

## **DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1**

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 AND BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR**

#### **ITEM 2. PERMIT:**

A. City of Edinburg  
(See Exhibit A)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and there being no changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

A. Requesting approval of contract with multiple vendors - Hollon Oil Co. and Specialty Oil Co. for "Lubricants (Grease, Oil, Hydraulic Fluids and Anti-Freeze Products) - Low Bidders

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting approval of contracts to multiple vendors for lubricants, grease, oil, hydraulic fluids and anti-freeze products. The vendors awarded as low bidders were Hollon Oil Co. and Specialty Oil Co. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the contracts.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces 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 AND BILLS -**

##### **COUNTY AUDITOR**

(See Exhibit C)

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

- A. Commissioner Pct. 1 - Road & Bridge
- B. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Parks - NO ACTION
- C. Commissioner Pct. 3
- D. County Court at Law #4 - NO ACTION
- E. Youth Village
- F. County Library
- G. County Clerk
- H. Computer Department

(See Exhibit D)

#### **ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:**

##### **A. Permits:**

- 1. Pct. 1 - North Alamo Water Supply
- 2. Pct. 4 - North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit E)

#### **ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:**

- A. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications - 6 Families

(See Exhibit F)

**ITEM 5. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

- A. Pct. 2 - Personal Service Labor Agreement - Sara Mejia
  - B. Adult Detention Center - Maintenance agreement for the three Dover hydraulics elevators
  - C. Library Systems - Service Contract - Patricia Simpson
- (See Exhibit G)

**ITEM 6. COUNTY AUDITOR:**

A. Approval of Monthly Collection Reports

1. JP Charlie Espinoza	\$33,922.50	Revised September 1997
2. JP Charlie Espinoza	\$21,637.07	November 1997
3. JP Rene O. Torrez	\$ 6,708.19	December 1997
4. Sheriff Enrique Escalon	\$10,066.33	January 1998
5. Law Library	\$ 460.00	January 1998
6. Constable Horacio Aguirre	\$ 245.00	January 1998
7. Constable Gilberto Alaniz	\$ 340.00	January 1998
8. Constable Walo Bazan	\$ 45.00	January 1998
9. Constable Rumaldo Cerda	\$ 360.00	January 1998
10. Constable Roberto Pena	\$ 380.00	January 1998
11. JP Arnaldo Corpus	\$ 3,127.09	January 1998
12. JP E. "Speedy" Jackson	\$ 8,984.85	January 1998
13. JP Dario L. Martinez	\$11,028.63	January 1998
14. JP Jesus E. Morales	\$ 7,465.25	January 1998
15. JP Ismael "Melo" Ochoa	\$25,672.71	January 1998
16. JP Gilberto Saenz	\$16,635.72	January 1998
17. JP Rosa E. Trevino	\$20,733.63	January 1998

(See Exhibit H)

The County Judge introduced the Commissioners' Court Consent Agenda and he indicated that there would be no action on Items 2/B and 2/D. He also noted that there was a correction with regards to the account number on Item 2/H. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE AGENDA**

**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. PUC docket 14652 - Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

B. Property:

1. Land Acquisition - Adult Detention Center

**ITEM 3. CLOSED SESSION:**

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, and Vona Walker.

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:**

A. Litigation:

1. PUC Docket 14652 - Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

B. Property:

1. Land Acquisition - Adult Detention Center

**ITEM 4. OPEN SESSION:**

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the Discussion regarding the agenda items listed

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the attorney Brian Cassidy to go ahead and proceed with the settlement agreement with Magic Valley Electric Co-Op.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to exercise the option, on the option contract, for the acreage of the 17.0 gross acres immediately east of the present Jail Facility and authorize Legal Counsel to go ahead and exercise that option, subject to verification that sellers comply with all terms of the contract. Commissioner Rosel brought up the issue of how this property was going to be paid for and Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, replied that it would be paid through a bond issue, however, if it was going to be purchase before the bond issue was approved it would have to be paid through General Fund Capital Projects fund and then this fund would be reimbursement once the bond issue was

approved. Commissioner Rosel then pointed out that his other concern was that this decision was being made due to discussions with the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit I)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **ITEM 1. CONSTABLE PCT. #4:**

- A. Approval of Budget Amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$90.00 to cover civil process investigation services, on case number C-1051-98-A.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

### **ITEM 2. DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE:**

- A. Authorization to reimburse \$227,951.50 from General Fund Account and into the District Clerk Fee Trust - (Over Transfers for the Months of Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec., 1996)

A representative from the District Clerk's Office came before the Court requesting authorization to reimburse \$227,951.50 from the General Fund Account #8-010-131-000.02 to the District Clerk's Fee Fund due to over transfer for the months of September, October, November and December 1996. She explained that this was caused to erroneous duplication of receipts which were discovered by the District Clerk's Office and the County Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

### **ITEM 3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:**

- A. Authorization to create one new position - Legal Secretary
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment
- C. Set Salary

- D. Approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E. funds into the District Attorney's Office General Fund Account, Object 49 (Travel Expense)

3/A-C

Roy , from the District Attorney's Office, came before the Court requesting authorization to create a legal secretary position. He added that they currently had the need for this position, within the felony section, the monies for this position would be coming from the Investigation Fund. The amount needed was \$19,234.00 and the salary would be set at \$15,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

3/D

The next item was for approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E. funds into the District Attorney's Investigation Fund Object 49 the amount of \$1,179.47. these monies are provided from the State for the continuing education of law enforcement officers. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

**ITEM 4. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:**

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Customized Training Proposals Selected for Award
- B. Discussion and Possible action to amend the Private Industry Council by-laws
- C. Discussion and Possible action concerning the Office of Employment and Training participation in the Hidalgo County Bank Depository Contract

4/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting approval for the customized training proposals selected for award. He mentioned that they had one respondent, STCC, and upon grading the proposal, where it scored a 70.87, it was found that it was lacking in some of the more critical components that were required. He was requesting that they get tentative approval as long as they can negotiate with STCC on each of the three components contained within their proposal, that they meet all the preferred requirements. The three components in question are Stewart Entertainment, a plastic mold injection trade and the National Roofing Institute. Mr. Dickinson pointed out that one of the major requirements that was missing was the guarantee of employment at the end of the training and he went on to explain how each of these components failed in that criteria. Mr. Dickinson continued to explain during which he again reiterated that he was requesting approval subject to meeting the

programmatic and policy issues that are required for funding as well as the contract negotiations. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

4/B

Mr. Dickinson informed the Commissioners' Court that they were requesting approval or concurrence to an amendment to the PIC By-laws Section 5.1 that has to do with the election of officers for the PIC. He noted that the present by-laws stipulate that the officers "of the PIC, including the Chair shall be selected from the private sector of the PIC membership of the Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be nominated from private sector and elected from the PIC membership". Mr. Dickinson pointed out that there was a slight difference between the PIC by-laws and the current PIC-CEO Agreement that was signed on September of 1997, which states that the PIC Chairman be the person who selects the Committee Chairs as well, but it says nothing about who may serve as officers. The PIC has amended their by-laws to state that the officers of the PIC include the Chairperson, who is selected from the private sector; representatives and vice-chairman and a secretary may be selected from the PIC membership and not necessarily from the private sector. He added that the Federal regulations stipulate that only the PIC Chairman must be from the private sector and the PIC want to amend their by-laws to be more like the Federal regulations. Mr. Dickinson continued by saying that the PIC has also amended their by-laws to state that the PIC Chair has the right to select the committee members and the chairmen. Commissioner Arcaute asked what the need for the changes was and Mr. Dickinson replied that the PIC wanted to ensure that "they had talented, qualified, competent people chairing the committees and that the chairpersons be qualified individuals, not necessary popular or political". Mr. Dickinson added that one of the other reasons was that they have been some conflicts of interest and he gave an example of how this was happening. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that in the first amendment, the PIC was basing it with the Federal regulations, but he was wanting to know what the second amendment was being based on. Mr. Dickinson responded that the second was based on the PIC-CEO agreement. After some discussion regarding the amendments, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to amend the Private Industry by-laws, as presented for Section 5.1.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit M)

4/C

Mr. Dickinson explained that no action would be needed on the following item.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit M)

**ITEM 5. COMMISSIONER PCT. 2:**

## A. Approval to appropriate 1997 Fund Balance

Commissioner Arcaute informed the Court that this was a request to appropriate the 1997 Fund Balance into the Park Fund. He explained that they had to re-do the plumbing at the Park within his Precinct and in order to pay for this they needed to have this appropriation done. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit N)

**ITEM 6. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE:**

## A. Approval of appropriation to pay Comptroller of Public Accounts State of Texas

Commissioner Rosel asked what the payment was for and Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor explained that this was for the audit that the State Comptroller's Office had performed back in 1995-96. It had to do with fees that are collected by the County Clerk's Office and the District Clerk's Office; according to the State's finding the County was recovering fees before the State. Commissioner Rosel noted that there was another item on the agenda that addressed this issue and he would like to skip this item and listen to the presentation on the other item. The County Judge then indicated that action on this item would be held off until item 9/A/3 was discussed.

**ITEM 7. COMMISSIONER PCT. 4:**

## A. Approval of budget amendment for professional services

Commissioner Garces stated that Paul Vazaldua had some information on this item. Mr. Vazaldua reported that this was for consideration on a project development pertaining to the street closure of Closner Blvd. (Business 281), associated with parking and traffic improvements around the Courthouse square. He added that the Edinburg central business district has a deficit parking in the area may be alleviated by the closure of Closner Blvd. between Cano and McIntyre Streets and converting this area into parking. He added that this closure would also alleviate the pedestrian and vehicular conflicts which are now being experience during the early part of the week when the jury selection is held at the Courthouse. He added that this problem has been studied by the State, the County and the City of Edinburg in the past. Mr. Vazaldua continued by saying that the Texas Department of Transportation has come up with

three different options that could be considered and this request would make sure that the County is represented in order to ensure that the best recommendation comes to the table and that they County negotiate properly with the City of Edinburg for any construction or design of the project. Commissioner Garces asked both Mr. Vazaldua and Vona Walker, if they knew when the State would have their study completed and Ms. Walker replied that the information that she had received via facsimile the day before indicated that the State would definitely not close Business 281 and she felt that if this study was authorized it should be to study some other avenue having nothing to do with the closure of Business 281. Commissioner Rosel asked if the County had requested the application on an informal or formal way and Ms. Walker went on to explain that this issue has been discussed since Judge Ruiz was in office.

Commissioner Garces indicated that he would like to see some alternatives, because the present situation was not working and the question that needed to be addressed was do they need the study and Commissioner Rosel did not believe that it would hurt, because there was an obvious need for additional parking. Commissioner Garces pointed out that they may need to include in their study the original deed of 1909 where Closner deeded that area for County use and once this study is completed they may find that there are some options out there. Ms. Walker continued to say that the study should not be focused strictly on Business 281 but on alternatives. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment for \$11,600.00 for professional services in the account number 8-010-429-310.42, Traffic Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit P)

Commissioner Arcaute announced that at some point in time this Commissioners' Court is going to have to consider building a new and more adequate Courthouse.

**ITEM 8. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:**

- A. Approval of a budget amendment for year 1995 - Pct. #4
- B. Consideration and action on Change Order #4 for the City of San Juan and Fitzgerald Contracting PFI - Water/Sewer Improvements - Year 1997 - Year 10

8/A

Precinct Four was requesting approval of a budget amendment for Year 1995. They were amending their Year 8 budget to fund the Palmer Drug Abuse Center, Amigos del Valle and other public services. The proposed budget amendment was as follows: removing \$13,157.50 from Parks/Recreational, \$7,500.00 from Sidewalks and increasing Substance Abuse for \$10,000.00, increasing Senior Service for \$5,000.00 and increasing Public Service General for \$5,657.50. A motion was made by

Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

8/B

The City of San Juan was requesting approval of change order number three with Fitzgerald Contracting under Year 10 Water/Sewer Improvements. The change order was a request for time extension increase of seventeen (17) days, which included two (2) days of unforeseen weather and fifteen (15) days for inability of a local supplier to deliver specified block. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

**ITEM 9. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**

**A. HIDALGO COUNTY:**

1. Requesting approval of contract for Hidalgo County's Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (A D & D) with Group Life and Health
2. Presentation for discussion on information received for a Resource Recovery Proposal from Hon. Christopher J. Tome
3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Engineering Services for Project Development Pertaining to Street Closure Associated with Parking and Traffic Improvements for the Hidalgo County Courthouse
4. Requesting approval of a contract for Professional Services/Engineering Services with Traffic Engineering & Design Systems, Inc. Contract amount not to exceed \$11,600.00
5. Requesting approval of a modified contract with Weslaco Humane Society, Inc. and Upper Valley Humane Society, Inc. to reflect the "two (2) year" term intended however inadvertently presented and approval requested as a "one year" term

**B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3:**

1. Requesting authority to advertise a Request for Proposals for "Emergency Medical Services"
2. Requesting authority to purchase "Two (2) 1999 ½ Ton 4 x 2 Pick-up Trucks" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Buddy Chevrolet, Inc., Port Arthur, Texas. The total price of each truck is \$16,433.46 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge. The total amount for both trucks is \$32,866.92

3. Requesting authority to purchase "Two (2) 1998 ½ Ton 4 x 2 Extended Cab Pick-Up Trucks" through the Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Buddy Chevrolet, Inc., Port Arthur, Texas. The total price of each truck is \$18,956.13 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge. The total amount for both trucks is \$37,912.26.
  4. Requesting authority to purchase "One (1) John Deere 6405 Utility Tractor - 85 HP" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Weaks Martin Implement Co., Inc., Mission, Texas. The total price of the tractor is \$24,973.52 which includes the H-GAC administration fee
  5. Requesting authority for County Judge to execute an installment purchase agreement with IBC for the equipment described in items 2, 3 and 4 and totaling \$95,752.70.
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:
1. Requesting the authority for the rental of two additional "Image Retrieval Terminals" utilizing the General Services Commission Catalog Purchasing Program, from Government Records Services, Inc. a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV). Terminal are also part of an existing system currently under contract at the County Clerk's Office
  2. Requesting approval of an amendment to current contract with Government Records Services, Inc. (GRS) to include the rental items referenced above at an amount not to exceed \$500.00/month, per terminal for the remaining term of the current contract
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY:
1. Requesting authority to extend lease with Edinburg Rentals for building located at 1212 South 28<sup>th</sup>, Edinburg, Texas (Hidalgo County Community Service Agency) for 90 days, so as to allow the procurement process to be completed and not jeopardize housing of department
  2. Requesting approval of an Extended Lease Agreement with Edinburg Rentals under the same terms and conditions for a 90 day period
  3. Requesting authority to advertise for office space for Hidalgo County Community Service Agency
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT NO. 2:
1. Requesting authority to declare surplus patrol lights
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
1. Requesting authority to declare surplus one (1) forfeited 1986 Nissan Stanza (VIN #JN1HMO5S4GX012562)
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE:
1. Requesting authority to purchase (One (1) 1998 One Ton - Two (2) Wheel Drive Crew Cab Pick-Up Truck" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Buddy Chevrolet, Inc., Port Arthur, Texas. The total price of the truck is

\$22,356.56 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge

H. HIDALGO COUNTY HIDTA TASK FORCE:

1. Requesting authority to declare surplus various forfeited items

I. HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

1. Results from Evaluation Committee of Architectural Firms' Statements of Qualification in response to Requests for Qualification for Architectural Services for the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department's -Juvenile Boot Camp Facility Project in Weslaco
2. Final Ranking and selection for purposes of contract negotiations for Architect Services for the project referenced above

J. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:

1. Requesting authority to terminate contract with "Escue & Associates"

K. HIDALGO COUNTY MASTER COURT #1:

1. Requesting authority to declare surplus (1) one desk (asset #15215), (1) one computer workstation (asset #21598) and (1) one metal desk (asset #7602)

L. HIDALGO COUNTY PROJECT DIRECTOR MR. LEAL:

1. Recommending award for "Medal of Honor Project" - Phase I
2. Requesting approval of Standard AIA Construction contract to be completed by Architectural Firm - Morales, Best and Hinojosa

9/A/1

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting approval of contract for the County group life and accidental death and dismemberment with Group Life and Health. She mentioned that the contract has been approved as to form and substance and this is effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/A/2

Mrs. Salazar explained that this next item was in reference to a presentation from a company called Resource Recovery Services and it was headed by an attorney by the name of Christopher J. Tome. She added that they were proposing to contract with the County to go into departments that have any type of fee scheduling of receiving and audit them to see if the County has overpaid any fees to an entity that the County needs to forward fees to. She stated that this was in relationship to Item 6 and she went on to explain how this was relative to audits as stated on Item 6. She stated that during the time that these audits were being done a committee had been formed, of which she and Dick Dickinson were a part of and they in turn checked that the fees were being distributed as directed. She added that since there was an overwhelming amount the committee only did a random check and it was found that there were instances where the judges were waiving certain fees and this is where the

problem with the State Comptroller has come from. She noted that according to a Supreme Court ruling, a state district court judge can waive the fees. Commissioner Garces reiterated what was said and pointed out that it was his understanding that there was an outstanding balance of approximately \$124,000.00 that was owed to the State. Ms. Salazar clarified that this was an assessment that was owed to the State and it may have already accrued some penalty and interest. Commissioner Rosel brought up the a discussion that he had with a representative of Resource Recovery about this assessment and he felt that they had a good service to offer and Commissioner Garces asked the County Auditor if they were connected to the Adult Probation computer system and the response was that they were not. Commissioner Garces pointed out that if they had a system that was connected to the County Auditor, then they could correct the problem in-house and have the County keep all the saving versus sharing it on a percentage basis with an outside firm. Commissioner Rosel finally suggested that they pay the amount owed and then later either contract with this firm or have the Auditor's Office perform an assessment and maybe recover some of those funds. After further discussion, Mrs. Salazar indicated that she placed it on the agenda as a discussion item only and it would be something that could be looked as a procured item under an RFP at a later date. The County Judge indicated that at this time they will take action under Item 6 and then come back later and decide what is proper for the future. Commissioner Garces asked with regards to the committee that had been formed and what their findings were at that time. During this explanation Commissioner Garces pointed out that he found some irony in that the problem stemmed from state funded department, Adult Probation, and it was another State Department that was instructing the County to reimburse them. After further discussion the County Judge directed that they take action on Item 6. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve payment of \$124,793.26 to the State Comptroller.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

No action was required on the presentation and all that was needed was some direction from the Court.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/A/3&4

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action was needed on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit r)

9/A/5

Mrs. Salazar reported that this was a request for approval on a modified contract with Weslaco Humane Society, Inc. and Upper Valley Humane Society Inc., to

reflect the two year term intended. This contract when approved had reflected a one year term, versus the two year term and they were wanting to correct this at this time. She did point out that the original proposal was done on a two year basis and they have verified with both Societies and they will hold their prices. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/B/1

Mrs. Salazar explained that this item was a result of last week's discussion and she was requesting authority to advertise for proposals for emergency medical services for Precinct Three. Commissioner Rosel brought up the fact that they had also discussed the possibility of going Countywide with this proposal and Mrs. Salazar informed him that they were only doing Precinct Three because of the time it would take to hold the election and assess the taxes in order to make a district operational. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/B/2-4

Mrs. Salazar informed the Commissioners that these items were requesting authority to purchase two 1998 ½ tone 4 x 2 pick-up trucks through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council with Buddy Chevrolet Inc. out of Port Arthur, Texas. The price for each truck is \$16,433.46 which includes the administration fee and delivery charges. The total amount of this purchase is \$32,866.92. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that one of the trucks was for Precinct Three Parks and the other was for Precinct Three Road and Bridge. Mrs. Salazar continued by saying that she was also requesting authority to purchase two 1998 ½ ton 4 x 2 extended cab pick-up trucks through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Buddy Chevrolet, out of Port Arthur. The total price of each truck is \$18,956.13, which includes the administration fee by H-GAC and the delivery charge. The total amount of both vehicles is \$37,912.26. The last request was for the purchase of one John Deere 6405 Utility Tractor with 85 horsepower, through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Weeks Martin Implement Co., out of Mission. The price of the tractor is \$24,973.52 and it includes the H-GAC administration fee. It was pointed out by Legal Counsel that the Commissioner had to designate what departments the vehicles would be used. Commissioner Rosel mentioned that on the extended cab pick-up trucks, one would be used for Road & Bridge and the other would be used in Parks. He stated that the single cab pick-ups would both be used for Parks and the tractor would be used for Parks. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the

purchase of two single cab pick-ups and one utility tractor and one extended cab for Precinct Three Parks, from the Houston-Galveston Area Council dealerships.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the purchase, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council dealer, of one extended cab pick-up for Precinct Road & Bridge.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/B/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County Judge to execute an installment purchase agreement with IBC for the equipment described in Items 2, 3, and 4 totaling \$95,752.70.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/C/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that the County Clerk's Office was requesting authority to rent two additional image retrieval terminals utilizing the General Services Commission Catalog Purchasing Program, from Government Records Services. She added that the terminals would be a part of an existing system currently under contract at the County Clerk's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/C/2

Mrs. Salazar was also requesting approval to amend the current contract with Government Records Services to include the rental items as approved at an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per month per terminal for the remaining term of the current contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/D/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that the Community Service Agency was requesting authority to extend lease with Edinburg Rentals for the building located at 1212 South

28<sup>th</sup> Street, in Edinburg, for ninety days, so as to allow the procurement process to be completed and not jeopardize housing of department. She explained that they had found that the current lease, which was an amended lease entered into in 1995 expires on March 31<sup>st</sup> and they have talked to the landlord and he has agreed to hold the same rental amount for a ninety-day period on an extension under the same terms and conditions. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the extended lease with Edinburg Rentals under the same terms and conditions for a ninety-day period.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/D/3

Mrs. Salazar explained that this next request was for authority to advertise for office space for the Hidalgo County Community Service Agency. Maribel Navarro informed the Court that through calls to the Purchasing Department they determined that this was a very low price for office space \$.36 per square foot for 11,000 square feet and she was wanting to know if it was necessary to go out for bids. Commissioner Rosel then asked if this would be open on a Countywide basis and Mrs. Salazar replied that it would. Mrs. Navarro asked if they could possibly specify that the office space be only within the Edinburg area, as she would prefer to have the main office centrally located within the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertisement for office space in the Edinburg area, for the Community Service Agency.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Garces to authorize the declaration of patrol lights surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to authorize the declaration of one forfeited 1986 Nissan Stanza (VIN #JN1HM05S4GX012562) as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/G

Mrs. Salazar indicated that the Hidalgo County Extension Service was requesting authority to purchase one 1998 one ton two-wheel drive crew cab pick-up truck through the interlocal agreement with the H-GAC, Buddy Chevrolet, Inc., out of Port Arthur Texas. The total price of the truck is \$22,356.56 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/H

The Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force was requesting authority to declare surplus various forfeited items, as listed on the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/I

Mrs. Salazar informed the Commissioners' Court that in their packet they had a copy of the results from the Evaluation Committee of Architectural Firms' Statements of Qualifications in response to the County's response for qualifications for architectural services for the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Juvenile Boot Camp facility project in Weslaco. She added that the Purchasing Department had placed the results on a grid for their consideration. She had also received a call from one of the architectural firms wanting to know if a presentation would be needed and she informed them that she would find out from the Court as to what direction to take in this matter. Commissioner Rosel asked her to explain the grid and she explained that they were evaluated on points basis and the last two columns contained the total points and the average, respectively. The firms were placed in order of total points on the grid. Commissioner Rosel asked what action was needed by this Commissioners' Court and Mrs. Salazar replied that they needed the final ranking and selection for the purpose of negotiations. Commissioner Garces had a concern with regards to one of the firms, which had done a lot of work at both the local facility and the Ramiro Guerra Youth Village and he was surprised that this firm was ranked very low. Buddy Silva, the Juvenile Director, commented that the reason that they probably ranked so low was that some of the other firms had more experience in similar types of facilities as the juvenile facilities. Mrs. Salazar noted that these were evaluations on statements of qualifications and not proposals. Commissioner Rosel asked Mr. Silva how he would go about in selecting a firm to design the juvenile facility and the response was that he

would go with the firm that scored the highest, this being Croslin and Associates. Mr. Silva also felt that there might be a benefit in this selection in that this firm was currently working on the Cameron County juvenile facility. After a brief discussion regarding the ranking of the firms, Commissioner Rosel recommended that the take the first three firms in order of total points and that the County enter into negotiations for the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department juvenile boot camp facility in Weslaco, with the Croslin and Associates, out of Austin; Wiginton, Hooker et al, out of Dallas, and Alvarado Architects, out of Donna and he made a motion to this effect. Upon a second by Commissioner Garces, Mrs. Salazar asked for direction as to who would be involved in the negotiations. Commissioner Rosel recommended that Mrs. Salazar, Mr. Silva and possibly the County legal counsel be involved in the negotiations. It was later discussed that they may want to include Yolanda Chapa, from the Evaluating Committee, into the negotiations, if necessary. The motion was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/J

Mrs. Salazar reported that the Hidalgo County Library System was requesting authority to terminate a contract with Escue & Associates. She mentioned that this was a mutual termination agreement and it was due to the fact that the County was presently developing the new specifications for library books that all the library publishers have their fiscal and calendar year together and prefer an award through the end of the fiscal and calendar of December 31<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/K

Mrs. Salazar announced that the Master Court No. 1 was requesting authority to declare surplus one desk (asset #15215), one computer workstation (asset #21598) and one metal desk (asset #7602). A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

9/L/1

Mrs. Salazar informed the Commissioners that they were recommending award for the Medal of Honor Project Phase I, which was being handled by Mr. Pete Leal, the Project Director. She then proceeded to pass a handout to the Court. She explained that the bid opening for this project was held on March the 18<sup>th</sup> and they received two bids; Builders Unlimited Inc. at \$83,975.00 and Cornerstone Construction at \$49,951.00. Mrs. Salazar stated that the bids were reviewed by the architectural firm

carrying the project and they are recommending the low bidder. A discussion regarding the difference in the bids and what the project entailed. Commissioner Arcaute noted that he was not sure but he thought that Cornerstone might be owned by two of his nephews and it was recommended that he abstain and sign an affidavit. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER ARCAUTE ABSTAINED DUE TO A QUESTION REGARDING RELATIONSHIP)  
(See Exhibit R)

9/L/2

Mrs. Salazar explained that this last item was requesting approval of standard AIA construction contract with the modifications submitted to them that the County has, through the Legal Counsel to be completed by the architectural firm of Morales, Best and Hinojosa for the Medal of Honor Project Phase I. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

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

MOTION CARRIED.