

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
December,**

**1997 after notice duly having been given, a Special Meeting of  
the**

**Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board  
were**

**begun and holden in the Commissioners' Courtroom, in the  
County**

**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:**

**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. DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

A. Permits

1. Royal Production Company
2. City of McAllen

B. Line Item Transfer

(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 Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

- A. Recommending award of bid on “One (1) New Tractor with Cab”

B. Requesting that all bids be rejected for bid on “Weslaco Drainage Area Improvements” and not be re-advertised

1/A

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that she had received two bids for “One New Tractor with Cab” for the Drainage District. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to Seiver Implement Company at a price of \$30,570.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the rejection of all bids for the “Weslaco Drainage Area Improvements” and that the bid not be re-advertised.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

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.

## **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. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

- A. Commissioner Pct. 1 - \$2,000.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. 1 - Paved/Unpaved - \$11,500.00
- C. Buildings & Grounds - \$379.32 & \$1,649.27
- D. Veterans Service Office - \$394.82
- E. J.P. Pct. 4 Pl. 1 - \$1,105.53
- F. County Judge - \$4,967.00 & \$4,200.00
- G. J.P. Pct. 1 Pl. 1 - \$166.00
- H. Jail Impact Court - \$2,800.00
- I. Extension Service - \$3,052.00
- J. Sheriff's Department - \$6,000.00 & \$3,000.00
- K. Sheriff's Department - Jail - \$9,000.00
- L. Sheriff's U.S. Dept. of Justice Immigration Program - \$16,000.00
- M. Computer Department - \$26,381.00
- N. Auditor's Office - \$250.00
- O. Commissioner Pct. 3 - \$15,931.05
- P. Youth Village - \$2,809.54
- Q. Master Court #2 - \$1,127.00
- R. Health Department - Administration - \$2,560.00
- S. Health Department - Health Clinics - \$143.00
- T. Tax Office - \$449.43
- U. District Attorney - General Fund - \$2,600.00
- V. District Attorney - Investigation Fund - \$1,000.00
- W. Juvenile Probation - \$553.00
- X. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Paved & Unpaved - \$8,000.00
- Y. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Road Administration - \$100.00
- Z. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Parks Administration - \$8,000.00
- AA. Purchasing Department - \$6,000.00
- BB. Elections Department - \$12,905.47
- CC. J.P. Pct. 3 Pl. 2 - \$206.60

(See Exhibit C)

**ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY**

- A. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application Cancellation - 1 family

B. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications - 3 families  
 (See Exhibit D)

**ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY**

A. Permits

1. Pct. #1
  - a. General Telephone
  - b. Southwestern Bell Telephone
2. City of Edcouch
3. Pct. #2
  - a. City of Pharr (Correction)
4. Pct. #4
  - a. Southern Union Gas Company

(See Exhibit E)

**ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

A. Subdivisions

1. Re-Subdivision of Lot 1 - Don-Rose Subdivision - Pct. 1
2. Resubdivision of Lot "A" magic Valley Baptist Subdivision - Pct. 2
3. EEDC #2 Subdivision - Pct. 4
4. Brookwood Subdivision Unit #1 - Pct. 4

(See Exhibit F)

**ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK**

A. Monthly Fee Report for the Month of November, 1997 - \$91,319.00

(See Exhibit G)

**ITEM 7. AUDITOR'S OFFICE - Monthly Collection Reports**

A. JP Charlie Espinoza	\$33,922.50	September 1997
B. Sheriff Escalon	\$46,059.77	October 1997
C. Anzaldua's Park	\$ 4,180.00	October 1997
D. Law Library	\$ 702.25	October 1997
E. Constable Aguirre	\$ 155.00	October 1997
F. Constable Alaniz	\$ 90.00	October 1997
G. Constable Peña	\$ 595.00	October 1997
H. Constable Cerda	\$ 270.00	October 1997
I. Constable Bazan	\$ 116.00	October 1997

J. JP Arnaldo Corpus	\$ 3,297.00	October 1997
K. JP Jesus E. Morales	\$10,582.00	October 1997
L. JP E. Speedy Jackson	\$ 8,190.00	October 1997
M. JP Rosa E. Treviño	\$18,127.74	October 1997
N. JP Gilberto Saenz	\$12,331.86	October 1997
O. JP Dario L. Martinez	\$12,257.29	October 1997
P. JP Ismael "Melo" Ochoa	\$22,709.77	October 1997

(See Exhibit H)

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 Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### ADD. 1. ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES

- A. 139<sup>th</sup> District Court
- B. 275<sup>th</sup> District Court

#### Add.1/A

State District Judge Leticia Hinojosa was proposing salary adjustments for her staff due to changes in duties that are performed. She added that she was not requesting additional monies. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to **table** this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

#### Add.1/B

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

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

**ADD. 2. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3**

- A. Authorization to pre-tax AFLAC's qualified benefits under Section 125
- B. Authorization to add disability benefits

2/A

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, called attention to the insurance policies that are being offered to the employees. He indicated that it had come to his attention that AFLAC had been offering insurance to the employees for a number of years before the Cafeteria Plan was implemented. His request at this time was to pre-tax the qualified benefits under AFLAC under Section 125. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to give the Auditor authorization to pre-tax AFLAC's qualified benefits under Section 125.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorization the addition of disability benefits under AFLAC to the Cafeteria Plan.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

**ADD. 3. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4**

- A. Consider and approval a budget amendment in the amount of \$57,600 to account number 7-010-429-310-42 from the County General Fund

Commissioner Garces indicated that this was for payment on the study on hazardous areas of the County. He then asked Gilbert Garza, from the County Auditor's Office, to give a brief re-cap on how this project was doing budgetarily. After some discussion, no action was recommended on this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

## **ITEM 1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### **A. Subdivisions**

#### **1. O.T. Subdivision - Phase I - Pct. 3**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve O.T. Subdivision Phase I which is in Precinct One located approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile south of Old U.S. 83 and on the west side of F.M. 1427.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

## **ITEM 2. SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

- A. Discussion and possible action on request to assign the County property on Moorefield Road to the Sheriff's Dept. for use in the construction of training facility**
- B. Acceptance of donation of blankets for inmates from Nations Assembly of God Daystar Mercy Ministry**

### **2/A**

Chief Ramiro Castellano, from the Sheriff's Department, came before the Court and stated that they are here requesting the authorization to use what is commonly known as the Longoria Property for the purpose of a training facility. In the past, Commissioner Garces brought up the issue that he had a problem with the current firing range that is used by the Sheriff's Office. The reason was due to some ammunition ricocheting over the berm and towards his buildings. They had attempted to build higher on the berm but that did not work and it is a mandate that the officers train on their firearms. They looked into other alternatives and at that time, they consulted the FBI by way of Special Agent Orlando Muñoz and he told them that they were also looking for a place to build a training facility to train their agents. They then inspected the property with the FBI and the County Buildings and Grounds Department and they were impressed with

the current facility and the space around the facility. If this property is assigned to the Sheriff's Department, the FBI proposes that they can fund the construction of an academy along with a shooting range and other related facilities for their own use. The FBI and the County Instructors would function together to provide the training for their respective departments as well as other agencies throughout the Valley. Lt. Rick Gorena addressed the Court and stated that what they are proposing for this area is something that will not be found elsewhere in the United States. This will be a state of the art facility that will benefit all local law enforcement agencies, second only to the FBI training camp in Quantico, Virginia. Special Agent Orlando Muñoz then addressed the Court and stated that they currently supply training to local agencies at no cost to the agency. They are looking to open this training up to all departments but more so, the ones that cannot budget any monies to attend any training seminars anywhere in the State. This can be done on a monthly basis. They will be looking at requesting from the local agencies, a dedicated instructor to fully staff the facility. Again, this will not cost the local agency any money. The FBI has the money available to fund this project and Agent Muñoz feels that everything about this property is ideal for this type of project. There would not have to be many modification to the building itself. Commissioner Garces asked if any type of budget has been presented to the Sheriff's Office because he feels that there will be some cost to the County. Agent Munoz then reiterated that they, FBI would be paying for costs of the facility, but there may have to be some maintenance on the part of the Sheriff's Office which they are currently doing now. Lt. Gorena ran down the scenario in Conroe being that they are the only entity in the State that is in cooperation with the FBI for this type of facility. What they did was they provided the property and the FBI built everything and all Conroe has to do now is upkeep the maintenance and the utilities. This will always be a state of the art facility due to the FBI constantly upgrading. The Commissioners' Court was in favor of this proposal being that the County will be coming in with approximately fifty-eight (58) deputies in the future. Commissioner Garces would still like a hard copy delineating this project. Chief Castellano stated that what they would be doing is transferring the current staff that they have at the academy here in Edinburg over to the new facility once it was operational. It would not cost the County any more than what it is now costing them with the exception of maybe the utilities rising. That rise in utilities will be taken care of by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Rosel then addressed the issue about the schools that are in the area and the firing range. Agent Muñoz

stated that the design will be carefully orchestrated so that the risk and danger will be minimized. During further comments, Commissioner Rosel asked about the task force that is currently housed in this facility. Lt. Gorena stated that he has spoken with the Commander of this task force and what has transpired is that the City of McAllen oversees this agency and the City is wanting them to be located within the City limits. This agency is in the process of vacating the building. Commissioner Rosel then addressed the legal counsel concerning a recent authorization to negotiate a sale for a facility. He wanted to know whether or not there has been any attempt by the City of La Joya ISD to discuss any terms of buying this property. Mr. Crain stated that he has not been contacted since a meeting with the school board. Judge Cuellar stated that he felt that this was needed. Commissioner Rosel then made a motion to assign the County Property on Moorefield Road to the Sheriff's Department for the use of law enforcement in pursuit of construction of a training facility in coordination with the agencies that they feel necessary to bring in. The motion was seconded by Commissioners Garces and Handy. Agent Muñoz feels that once the property is assigned, the proposal can be submitted and it will be acted on right away. It is not approved as of yet. Mr. Crain then suggested to the Court that any future action with respect to improving the facility be subject to getting formal approval in writing by the FBI. The motion was put to a vote and all voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to accept a donation of blankets for the inmates from the Nations Assembly of God Daystar Mercy Ministry.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

### **ITEM 3. JUVENILE PROBATION**

- A. Budget amendment in the amount of \$15,202.00 from the TJPC-Y-97 Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,202.00 from the TJPC-Y-97 grant.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit N)

**ITEM 4. COMMISSIONER PCT. 1**

- A. Acceptance of contribution in the amount of \$5,163.93 from Browning-Ferris Industries and appropriation of such on the Pct. 1 Paved/Unpaved account.

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept and appropriate a contribution in the amount of \$5,163.93 from Browning-Ferris Industries for .

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

**ITEM 5. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

- A. Accept courthouse roof repairs project & final application & certificate for payment - Rio Roofing, Inc.
- B. Authorize Auditor to process check - \$4,915.00

5/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to accept the courthouse roof repairs, final application and certificate for payment by Rio Roofing, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit P)

5/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County Auditor to process a check in the amount of \$4,915.00 to Rio Roofing, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

**ITEM 6. CONSTABLE PCT. 4**

- A. Budget amendment in the amount of \$1,044.00 and appropriate the same into Court Account for vehicles awarded to Constable Pct. 4 dept.

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,044.00 and the appropriation of same into budget of the Constable for Pct. #4.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

**ITEM 7. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT**

- A. Discussion and possible action on software maintenance with Earl R. Hunt & Associates

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, brought the software maintenance contract between the County of Hidalgo and Earl R. Hunt & Associates for consideration. Mr. Hunt was requesting that the agreement increase to \$7,200.00 per month from the current \$4,284.00 per month. Mr. Rivera indicated that his recommendation at this time is to authorize the submittal of a thirty (30) day cancellation notice and work with him on a per call basis until the present upgrade of the computer system is complete. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve the recommendation as to the notice of cancellation and to approve the placing of Mr. Rojas and Associates on a per call basis until the new system is set up.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

**ITEM 8. AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

- A. Authorization to transfer balances in the capital project funds of each precinct, including interest earned through 12/31/97 to the respective Special Revenue Road and Bridge Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the transfer of balances in the Capital Project funds of each Precinct, including interest earned through 12/31/97 to the respective Special Revenue Road and Bridge Funds, as per the County Auditor's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

#### **ITEM 9. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- A. Approval of 1998 District Attorney's General fund salary schedule and Auto Allowance
- B. Approval of 1998 District Attorney's Office Bad Check Budget & Salary Schedule
- C. Approval of 1998 District Attorney's Office HB 65 Investigation Fund Budget & Salary Schedule
- D. Approval of changes to 1997 - 1998 District Attorney's Office State Supplement Budget

9/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the 1998 District Attorney's General Fund salary schedule and auto allowance.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 1998 District Attorney's Office Bad Check budget and salary schedule.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

9/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the 1998 District Attorney's Office HB 65 Investigative fund budget and salary schedule.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

9/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve changes to the 1997-1998 District Attorney's Office State Supplement budget.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

**ITEM 10. PENDULUM MANAGEMENT GROUP - Juan J. Hinojosa**

A. Discussion and possible action of the contract to implement the Pendulum Management Group LLC proposal

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

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit U)

**ITEM 11. COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY**

A. Authorization to renew the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program FY 1998 - 2001 Tri-Year Renewal Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the renewal of the Retired and Senior Volunteer program for fiscal years 1998-2001.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

**ITEM 12. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM**

- A. City of Elsa - Budget Amendment for Year 10 - 1997 Urban County Funds
- B. City of La Joya - Surface Water Treatment Plan FY 1994 - Approval of Change Order #2 with RP Constructors, Inc.
- C. City of Palmview - PFI, Parks, Recreational Facilities FY 1996 - Approval of Change Order #1 with Mission Paving Co., Inc.
- D. Approval to enter into a contract with Rio Grande Valley City Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for County's FY 1997 HOME Program
- E. Approval of budget amendment to budget \$8,000.00 to pay for County Clerk fees under the HOME Program

12/A

The City of Elsa was requesting approval of a budget amendment under their Year 10 Urban County Funds. The amendment was to decrease Water/Sewer Improvements and Street Improvements and General Administration and create the line item for Landfill Closure in the amount of \$70,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit W)

12/B

The City of La Joya is requesting approval of change order #2 with RP Constructors, Inc. for the Surface Water Treatment Plan under Year 1994. The change order is for an increase of \$13,497.00 and for fourteen additional days. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit W)

12/C

The City of Palmview is requesting approval of change order #1 with Mission Paving Co. for Parks/Recreational Facilities under Year 1996. The change order is for the change in the size of the pipes for some of the driveways. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit W)

12/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a contract with Rio Grande Valley City Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the County's fiscal year 1997 HOME Program.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit W)

12/E

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit W)

### **ITEM 13. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

#### A. Hidalgo County

1. Discussion and action on "Best and Final Offer (BAFO) negotiated and received on the purchase of an Integrated Judicial, Tax Office, Elections Annual budget Preparation management Information System
2. Authority to direct legal counsel to finalize terms and conditions on the Contract for Purchase and Implementation of the MIS referenced above

#### B. Pct. #2

1. Review of bids received for 318 Detroit Diesel Engine for Hidalgo County Pct. #2
2. Appropriation of proceeds received from highest bidder (250.00) into Pct. 2 fund

C. District Clerk

1. Requesting authority to enter into a purchase agreement to replace two (2) Xerox copiers presently installed at the District Clerk's Office. New copiers will be purchased utilizing GSC cooperative purchase program

D. Library System

1. Requesting approval of contract for "Hardware Maintenance" - Digi-Com

13/A/1

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, came before the Court and stated that this item was for discussion and action on a best and final offer negotiated and received on the purchase of an integrated judicial, tax office, elections and annual budget preparation management information system. She said that this was a project that had been approved by Commissioners' Court to bid out on a catalogue purchasing vendor or qualified information systems vendor under the States Purchasing Program. She continued by saying that they had forwarded an offer to a vendor and they did negotiate a best and final offer from them and she was here to answer any questions in regards to that offer and the components of that integrated MIS and all the departments that it will affect. She mentioned that Mr. Pete Rivera was present and he had been instrumental in providing the general basic specifications required and they had asked the departments that were involved for their input which was part of an exhibit that was presented during the request for offers. Mrs. Salazar also indicated that two of the major departments were also asked to take part in the negotiations in order to provide clarification on concerns that they might have with regards to their specifications or requirements. She mentioned that they had negotiated the price that they have before them on the entire package. Commissioner Rosel asked what departments were involved and Mrs. Salazar replied that it was the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and the County Clerk's Office. The District Clerk's Office was not able to send a representative. She did say that this system would replace the present Alpha Micro system. Commissioner Rosel asked if any of the departments were involved in the negotiation of the price and Mrs. Salazar responded that she was the only one involved in that aspect of the negotiations. Lt. Roy Quintanilha, from the Sheriff's Department, came to the podium and commented on the involvement of the Sheriff's Department in the acquisition of this system which entailed discussion with the vendor on

what duties the system can perform. Mrs. Salazar also noted that this system would include a base for the Purchasing Department to be connected with the Auditor's Office; something that they hope to do in the future not only with this department but with all the County departments, as well. Commissioner Garces asked what action was needed at this time and Mr. Rivera informed him that they were recommending that this Court approve the best and final offer of \$899,565.00 and approve the purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the recommendation as presented. The discussion continued during which Commissioner Rosel asked where the funds to pay for this would be coming from and Mrs. Salazar responded that it was negotiated on a four-part installment. She stated that it was for four payments with a 10% retainage at every payment in lieu of a performance bond. The first payment would be made upon receipt of hardware for the Elections Department which was approximately \$202,402.00 and this was just a proposed amount. The discussion then turned toward the budget for this project and what amount was available as contributed by the participating departments. Commissioner Rosel recommended that they hold a Workshop in order to hear comments from the departments to ask them if they have seen this process. His reasoning for this was that he did not want these departments coming in later and saying that the system was not performing as was first believed. Mrs. Salazar indicated that she had taken care of that problem when she had the departments meet with The Software Group in order to take care of this type of situation. Armando Barrera, the Tax Assessor-Collector also had some comments with regards to the new system and how that would tie in to his present system. He did say that he presently is under contract with The Software Group and he reported on how this system has been working. Commissioner Rosel asked if there would be any additional costs involved and Mr. Rivera indicated that they presently had the monies to lay the ground work for the system and Mrs. Salazar stated that maintenance was included in the cost. Lt. Quintanilha asked if all the Alpha Micro information would be automatically converted into the new software and the response was that it would be. Upon the motion being put to a vote in carried.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

Mrs. Salazar was now requesting that legal counsel be directed to finalize the terms and conditions on the contract for the purchase and the implementation of the MIS referenced above. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

13/B

Mrs. Salazar stated that the highest bid she received for the surplus "318 Detroit Diesel Engine" was \$250.00 from Rolando Sanchez. She was requesting that this bid be awarded and that the proceeds be appropriated into the Precinct Two fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

13/C

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

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit X)

13/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract for "Hardware Maintenance" for the Library System with Digi-Com.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

## **EXECUTIVE AGENDA**

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

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 to discuss the following:

A. Personnel

1. Amendment of CHOET - Executive Director's Contract

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

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION**

A. Personnel

1. Amendment of CHOET - Executive Director's Contract

Dick Dickinson, CHOET Executive Director, indicated that the contract specifically states that "the Executive Director is expected to devote his entire productive time to the administration of the agency." He was asking that the Court delete this sentence from the contract and state that "while the Executive Director is expected to administrate the program, he may engage in other business activities, so long as it is not a detriment to either the County or the agency". A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

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

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.

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

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

**District #1 Board were hereby adjourned.**

**RENATO CUELLAR**

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

**SYLVIA HANDY**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1**

**ABELARDO ARCAUTE**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**JUAN ROSEL**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**GUADALUPE GARCES**

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

**Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999.**

**JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk  
Hidalgo County, Texas**

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

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