

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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER (See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. PERMIT: A. City of Pharr (See Exhibit B)

The County Judge introduced the Drainage District #1 Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ENGINEERING BILL - J.E. SAENZ AND ASSOCIATES - Jackson Road Irrigation Adjustments

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, informed the Court that this item was posted in error and therefore there was no action required. This item was posted as an addendum under the Commissioners' Court agenda.

NO ACTION.

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel 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 AND BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. Treasurer Department
- B. Commissioner Pct. #2 - Paved & Unpaved
- C. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Administration
- D. Tax Office
- E. County Clerk
- F. Buildings & Grounds
- G. Health Department - Administration
- H. Health Department - TB Control Program Income

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:

- A. HOME-Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications - 1 Family
- B. HOME-First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 4 Families

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY:

- A. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply
- B. Pct. #2 - North Alamo Water Supply
- C. Pct. #3 - Coastal Oil & Gas USA
- D. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone

(See Exhibit F)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and there were no changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ADD. 1. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval and authorization to pay Engineering Bill - J.E. Saenz and Associates - Jackson Road Irrigation Adjustments

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, came before the Court requesting approval and authorization to pay an engineering bill to J.E. Saenz and Associates. He indicated that the amount of the bill was \$12,750.00 and it constituted approximately 70-75% of the overall project. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 10. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- D. Hidalgo County Right of Way Department:
 - 1. Requesting authority to advertise for Relocation of Irrigation Lines along Jackson Road from Canton Road to FM 495

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting authority to advertise for the relocation of irrigation lines along Jackson Road, from Canton Road to FM 495. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 1. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Discussion & Possible Action on a variance request for Alvaro Martinez - Pct. #4

Emilio Garcia, the County Chief Planner, came before the Court and announced that Mr. Alvaro Martinez was requesting a variance to the County Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Mr. Martinez was proposing to build a house on tract #2 and he had mentioned that this tract was within the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation service area and there was also a fifty foot right of way easement. Mr. Garcia stated that according to the request Mr. Martinez's parents had a ten acre tract which was divided amongst the family members, three of which already had existing homes on this tract of land. Mr. Garcia indicated that Mr. Martinez was requesting the issuance of a permit from the County Planning Department, but he was lacking a letter of compliance from the City. The City of McAllen was requesting that the family members subdivide this tract of land according to the regulations, which were not in place at the time that the other dwellings were constructed. Commissioner Garces stated that this item had to be taken care of with the City of McAllen and he recommended that no action be taken at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 2. J.P. ARNALDO CORPUS:

A. Approval of budget amendment

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that he had talked to Judge Corpus regarding this request and Judge Corpus had indicated that it was for a copier. The amount of the budget amount was \$1,595.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 3. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

- A. Requesting funding for nineteen (19) Sheriff Positions representing Phase II of the approved additional manpower proposal, effective 4/1/98
- B. Approval of budget amendment (General Fund)
- C. Set Salaries for the Deputy Sheriff positions

3/A&B

Ramiro Castellano, Chief Deputy Sheriff, came before the Court requesting funding for nineteen additional sheriff's deputies, which would entail Phase II of the increase in manpower for 1998. Commissioner Rosel mentioned that he had asked that they look into the grant that had been applied for and it was found that the grant had not been approved at that time. He did add that there was a very good

chance that the grant would be approved and at the time of the application they had called for forty-nine additional sheriff's deputies. The County Judge then explained the situation with the addition of the deputies and Commissioner Rosel asked where these deputies would be utilized and Chief Castellanos responded that they would be used in patrol and he went on to indicate how many would be on patrol at certain periods of time. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the funding for the nineteen deputy sheriff positions, the budget amendment would be in the amount of \$446,800.01. A discussion ensued with regards to whether the Commissioners' Court had budgeted for this item and Chief Castellanos responded that they had not. Commissioner Arcaute then asked when these funds would be expended and the reply was that not until the positions were filled.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

3/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries for the nineteen positions at \$24,669.75.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. HIDTA:

- A. Approval to enter into an Interlocal Governmental Agreement with the Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force and San Juan Police Department

Celia Haro came before the Court requesting approval to enter into an interlocal governmental agreement between the Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force and the San Juan Police Department. This agreement was for the use of two motor vehicles for law enforcement purposes. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Authorization and approval of a budget amendment for the TDH Title V grant #7460007176A 97-01C
- B. Approval of TB-Prevention and Control Grant (TDH Document #7460007176-01)
- C. Authorization to appropriate TB-Prevention and Control Grant

- D. Approval of Line Item Transfers
- E. Approval to set salaries

5/A

J.M. Keenan, the County Health Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment for the TDH Title V grant in the amount of \$323,270.00. Mr. Keenan explained that the planned to use these funds for direct patient care services and medical supplies. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

5/B

Mr. Keenan explained that this next request was for approval of the TB Prevention and Control Grant. The amount of the grant was \$301,456.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as present.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

5/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Handy to appropriate the TB Prevention and Control Grant in the amount of \$301,456.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

5/D

Mr. Keenan stated that this next item was for approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$16,543.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

5/E

Mr. Keenan indicated that he was requesting approval to set salaries under the TB grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve salaries, effective the next pay period.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 6. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Discussion and approval of Confiscated funds for Palmer Drug Abuse Program
- B. Presentation of NACO deferred Compensation Program & Possible action of resolution - Mr. Roy Orr
- C. Discussion and possible action on an Order for Addressing Commissioners Court for Individuals not on Commissioners' Court Agenda

6/A

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that this had been discussed previously in this Commissioners' Court. He stated that there was approximately \$100,000.00 in the confiscated funds account that was unappropriated and he was wanting to discuss how much to allocate towards the Palmer Drug Abuse Program. His recommendation at this time was to allocate \$75,000.00 towards this program. Commissioner Garces pointed out that they had also discussed waiting to see what other PSAs would come in and then get an overall request. Commissioner Garces asked how many Commissioners had already pledged or contributed to Charter Palms, because he felt that this also needed to be considered. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve \$75,000.00 to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, informed the Court that they would not have \$25,000.00 left over because they still hadn't paid out \$15,000.00 that was owed on the old contract. Gilbert Garza explained that the appropriation was already in place it was just a matter of approving the agreement. The motion was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

6/B

Commissioner Rosel explained that he had asked the Purchasing Director to address this Court regarding this issue. He continued by saying that there had been a situation where a particular company had wanted to come in and make a presentation and he had indicated that these types of requests had to first go through the Purchasing Department, in order to allow for the proper procedure. Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, announced that she had also questioned this item when she saw it on the agenda and she added that an item had been placed previously by a different company on a similar type of plan. She mentioned that at that time the Court had wanted her to research and find out if this County was in need of this type of program and if so, then she could go on an RFP type situation in order to ensure that the proper procurement process was followed. She did add that being that there appeared to be two companies with similar types of programs, she would look into possibly going into an RFP situation. Commissioner Rosel then recommended that this Court take no action on this item at this time and that they direct the Purchasing Agent to put together "some type of agenda for [Commissioners' Court] to discuss whether

[this Court] would want to pursue this type of service for the employees”.

Commissioner Arcaute brought up the issue of the Commissioners receiving agenda requests without backup and he felt that this needed to be addressed. A discussion ensued on this issue and Mari Rodriguez the agenda clerk asked if the Commissioners wanted to sign off on the items and the Commissioners responded that this was the rule. After further discussion regarding the preparation of the agenda and the presentation by the NACO firm, it was announced that no action would be needed.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit M)

6/C

Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, came before the Court and reported that he had drafted an order for their consideration and this was for individuals who were not able to get on the agenda on a timely manner. He indicated that this order would allow thirty minutes to be set aside during the meeting so if any citizen wanted to address the Court they would be able to do so. He added that for this to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the Court would not be able to take any action or engage in discussions with these individuals. Mr. Crain stated that if this Court wanted to take action on an issue brought up during this time, it would have to post it at a later agenda. He did add that there were certain topics that would not be allowed such as complaints against elected officials or personnel of the County, litigation or the purchase or sale of real property, due to these types of items being Closed Session material. Commissioner Garces asked how much time before the meeting did someone have to announce that they wanted to address the Court and Mr. Crain responded that anyone wanting to address Commissioners' Court would have to present themselves five minutes before the meeting at the County Judge's Office and fill out a registration card. This card would list the person's name, telephone number and the general topic to be presented. Mr. Crain then went on to explain how this item would be handled during a meeting and also indicated the two ways a person would be allowed to speak to this Commissioners' Court, be it this way or by requesting to be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Handy asked if the Commissioners could ask questions for clarification and Mr. Crain responded that they could not, because these items were not properly posted. If the Commissioners felt that any discussion was needed then they could place it on the following agenda for discussion. Commissioner Garces asked if they could be a little more liberal on these rules and Mr. Crain explained why they could not. Commissioner Rosel asked if the County Judge would have any discretion on what the topics would be and Mr. Crain replied that he would not. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that if there was no discretion then there would be no control. Commissioner Garces commented that during the time that he has been in office there has been little or no need for this type of item and Mr. Crain explained that in his experience with government, this type of item will be very popular during its inception and little by little it would taper off. Dick Dickinson, the OET Director, voiced his concerns regarding accusations or statements as such and the Court not being able to correct them; Steve Crain indicated that these issues would be "gaveled down" and he went on to explain the procedure that would be taken regarding this position. After

further discussion and comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve an order addressing Commissioners' Court for individuals not on Commissioners' Court agenda; this would be effective at the next Commissioners' Court meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. PCT. #3:

- A. Authorization for a change fund in the amount of \$50.00 for the Anzalduas Park
- B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Granjeno
- C. Approval of budget amendment for Parks Department and Paved/Unpaved Roads

7/A

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that he was requesting a change fund in the amount of \$50.00 for Anzalduas Park. The need for the fund was to have change available booth at the entrance to the park. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

7/B

Commissioner Rosel explained that this next item was for approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Granjeno. The agreement was to participate in the construction of a parking area for their city hall. The City in turn will make the facility available to the County, as provided in the agreement. The amount of the agreement was for no more than \$5,000.00 to construct this parking lot. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Granjeno.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

7/C

Commissioner Rosel stated that the last item was for a budget amendment for equipment in the amount of \$76,796.57 in order to pay for some of the equipment that was purchased for the Precinct Three Parks Dept. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. COUNTY AUDITOR:

A. Approval of General Fund budget amendment for various accounts

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, informed the Court that they reviewed budget appropriations on several accounts that traditionally are under funded and they are requesting to amend the budgets to bring these expenditures up to what they estimate will be spent during the year of 1998. He stated that they are increasing these budgets by about 1½% and the amounts required for each fund are indicated in the accompanying exhibit. Commissioner Rosel questioned some of the funds being increased and Mr. Cavazos explained the reasons why they were increasing funds. Commissioner Arcaute also made some comments and Commissioner Garces asked how the remaining fund balance would affect the County in the upcoming bond issue request and this resulted in a discussion. Commissioner Arcaute recommended that they take no action on this item until after they take care of the jail problem. Commissioner Garces then commented that whether they approve this item or not it will still affect the County during the bond issue proceedings. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appropriate as per the attachment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Alton - Year 9, 1996 - Planning/Capacity Building Study - Approval of a Professional Service Agreement - Planning
- B. Approval of the amended Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement in Reinvestment and Enterprise Zones
- C. Approval of budget amendment - City of Alamo Street Improvements - Year 8 - 1995
- D. Proclaiming the week of April 6-12, 1998 as National Community Development week

9/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before the Court and reported that the City of Alton was requesting approval of a personal service agreement. The agreement was for a planning/capacity building study and it was Carter & Burgess Inc. and it was for \$11,500.00. It was for a population and demographic study and it was towards the development of a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant application. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

9/B

Mr. Covacevich announced that they were requesting approval of the amended Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatement and Reinvestment and Enterprise Zones. He stated that they have had a request by a particular entity that would like to locate in the County. This is a \$20 million entity and they are asking for a bigger tax abatement than what is normally provided. He mentioned that presently the County's guidelines call for \$10 million level and being that this is way above that they are proposing an increase in the guidelines to 90% tax abatement for any entity who would create over \$50 million in new value and/or over 251 permanent jobs. He added that it would still be a five year term and the tax abatement would be on real property only. The only change was on the level of abatement. After a discussion regarding other companies that have gone through this process, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the new guidelines, as presented. Mr. Covacevich added that the amendments had been reviewed by both legal counsel and the State Comptroller's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

9/C

Mr. Covacevich reported that the next item was a request by the City of Alamo to amend their year 8 budget. They were wanting to eliminate their Economic Development Direct Financial Assistance for a for-profit company, taking \$170,000 from this account and moving it to Street Improvements for the Duranta Street Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

9/D

Mr. Covacevich indicated that the next item was a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 6-12, 1998 as "National Community Development Week". He explained that they have been doing this for the last twelve years and the purpose of this is to bring attention to CDBG and the work that this program has accomplished. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 10. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**A. HIDALGO COUNTY:**

1. Recommending award of bid for "Type D Hot Mix Asphalt - Gravel and Limestone" to sole bidder
2. Recommending approval of proposal contract for "Type D Hot Mix Asphalt - Gravel and Limestone"
3. Requesting authority to advertise for "Janitorial Supplies"
4. Requesting authority to advertise for "Industrial Chemicals"
5. Requesting authority to advertise for "Hot Mix - Cold Laid" for Hidalgo County Precincts 1, 2 and 3
6. Discussion and action on modifications and/or clarification of RFP requirements for TPA of Hidalgo County's Cafeteria Plan

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1:

1. Recommendation as to the award for "Playground Equipment and installation for Delta Lake" for Precinct No. 1 to low bidder

C. HIDALGO COUNTY RESTITUTION CENTER:

1. Requesting authority to surplus One (1) 1995 GMAC Van" with inventory tag number AA001057 and ID#1GJHG39K35F532906 for trade in
2. Requesting authority to purchase "One (1) 1998 Model Window Van - 15 Passenger" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas

D. HIDALGO COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:

1. Requesting authority to advertise for Relocation of Irrigation Lines along Jackson Road from Canton Road to FM 495

E. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

1. Requesting authority to purchase "Ten (10) 1998 Ford Crown Victoria full-size 4-door sedans" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas
2. Requesting authority to purchase "Two (2) 1998 Ford Expeditions" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas

10/A/1&2

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court recommending award of a bid for "Type D Hot Mix Asphalt - Gravel and Limestone" She mentioned that a bid opening was held on March 18th and a sole bid was received. The sole bidder was Frontera Materials at \$22.50 per ton on the gravel and \$24.00 per ton on limestone. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to award the bid and approve the contract, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/A/3

Mrs. Salazar explained that this next item was for authority to advertise county-wide on janitorial supplies. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/A/4

She was also requesting authority to advertise for industrial chemicals county-wide. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/A/5

The next item was for authority to advertise for hot mix cold laid for Precincts One, Two and Three. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/A/6

Mrs. Salazar mentioned that there was a concern by one of the Precincts regarding and RFP for the cafeteria plan. She mentioned that the question had come up on whether the administrator also provide products to the County and she indicated that as per the specifications the administrator will not be able to offer products to county employees. Another issue that was raised was whether they wanted to add duties to the administrator of the analysis of any present products that the County may have or may want to provide the employees in the future. A discussion ensued with regards to the previous administrator, as well as the proposed specifications. Commissioner Rosel's concern was with regards to the administrator selling a product as well as being compensated as the administrator and this resulted in another discussion with additional comments from Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel and Commissioner Garces. Mr. Crain noted that a lot of entities have hired a company to be the administrator that is not in the business of selling any products to the plan, and in this way that company has no vested interest in how the plan is being administered. Commissioner Garces had a question regarding an item on the specifications and he felt that the terminology had to be simplified somewhat. The County Judge then recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/B

Mrs. Salazar informed that this item was on a bid opening that was held on March 4th and they received three bids for playground equipment for Precinct One. The three bidders were Builders Unlimited, out of Alamo at \$40,321.00; GAS Enterprises, out of Elsa at \$36,459.00; and Park Place Recreation Designs, out of San Antonio at \$37,060.00. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder of GAS Enterprises at \$36,459.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

10/C/1

Mrs. Salazar announced that the Hidalgo County Restitution Center was requesting authority to surplus one 1995 GMAC Van with inventory tag number AA0001057, for the purposes of trade-in. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

10/C/2

The Hidalgo County Restitution Center was also requesting authority to purchase one 1998 15-passenger Model Window Van through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Philpott Motors, Inc., out of Port Neches, Texas. The total price of the van is \$22,372.32, which includes the administrative fee and delivery charge. The trade-in value of the van discussed in the previous item is \$4,797.00 and this will bring the actual cost of the van to \$17,575.32. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

10/D

This item was already approved earlier in the meeting.

10/E/1

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department was requesting authority to purchase ten 1998 Ford Crown Victoria full-size 4-door sedans through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Philpott Motors, Inc., out of Port Neches, Texas. The total price of each vehicle is \$19,578.88, which includes the administration fee and delivery charge. Commissioner Rosel asked if the price included the law enforcement equipment and Roy Quintanilla explained that the equipment from the old vehicles would be placed on the new vehicles. The total price for the ten

vehicles is \$195,788.72; eight vehicles will be used in law enforcement and two will be used for TDCH transfers of prisoners to doctor's appointments and court appearances. A motion was made by Commissioner Rose land seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented. These vehicles will be paid for by the Sheriff's Department from the two accounts listed on the exhibit.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/E/2

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department was also requesting authority to purchase two 1998 Ford Expeditions through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Philpott Motors, Inc., out of Port Neches, Texas. The total price for each vehicle is \$26,224.18 and the total price with delivery charge and administration fees is \$52,488.36. These vehicles will be used in criminal law enforcement and will be paid out of the account noted. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

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.