

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$500.00 (See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. PERMIT:

A. City of Weslaco - Shady Hills Subdivision
(See Exhibit B)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda after which Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District Manager the Commission that there was a change on Item 2 with regards to the line item transfer. The change was concerning the account number which should read #8-080-[433]-100 and not #9-080-[431]-100 as indicated in the exhibit. There being no additional changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. CHANGE ORDER #1 - SUMMIT CONTRACTING, INC.

Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District Manager, informed the Court that the change order was on a contract with Summit Contracting Inc. The change order was for an increase in the contract by \$9,792.74 and it was for the installation of ninety linear feet of eighteen inch coated steel pipe in lieu of eighteen inch RCP

pipe. Mr. Garza indicated that the change order came about when they were doing the construction of the adjustment ordered by Hermosa Lopez, in which they encountered quick sand, so the laying of the eighteen concrete pipe would basically make it cost effective to do it this way. They were going to be expanding the proposed ditch to put the irrigation adjustment required. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the change order as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. PARTIAL RELEASE OF EASEMENT - HOME DEPOT PROJECT

Mr. Garza announced to the Court that no action would be needed at this time.

NO ACTION.

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel 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 - COUNTY
AUDITOR**

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. Commissioner Pct. 1 - Road & Bridge - \$5,000.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. 1 - Administration - \$1,200.00
- C. Commissioner Pct. 1 - Parks - \$1,200.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. 1 - County Wide Shop - \$1,000.00
- E. 93rd District Court - \$1,244.00
- F. Constable Pct. 3 - \$500.00
- G. Civil Service - \$500.00
- H. Personnel Department - \$500.00
- I. J.P. Pct. 1 Pl. 1 - \$12.50
- J. D.P.S. - \$392.24
- K. Purchasing Department - \$700.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:

- A. Pct. 1:
 - 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
 - 2. North Alamo Water Supply
- B. Pct. 2:
 - 1. North Alamo Water Supply
- C. Pct. 3:
 - 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
- D. Pct. 4:
 - 1. Headington Oil Company
 - 2. City of Edinburg

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:

- A. HOME First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 4 Families

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Subdivisions:
 - 1. 281 Mobile Home Subdivision - Pct. 2
 - 2. Aziz Subdivision #2 - Pct. 3
 - 3. Stars Subdivision #3 - Pct. 3

(See Exhibit G)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT

A. Pct. 2 - Acceptance of Right of Way Easement

Vona Walker, Right of Way Director, came before the Commissioners' Court and reported that they had a roadway easement in Precinct Two that the people have executed the easement and she was requesting that it be accepted. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the easement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 2. IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

- A. Approval to pay taxes to the Irrigation District for Lots 17 & 18**
- B. Amend Buildings & Grounds Budget to pay taxes**

2/A

Ms. Walker informed the Court that the area where the landfill is and the surrounding acreage is in Santa Cruz Irrigation District No. 15 and back in 1993 there were years and years of delinquent flat rate assessment that was due on this property, so the County paid everything at that time and asked that the area encompassed by the landfill be exempt from their flat rate. She continued by saying that they had just gone to the State and gotten permission to expand the landfill into two lots to the east and so they asked that those be exempt too and they were; however the landfill was never expanded into those lots and they still have them leased out for farming and as a result the County has not paid taxed on the two lots that are being farmed. She added that there was a total of \$2,583.66 and another \$901.57 that are due on this flat rate assessment on these two lots. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the paying of taxes on Irrigation district lots 17 and 18, at the landfill site, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to amend the Buildings and Grounds budget to pay taxes on the above action, in the amount of \$3,485.23.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 3. CONSTABLE PCT. 5

- A. Approval of appointment of deputy constable as prescribed in T.L.G.C. Section 86.011 for Constable Pct. 5
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Set Salary
- D. Approval of budget amendment

3/A-C

Constable Eduardo "Walo" Bazan came before the Court requesting the approval of the appointment of a deputy constable as prescribed by T.L.G.C. Section 86.011 for Constable Pct. 5. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented, with a prorated salary of \$18,918.62. Commissioner Rosel brought up the issue that in that motion he has to name who the deputy constable will be and Commissioner Garces asked Constable Bazan if he had the name so that he could amend his motion; the Constable responded that he did not, but that it would most likely be Joel Benavides. Commissioner Garces pointed out that Section 86.011 indicates that they have to come in with a name when they adopt so he felt that this item may have to be brought before the Court again next week. At this, Commissioner Garces recommended that they table this action and Commissioner Rosel ensued a discussion with regards to Section 86.011. Steve Crain, the County Legal recommended that no action be taken at this time.

NO ACTION
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE:

- A. Authorization to remove equipment from Hidalgo County inventory list

Dr. Ida Acuña informed the Court that the Hidalgo County Extension Service was wanting authorization to remove equipment from the Hidalgo County inventory list. She introduced Brad Cowen who explained the reason for the request. Mr. Cowen explained that these were some computers that were bought on cost share and as a result they had inventory numbers from both the

County and the Texas A & M University Extension Service. He added that those computers were used in Hidalgo County for the life of the computers after which they must go back to College Station. They are wanting to declare them surplus in order to use them for the trade-in of new machines. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the removal of equipment from the Hidalgo County inventory list, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 5. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E. Allocation from the State Comptroller in the amount of \$44,205.26

Emilia Uriegas came before the Court requesting approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E Allocation from the State Comptrollers Office in the amount of \$44,205.26. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 6. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Request authorization to increase salaries of Health Department Licensed Vocational Nurses to \$26,333.00 a year
- B. Request authorization for line item transfers to cover salaries and fringe benefits
 - 1. Immunization Co-Pay
 - 2. TB Elimination Co-Pay
 - 3. TB Elimination Co-Pay
- C. Approval to set salaries

16/A

Mike Keenan, County Health Director, came before the Court requesting authorization to increase the salaries of the Health Department Licensed Vocational Nurses(LVNs) to \$26,333.00 per year. He explained that presently the Health Department LVNs are being paid substantially less than those who work with the WIC Program, MH/MR, the Jail and the private sector and as a result he has had problems in recruiting and retaining LVNs. He plans to fund these increases entirely from Health reimbursement, the program income. Commissioner Rosel stated that he had heard that some of the home health agencies were starting to cut back on their staff and this will enable the

County to be more competitive in acquiring some LVNs. Mr. Keenan added that it was the LVNs that he presently has that had a hand in earning the program income and he felt that if they can staff it better, then maybe they can generate more revenue for the Health Department. Commissioner Garces asked him if he felt safe in that the level of performance would remain the same and Mr. Keenan replied that he felt that it would increase as time went by. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/B

Mr. Keenan was requesting a line item transfers to cover salaries and fringe benefits from the Immunization Co-Pay, the TB Elimination Co-Pay and the TB Control Co-Pay. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries at \$26,333.00 per year, effective March 16.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE:

- A. Approval of interlocal agreement - By-laws & Plan of Operation of the Texas Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund - Steve Crain
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment for Settlement on Luciano Ozuna -vs- Hidalgo County - Case #7004801
- C. Approval of budget amendment - South Texas Border partnership Transportation Project

7/A

Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, explained that the County has received the insurance program, from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). He stated that they were changing their by-laws and have also provided the County with a new member agreement in which the major differences are: a 60 day termination clause where either the County can terminate on sixty days

notice or they can terminate you on sixty days notice. If they do decide to terminate you they are supposed to give you a thirty day period where they tell you what the problem is and the reasons, but other than that it basically the same as before. This agreement has to do with the workmen's compensation program. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute, to approve the interlocal agreement, in reference to the by-laws and plan of operation of the Texas Association of Counties Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Fund, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

7/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the settlement on Luciano Ozuna vs. Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

7/C

Mrs. Loura Etnire explained that this was to cover the expenses as per the interlocal agreement on the South Texas Border Partnership Transportation Project. There was a clarification as to when the payment was due and the amount of the payment. The effective date of the agreement was February 19, 1998. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, had a question as to the effective date and how the payments were going to be made. Steve Crain explained that the first payment would be due on March 19 and the payments would be done monthly thereafter. Commissioner Arcaute indicated that they could just pay the whole \$60,000.00 for the year and be done with it. Mr. Cavazos interjected by saying that the contract called for monthly payments. Mrs. Etnire stated that they still had to amend the budget to pay for the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to pay \$6,000.00 per month until the contract amount is satisfied.

MOTION CARRIED
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. JUVENILE PROBATION:

- A. Approval of our 1999 CJD Purchase of Juvenile Justice Alternative Grant application in the amount of \$30,468.00

Israel "Buddy" Silva, the Juvenile Probation Director, came before the Court requesting approval of the 1999 CJD Purchase of Juvenile Justice

Alternative Grant application. The amount of the application was \$30,468.00 and there is no match required. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. COMMISSIONER PCT. 3:

- A. Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with City of Mission (Bryan Road Improvements)

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that this was an item that they had been working on for a couple of years and now they were beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. He added that last week they had received permission to go ahead and approve and design with an engineering firm for a road that was being constructed on Bryan Road, just south of the hospital all the way to the Military Road. He added that the City of Mission has come in and they have committed to the project all of the paving that it will take to get to the Military Road. He would like to make a motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with the City of Mission for the Bryan Road improvements, as indicated on the agreement. Upon a second by Commissioner Arcaute, the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 10. COUNTY AUDITOR:

- A. Budget Amendment to the Veteran's Service budget

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, explained that his department had made a mistake when they roll-over the purchase orders and they shorted the Veteran's Service Budget by \$358.36 and they needed to correct this error. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$358.36.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 11. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:

- A. Pct. 2- Construction Contract Award - Year 10/PFI Street Improvements

- B. Pct. 2 - Youth Services - Subrecipient Agreement - UCP Year 10, 1997 - City of Hidalgo Boys & Girls Youth Club
- C. Approval of Professional Service Contract for Engineering - Pct. 1 PFI Street Improvements, Phase II - Year 10 - 1997
- D. Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Alamo Boys and Girls Club - City of Alamo Public Service - Youth Services - Year 9 - 1996
- E. Approval of a Budget Amendment for Year 1994 - City of Weslaco
- F. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs/Colonia Construction Funds Contract #717095 City of Pharr Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County PFI - Water and Sewer Improvements
- G. Approval of an Order adopting the Hidalgo County Thoroughfare Plan

11/A

Sylvia Nuñez-Garcia came before the Court on behalf of the Urban County Program. She stated that Precinct Two was requesting approval of a construction contract award, under Year 10 for Street Improvements. She indicated that there was a situation in which the low bidder was Mission Paving, but there were some concerns with regards to the bid forms. They did not include a line item for a betterment allowance even though it was in the instructions. The engineer had contacted all of the contractors and of these only two had included a betterment allowance while one did not and betterment allowances are not allowed by HUD. The staff was recommending that this item be tabled at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to TABLE this item as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/B

Mrs. Nuñez-Garcia explained that on the next item they were requesting approval of the Precinct Two Youth Services subrecipient agreement for Year 10 with the City of Hidalgo Boys & Girls Youth Club. The amount of the agreement was in the amount of \$5,000.00 and they will be providing three new programs for this area. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/C

She continued with a request for approval of a professional service contract for engineering in Precinct One for street improvements and it was Phase II of Year 10. The contract for engineering services and Precinct One had opted to do the project in two phases, since they are matching road and bridge funds for the actual construction. They have selected Noe Garza Engineers and the contract amount is for \$29,107.00 and the streets proposed are Mile 4 West,

Waterfall Road, Mile 4 North, Mile 14 ½ North, Mile 6 West, and Mile 19 North. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/D

Mrs. Nuñez-Garcia went on to the next item which was a request for approval of a subrecipient agreement with Alamo Boys and Girls Club under Year 9. The agreement was between the City of Alamo and the Alamo Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$50,000.00. She mentioned that they would be providing ten to twenty new programs. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/E

She then continued with a request for a budget amendment under Year 7 for the City of Weslaco. They are proposing to amend its FY 1994 budget to make improvements to several city parks. The City participation requirements have been met and the City requests moving monies from neighborhood facilities to their parks and recreation facilities line item. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/F

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs/Colonia construction funds contract #717095, the City of Pharr interlocal agreement with Hidalgo County for water and sewer improvements. The following interlocal agreement is being submitted for consideration and action and it is between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Pharr for water and sewer improvements at the Kelly-Pharr subdivision. This subdivision had 201 residents, 88% low mod and it included 19 lots. The City of Pharr will be paying for the engineering fees, for the platting, and for any change orders and it was a total grant of \$328,000.00 with matching funds of over \$123,000.00 for a total of \$451,550.00 for colonia improvements. Other colonias included in this grant are Colonia Olivarez in Weslaco and Colonia Flea Market in Elsa. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/G

Mrs. Nuñez-Garcia announced that the last order was for approval of an order adopting the Hidalgo County Thoroughfare Plan. She indicated that an order was needed by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council MPO on the approval of County of Hidalgo Thoroughfare Plan as presented and approved at the County Commissioners' Court of November 10th, 1997. Mrs. Nuñez-Garcia explained that they needed to approve an order with stipulations as presented on the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the order as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. HIDALGO COUNTY:

1. Requesting authority to advertise for "Lubricants (Grease, Oil, Hydraulic Fluids) and Anti-Freeze Products"

B. HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

1. Recommending Bid award for "Eleven (11) Computers, Four (4) printers and Other Peripherals" to Solutions Plus More of McAllen, Texas for a total bid price of \$13,690.71

C. HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

1. Requesting various office and miscellaneous equipment be declared surplus

D. HIDALGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

1. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department request for Courthouse Security Equipment a "Sole Source Declaration" for E G & G Astrophysics Research Corporation

E. HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE:

1. Requesting 46 phones, 1 printer and 2 calculators as listed on Exhibit "A" be declared surplus

F. WESLACO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Requesting approval of renewal of lease for the Weslaco DPS - Larry Dittburner

G. PURCHASING SERVICES:

1. Requesting authority to advertise for "Easter at the Park" Proposal

12/A

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Agent, informed the Court that she was requesting authority to advertise for lubricants, such as grease, oil,

hydraulic fluids and anti-freeze products. Commissioner Garces mentioned that they had questions on the specifications on this issue and Mrs. Salazar stated that they had sent the specs to all the Precincts for any modifications. Commissioner Rosel brought up a concern regarding the responsibility for the product that is being sold, as far as, if any product that is being sold to the County results in equipment malfunction, that the supplier be responsible for that damage. Mrs. Salazar indicated that they had this issue come up with Precinct Three on a piece of equipment. A discussion continued with regards to this issue, with comments from the Commissioners, Martha Salazar and Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, who recommended that they add a warranty clause into the specifications. This discussion turned to the purchase of these items straight from the manufacturer instead of going through local bidders and this was the recommendation of the Court. It was prescribed that language be added to "prohibit the bidder from breaking the seal by the manufacturer" and the other specification that was added was that the "bidder had to be in a relationship with the manufacturer that they have an existing contract to distribute this product on behalf of the manufacturer". Commissioner Arcaute pointed out that some of the equipment comes with a recommendation that they use only a certain type of lubricant for best performance and Mrs. Salazar explained that they could also go with the bidding for the recommended product for the equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for lubricants (grease, oil, hydraulic fluids) and anti-freeze products as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/B

Mrs. Salazar explained that this next item was for the recommendation of the bid award for the Hidalgo County Auditor's Office on eleven computers, four printers and other peripherals. The bid opening was held on February 4th and she proceeded to handout an exhibit to the Commissioners. Mrs. Salazar stated that there had been a question by a bidder, of which they had ten, and this bidder brought to the attention of the Purchasing Department that the printers were at a lower price. He had called the Department and informed them that the printer that was at the lower price was not the printer on the specifications, but would be an alternate. She added that when this question came up they had sent him written clarification that if he could produce the specified printer at the price that was bid they would award to him, as he would be the lowest bidder; if he could not then the bid would go to the overall low bidder that meets all the specs. Mrs. Salazar indicated that they had not received a reply and she had spoken to the Auditor's Office on Friday and suggested that if the bidder can produce the printer specified at the price that he has quoted then they will award him the printers, but if he cannot the bid would go to the overall low bidder meeting all the specs. At this time she was recommending the award to Solutions Plus More, of McAllen, for a total bid price

of \$13,690.71, contingent on the verification in writing by that second bidder, T.E.C.T. out of Pharr Texas, that has a question if he cannot produce the specified printer then this award will stand; if he can and will honor the price that he has bid he would be awarded the printers. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to award the bid as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/C

Mrs. Salazar reported that the Buildings and Grounds Department was requesting the declaration of various equipment as surplus. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/D

Mrs. Salazar announced that the Sheriff's Department was requesting a sole source declaration for E G & G Astrophysics Research Corporation on the x-ray scan machine utilized by the Courthouse security. She added that they had done extension research and they found that only the manufacturer is certified to repair this equipment and they have received confirmation from several other sources who have bought these products from them. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of sole source, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/E

Mrs. Salazar informed the Commissioners' Court that the Hidalgo County Judge's Office was requesting the declaration of forty-six phones, one printer and two calculators as surplus. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/F

The Weslaco Department of Public Safety was requesting approval of a renewal of lease with Larry Dittburner. Mrs. Salazar explained that there

were no changes in the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

12/G

Mrs. Salazar indicated that Precinct One was requesting authority to advertise for their "Easter at the Park" proposal. She did clarify that this was strictly a family day booth situation from different non-profit organizations and no religious services of any type would be incorporated into this project. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE NEW JAIL SPACE

There was nothing to report on this item today.

NO ACTION.

Commissioner Rosel noted that Constable Bazan had a question and it was brought up to the Court's attention that they had disregarded item 3/D.

3/D

The Constable indicated that he had a request for a budget amendment \$2,705.28. This were confiscated monies that were awarded to him and he would like to place them in the equipment line item for the purchase of infrared binoculars. These binoculars will be used to in the Hargill and Monte Alto areas where they have seen a rise in vandalism. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ADD. 1. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE:

A. Discussion and action on the Interlocal Agreement for the Regional

Academic Health Center (RAHC)

Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, informed the Court that he had received a draft of the contract for the Regional Academic Health Center. He mentioned that aside from some typographical errors there was a question as to a "committee" in paragraph one and he had some questions with regards to paragraph two, therefore he was requesting that no action be taken on this item until he meets with Mr. Jim Darling and clears some his concerns.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

The question came up on how to address organization that wished to speak before Commissioners' Court and the Commissioners wanted some direction on this. The issue came up because right before this meeting Interfaith had asked to speak before Commissioners Court and Judge Cuellar had informed them that they could speak their piece before the Court went into session but without the Commissioners present. Commissioner Garces brought up this concern and Steve Crain indicated that he would bring a proposed policy on a public forum. Mr. Crain added that in a public forum an individual or organization could speak about anything, but they were limited in time and also there can't be dialogue between the Court and the person or organization. If the Court had a concern on the issues discussed then they could place it for the next meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED.