

## **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

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 - HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR**

#### **ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. November 12, 1996
- B. November 19, 1996
- C. November 26, 1996

#### **ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF FEE REPORTS**

- A. Constable Horacio Aguirre
- B. Constable Gilbert Alaniz
- C. Constable Roberto Peña
- D. Constable Rumaldo Cerda Jr.
- E. Constable Eduardo Bazan

(See Exhibit A)

#### **ITEM 4. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

- A. Constable Pct. 5 - \$542.50
- B. Constable Pct. 3 - \$908.00
- C. Youth Village - \$5,000.00
- D. Jail Impact Court - \$1,300.00
- E. Sheriff's Office - \$4,200.00
- F. Sheriff's Office - Jail - \$5,000.00
- G. Sheriff's Office - U.S. Dept. of Justice Immigration Program - \$700.00
- H. 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals - \$40.00 & \$1,000.00
- I. Personnel Department - \$350.00
- J. Elections Department - \$309.70
- K. Commissioner Pct. #3 - Landfill - \$5,000.00
- L. Commissioner Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved Road - \$8,929.28
- M. Commissioner Pct. #3 - Administration - \$600.00
- N. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Road & Bridge - \$450.00
- O. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Landfill - \$900.00
- P. County Extension Service - \$400.00
- Q. District Attorney's Office - Investigation Fund - \$4,000.00

- R. District Attorney's Office - General Fund - \$2,000.00
- S. District Attorney's Office - Grand Jury Account - \$1,300.00
- T. Juvenile Probation - \$212.00
- U. Adult Probation - Restitution Center (State Funds) - \$6,576.00
- V. Adult Probation - Supervision - \$20,000.00
- W. Texas D.P.S. Assistance - \$43.98

(See Exhibit B)

**ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

A. Subdivisions

1. West Donna Estates No. 3 Phase II - Pct. 1
2. DE Sanchez Subdivision - Pct. 2
3. Rancho Cruz Subdivision - Pct. 3
4. Rainbow Subdivision - Pct. 3

(See Exhibit C)

**ITEM 6. URBAN COUNTY**

- A. HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (2 families)
- B. Extension on "Letter of Commitment" to Mortgage Company on HOME First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement (2 families)

(See Exhibit D)

**ITEM 7. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEPARTMENT**

A. Permits

1. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply - 2" water lines to cross Mile 14 North, ¼ mile east of FM 88 and to cross a road in Walston Farms Subdivision
2. Pct. #4 - Wynn-Crosby Energy, Inc. - 3" steel gas line to cross GI Road 300 east of Willacy County Line
3. Pct. #4 - Sharyland Water Supply Corporation - 4" water line to begin at State Highway 107 and go south along La Lomita Road, approximately 2,600 feet
4. Pct. #4 - Southwestern Bell Telephone - to lay a cable along Alberta Road, beginning at FM 1423 and going west 1500 feet

(See Exhibit E)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces that it be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### ITEM 1. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE

#### A. Tax Refunds

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|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. Rogelio Cano           | \$3,302.62 |
| 2. Carmen Elizabeth Reyna | \$2,130.25 |

Yolanda Villescas, from the Tax Office, indicated that on the tax refunds there was a correction in that only \$510.62 would be refunded to Rogelio Cano due to an error by the mortgage company. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the tax refunds as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit F)

### ITEM 2. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

- #### A. Approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Hidalgo County Pct. #3 and the City of Granjeno (parking lot paving)

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that this was an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Precinct Three and the City of Granjeno. The agreement was for the County to participate in the financing for some parking areas for the City Hall in Granjeno and in turn the City would make the facility available to Precinct Three or the County when needed. He did say that the funds for this project would be coming out of the Precinct Three Park Budget out of the line item on Aid to Other Governments. Commissioner Garces asked legal counsel if there were any problems with this request and Steve Crain indicated that the main issue was whether this project would be of benefit to the County and he did not feel that the contract address this issue. Commissioner Rosel then recommended that no action be taken on this item until these concerns have been addressed.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit G)

### ITEM 3. 93<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT

- #### A. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$850.00 (postage)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment of \$850.00 for postage for the 93<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit H)

**ITEM 4. COUNTY JUDGE’S OFFICE**

- A. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$1,236.00 (Lunacy Trials)
- B. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$6,468.04 (Lunacy Trials)

4/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment of \$1,236.00 for Lunacy Trials.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

4/B

It was announced that no action was required on this item due to lack of funds.

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 5. JUVENILE PROBATION**

- A. Approval of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Agreement between Hidalgo County Juvenile Board and Student Alternative Program, Inc.
- B. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$27,235.00 for required local match for the TJPC-A-98 funding
- C. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$1,188.00 for required local match for the TJPC-Y-98 funding
- D. Appropriate the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission State Financial Assistance Budgets for fiscal year 1998
 

1. State Aid - TJPC-A	\$522,405.00	
2. Community Corrections Assistance TJPC-Y	\$734,616.00	program -
3. New progressive Sanctions	\$110,268.00	JPO-TJPC-K
4. New Progressive Sanctions	\$ 54,480.00	ISP-TJPC-O
5. Border Project - TJPC-B	\$ 30,000.00	
- E. Set Salaries

5/A

Israel “Buddy” Silva, Juvenile Probation Director, came before the Court requesting approval of the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program Agreement between the County of Hidalgo’s Juvenile Board and the Student Alternative Program, Inc. He stated that this program was geared towards providing educational services for expelled students within the school districts of the County and it was a renewal of a

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

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

5/B&C

Mr. Silva then stated that he was requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$27,235.00 for the required local match for the TJPC-A-98 funding and a budget amendment of \$1,188.00 for the required match for the TJPC-Y-98 funding. These grants were approved at the previous meeting of Commissioners' Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

5/D

Mr. Silva was also requesting the appropriation of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission State Financial Assistance Budgets for fiscal year 1998 as indicated. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

5/E

Finally, Mr. Silva was requesting the setting of salaries within the above approved grant budgets. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

**ITEM 6. ADULT PROBATION - COMMUNITY SUPERVISION & CORRECTIONS**

A. Approval of Fiscal Year 1998 contracts

1. Dr. Omar Garza - Boot Camp Medical Services Contract
2. Dr. Marin Garza - Restitution Center Medical Services Contract
3. Dr. Gregorio Piña - Sex Offender Program
4. Women Together Foundation, Inc. - Men Against Violence/BIPP Program

B. Approval to extend current contract for 60 days (Enhanced Supervision Strategies Program)

1. B.I. Incorporated (Electronic Monitoring Contract)
- C. Approval to extend current contracts for 45 days (Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program )
  1. Treatment Associates of the Rio Grande Valley
  2. Rio Grande Valley Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse

6/A/1-3

Joe Lopez, Adult Probation Director, came before the Court requesting approval of contracts for fiscal 1998. The contracts were with Dr. Omar Garza, Dr. Marin Garza and Dr. Gregorio Piña. Commissioner Rosel asked if this was a renewal and Mr. Lopez indicated that the contract had expired and he was wanting to contract with these people again. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, pointed out that in order to do this it would require an exemption from the bidding requirement. Mr. Lopez then asked that no action be taken at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit K)

6/A/4

Mr. Lopez was asking for approval of a contract with the Women Together Foundation, Inc./Men Against Violence/BIPP Program. He indicated that this was a yearly contract where his department contributed \$10,000.00 annually. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

6/B

Mr. Lopez indicated that on this item, B.I. Incorporated was presently renewing their State contract and he had not been able to tie into this contract. He was requesting to extend the current contract for a period of sixty (60) days, until he can get a new contract in place for electronic monitoring. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

6/C

Mr. Lopez reported that this was the same situation. This was on a contract for treatment alternatives to incarceration program and he had not been able to get the contracts with Treatment Associates of the Rio Grande Valley and the Rio Grande Valley Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. His request was for a forty-five (45)

day extension of these contracts. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

**ITEM 7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

- A. Approval of 1997-1998 State Supplement Budget
- B. Set New salaries for slots 1F-3F

7/A

Roy Casarez came before the Court requesting approval of the 1997-1998 State Supplement Budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

7/B

Mr. Casarez was also requesting the setting of the new salaries for slots 1F through 3F. The salaries are \$20,000.00 for slot 1F, \$3,578.00 for slot 2F and \$2,957.00 for slot 3F. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

**ITEM 8. URBAN COUNTY**

- A. City of Edcouch - PFI - Parks, Recreational Facilities FY 1994 - 1996 - Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Apcon Contractors, Inc.
- B. City of Penitas - PFI - Neighborhood Facility, FY 1995, 1996 - Approval of Change Order no. 1 with Apcon Contractors, inc.
- C. Precinct #1 - PFI Street Improvements Phase I Year 10 (1997)
- D. Consideration and action on Change Order #2 - Street Improvements - Year 9 (1996)
- E. Approval of membership in the Alliance for I-69
  - 1. Authorization to pay membership fee in the amount of \$8,144.00
  - 2. Approval of General Fund amendment in the amount of \$8,144.00
  - 3. Appropriate the membership fee in the amount of \$8,144.00
  - 4. Designate an individual to serve in the Alliance for I-69 Texas and authorize any and all actions necessary to carry out this item

8/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before the Court and announced that the City of Edcouch was requesting approval of change order number one with Apcon Contractors, Inc. This is for a Parks and Recreational Facilities project under FY 1994 and 1996 and the change order is for a time extension of twenty-one (21) days. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

8/B

The City of Penitas is requesting approval of a change order number one with Apcon Contractors, Inc. This is for a Neighborhood facility project under FY 1995 and 1996. The change order is for a time extension of thirty-six (36) days. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

8/C

Precinct One is requesting approval of a professional services agreement under their Street Improvements for Year 10. The contract is with L.L. Rodriguez and Associates in the amount of \$30,438.50. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

8/D

Precinct Two was requesting approval of change order number two with Mission Paving Company. This is for a Street Improvements project under Year 9 and the change order is for a time extension of thirty-four (34) days due to delays in road equipment and material. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

8/E/1-3

Mr. Covacevich informed the Court that this next item was for approval of the membership in the Alliance for I-69. This was for the designation for the interstate highway that will be voted on and hopefully include Highway 281. The membership

called for a membership fee of \$8,144.00 and it would require a budget amendment from the General Fund and the appropriation of said funds. This fee was for one person to serve on this Board and he reported that he had served in the past, under County Judge Edgar Ruiz. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to pay the membership fee, approve the budget amendment and appropriate the amount of \$8,144.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

8/E/4

Commissioner Rosel asked what the role of the appointee was under this board and Mr. Covacevich indicated that this board met on a regular basis in order to continue acquiring information and providing input on the lobbying effort that is going on in Washington D.C. Commissioner Arcaute pointed out that he would not vote on this issue since they had been advised not to fund or consider any membership that was involved in lobbying. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint County Judge Renato Cuellar to serve on the Alliance I-69 Board and authorize any and all actions necessary to carry out this item.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMM. ARCAUTE ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AND DOES NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS QUESTIONABLE EXPENSE)  
(See Exhibit M)

Judge Cuellar announced that he would appoint Anthony Covacevich as his designee. He also mentioned that he would look into this matter and if any thing was found that was in conflict then he would bring this matter back to Commissioners' Court.

**ITEM 9. HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

A. Approval of salary extensions until state contract renewals arrive

1. TDH ORAS	4 positions	\$111,151.00
2. TDH Bureau of Women & Title V	21 positions	\$401,623.00 children -
3. Early Childhood Inter.	2 positions	\$ 48,934.00
4. Immunization Service	2 positions	\$ 60,739.00
5. TB Control	4 positions	\$ 96,982.00

Dr. James Michael Keenan, County Health Director, came before the Court and indicated that the State contracts were still being processed, but he had received reassurances from both TDH and ECI that those contracts would be renewed at the same level as last year with no increased in the number of physicians and no increases in salaries. He continued by saying that since the time that they submitted this agenda item, they had received the contracts from the Bureau of Women and Children Title V and for Early Childhood Intervention funded at the same level. He was at this time

requesting that this Commissioners' Court extend the pay of the employees paid under these contracts until they receive the new contracts. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit N)

#### **ITEM 10. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve and authorize the creation of a Computer System Technician position
- B. Appropriate salary within Operation Budget for the Computer System Technician with a pay level of Grade 11 Step 1-8
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve and set salary for the Computer System Technician with a pay level of Grade 11 Step 1-8
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training Amended Organizational Chart
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve the Private Industry Council vacancies and re-appointments

10/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting approval and authorization to create a Computer System Technician position. He stated that this position is needed due to the expansion and relocation of the department. He continued by saying that he was proposing a Grade 11 Step 1-8 salary which started at \$19,464.00 for Step 1 and a Step 8 was at \$24,492.00 and this position would fall under Civil Service. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMM. GARCES ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)  
(See Exhibit O)

10/B

A discussion ensued with regards to what the salary for this position would be and Mr. Dickinson replied that under OET they had the salaries set up in Steps and Grades and he would like to have this position set up in a Grade 11 Step 1-8 with a top salary of \$24,492.00 plus fringes and this is what he would like to have appropriated. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to appropriate the salary for the Computer System Technician within the Operational Budget with a pay level of Grade 11 Step 1-8.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to set the salary at a Step 1-8 Grade Level 11 with the maximum to be paid at \$24,492.00 plus fringes.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/D

Mr. Dickinson requested that the amended organizational chart be approved to reflect this new position. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/E

Mr. Dickinson reported that he was requesting that vacancies be filled in the Private Industry Council Board. He was also requesting that this Court consider re-appointments of members to this Board. Mr. Dickinson announced that there were presently five vacancies in the private sector and two from the public sector. He indicated that he had furnished the Court with nominations from the Chambers of Commerce from the cities within Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to re-appoint George Lara to the Private Industry Council to represent Willacy County.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to appoint Roy Brooks, for Labor, and Frank Perez, for Education, to the Private Industry Council.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

Commissioner Arcaute asked that Mr. Dickinson explain to this Commissioners' Court how the nomination process worked with regards to appointments to the Private Industry Council and he complied. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute and Garces to appoint Ramón "Monce" Montalvo to the Private Industry Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute and Garces to appoint Lucio Duque to the Private Industry Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Judge Cuellar to appoint Alida Hernandez to the Private Industry Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER ARCAUTE VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)  
(See Exhibit O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to appoint Irma Elizondo to the Private Industry Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

**ITEM 11. CHARLES L. CLARK**

- A. Presentation and possible action on deferred compensation program (PEBSCO)

Charles L. Clark, from PEBSCO, came before the Court to offer their deferred compensation program to the County employees. He added that his program would allow employees to put money away for retirement pre-tax and he added they had a three option program. Mr. Clark then proceeded to explain the options available and he did point out that this service would be require a payroll deduction. Mr. Cavazos indicated that his present computer system could not accommodate another deduction and after some discussion, no action was taken.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit P)

**ITEM 12. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. Final Plat Approval
  - 1. Moorefield Groves Estates #2 - Pct. #3
  - 2. Moorefield Groves Estates #3 - Pct. #3
- B. Final approval with letter of credit
  - 1. Hidden Valley Ranch R.V. Mobile Home Park Phase I - Pct. #3
- C. Partial Release of letter of credit
  - 1. Pueblo del Sol Subdivision - Pct. #1

## 12/A/1

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court requesting approval of Moorefield Groves Estates #2. He stated that this subdivision was in Precinct Three and on March 18, this subdivision had been given preliminary approval. Mr. Garcia reported that since then all the improvements have been completed and he pointed out that the developer had discussed an issue of a fence with Commissioner Rosel. Commissioner Rosel then indicated that the developer was wanting to by-pass the installation of a fence that separated a drain ditch from the subdivision and in talking to legal counsel, the Commissioner found out that the issue of the fence could not be waived. Vona Walker then announced that only one of these subdivision was being questioned, this being the subdivision that was facing Mile 5 or Moorefield Grove Estates #3. She then stated that they could consider Moorefield Grove Estates #2 at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the subdivision of Moorefield Grove Estates #2.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

## 12/A/2

No action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit Q)

## 12/B

Mr. Garcia stated that this 133 lot subdivision was approved by the City of Mission. He recommended the approval of this subdivision but before the release of the letter of credit, the street signs, traffic control devices, testing of the streets, the final letter from the corporation and the drainage facilities affidavit must be submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and was seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

## 12/C

Mr. Garcia was then requesting the partial release of a letter of credit for Pueblo del Sol Subdivision. He stated that this subdivision was in Precinct One and the developer was requesting that \$62,162.67 be released from a \$317,637.30 letter of credit. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

**ITEM 13. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT****A. HIDALGO COUNTY**

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Service/ "Alcohol Breath Test Program Services"
2. Requesting approval of contract with Kathy Kokernot for "Alcohol Breath Test Program Services"
3. Requesting authority to advertise for "Catalog" Miscellaneous Office Supplies, Administrative Office Furniture and Office Equipment for Hidalgo County

**B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT #1**

1. Requesting authority to advertise for:
  - a. One (1) 1990 or Newer Pneumatic Roller
  - b. One (1) New Backhoe Loader
  - c. One (1) 1995 or Newer Vibratory Compactor Roller
  - d. Two (2) 1997 New Motor Graders

**C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT #3**

1. Requesting approval of contract for "Crushed Caliche Area East of Abram" for Pct. #3 - Valley Caliche, Inc.
2. Recommending award of bid on "Linda Vista Subdivision Street Improvements" to low bidder, Sascon, Inc.

**D. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

1. Recommending bid on "Radio Communication and Emergency Equipment - Repair Service" to be awarded to South Texas Communications, Inc.
2. Recommending bid on "Removal and Installation of Equipment on Vehicles" to be awarded to sole bidder
3. Recommending to award bid for "A/C Service & Repair" & "Electrical Service & Repairs" for the Sheriff's Department to Maestro Service
4. Requesting approval of contracts for "A/C Service & Repairs" & "Electrical Service & Repairs" - Maestro Services

**E. HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDING & GROUNDS**

1. Requesting approval of contracts for "Pavilion with six (6) Basketball Backboards" - Cornerstone Construction
2. Requesting approval of contract for "Paving on Outdoor Running Track" - Valley Paving, Inc.

**F. HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

1. Recommending bid on "Replacement of six (6) A/C Compressors" to be awarded to - COLAIR, Inc. for a total price of \$48,820.00.

13/A/1

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services for

“Alcohol Breath Test Program Services”. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a professional services contract with Kathy Kokernot for “Alcohol Breath Test Program Services”.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for “Catalog” of miscellaneous office supplies, administrative office furniture and office equipment for Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for One (1) 1990 or Newer Pneumatic Roller; One (1) New Backhoe Loader; One (1) 1995 or Newer Vibratory Compactor Roller and Two (2) 1997 New Motor Graders for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
( See Exhibit R)

13/C/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that this next item was for approval of a contract for “crushed caliche area east of Abram” for Precinct #3. The contract was with Valley Caliche, Inc. who was the low bidder. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/C/2

Mrs. Salazar was recommending the awarding of bid for “Linda Vista Subdivision Street Improvements”, in Precinct Three, to the low bidder being Sascon,

Inc. at a low bid of \$50,800.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/D/1

Mrs. Salazar was also recommending the low bid for “radio communication and emergency equipment - repair services” for the Sheriff’s Department to South Texas Communications, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/D/2

Mrs. Salazar indicated that she was requesting the awarding of bid for “removal and installation of equipment on vehicles” for the Sheriff’s Department to the sole bidder at a low bid of \$35.00 per vehicle. The low bidder is Video Sound and Lights, out of McAllen. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/D/3

She was also recommending the award of bid for “A/C service and repair” and “electrical service and repair” for the Sheriff’s Department to Maestro Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/D/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a contract with Maestro Services for “A/C Service and Repairs” and “Electrical Services and Repairs” at the Sheriff’s Department.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/E

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action would be required on items 13/E/1 and 13/E/2 at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/F

She also announced that no action would be needed on item 13/F/1 at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit R)

Commissioner Rosel went back to item 12/B due to a question that was brought up by Ms. Vona Walker. She stated that she had talked to Mr. Martin where he stated that he wanted her to stake out the right of way on the County road because he wanted to put up an electronic gate up to the entrance. She then looked at the subdivision and it dedicated the road to the public and if this is the case, he cannot put the fence up. They cannot ask him at this time because he has left. She would like to have this item rescinded until she has had a chance to speak to him to see if he wants it public then no gate and if he wants the gate then he will have to dedicate the streets as private. She stated that there are already problems with existing subdivisions of his out there that are dedicated public but are fenced up. She would like to clear this issue with him before anything is done. If this is dedicated as public right of way, he will not have any choice. He will not be able to put up a fence. She is recommending that this approval be rescinded until she meets with Mr. Martin. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to rescind the action that was taken on Item 12/B, the final approval with a letter of credit on Hidden Valley Ranch RV Mobile Home Park Phase I, as per the recommendation of the Right of Way Director.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

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 of Commissioners' Court be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$1,000.00**

(See Exhibit S)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

- A. Requesting approval of contract for "Proposed Drainage Improvements (Drain 18-B)" - Rio Grande Valley Environmental Services, Inc.
- B. Requesting authority to advertise for "Crushed Caliche" for Hidalgo County Drainage District #1
- C. Requesting authority to surplus various miscellaneous equipment parts for auction

1/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract with Rio Grande Valley Environmental Services, Inc. for "proposed drainage Improvements to Drain 18-B".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for bids for "Crushed Caliche" for the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

1/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the declaration of various miscellaneous parts as surplus for auction.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

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

MOTION CARRIED.