

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:

The County Judge announced that Commissioners Rosel and Handy were absent, but there was a quorum present.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ENGINEERING ESTIMATE - SIGLER, WINSTON & GREENWOOD (BARBOSA LOPEZ PROJECT)

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, came before the Board requesting authorization to pay Sigler, Winston & Greenwood for the Barbosa Lopez project. The amount of the bill is \$10,846.65, which is based on the percentage of completion on the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the payment of the engineer's estimate.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit A)

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

The County Judge announced that Commissioners Rosel and Handy were absent, but there was a quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. County Judge's Office - \$5,600.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. #1 - Paved/Unpaved - \$10,500.00
- C. Commissioner Pct. #3 -Park - \$9,500.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$6,428.14

- E. County Court at Law #4 - \$300.00
- F. Constable Pct. #1 - \$174.00
- G. Constable Pct. #4 - \$231.61
- H. Constable Pct. #5 - \$50.00
- I. Personnel Department - \$3,900.00
- J. Buildings & Grounds - \$1,900.00 & \$27.00
- K. Youth Village - \$300.00
- L. Sheriff's Office - Jail - \$1,300.00
- M. Child Welfare - \$2,600.00
- N. Juvenile Probation - \$1,280.00
- O. Treasury Department - \$1,216.92
- P. Purchasing Department - \$4,300.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT

- A. Permits
 - 1. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - 2. Pct. #3 - Southwestern Bell Telephone
 - 3. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY

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

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Subdivisions
 - 1. Pct. #1 - Amended Plat Southgate Woods S/D - Phase 1
 - 2. Pct. #3 - Berger Subdivision
 - 3. Pct. #3 - Fairway Oaks Subdivision
 - 4. Pct. #3 - La Tierra De Los Encinos
 - 5. Pct. #4 - Lot 8A Clocktower Village Subdivision
- B. Release of Letter of Credit
 - 1. Pct. #3 - Silverado North Subdivision

(See Exhibit E)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes or corrections. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, indicated that they had a change under Item 1 of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Garces recommended that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed on the Regular

agenda. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS/BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR (FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA)

Commissioner Garces made a motion to approve the check register with the exception of the check vouchers that were issued to In the Shadows Security Services in the amount of \$4,050.00 and that they remit the amount of \$1,320.00. Upon a second by Commissioner Arcaute the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Final Plat Approval
 - 1. Walker Subdivision - Pct. #4
- B. Partial Release of Letter of Credit
 - 1. Prairie View Heights S/D Phase III - Pct. #3
- C. Discussion and Possible action - Variance Request
 - 1. Paul and Marjorie Hicks - Pct. #1
 - 2. Jennifer Harbury - Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. - Pct. #2

1/A

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court requesting final plat approval on Walker Subdivision. He said that it was located in Precinct Four on the northwest corner of Holmes Road and State Highway 107 in the rural area of the County. A discussion ensued with regards to some of the lots being in low elevation areas. Commissioner Garces commented that if approved it should be contingent on the developer filling in those low lying areas. After further discussion Commissioner Arcaute recommended that this subdivision be tabled until they can get a guarantee from the developer that he will fill in these areas. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to table this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit F)

***Commissioner Rosel joined the meeting at this time.**

1/B

Mr. Garcia was also requesting the approval of a partial release of letter of credit on Prairie View Heights Phase III Subdivision. He stated that the developer was requesting that \$33,969.00 be released from a letter of credit in the total amount of \$184,990.00. He had a letter from the engineer and a copy of the invoice for the payment included as part of the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit F)

1/C/1

Mr. Garcia reported that this next request was for a variance request by Paul and Marjorie Hicks. The variance was that they were proposing to sell some tracts of land that were less than five acres by metes and bounds without subdividing. He stated that they were present in the audience and they had been advised that before they can sell a tract of land, less than the five acres they need to comply with the rules and regulations of the County of Hidalgo. This meant that they had to subdivide their tract of land. Mr. Hicks' interpretation led him to believe that he did not have to subdivide. The County Judge asked Mr. Garcia if it was law that they had to subdivide and Mr. Garcia replied that it was not only as per the County's rules and regulations but also by the State's Model Rules and Regulations. Mrs. Hicks then came up to the podium to state her case which was that they were wanting to divide two lots of the Delta Orchard Subdivision into no more than four lots. Mr. Hicks indicated that it was his understanding that in the regulations it stated that it would be considered a housing subdivision if it was divided into four or more parts and they are only proposing to divide each of these tracts of land into three parts. He also added that they have never had any standing water or any problems with flooding in this land. After further commentary from Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, the County Judge asked Mr. Garcia what the non-compliance was. Mr. Garcia responded that in the exhibits there was a letter that indicated that Mr. Hicks was proposing to sell one or two acres from each parcel and according to the rules and regulations, a tract of land or two or more parts is subject to be subdivided. Also as far as the metes and bounds are concerned, they would have to subdivide these parcels properly. The County Judge then informed Mr. and Mrs. Hicks that Mr. Garcia's job was to make sure that all rules and regulations are followed. Mr. Hicks stated that he had been informed by Mr. Garcia that he could not sell his lots and Mr. Hick's wanted to know that where in the laws of the State of Texas did it state that he could not sell his property. Commissioner Arcaute informed Mr. Hicks that if he sold it as was and went to the County Clerk's Office to record the deed it would not be recorded and therefore he would not be able to sell it. Mr. Hicks then indicated that he would like a list of all the variances that have been granted by this County. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to deny the variance request.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit F)

1/C/2

Mr. Garcia announced that the next item was a variance request from Jennifer Harbury, an attorney with the Texas Rural Legal Aid. She was wanting to submit a certificate of compliance for water and electricity to connect the homesteads that her clients, Concepcion Garza and San Juanita Chavez, have in existence. Mr. Garcia stated that according to the records 5.53 acres were sold by metes and bounds to Mr. Everestino Gonzalez who in turn divided the parcel into three lots and sold one lot to each of Mr. Garza and Mrs. Chavez and kept one for himself. These transactions were done back in 1993. This is the reason why they were requesting that the certificates of compliance for electricity and water be waived. Mr. Garcia reported that Ms. Harbury was in the audience and Commissioner Arcaute asked the County legal counsel that it was his understanding that it was illegal to sell property by metes and bounds in the State of Texas and he felt that it was not the owners of the lots who should be requesting the variance but the person who sold them the lots. Commissioner Garces asked Mr. Garcia about the zoning in the area and Mr. Garcia responded that it was in a Zone "B" and that he did not have a survey with regards to ingress and egress to this property. Ms. Harbury then came before the Court and clarified that on the contracts for deed the property description was not in metes and bounds. She then reported that when her clients, Mr. Garza and Mrs. Chavez, had bought their lots, they were utilizing the electricity and water that was under Mr. Gonzalez' name. Her clients were now wanting to acquire their own water and electricity and they found that they could not get it because this land had not been properly subdivided. She was trying to get this variance as per a State Law that she said had passed last September where people who had purchased property that was not properly subdivided could acquire utility certificates if they bought the land and moved into their homes by a certain period of time, she then proceeded to read the criteria under this law and how her clients qualified. A discussion ensued where Commissioner Arcaute indicated that the utilities were the responsibility of the subdivider and Ms. Harbury stated that she did not feel that this subdivider had the finances to be able to do it. Commissioner Arcaute asked if there were other requirements, otherwise most subdivisions would be able to acquire utilities without following the letter of the law. This issue resulted in a discussion with comments from Commissioner Arcaute, Ms. Harbury, and the County Judge. During this discussion, Commissioner Arcaute asked the County legal counsel if the definition of a "subdivision" has already been established, because Ms. Harbury was saying that any land that was divided whether it was legal or not was considered a subdivision. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, agreed with Commissioner Arcaute using the definition as indicated in the rules and regulations. He added that he could not verify any of the "facts" that Ms. Harbury was presenting to this Court and therefore he was requesting that this Court take no action on this item until he can get together with Ms. Harbury and go through the information that is being presented. After further discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 2. EXTENSION SERVICE

A. Proclamation "National Diabetes Month"

Dr. Ida Dromgoole, County Extension Agent, came before the Court requesting approval of a proclamation declaring November as "National Diabetes Month". She introduced the past president of the Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, Dr. Maria Allan, who in turn introduced Josh Murphy, who was a new member to the Rio Grande Valley Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. Dr. Dromgoole then proceeded to read the proclamation. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the proclamation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 3. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

- A. Discussion on County Court at Law Judge's auto allowance - Mrs. Etnire
- B. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$9,158.00 - Mrs. Etnire
- C. Approval to pay bill to Burton, McCumber & Prichard, L.L.P. for services rendered in connection with meetings and review of 1994 audit by the Texas Department of Health and representatives - Mrs. Etnire
- D. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,000.00 regarding Civil Action No. C-1995-91-G - Raymond Aguilar
- E. To consider and approve the Drug Impact Court's 1997-1998 Budget with a 5% cost of living - Paul Vazaldua
- F. Consider and approve risk exposure policy as presented - Paul Vazaldua
- G. Status report on the traffic engineering services that have been provided to the County of Hidalgo between 8/19/97 and 9/30/97 by Traffic Engineering & Design System, Inc. - Paul Vazaldua
- H. Approval of a Resolution to support the Rio Grande River/Rio Bravo River as an American Heritage River - Lisa Saucedo

3/A

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

3/B

Mrs. Loura Etnire reported that a representative from Burton, McCumber & Prichard would be taking care of this item. Ricky Longoria then came before the Court requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$9,158.00 in order to pay a bill to Burton, McCumber & Prichard, L.L.P. This bill would be in conjunction with the 1994 audit of the Texas Department of Health. Mr. Longoria then proceeded to give a brief summary of the services that were rendered on behalf of the County. During his presentation it was found that the services of this firm were requested by the previous County Auditor and the former County Judge. After a lengthy discussion in which this Court tried to justify the need for the services that were provided, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$9,158.00 to pay the bill to Burton, McCumber & Pritchard.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

3/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to pay the bill to Burton, McCumber & Pritchard for services rendered in connection with the meetings and review with the 1994 audit by the State Department of Health.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

3/D

Raymond Aguilar, Risk Manager, came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,000.00 to cover civil action C-1995-91-G. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

3/E

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court requesting that this Commissioners' Court consider and approve the Drug Impact Court's 1997-1998 budget with a 5% cost of living increase for the staff. This budget does not require a match. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

3/F

Mr. Vazaldua stated that the next item was to present a risk exposure policy to the Court. He asked that Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, elaborate on this request. Mr. Cavazos stated that they were trying to hire someone under a program on a volunteer basis and they found out that they couldn't hire them because these employees are not covered under workman's compensation. He was asking that a policy be put in place in order to protect the County in case of injury to a volunteer employee. Mr. Vazaldua pointed out that the new Welfare-to-Work Program had a lot of details as far as different organizations working with their recipients on a volunteer basis and the another part of the policy was that contracts that covered this risk exposure policy be approved by this Commissioners' Court and that funds needed to fund this item be appropriated by each department. Commissioner Arcaute indicated that he felt that by doing this, this County would be taking on a great amount of liability. Commissioner Rosel asked that legal counsel look over this before this Court consider this issue. After further discussion, Mr. Vazaldua recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

3/G

On the next item, Mr. Vazaldua gave a status report of the work that is being completed by Traffic Engineering and Design Systems, Inc. The exhibit showed the work performed between the dates of August 19, 1997 through September 30, 1997.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

3/H

Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court requesting approval of a resolution to support the Rio Grande River/Rio Bravo River as an American Heritage River. She stated that she had come before the Court in May, 1997 with a brief presentation of what this designation signified. In the resolution, she pointed out the Council on Governments from the four regions had met and put together for the Rio Grande to be designated as an American Heritage River. Commissioner Rosel commented that this item had been brought before the Rio Grande Valley Development Council and it was not presented as an action item, but they felt that there were some issues that needed to be addressed, such as the fact that they were going to name a supervisor to oversee these rivers and this individual would supersede any federal, state or local authority in taking any action that he/she deems necessary on the part of the rivers. He was asking that this item be brought back to this Court next week, in order to acquire more information even though many local entities have already approved similar resolutions. After a brief discussion, the County Judge announced that no action would be taken on this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 4. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Cost of Living 5% increase plus including benefits of OET personnel
- B. Discussion and Possible Action to approve and appropriate adjustments in step and grade matrix to reflect 5% increase
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to accept PY 97 incentive funds contract in the amount of \$256,972.00 for PY 96-97 performances
- D. Discussion and Possible Action to award funding to successful respondents to the Title I Section 1-2-3 (8%) funds

4/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a 5% cost of living increase which would also include the benefits that go along with the 5% for the OET personnel. This would be across the board for all employees. He indicated that he would like to request that this be implemented immediately. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner to approve a 5% increase to OET personnel, including the benefits, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

4/B

Mr. Dickinson indicated that the next item was to approve and appropriate adjustments in step and grade matrix to reflect 5% increase and that there be no change in level in step of the current employees because of the 5%. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the step and grade, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

4/C

Mr. Dickinson stated that he was requesting that this Court accept the PY 96-97 incentive funds contract in the amount of \$256,972.00 for 96-97 performances. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

4/D

Lastly, Mr. Dickinson was requesting to award funding to successful respondents to the Title I Section 1-2-3 (8%) funds. He stated that they had received seven successful responses who had received a score of 70 or above. He was also requesting that this Court allow the department to negotiate with the two responses that did not receive a 70 or above in order to try to fund them, as well. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 5. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$22,000.00 - Jail

Capt. Joe Jackson, from the Sheriff's Department, came before the Court requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the Jail budget. This amendment is needed in order to finish out the year in water and utilities. 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. LIBRARY SYSTEM

A. Authorization to apply for TIF Internet Connectivity grant for public libraries in Hidalgo County

William McGee, Library System Director, came before the Court requesting authorization to apply to the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund for a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to put hardware and software into three communities which are attempting to establish public libraries and to allow the Library System to upgrade software and services to these and existing libraries. He stated that this grant does not require matching funds and a discussion ensued with a question by Commissioner Garces with regards to any possible unforeseeable costs. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 7. LAW LIBRARY

A. Reserved parking for Law Librarian

Angie Chapa, the Courthouse librarian, came before the Court requesting that this Commissioners' Court designate a parking space for the Law Librarian within the Courthouse parking lot. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the designate a parking space for the Law Librarian in slot number 31.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 8. COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

- A. Approval of roadway easement - Mile 17 North & West, Metes & Bounds Subdivision

Steve Crain, County legal counsel, came before the Court requesting approval of a roadway easement to the County. He added that the original owners of this property had designated this easement as a roadway easement and it had not been properly established. He had instructed Mr. Raul Lozano, Precinct One's Administrative Assistant, to acquire the proper documentation from the current owners of the property. After some discussion with regards to the proper procedure to follow, it was advised that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 9. URBAN COUNTY

- A. City of Edcouch - Approval of a materials contract from U.S. Filter for PFI Water Improvements Activity, FY 1995
- B. City of La Joya - Approval of a Construction Contract with Corner Stone Construction Company - Removal of Architectural Barriers Activity, FY 1993-1995
- C. City of Palmview - Approval of a contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) PFI Fire Station/Equipment FY 1994-1997
- D. City of Weslaco - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Palmer Drug Abuse Program Year 9 - 1996
- E. City of Weslaco - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco Year 10 - 1997

9/A

The City of Edcouch is requesting approval of a materials contract from U.S. Filter for PFI Water Improvements under FY 1995. The amount of the contract is \$16,739.82. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

9/B

The City of La Joya is requesting approval of a construction contract with Corner Stone Construction Company. This is for an activity involving the removal of architectural barriers under FY 1993-1995. The total amount of the contract is \$33,319.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

9/C

The City of Palmview is requesting approval of a contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the purchase of fire equipment, more specifically a responder unit. This will be done utilizing FY 1994-1997 funds and the total amount of the purchase including administrative fees is \$167,322.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

9/D

The City of Weslaco is requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with Palmer Drug Abuse Program. This is out of Year 9 in the amount of 780.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

9/E

The City of Weslaco was also requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco. This will be paid out of Year 10 in the amount of 146,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 10. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
A. Hidalgo County

1. Requesting authority to negotiate a Best and Final Offer for the purchase, utilizing a Qualified Information System Vendors under the Cooperative Catalogue Purchase program by the General Services Commissioner of an Integrated Judicial Management Information System for all criminal justice related departments, Purchasing, Administration and Auditor
- B. Auditor's Office
1. Requesting authority to declare various items of office equipment surplus for the purpose of auction
- C. Constable Pct. #2, Place 1
1. Requesting authority to declare two (2) vehicles, a radio charger and several radios surplus for the purpose of auction
- D. Purchasing Department
1. Requesting approval of two full-time positions
 - a. Buyer
 - b. Surplus Manager
- E. Setting salaries for two positions
1. Buyer - \$24,000.00
 2. Surplus Manager - \$18,500.00
- F. Sheriff's Department
1. Recommending of rejection of all bids for Washers/Dryers
 2. Requesting approval of authority to re-advertise for Washers/Dryers
 3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements Professional Services/Assessment of Departments needs for annual budget amendment for personnel
 4. Requesting approval of Professional Service Contract
 5. Requesting approval of contract for Adult Detention Facility Inmate Telephone System with Conversant Technologies

10/A/1

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting the authority to negotiate a best and final offer for the purchase, utilizing a Qualified Information System Vendors under the Cooperative Catalogue Purchase program by the General Services Commission of an Integrated Judicial Management Information System for all criminal justice related departments, Purchasing, Administration and Auditor. She mentioned that this was a project that was being overseen by Pete Rivera, County Systems Administrator, for the upgrade of the mainframe computer and software for the criminal justice departments. She mentioned that they had gone out on an RFO (request for offers) for this service and the request was to negotiate with the vendors submitting offers. Juan Mejia came forward and addressed the Court and said that if the County went this route then they would not allow for any local vendors to participate in the submittal of offers as it called for only QISV vendors. After further comments, he indicated that he was in essence, depending on the outcome, registering a protest. Mrs. Salazar indicated that she was not circumventing anyone, but looking for other avenues that are available to the County. A discussion ensued with regards to

what the process would be and how and on what criteria the County would negotiate and what would happen if the County could not reach an agreement with the proposed vendors. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel came into the discussion trying to clarify what the Purchasing Director was explaining as far a procedure. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the Purchasing Agent to go into negotiations on a best and final offer with the for the purchase and utilization of a Qualified Information System Vendors under the Cooperative Catalogue Purchase program by the General Services Commission of an Integrated Judicial Management Information System for all criminal justice related departments, Purchasing, Administration and Auditor.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of various items of office equipment from the Auditor's Office, as surplus for auction.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to authorize the declaration of two vehicles, a radio charger and server radios, from Constable Pct. 2 Pl. 1 as surplus for auction.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

10/D

Mrs. Salazar stated that the next request was for approval to create two full-time positions within the Purchasing Department. She mentioned that these two positions had already been approved for the 1998 budget and she was requesting that these positions be allocated in the present budget. No additional funds will be needed, since there is sufficient money within the Purchasing Department's budget to fund these positions for the remainder of this year. The two positions were for a buyer and a surplus manager. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

10/E

A motion was made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to set the salaries of a buyer at \$24,000.00 and a surplus manager at \$18,500.00 for the Purchasing Department, pro-rated until the end of this year.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

10/F/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that they had gone out for bids for washers and dryers for the Jail. She explained that since the bids came in over budget and did not meet specifications, they were requesting that all bids received be rejected at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

10/F/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces to authorize the re-advertising for bids for washers and dryers for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

10/F/3&4

Mrs. Salazar indicated that she was requesting no action on Items 10/F/3 and 10/F/4 at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

10/F/5

Mrs. Salazar stated that her final request was for approval of a contract for the Adult Detention Facility Inmate Telephone System with Conversant Technologies. She reported that this contract was awarded on April 22nd. Mrs. Salazar indicated that this matter had been in litigation and it has now been resolved. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION

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

Government Code, Section 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 to discuss the following

matters:

A. Litigation

1. Hidalgo County -vs- Adams - C-5586-94-F

B. Personnel

1. Contract of the Executive Director of the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training

C. Property

1. Potential Real Property Acquisition

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

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

A. Litigation

1. Hidalgo County -vs- Adams - C-5586-94-F

B. Personnel

1. Contract of the Executive Director of the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training

C. Property

1. Potential Real Property Acquisition

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize legal counsel to proceed on the settlement as discussed in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED.

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to extend the contract of the Executive Director of the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training for an additional year.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit)

2/C

Commissioner Garces reported that this item was purely for information purposes and no action would be required.

NO ACTION.

Commissioner Rosel then informed the Court that the City of Mission would be holding a meeting tonight and in executive session they would be discussing the possible acquisition of some property owned by the County in the Precinct Three area. He has been advised that it would be best that the County legal counsel be present, as well as another member of this Court.

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

MOTION CARRIED.