

# **COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 1997 after notice duly having been given, a  
Regular  
Meeting of the Commissioners' Court and Drainage District  
#1 was  
begun and holden in the Commissioners Courtroom, in the  
Administration Building, in the City of Edinburg, County of  
Hidalgo,  
State of Texas, with the following being members of said  
Court:**

**HONORABLE RENATO CUELLAR  
COUNTY JUDGE**

**HONORABLE SYLVIA HANDY  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1**

**HONORABLE ABELARDO "LALO" ARCAUTE  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**HONORABLE JUAN ROSEL  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**HONORABLE GUADALUPE "LUPE" GARCES  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

**and where the following proceedings were had, to-wit:**

## **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and 551.072 to discuss the following:

- A. Litigation
  - 1. Civil Action No. M-95-034
- B. Property
  - 1. Potential Real Property Acquisition

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

NO ACTION.

#### **ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION**

- A. Litigation
  - 1. Civil Action No. M-95-034
- B. Property
  - 1. Potential Real Property Acquisition

Commissioner Garces informed the Court that the items listed were for discussion purposes only and no action would be required at this time.

NO ACTION.

## **DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. PERMITS**

- A. City of Weslaco - Citrus Hills Subdivision
- B. City of Edinburg - Hill Country Villas
- C. City of Mission - Tinseltown Subdivision
- D. City of McAllen - Tinseltown Subdivision

(See Exhibit A)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ITEM 1. DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

- A. Approval and acceptance of study "Hidalgo County Flood Protection Plan" compiled by Turner, Collie & Braden
- B. Exemption from bidding process - Professional Services
- C. Authorization to pay bill - Turner, Collie & Braden - \$5,081.91
- D. Authorization to Change Title of vacant position #36 from Head Mechanic to Welder and set salaries
- E. Authorization to create one new Shredder Operator position #48 and set salaries

1/A

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, came before the Board requesting approval and acceptance of the study of the "Hidalgo County Flood Protection Plan" compiled by Turner, Collie & Braden. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

1/B&C

Mr. Garza was then requesting an exemption from the bidding process, under professional services for Turner, Collie & Braden and authorization to pay the bill in the amount of \$5,081.91. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

1/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to change the title on a vacant position #36 from Head Mechanic to Welder and to set the salary at \$20,504.79.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

1/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to create one new Shredder Operator position #48 and set the salary at \$15,750.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

## **ITEM 2. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

A. Request authority to advertise for Storm Drainage Improvement -  
Weslaco Area

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Garces to authorize the advertising for Storm Drainage Improvements in the Weslaco Area.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit C)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

##### **HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR**

(See Exhibit D)

#### **ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

- A. County Judge - \$255.00
- B. 332<sup>nd</sup> District Court - \$326.87
- C. Buildings & Grounds - \$1,280.00 & \$1,000.00
- D. Library System - \$ 5,085.00 & \$3,200.00
- E. Historical Commission - \$390.00
- F. J.P. Pct. 1 Pl. 1 - \$45.00 & 170.15
- G. J.P. Pct. 2 Pl. 1 - \$1,650.00
- H. J.P. Pct. 3 Pl. 2 - \$554.00
- I. Veterans Service Office - \$1,287.91
- J. 92<sup>nd</sup> District Court - \$2,530.00
- K. Sheriff's Office - Jail - \$2,500.00

L. County Court at Law #4 - \$2,207.92

M. Planning Department - \$9.00

(See Exhibit E)

**ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT**

A. Permits:

1. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply

2. Pct. #4 - Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

(See Exhibit F)

**ITEM 4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

A. Subdivisions

1. Las Palmas South Subdivision - Pct. #2

2. Lot A-1 North East Crossing No. 2 - Pct. #2

3. Plaza Del Sol Lot 1A Subdivision - Pct. #3

4. North McColl Business Park Subdivision - Pct. #4

(See Exhibit G)

**ITEM 5. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**

A. Extension of Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company on HOME First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement - 1 family

B. HOME First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement & Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 1 family

(See Exhibit H)

**ITEM 6. DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE**

A. Monthly fee report for the month of October 1997 - Total of \$146,650.17

(See Exhibit I)

The County Judge introduced the Consent and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, indicated that they were wanting to void check #137637 issued from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,153.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **ITEM 1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- A. Preliminary Plat Approval
  - 1. Tropical Palm Estates - Pct. #1
  - 2. Pradera Subdivision - Pct. #3
- B. Final Plat Approval
  - 1. Texas Valley Estates #6 - Pct. #1
  - 2. Abel No. 3 Subdivision - Pct. #4
  - 3. Monte Alto Acres Phase 1 - Pct. #1
- C. Discussion and Possible Action - Presentation Anthony Covacevich
  - 1. Chapa South Right of Way Subdivision - Pct. #1
  - 2. Donna Right of Way Boyce Subdivision - Pct. #1

1/A/1

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court requesting preliminary plat approval for Tropical Palm Estates. This subdivision is in Precinct One located approximately two miles north of F.M. 492 on the west side of La Homa Road. Preliminary plat approval is being recommended subject to the street signs, traffic control devices and testing of the streets; final letter from the water corporation or city and affidavit regarding drainage facilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

1/A/2

Mr. Garcia was then requesting preliminary approval of Pradera Subdivision. This is in Precinct Three located on the north east corner of Mile 19 ½ Road and Old La Blanca Road. Preliminary plat approval is being recommended subject to the street signs, traffic control devices and testing of the streets; final letter from the water corporation or city and affidavit regarding drainage facilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

1/B/1

The next request was for final plat approval for Texas Valley Estates #6. It is located in Precinct One approximately 1200 feet east of F.M. 493 and on the south side of Mile 10 North Road. Final approval is being recommended subject to the final letter from the water corporation or city; affidavit regarding drainage facilities and no permits will be issued until the water line is in place and operable and completion of the swales are done in accordance to the subdivision plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

1/B/2

The next request was for final plat approval for Abel No. 3 Subdivision. This subdivision is in Precinct Four located approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile east of Tower Road and on the south side of Trenton Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

1/B/3

The following request is for final plat approval of Monte Alto Acres Phase I. This is in Precinct One located approximately 1000 feet north from F.M. 2812 on the east side of North First Street. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

1/C/1

Anthony Covacevich indicated that he was requesting approval for Chapa South Right of Way Subdivision to plat the right of way in order to implement the grant to install water lines. This is in Precinct One located on the southwest corner of Mile 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  North Road and F.M. 1015.

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

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

1/C/2

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this next request was for the platting of the right of way for Donna Right of Way Boyce Subdivision in order to implement the grant to install the water lines. This subdivision is in Precinct One located 2 ¼ miles north from Expressway 83 on the west side of Old La Blanca Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

## **ITEM 2. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE**

- A. Selection of Appraisal District Board of Directors for 1998-1999 - Mrs. Etnire
- B. Public Hearing - U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program - Paul Vazaldua
- C. Consider and Approve the Hidalgo County Criminal Auxiliary Court's Block Grant
  - a. Award Letter
  - b. Local Match Funds
  - c. Appropriation of 1998 Budget
  - d. Setting Salaries
- D. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Lutherans Services and Hidalgo County for contractual services for 1996-1997
- E. Approval of budget amendment for Lunacy Trials in the amount of \$500.00
- F. Proclamation for the Texas Water Development Board

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to **table** this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Handy voted against the motion)  
(See Exhibit K)

2/B

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court to report on the U.S. Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. He asked that the County Judge open the public. The County Judge then called the public hearing open. Mr. Vazaldua continued by saying that this County had received a grant for the funding of a criminal auxiliary court. The County Judge asked if there were any questions and/or comments from the public, and some of the Board members for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division at South Texas Community College, John York and J.D. Salinas came to the podium to explain how this grant has helped to alleviate some of the case overload in the Courts and the overcrowding at the jail. Commissioner Garces also asked if there was anything else that could be done to help in expediting more of these cases and this was answered by Mr. Salinas. Mr. Vazaldua indicated for the record that he would like to thank those people who have helped to make the first year of this grant's funding a success. He then proceeded to thank State District Judge Noe Gonzalez, the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department and the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office. Rene Guerra, District Attorney, then approached the podium and reported that he had requested an additional prosecutor for this grant and it had been denied. He was again requesting this additional position. There being no further questions and/or comments, the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/C/a

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve the award letter from the U.S. Department of Justice for a grant in the amount of \$241,028.00 for the 1998 program year.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/C/b

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a local match in the amount of \$66,781.00 for the Criminal Auxiliary Court Block Grant commencing January 1, 1998. The grant's grand total is \$307,809.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/C/c&d

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the appropriation of the 1998 Criminal Auxiliary Budget and to set the salaries.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/D

Mr. Vazaldua indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$500.00 for Lunacy Trials.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

2/F

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

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit K)

### **ITEM 3. ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

A. Canvassing of the November 4, 1997 Constitutional Amendment Election

Oscar Cantu, from the Elections Department, came before the Court to canvass the votes for the November 4, 1997 Constitutional Amendment Election. He stated that there were fourteen (14) propositions that were voted on of which twelve passed and two failed here in Hidalgo County. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the canvassing of the election as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

**ITEM 4. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

A. Proclamation declaring November as the National Adoption Month

After a reading of the proclamation by Commissioner Garces, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a proclamation declaring November as "National Adoption Month".

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

**ITEM 12. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4:**

A. Discussion and Possible Action on accepting the Thoroughfare Plan as presented by the MPO-TxDot

Commissioner Garces informed the Commissioners to refer to the handout of the thoroughfare plan for Hidalgo County and he added that the plan had been constructed with the cooperation of all of the cities in Hidalgo and the Texas State Department of Transportation. The plan was addressing future growth and he turned the podium over to Anthony Covacevich who could better explain this issue. Mr. Covacevich began by saying that the concept that was developed was the protection of the right

of way in the rural areas. He stated that when colonias and subdivisions are platted, they need to project their roads into that area which may presently be sparsely populated in order to provide better roads. He referred to the handout with regards to the area proposed for streets and he mentioned that whenever a subdivision is developed, the developer will be asked for the appropriate right of way so that when the road is projected the right of way will not have to be purchased. He continued by saying that they have decided to go ahead and allow the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to fund the project to create a Hidalgo County Thoroughfare Plan and this was the result of that plan. He did mention that all cities had approved it with the exception of McAllen and Mercedes. Commissioner Garces indicated that he thought that McAllen was going through public readings and it would be a matter of time before it would go before the city council for adoption. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces to approve the County Thoroughfare Plan as presented and implement it immediately. Commissioner Rosel seconded the motion and asked that in the first thoroughfare plan that was approved was different from this one; in the first one there was more right of way indicating more roads and this one was more of an agreement with the municipal and other governmental entities. Mr. Covacevich concurred and added that the cities were supposed to have provided input and not until the plan was implemented did they provide the input. There being no further discussion the motion was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit N)

**ITEM 5. MILITARY HIGHWAY WATER SUPPLY CORP. - Anthony Covacevich**

A. Resolution for the Texas Water Development Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a resolution for the submission of an application to the Texas Water Development Board by the Military Highway Water Supply Corporation.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

**ITEM 6. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3**

A. Budget Amendment for Pct. #3 Landfill

Commissioner Rosel indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit P)

**ITEM 7. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT**

- A. Authorization to transfer funds from insurance check to be deposited in General Fund to Computer Department
- B. Discussion and Possible Action on the contract between Hidalgo County and Earl R. Hunt

7/A

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit Q)

7/B

Mr. Rivera then proceeded to discuss the contract between Hidalgo County and Earl R. Hunt in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the programs to interface with the LifeScan fingerprinting machine with the State. He did note that this contract is contingent on the contract that the County has with the Criminal Justice Policy Council. He was therefore asking that this contract be either terminated or put on hold until consideration on the contract with the Criminal Justice Policy Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

**ITEM 8. 93<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

A. Order setting salary of Court Reporters (10% increase)

Manuel Cavazos, County Auditor, indicated that the Board of Judges had asked him to present the Commissioners' Court with an order to increase the salary of the Court Reporters by 10% for the 1998 budget year. After a brief discussion, with opposing comments from Commissioners Rosel and Garces, as well as Rene Guerra, the District Attorney, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by the County Judge to comply with the court order as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

**ITEM 9. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - JAIL**

A. Authorization and Approval to pay bill from Goliad County in the amount of \$4,795.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize and approve the payment of bill from Goliad County in the amount of \$4,795.00 for the housing of Hidalgo County prisoners.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

**ITEM 10. 275<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

A. Budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for purchases that have already been made and for future purchases for the 275<sup>th</sup> District Court.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel voted against the motion.)  
(See Exhibit )

**ITEM 13. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**

- A. City of Elsa - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with BEE Healthy Public Services FY 1997
- B. City of Hidalgo - Approval of Budget Amendment FY 1997
- C. City of Weslaco - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Amigos Del Valle, Inc. year 10 - 1997
- D. Pct. #1 - Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with BEE Healthy Public Services - FY 1997
- E. Approval to Amend the 1997 CPS (Consolidated Plan Strategy) HUD Report
- F. Mujeres Unidas - Approval of ESG Budget Amendment - 1995

## 13/A

The City of Elsa is requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with BEE Healthy in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

## 13/B

The City of Hidalgo is requesting approval of a budget amendment in FY 1997. The amendment is to move \$214,000.00 from Water/Sewer Improvements to Non-Residential Historic Preservation. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

## 13/C

The City of Weslaco was requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with Amigos Del Valle, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

## 13/D

Precinct One is requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with BEE Healthy in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

13/E

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that the amendment was to include the \$1 million that they obtain from the Section 108 for the City of La Joya. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to amend the 1997 Consolidated Plan Strategy HUD Report.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

13/F

Mujeres Unidas was requesting approval of an ESG budget amendment for year 1995. The amendment is to include \$1,000.00 from the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

#### **ITEM 14. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

##### A. Hidalgo County

1. Approval of modification of Termination Clause for Farm Lease as requested by Lessor Fred Karle, dba Karle Farms

##### B. Precinct #1

1. Recommending rejection of sole bid on "Lakeway Drive - Progresso Lake" due to over budget

##### C. Precinct #3

1. Requesting numerous tires to be declared surplus for disposition by the purchasing department

2. Requesting approval of contract(s) for Hauling Service of Hot Mix

D. Health Department

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements Professional Service for a Registered Nurse and a licensed Vocational Nurse to administer Hepatitis "A" vaccine to a targeted group of children
2. Request approval of Professional Service Contract(s)

14/A

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that a modification of the termination clause was being requested for the farm lease with Fred Karle. The modification was that in the event of a termination and there is an unharvested crop the Lessee is requesting that out of pocket expenses be paid plus 10%. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

14/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to reject the sole bid received for "Lakeway Drive-Progresso Lake" project in Precinct One due to over budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

14/C/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of numerous tires from Precinct Three be declared surplus for disposition.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

14/C/2

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit V)

14/D/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under Professional Services for a registered nurse and a licensed vocational nurse to administer Hepatitis "A" vaccine to a targeted group of children.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

14/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a professional service contract for an RN not to exceed \$28.00 per hour and a professional service contract with an LVN not to exceed \$18.00 per hour, for the Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

#### **ITEM 15. LISA SAUCEDA**

##### **A. Discussion on the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo River as an American Heritage River**

Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court to discuss the designation of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo River as an American Heritage River. She stated that a meeting had been held the previous week to discuss this designation with representatives from the General Land Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the City of Edinburg, as well as some of the County Commissioners. She then went on to explain some of the concerns that were addressed at the meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued with regards to how this designation might infringe on the rights of property owners along the river. After further discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

### **ITEM 11. COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGES**

#### **A. Action on County Court at Law Judges' Auto Allowance**

County Court at Law Judge Rudy Delgado came before the Court requesting approval of a \$5,400.00 auto allowance for the County Court at Law Judges as called for by statute adopted by the Texas Legislature to be effective September 1, 1997. He then went on to discuss some options on how this Commissioners' Court could address this issue. Judge Delgado also called attention to the discussion that was held during the Commissioners' Court meeting of November 4, 1997 that included and explanation of the statute from State Representative Juan Hinojosa and opposing comments from Steve Crain, the County legal counsel. After a discussion which included opposing comments from Commissioner Rosel and some insight on legislation by Rene Guerra, the District Attorney, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit W)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**There being no further business to come before  
said**

**Court, the meetings of Commissioners' Court and Drainage  
District**

**#1 were hereby adjourned.**

**RENATO CUELLAR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**SYLVIA HANDY** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1**

**ABELARDO "LALO" ARCAUTE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**JUAN**  
**ROSEL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**GUADALUPE "LUPE" GARCES** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

**Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1999.**

**JUAN D. SALINAS, III, COUNTY CLERK**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jennifer Castillo, Deputy**

**Minutes approved by Commissioners' Court and Drainage**  
**District #1 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,**  
**1999.**