

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

The Honorable Renato Cuellar, County Judge, called the Drainage District #1 Board meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had:

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. PERMITS

A. City of Weslaco

1. Mariposa Subdivision (2) and Greener Pastures Mobile Home Family Park

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and there being no changes a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit A)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PRECINCT #4

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, came before the Board requesting authorization to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement with Precinct Four. The agreement was for the sharing of custodial services. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1 AND PHARR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Garza reported that the next item was for consideration and approval of an agreement between the Drainage District and the Pharr Economic Development Corporation. He noted that there were some members of the Corporation present. Diana Serna, Pharr Mayor Pro Tem, spoke about the agreement and she said that the total cost was estimated at \$600,000.00 and she was hoping that the Board would cooperate with 50% of the cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - HOME DEPOT DRAINAGE PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for bids for the Home Depot Drainage Project.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/BILLS - HIDALGO

COUNTY AUDITOR

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 01, 1996
- B. October 08, 1996
- C. October 14, 1996
- D. October 22, 1996
- E. October 24, 1996
- F. October 29, 1996

ITEM 3. PERMITS:

- A. North Alamo Water Supply - Pct. #1 & Pct. #2
- B. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Pct. #1 & Pct. #3
- C. Southern Union Gas - Pct. #2

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. INTERNAL LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. Adult Probation - General Fund - \$857.00
- B. Hidalgo County Library System - \$24,858.00 & \$3,960.00
- C. Hidalgo County Health Department - Sanitation - \$980.00
- D. Hidalgo County Health Department - Mobile Clinic - \$300.00
- E. Hidalgo County Health Department - Title V (BW&C) - \$10,000.00
- F. Hidalgo County Health Department - TB Control Program Income - NO ACTION
- G. Hidalgo County Health Department - TB Elimination Program Income - \$6,000.00
- H. DPS - \$666.15
- I. Justice of the Peace - Pct. #3 Pl. #1 - \$300.00
- J. County Court at Law #4 - \$2,550.00
- K. 332nd District Court - \$225.00
- L. Commissioner Pct. #2 - Parks & Recreation - \$4,000.00
- M. Commissioner Pct #4 - R/B Administration - \$500.00
- N. Commissioner Pct #4 - R/B Paved/Unpaved Roads - \$11,000.00
- O. Commissioner Pct #3 - Administration - \$331.00
- P. Commissioner Pct #3 - R/B Paved/Unpaved Roads - \$13,120.00
- Q. Commissioner Pct #3 - Landfill (General Fund) - \$700.00
- R. Planning Department - \$100.00
- S. Purchasing Department - \$1,200.00

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Subdivisions
 - 1. Lot 10, 11 and 12, Block 20 Progreso Orchard Homes - Pct. #1
 - 2. Lot 1A Wilson Subdivision - Pct. #2

3. Discovery Estates Subdivision - Pct. #4
(See Exhibit G)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes. Loura Etnire, Chief Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, reported that there was a correction on the account number for item 4/A and there would be no action on Item 4/F. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected..

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas

Government Code, Section 551.071 and Section 551.072 to discuss the following matter:

- A. Litigation
 - 1. Consultation with Attorney
- B. Property
 - 1. Consultation with Attorney
 - 2. Deliberation Regarding Real Property

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

- A. Litigation
 - 1. Discussion and possible action regarding Civil Action No. C-1995-91-G, Yolanda Vega, et al vs. Hidalgo County
- B. Property
 - 1. Deliberation Regarding Real Property

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize Thornton Summers to go ahead and proceed with instructions as indicated in Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED.

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to adopt the order for resale of the property described as Lot 17, Block 2, in the City of Donna.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

The County Judge announced that Commissioner Handy had indicated that there were some individuals who wanted to make some public comments. Mary Alvarez, a Valley Interfaith leader, then proceeded to the podium where she spoke about need for repairs in Precinct One as a result of the recent floods. She also mentioned that Commissioner Handy had recently requesting the transfer of \$400,000.00, from County Emergency Funds in order to repair roads in Precinct One. Commissioner Rosel then responded to her request by saying that he has been looking at the budgets and he knows that she needs help in the area of road maintenance and repair. He also made a suggestion that they give Precinct One out of the County Wide Road and Bridge, the amount of \$225,000.00 so she can start working on the repairs. The County Judge informed the Commissioner that they were not on that item at this time.

ITEM 1. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- A. Revenue Sharing Check Presentation in the amount of \$108,576.00 by Mr. Larry Ditto

Ken Merit came before the Court to present the County with a revenue sharing check in the amount of \$108,576.00 for the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve and accept the check.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 2. VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OF TEXAS

- A. Update on the Veterans War Memorial of Texas - Col. Frank S. Plummer (Ret.)

Col. Frank Plummer and gave the status on the Veterans War Memorial. He stated that the Memorial would be built on 3 ½ acres that were donated by the City of McAllen. He then went on what the Memorial would include and how it would be

structured and that the estimated cost for the construction of the Memorial would be \$2.2 million.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 3. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

A. Tax Refunds

1. Charles W. John - \$ 556.50
2. Ramali, Inc. - \$1,080.46
3. Joe B. Evins - \$ 503.62

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

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION BY HINOJOSA & POWELL, P.C. TO OFFER LEGAL SERVICES AS LEGAL/SPECIAL COUNSEL TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 5. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Budget Amendment in the amount of \$65,906.27 and authorize payment to the Texas Workforce Commission for PY '95, Title III

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$65,906.27. He reported that on September 17th, 1995 the Office of Employment and Training was placed on "high-risk" and one of the conditions of that designation was that there was a moratorium prohibiting enrollment of participants. At that time there was a rescission of funds allocated to OET from \$12 million to \$7 million. As a result of all of this it created a situation of over-expenditure in Administrative dollars and there was not a reduction of force until 1996. Mr. Dickinson indicated that the current request was for a budget amendment to pay the Texas Workforce Commission for the over-expenditure of administrative costs for PY '95 and this was for the administrative overrun in Title III. After further explanation a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces

to authorize a budget amendment from the General Fund in the amount of \$65,906.27 and authorize payment to the Texas Workforce Commission for PY '95, Title III.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 6. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. City of Elsa - PFI - Fire Station/Equipment (FY 1993, 1995 & 1996) - Approval to purchase a fire fighting vehicle
- B. HOME "First-time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - (5 Families)
- C. HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application (1 Family)
- D. County-Wide - Approval of a Construction contract with Corner Stone Construction Co. for FY 1995 PFI - Parks, Recreational Facility - Monte Alto ISD Basketball Court
- E. Approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation limiting the authority of said corporation to the financing or the participation in the financing of multi-family housing projects
- F. Progreso Street Improvements - Approval of Construction Contract for Street Paving Improvements with A & E Paving Construction

6/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that the City of Elsa was requesting approval to purchase a fire fighting vehicle. The monies for this purchase would be taken from Years 1993, 1995 and 1996 and the City of Elsa's General Fund. The total cost of the vehicle is \$52,344.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the HOME "First-time Homebuyer Contract Agreements" and Letters of Commitment to Mortgage Company for five families.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application to one family.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a construction contract with Corner Stone Construction, under the Urban County County-Wide FY 1995 funds, for a basketball court for the Monte Alto ISD. The contract amount is \$22,600.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/E

The next item was for approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Hidalgo County Housing Finance Corporation. The amendment is to limit the authority of said corporation for the financing or the participation of multi-family housing projects only. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/F

The City of Progreso was requesting approval of a construction contract for paving improvements with A & E Paving Construction. The amount of the contract is \$124,575.00 and it will be paid out of their Years 8 and 9. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. #3 PL. #1

A. Discussion regarding inadequate funding to house J.P.'s

Justice of the Peace Arnaldo Corpus came before the Court to discuss the inadequate funding for the housing of JPs. He mentioned that there was a statute that indicated that if a JP has "more than fifty cases per month preceding the fiscal year, the County shall provide an office" and the Hidalgo County Justices of the Peace were the only elected officials who were not housed in a public building. Judge Corpus felt that it

was time for this Commissioners' Court to look into possibly building or providing housing for the JPs. He mentioned that he had asked the County Auditor to look into the funds that are being provided for the rental of office space and they found that it was subject to IRS deductions. These costs were also not being accounted for in the deduction for the retirement benefit. A discussion ensued with regards to this matter with comments from Commissioner Rosel and Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor. During the discussion it was established that the \$9,000.00 for office rental was being calculated as part of the JPs salaries. After further discussion it was determined that no action was needed at this time until legal counsel researches this matter further.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- A. County Court at Law #3 - \$3,200.00
- B. 332nd District Court - \$3,000.00

8/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,200.00 for County Court at Law #3.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 332nd District Court, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. COUNTY WIDE SHOP

- A. Approval to transfer from Road and Bridge County Wide unappropriated funds into Road and Bridge County Wide Shop and appropriate same - \$120,000.00
- B. Approval to create truck driver position and set salary at \$16,500.00 yearly

9/A

Commissioner Arcaute informed the Court that the request was to amend the County Wide Shop budget by \$120,000.00. and it was to purchase a low-boy Gooseneck trailer and a truck. Commissioner Rosel indicated that they have been doing well without this equipment and he felt that if they can wait and budget it for the

beginning of the year and use these monies for materials and such. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the transfer from Road and Bridge County Wide to Road and Bridge County wide in the amount of \$120,000.00 and to appropriate same.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONERS ROSEL AND GARCES VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
(See Exhibit P)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the creation of a truck driver position and to set the salary at \$16,000.00 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 10. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

A. Adjustments in salaries - equal pay for equal work

The County Judge announced that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 11. HIDALGO COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT - VONA WALKER

A. Authorization to dispose of files

Vona Walker, Right of Way Director, came before the Court requesting authorization for the disposition of files. These files are basically the Old Road District files and most all of these are recorded at the County Clerk's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 12. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A. Approval to eliminate the Investigation Fund Supplemental pay from slot 16 and appropriate into slots 24 and 25

B. Approval to set new salaries on Investigation Fund, slots 24 and 25
12/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the elimination of the Investigation Fund Supplemental pay from slot 16 and appropriated into slots 24 and 25.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to set the new salaries for slots 24 and 25 with the Investigation Fund Supplemental pay.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 13. DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE

A. Approval of Cooperative Agreement for Title IV-D Program between the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Hidalgo County

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the cooperative agreement for Title IV-D Program between the Office of the Attorney General and Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 14. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/JAIL

A. Sheriff:

1. Authorization to transfer and appropriate \$1,956.72 to Sheriff's Acct. #7-010-421-100.95 (machinery and equipment) for monies received from the Auction of abandoned and unclaimed property

B. Jail

1. Authorization and approval to enter into Prisoner Custody Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division

14/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorization the transfer and appropriation of \$1,956.72 to Sheriff's Account #7-010-421-100.95 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/B

Capt. Joe Jackson informed the Court that the Sheriff's Department was requesting approval to enter into a Prisoner Custody Agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division. This agreement was to house parole violators that fit the criteria to be housed in an intermediate sanctioned facility and it will help to alleviate some of the overcrowding at the County Jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 15. PCT. #1

- A. Authorization to name an un-named county road located North of Donna, Texas

15/A

Raul Lozano, Precinct One Administrative Assistant, came before the Court requesting authorization to name an un-named county road north of Donna. This road is located between Old La Blanca Road and F.M. 493 on Mile 10 North. The residents of that area are petitioning the Commissioners' Court to name this road "Gandy Road". A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

Mr. Lozano then asked that the Court proceed with the Precinct One addendums before taking action on item 15/B.

ADD. 1. PCT. #1

- A. Approval to transfer \$20,031.15 from County Wide Road & Bridge unappropriated Fund Balance to Pct. #1 Road & Bridge and appropriate same
B. Approval to delete clerk position #14 in Pct. #1 Parks and authorize transfer of salary with fringes into Pct. #1 Road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads
C. Approval of transfer from Pct. #1 Parks in the amount of \$14,471.81 into Pct. #1 Road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads and appropriate same
D. Approval to create Motorgrader Position in Pct. #1 Road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads and set salary at \$16,358.16

Add. 1/A

Mr. Lozano was requesting approval to transfer \$20,031.15 from County Wide Road & Bridge Unappropriated Fund Balance to Precinct #1's Road and Bridge. He stated that this was for the repairing of one of the bridge structures, located north of La Villa. He added that they were working with the Department of Transportation on this project and this amount had to be set aside for the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

Add. 1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the deletion of a Parks clerk position and transfer salary with fringes into Precinct One Road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

Add. 1/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the transfer from Precinct #1 Parks in the amount of \$14,471.81 into Precinct #1 road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads and appropriate same.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

Add. 1/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the creation of a Motorgrader Position in Precinct #1 Road and Bridge Paved/Unpaved Roads and set salary at \$16,358.16.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 15. PCT. #1

- B. Update on status of assistance to Precinct #1 roads
- C. Authorization to transfer \$400,000.00 from County Wide Road and Bridge Unappropriated Fund Balance to Precinct #1 Road and Bridge Fund and appropriate same

15/B

Commissioner Handy informed the Court that she had approached this Commissioners' Court approximately two weeks before to request funding in order to repair some of the damage that had been caused as a result of the March floods. During this Court meeting, the Commissioners had volunteered to assist her in repairing the roads that were used as bus routes and she wanted to thank the Commissioners for that help. She indicated that Commissioner Arcaute, from Precinct Two had sent two motorgraders and two operators and had donated a ½ a mile of caliche and was able to fix some roads for the Mercedes ISD. Commissioner Rosel, from Precinct Three, had provided one motorgrader and one operator and was able to fix a street for the Donna ISD and Commissioner Garces, from Precinct Four, provided one motorgrader and one operator and was able to fix some roads for the Edcouch/Elsa ISD. Commissioner Handy continued by saying that she still had a lot of work that needed to be done. Commissioner Garces added that he had received a call from the Texas Department of Transportation and they were offered about a thousand cubic yards of caliche. He added that they could continue to go into her Precinct and assist her with the remainder of the road. He did point out that they also had roads that were traveled by school buses and Commissioner Handy replied that she understood. She did add that they needed caliche more so than the grating and blading of the roads. Commissioner Handy then thank Valley Interfaith and the residents of Precinct One for they're support and understanding during this disaster. She then stated that "it was [her] duty as a responsible representative to come here today to ask you for help, We have provided you with back-up as to costs and figures expended as the result of the aftermath of the flood disaster we experience a few months ago. This catastrophe was of course, something not budgeted for. As I indicated before we have eight cities in Precinct One who have been kind enough to help us as you yourselves by loaning us equipment when ours has been broken down and I very much appreciate their help and your help with that. However, we cannot continue to run our business in this manner. Our equipment is in need of maintenance and repair and we need to do same. Currently as you know, I've indicated to you before, Precinct One has seven school districts who will be commencing already this month and we still have many roads that are still in desperate need of repair that are needed for the buses to transport the children safely to and from school". She then proceeded to read a letter from the Mid-Valley Alliance, which is comprised of the Mayors of the cities within Precinct One.

NO ACTION.

15/C

With this in mind, Commissioner Handy made a motion for the authorization to transfer \$400,000.00 from the County Wide Unappropriated Fund Balance to Precinct One Road and Bridge and the appropriation of same. Commissioner Rosel asked the County Auditor what the balance of this fund was and Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor replied that they had a balance of \$822,000.00

minus \$120,000.00 minus the earlier \$20,000.00 which left a balance of approximately \$682,879.20. Commissioner Rosel then asked if there was a compromise amount that could be agreed on and Commissioner Arcaute indicated that the main issue was if they were still in agreement of keeping some kind of reserve in this account in case of an emergency. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that he further along in the agenda he was also requesting some funds from the County Wide unappropriated fund balance as well and he said that what they needed to do was try to reach some type of compromise settlement in order to help Precinct One out so that Commissioner Handy could continue the work and at the same time not infringe on the balance that would be left for an emergency if they agree and Precinct Three's consideration which is on the next item. Commissioner Handy stated that she was not asking for monies for the construction of new roads, she was asking for monies to repair the roads that were damaged as a result of the March flooding. Commissioner Garces then stated that if she needed help he would be willing to continue to assist her and Commissioner Arcaute asked him how many motorgraders he had and Commissioner Garces replied that he had five. He then asked how many motorgraders Commissioner Rosel had and the response was that he had six and he pointed out that they had only sent one each to assist Precinct One whereas he had only three motorgraders and he had sent two. He then seconded Commissioner Handy's motion and added an amendment to the motion that they freeze the remaining \$282,879.20 in the County Wide unappropriated fund balance, a move which was criticized by both Commissioners Garces and Rosel. Upon putting the amendment to a vote, it carried.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONERS HANDY, ARCAUTE AND THE COUNTY JUDGE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT AND COMMISSIONERS ROSEL AND GARCES VOTED AGAINST IT)

The County Judge then called for a vote on Commissioner Handy's motion and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONERS HANDY, ARCAUTE AND THE COUNTY JUDGE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COMMISSIONERS ROSEL AND GARCES VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 16. PCT. #3

- A. Approval of Change Order - Mission Paving Co.
- B. Authorization to transfer funds from the County Wide Road & Bridge Unappropriated Fund Balance into Precinct #3 Road & Bridge Budget and appropriation of same - \$200,000.00

The County Judge reported that no action would be required on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit X)

ITEM 17. PCT. #4

- A. Request authorization to exempt Quintanilla, Headley & Associates from competitive bidding and approve payment of bill totaling \$8,430.00 for engineering services
- B. Consideration of relocating the Hidalgo County Extension Service to 1212 South 25th - (old OET Building)
- C. Interlocal Agreement to "Share" Janitorial/Housekeeping Personnel between Drainage District #1 and Pct. #4

17/A

Commissioner Garces stated that he was requesting an exemption for Quintanilla, Headley and Associates and he added that these services were done as a result of the March flooding, as well and they were paying it out of their Road and Bridge. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to exempt Quintanilla, Headley and Associates from competitive bidding requirements and approve payment of a bill totaling \$8,430.00 for engineering services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

17/B

Commissioner Garces reported that they had gone out for proposals sometime back on and it had been discussed that maybe the County should try to house some of the County departments that were hard pressed for space. He added that one of these departments was the County Extension Service and they had been in discussion with regards to the old OET building on 1212 South 25th Street in Edinburg. After some brief comments from Dr. Ida Dromgoole on what modifications may have to be done to the building and some discussion, no action was taken.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Y)

17/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal agreement to "share" janitorial/housekeeping personnel between Drainage District #1 and Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

ITEM 18. ROAD AND BRIDGE

- A. Consideration of Order to impose extra fee for a School Crossing Guard Program

After a brief discussion with comments from the County Judge, Commissioners and Loura Etnire, Chief Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, it was recommended that no action was required at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Z)

ITEM 19. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Subdivisions
 - 1. Monaco Subdivision - Pct. #3
- B. Preliminary Approval
 - 1. La Estrella Subdivision - Pct. #3

19/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the plat of Monaco Subdivision, which is in Precinct Three located 1191 feet north of Mile 2 North on the west side of Shary Road.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

19/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve La Estrella Subdivision which is in Precinct Three located approximately 1500 feet west of Abram Road and on the south side of Loop 374 (Business 83).

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

ITEM 20. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. HIDALGO COUNTY
 - 1. Requesting Authority to advertise for the leasing of approximately 180 acres of farm land - 140 excess acres at landfill and 40.69 acres at proposed jail site
- B. HIDALGO COUNTY - COUNTY WIDE SHOP
 - 1. Requesting authority to advertise for:
 - a. One (1) Used Conventional Truck/Tractor

- b. One (1) New/Used Folding Gooseneck Trailer
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4
 - 1. Requesting authority to advertise the paving and overlaying of various Precinct No. 4 roads
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 - 1. Requesting Office equipment to be declared surplus
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
 - 1. Requesting office equipment to be declared surplus
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 - 1. Requesting approval of contract for nursing Services with Frank Rodriguez
 - 2. Recommending that sixteen (16) abandoned, eleven (11) seized and two (2) purchased Sheriff's Department vehicles be declared surplus
 - 3. Recommending that 118 Pistols, 44 Rifles and 47 shotguns which were either awarded to or purchased by the Sheriff's Department to be declared surplus
 - 4. Requesting authority to trade-in on the purchase of new weapons

20/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for the leasing of approximately 180 acres of farm land.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for bids for One (1) used conventional truck/tractor and one (1) new or used folding gooseneck trailer.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for the paving and overlaying of various Precinct No. 4 Roads.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of office equipment from the District Attorney's Office as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of office equipment from the County Library System as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/F/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract for nursing services with Frank Rodriguez for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/F/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of sixteen (16) abandoned, eleven (11) seized and two (2) purchased vehicles from the Sheriff's Department as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/F/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of one hundred eighteen (118) pistols, forty-four (44) rifles and forty-seven (47) shotguns which were either awarded to or purchased by the Sheriff's Department, as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

20/F/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the trade-in of the previously surplused weapons for the purchase of new weapons.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AB)

ADD. 2. PCT. #4

- A. Transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Unappropriated Road & Bridge County Wide Fund to Pct. #4 Road & Bridge Paved and Unpaved Roads

The County Judge announced that no action was required on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit AC)

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

MOTION CARRIED.