideration the pipe that needed to be replaced and would the County be willing to replace this pipe, which belonged to Donna Irrigation District before reconstructing the road. Commissioner Handy asked what the fastest way to get this problem solved was and Mr. Crain indicated that this would be to just concentrate on this issue first. He added that the attorney for the Donna Irrigation District was trying to set up a meeting between the County and their board and he had asked that it be held possibly this week but no later than next week. Commissioner Garces then stated that he would like for one of the residents of the area to come up and make a statement regarding this situation. Denise Torres came up and stated that she lived on Anderson Road, and she had a petition that had been signed by fifty-four residents who lived on or around that road who were affected by the closing of this crossing. She mentioned that there were several occasions when the barricades and the safety signs were getting blown down. She added that she had called the Donna Irrigation District on several occasions and they had informed her that it was not even their land or drain pipe, thus claiming no responsibility. She had also been talking to Commissioner Garces and her concern as a resident was who can make the Irrigation District take the responsibility or the Drainage District. Godfrey Garza then stated that since it was a County Road, the County should rebuild the road until an agreement is reached with the Irrigation District to make the required improvements to the area. Commissioner Garces said that that might be a problem because the farmers use the waterway. After further discussion Ms. Torres pointed out that if they can figure out where the water is coming from to fill that ditch, be it run-off or irrigation then they could find out who is responsible for the repairs. There being no further discussion no action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Recommending award of Mosquito Mist and Mosquito Larvicide for Hidalgo County Health Department
- B. Recommendation for award of one (1) 1990 or newer Motor Grader - Pct. #4
- C. Requesting approval of authority to advertise for "off-Premises Storage, Records Management, Pick up and Delivery for the District clerk
- D. Recommending to reject sole bid received on office rental space in the City of Mission
- E. Requesting authority to advertise for office rental space in the City of Mission for the Hidalgo County tax Office
- F. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements the rental space for Hidalgo County Tax Office and requesting authorization to pay six months of rental for the Tax Office in the City of Mission to present vendor that include 1-1-7 to 6-30-97 - total for 6 months - \$5,100.00
- G. Requesting approval of a month to month rental agreement with present vendor to allow completion of competitive bid process - Rental amount at a rate of \$850.00 per month

- H. Requesting authority to advertise for one (1) new 1998 cargo van - WIC Program
- I. Requesting authority to advertise for construction of road improvements to Lakeway Drive extension (Progreso Lakes) - Pct. #1
- J. Requesting authority to advertise for installation of low profile curb and gutter and adjustment of existing type "manhole" grated inlet within Linda Vista Subdivision - Pct. #3
- K. Requesting authority to advertise for "Crushed Caliche" for an area East of Abram for Precinct No. 3
- L. Approval of Lease Agreement for WIC Clinic in San Juan - South Texas Developers
- M. Approval of contract for "Library Books" with multiple vendors - Escue & Associates, Ingram Library Services, Inc. and Brodart Co. - Hidalgo County Library System
- N. Approval of lease agreement with Health Clinic in Mercedes with Laura Salinas
- O. Approval of contract with G.A.S. for the remodeling of an existing portion of health Department Space for a pulmonary clinic
- P. Requesting recommendation to reject all bids for "Wrecker Service" for the Sheriff's Department due to minimal participation in bid process by vendors
- Q. Requesting authority to declare one (1) 1995 GMC 15 passenger van with VIN 1GJHG39KXS513964 for the purpose of trade-in
- R. Requesting authority to purchase on (1) 1997 E350 Club Wagon through our Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council
- S. Requesting adoption of RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT for participation in the State's Live Scan and Electronic Reporting Project by the Hidalgo county Sheriff's Department
- T. Requesting approval of contract and agreement between Criminal Justice Policy Council and Hidalgo County
- U. Requesting approval of contract between Hidalgo County and Earl R. Hunt and Associates for Programming Services for the Implementation of the electronic Reporting Project through the (NCHIP) grant
- V. Requesting approval of contract for "Biohazardous Waste Disposal Services" with Enviro Tech Carriers, Inc.

12/A

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court recommending the awarding of a contract for mosquito mist and mosquito larvicide for the Health Department.. The bid was opened on June 4th and there were two bidders, Public Health Equipment and Supply with mosquito mist at \$35.54 per gallon or \$1,954.70 per fifty-five gallon drum and the larvicide was \$10.50 per gallon or at \$577.50 per fifty-five gallon drum. The other bidder was William F. Strickhouser Company with mosquito mist at \$39.00 per gallon or \$2,145.00 per fifty-five gallon drum and the larvicide at \$13.00 per gallon or \$715.00 Per fifty-five gallon drum. She was at this time recommending the low bidder, being Public Health Equipment and Supply and the contract would be for a period of one year. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the low bid on the mosquito mist and larvicide as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/B

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court that for the next item the bid opening was held on June 11th, for Precinct No. Four on a 1990 or newer motorgrader. She stated that they had received two bids, Arts A & A Truck City USA at \$88,500.00 and HOLT at \$118,230.00. She was at this time recommending the low bidder meeting all specifications. Commissioner Rosel asked if anyone had inspected the machine and Mrs. Salazar replied that they had been inspected by the Precinct foreman. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the low bid of \$85,500.00 to Arts A & A Truck City USA.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/C

Mrs. Salazar reported that the District Clerk's Office was making a request to authorization to advertise for and "Off-Premise storage, Records Management, Pick Up and Delivery service" for their records. She indicated that their records were scattered were presently scattered over four location plus what was in-house. She pointed out that on the request they had listed other reasons for this request. Commissioner Arcaute asked what the estimated cost for this would be and Mrs. Salazar said that she did not have that information because other counties that have similar projects have been into the projects a lot longer and also some counties use their own buildings to do the transporting. She does know that the District Clerk's Records Management and Preservation Fund does have a fund balance of \$37,000.00 and possibly about \$55,000.00 by the end of the year. Commissioner Garces asked about the funds collected for this purpose, if this was part of the fee schedule and if they were maximizing on what they could request their judiciary branch to charge for the filing of records and Mrs. Salazar replied that she wasn't aware what the cap was. A discussion ensued after which Commissioner Arcaute recommended that they table this item being that they already had a building, but Mrs. Salazar stressed that this building did not meet the State requirements under Record Storage. Commissioner Handy agreed with Mrs. Salazar with regards to the down time and that occurs with the retrieval and refiling of records and Commissioner Garces added that if they were in violation, according to the State rules, then wouldn't the same apply to the County Clerk's records. Mrs. Salazar said that she did not know what the condition of their records were and also she had being that the request was made by the District Clerk's Office she concentrated more on their requirements. Commissioner Garces then recommended that this Commissioners' Court maybe send a recommendation to both the County and District Clerks to come to the table again. Commissioner Handy agreed with Commissioner Garces on this issue. The County Judge asked if there would be a problem with waiting and Mrs. Salazar indicated that they had been waiting since last summer. She then added that they were just requesting the authority to advertise to see if there is a market for this out there. A motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by County Judge Cuellar to authorize the advertisement of the "off-premise" storage records management pick-up and delivery for the District Clerk's Office. Commissioner Garces added that maybe include a quote from the County Clerk Chief Deputy to see what they would be interested in and put it in two scenarios and Mrs. Salazar stated that she would make it for "District Clerk and/or County-Wide".

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/D

Commissioner Rosel pointed out that for this next item he had filed a form with the County Clerk abstaining from any discussion and voting on this issues and also items 12/E-G. Mrs. Salazar informed the Court this was a request from the Tax Office for the rental of office space in the City of Mission. She mentioned that she had an open bid that she was requesting be rejected at this time. It was a sole bid and it did not meet the specifications that were received. Commissioner Arcaute asked if this was the same bid that had been received eight months ago and Mrs. Salazar replied that it was and the reason that it was not acted on at the time was because previous administration had had one and possibly two workshop on the building of some office space by the County to accommodate different departments in Precincts One and Three. There was some Court action later where it was established that they would take care of Precinct One first and then address Precinct Three, therefore the bid had not been awarded. Also at the time they did meet the specs with the exception of the ADA specs for the bathrooms, which they would build, but the County was also asking for other specs to be included, such as the 60-day termination clause, which is now standard fair on the specifications. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to reject the bid submitted due to it not meeting the specifications.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel Abstained from voting)
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/E

Mrs. Salazar was then requesting authority to advertise for office space in the City of Mission for the Tax Office. Commissioner Garces asked legal counsel that being that the bidder did not meet the specifications, was it necessary for the Purchasing Agent to come to Commissioners' Court and inform them of same and the response was the she did. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/F

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court that presently the Tax Office was being housed in a location in Mission and she was requesting an exemption from competitive bidding and for the rental space for the period from January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997 for the rental space that has been occupied for \$5,100.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel abstained from voting.)
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/G

Mrs. Salazar stated that she was requesting a month-to-month rental agreement with the present vendor to allow completion of the competitive bidding process. The vendor has agreed to remain at \$850.00 per month . A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel abstained from voting.)
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

Mrs. Salazar commented that on their specifications they were going out for a one year with a one year option, she had made some inquiries to a realty company and they did address if renovation was needed and a one year was not very attractive to vendors, as far as renovation and she did not know if the Commissioners' Court wanted to expend the term. She did mention that with WIC they were going from two to three with an option for one. Commissioner Arcaute asked legal counsel what was the maximum they could go and Mr. Crain responded that they could go further than one year. He was recommending that they keep their cancellation clause and also that anything that they do this year is subject to future year budgets. After discussion it was established that they would go for two years with an option for one.

12/H

Mrs. Salazar stated that her next item was a request from the WIC Department for authorization to advertise for one new 1998 cargo van. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/I

Mrs. Salazar reported that Precinct One was requesting permission to advertise for construction of road improvements to Lakeway Drive extension, Progreso Lakes. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/J

Mrs. Salazar indicated that the next item was a request from Precinct Three for authorization to advertise for installation of low profile curb and gutter and adjustment of existing type manhole grated inlet within Linda Vista Subdivision. Commissioner Garces stated that he had discussed this with Commissioner Rosel and it had to do with alleviating some drainage problems. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request for authority to advertise.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/K

Mrs. Salazar stated that Precinct Three was also requesting authority to advertise for crushed caliche for an area east of Abram. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/L

This next item was for approval of an agreement for the WIC Clinic in the City of San Juan with South Texas Developers. This was a bid awarded March 18th. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/M

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court that she also had the approval of contracts for library books with multiple vendors. The vendors were Escue & Associates, Ingram Library Services, Inc. and Brodart Co.. The bid award was made May 6th and the contract has been reviewed by legal counsel as to form and substance. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/N

Mrs. Salazar reported that this next item was for approval of a lease agreement for the health clinic in Mercedes. The agreement was with Laura Salinas and the renewal was approved April 18th. It was for a term of two years with no remaining option. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/O

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was also an approval of a contract. This was with G.A.S. for the remodeling of an existing portion of the Health Department space for the pulmonary clinic. She was requesting approval subject to legal review. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/P

Mrs. Salazar indicated that she was recommending that this Commissioners' Court reject all bids for wrecker service for the Sheriff's Department due to minimal participation in bid process by vendors. She mentioned that they had minimal participation for two Precincts and they were hoping to get multiple vendors for all five areas. She added that they had reviewed the situation and she reminded the Court that this was being done for their vehicles only. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to reject all bids submitted for the wrecker service.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/Q

Mrs. Salazar said that she was requesting authority to declare one 1995 GMC 15 passenger van with VIN 1GJJHG39KXS513964 for the purpose of trade-in. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/R

Mrs. Salazar was requesting authority to purchase one 1997 E350 Club Wagon through our interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Philpot Ford, utilizing one 1995 GMC 15 passenger van as trade-in. The total price including trade-in is \$17,714.37 and this price includes fees and delivery charge. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, for the sake of discussion, to approve the request.. Commissioner Rosel then stated that he would like to know what amount the County was receiving for the trade-in and Mrs. Salazar replied that the amount was \$5,050.00. After further discussion regarding the trade-in process, the motion was then put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/S

Mrs. Salazar reported that the next item was for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department. It was for the adoption of a resolution by the County Commissioners' for the participation in the State's Live Scan and Electronic Reporting Project by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, to adopt the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/T

Mrs. Salazar indicated that she was requesting approval of contract and the agreement between the Criminal Justice Policy Council and Hidalgo County, on the project stated previously. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/U

Mrs. Salazar explained that this next request was for the approval of a contract between Hidalgo County and Earl R. Hunt and Associates for programming services in connection with the implementation of the previous request. This bid had been awarded back in April 14th and it was pending legal review. Commissioner Garces asked that Commissioners' Court address the second paragraph of a letter drafted by Pete Rivera, the Systems Administrator. The paragraph dealt with no funds being "disbursed until the Criminal Justice Information System is operation and is given certification by the Department of Public Safety in Austin". He stated that the certification had not been given at this time and Mrs. Salazar agreed. She added that at this time they were just requesting approval of the contract so that at the end of this process the vendor could be reimbursed. Commissioner Garces did voice his opinion that maybe this should not be approved until the certification was in place. After further discussion regarding the approval of the contract and payment, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to modify the contract with Earl Hunt and Associates for the programming services until compliance and certification by the DPS.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

12/V

Mrs. Salazar was requesting approval of a contract for biohazardous waste disposal services with Enviro Tech Carriers, Inc.. She mentioned that this bid was awarded back in February. Commissioner Rosel asked if the vendor had met all requirements and Mrs. Salazar stated that they had. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT R")

ITEM 13. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

- A. Discussion and possible action to change on Section 123 Amendment to the categorical component of the JTPA Master Plan
- B. Discussion and possible action on Submission of an Older Individual Program to TWC

13/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting authorization to change Section 123 amendment of the JTPA Master Plan to include a grant for \$294,641.00. This proposal was 8% education coordination program to serve, as identified, the hard to serve and at-risk, out-of-school youth, as well as the hard-to-serve adult over the age of 22. The proposal is to serve ninety-nine participants and they are requesting that it be approved today so that it may be submit it, being that the

deadline was June 30, 1997. Commissioner Garces asked that Mr. Dickinson go into detail and explain the items that this grant was being targeted for. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to change Section 123 amendment to the categorical component of the JTPA Master Plan, as explained.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT S")

13/B

Mr. Dickinson was also requesting that no action be taken on this next item at this time. Commissioner Rosel asked what the problem was with this item, as he felt that it was a very important program and Mr. Dickinson indicated that this had to do with the Older Workers Program and that because of performance requirements, it would dramatically affect the department's overall performances in Title IIA and Title III. He added that they had submitted the grant in a draft form to the State, with what they felt were the viable attainments and they have reached an impasse with the State as far as that is concerned. He said that he did not know if they would be able to provide those services under this grant without dramatically affecting the overall performance of the agency to the negative. He was going to go back and try to re-negotiate with the State if there was any way possible. He indicated that they would not accept their draft as it was written, but he felt that the way that it was written they would have been able to meet the performance standards. Mr. Dickinson said that they would be able to meet the requirements through their Title IIA and Title III program. After further discussion, no action was needed.

NO ACTION.
(SEE "EXHIBIT S")

Paul Vazaldua came before the Court and announced that the Commissioners had requested that they put out a tentative schedule on the budget workshops and at this time he would like to hand out a draft in case there was any changes that needed to be done on those. Mr. Vazaldua also added that there would be no meeting next week due to the fact that the County Judge and two of the Commissioners would be traveling to Washington and this needed to be posted appropriately.

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

The Honorable Renato Cuellar, Hidalgo County Judge, called the Drainage District meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Godfrey Garza, Drainage Manager, came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$56,846.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT T")

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF 5% SALARY INCREASE IN M & O BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Mr. Garza explained that this next item was for approval of a 5% salary increase in the Maintenance and Operation budget and the Administrative budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE "EXHIBIT T")

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District No. 1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.