

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 - \$500.00 (See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. PERMIT: A. City of Pharr B. Encina Gas Pipeline Co. (See Exhibit B)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District #1 Manager, came before the Board requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$520.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF FINAL ESTIMATE - RGV ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

Mr. Garza informed the Court that this next item was calling for the approval of the final estimate by RGV Environmental Services, Inc. This was for a project in the Weslaco area to replace an existing drain ditch underground. The final estimate is for \$39,544.50. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the final estimate as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 - SUMMIT CONTRACTING, INC.

Mr. Garza was also requesting approval of a change order #2 to Summit Contracting, Inc. for an increase in time of 71 calendar days. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FINAL ESTIMATE - SUMMIT PROJECT

This item was for approval of the final estimate by Summit Contracting Inc.. The final estimate is in the amount of \$29,065.94. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit F)

**ITEM 5. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LICENSE REQUEST OF CITY OF MCALLEN FOR
STRUCTURE THROUGH IBWC FLOODWAY**

Mr. Garza explained that this next item was for approval of a license request by the City of McAllen for a structure through IBWC floodway. He explained that there was no cost involved as it was just for the administrative paperwork. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

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 H)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

- A. Planning Department - \$4.99
- B. Human Services - \$2,000.00
- C. District Clerk's Office - \$10,058.00
- D. WIC Program - \$47,000.00
- E. Master Court #1 - \$172.00
- F. 92nd District Court - \$ 2,000.00
- G. Computer Department - \$200.00
- H. County Judge - \$410.36
- I. Commissioner Pct. 4 - Road & Bridge - \$50,000.00

J. Commissioner Pct. 4 - Administration - \$1,000.00

K. Purchasing Department - \$5,000.00

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

A. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application - 1 Family

B. HOME - First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 3 Families

(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT:

A. Permits:

1. Pct. #1 - Southwestern Bell Telephone

- North Alamo Water Supply

2. Pct. #3 - Coastal Oil & Gas USA

3. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit K)

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

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 to discuss the following:

A. Litigation:

1. Update on Hidalgo County -vs- TAC (Landfill Fire Claim Coverage)

2. Authority to enter into an agreement - Hidalgo County -vs- TAC

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

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION:

A. Litigation:

1. Update on Hidalgo County -vs- TAC (Landfill Fire Claim Coverage)
2. Authority to enter into an agreement - Hidalgo County -vs- TAC

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to allow the County legal counsel to proceed as was discussed in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. CONSTABLE PCT. 4

- A. Approval of budget amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$99.00 for Constable Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 3. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of Appropriation of budget - Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council for Implementation of Live Scan & Electronic Arrest Reporting
- B. Authorization to be reimbursed for cellular phone expenses on a month to month basis - System Administrator
- C. Authorization for cellular phone for Tech. Staff
- D. Authorization to create Tech II position
- E. Set Salary
- F. Appropriation Budget

- G. Approval of budget amendment for Tech II Position
- H. Direction from Commissioners' Court on Policy and Procedures for access to the Hidalgo County Information System
- I. Update on Computer Automation Project

3/A

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, came before the Court requesting appropriation of the grant budget from the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council for the implementation of the live scan and the electronic arrest reporting. The amount of the grant is \$33,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

3/B

Mr. Rivera requested that he be authorized to turn in his cellular phone bill and that he be reimbursed on a month-to-month basis. He added that he is currently using his own mobile phone and he was requesting that he be reimbursed for all call regarding county business. Commissioner Rosel had a concern with regards to this request and he felt that this would be justified contingent to review by the Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

3/C

The next request was for a cellular phone for the computer technical staff. Mr. Rivera explained that this phone would be used by the staff member who would be on calls during the weekend. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

3/D

Mr. Rivera was also requesting the creation of a Tech II position. His reason for the slot was that they were in the midst of upgrading the current computer system. The County Judge then read a letter from the County Auditor's

Office with regards to this request. In the letter the County Auditor recommended that no action be taken on this item as well as in Items 3/E, 3/F and 3/G "because the Fund Balance [was] very low". Commissioner Arcaute pointed out that this was just a recommendation by the County Auditor's office and he felt that this position was needed in order to complete the upgrade. A discussion ensued with regards to this request with comments from Paul Vazaldua and the Commissioners. Commissioner Rosel also voiced his concern with regards to the budgetary shortfall. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

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

3/E

Mr. Rivera explained that the salary for the newly created Tech II position would be \$27,000.00 annually and this would be pro-rated for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

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

3/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to appropriate the budget of \$16,374.60.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

3/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a budget amendment from the General Fund in the amount of \$16,374.60.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER ROSEL VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
(See Exhibit N)

3/H

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, informed the Court that he had had a number of bail bond companies asking about accessing the new computer system. They were wanting to access the criminal case records in order to find out if any cases were still pending or disposed. He added that they have looked

at how other counties are dealing with is issue and he ensued with an explanation. Mr. Rivera mentioned that he was coming before Commissioners' Court for some direction on how to handle this matter. He also indicated that some of the other law enforcement entities were also wanting to access the database and vice versa and he also needed direction on this matter. Commissioner Handy asked how a 900 line would work and if a fee were assessed where these monies would go. Mr. Rivera indicated that it was his understanding that the phone company would keep a percentage of the fee and the rest would go to the County. Commissioner Garces pointed out that this may help in alleviating the jail overcrowding, in that the bail bond companies would be able to get some of these inmates out over the weekend. Mr. Rivera mentioned that Bexar and Harris had set up a system whereby they were charging a monthly fee to access their records. Commissioner Garces asked that this be explained further and Mr. Rivera added that a pilot program had been done in the past and it had been abused because some people had stayed on line for a number of hours. Commissioner Handy announced that the 900 system sounded like a good idea to her and Commissioner Garces asked Mr. Rivera that he look into this and what the cost benefits would be for the County. Mr. Rivera indicated that he would do some more research and come back to Commissioners' Court with the results. Commissioner Garces then brought up the issue of setting up a policy on the purchasing or leasing some computer parts or hardware, where this would have to be cleared by the Computer Department before being purchased so that it can be comparable to what was in place. Mr. Rivera said that he had talked to the Purchasing Agent on this and he felt that they needed to discuss it further.

NO ACTION.

3/1

Mr. Rivera then proceeded to give an update on the computer automation project. He began by saying that they had converted all of the criminal data and the Sheriff's Office was on-line. Mr. Rivera noted that they had ongoing training and were in the process of setting up a second training sight. He added that they had run into a few problems with some of the lines, but they were having those replaced and everything was coming in as scheduled. He said that they would have the JP's on the system by the end of June as well as the District Attorney's Office. The lines are being installed to link the Purchasing Department with the Auditor's Office and the Child Support will be linked sometime next month. Commissioner Garces asked him about the Adult Probation Department and Mr. Rivera indicated that he had spoken with Mr. Lopez only briefly about the matter. Commissioner Garces asked him where they were at on the training and Mr. Rivera replied that they were presently training the District Clerk's Office on the criminal case management and right after they would be doing the conversion

on the civil cases. He added that on the old Alpha Micro they had had a disc failure where they had to basically revive the drive and they were able to retrieve some of the old records that they had not been able to convert yet.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. TAX OFFICE:

A. Approval of Tax Refunds for:

1. Clara B. York
2. Hilda Solis
3. Robert G. & Marilyn C. Welch
4. Vatia Albright

4/A/1

Yolanda Villescas came before the Court requesting approval of a tax refund for Clara B. York in the amount of \$742.93. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

4/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a tax refund to Hilda Solis in the amount of \$645.71.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

4/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a tax refund to Robert G. and Marilyn C. Welch in the amount of \$795.78.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

4/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a tax refund to Vatia Albright in the amount of \$506.72.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 5. WIC PROGRAM:

- A. Authorization and approval for additional mobile phone and phone line for our Mobile Clinic

Norma Longoria, WIC Director, came before the Court requesting approval for an additional mobile phone as well as a phone line for the mobile clinic. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 6. HEAD START:

- A. Approval to contract with John Whitcamp from Texas Tech University for Technical Assistance in preparing final draft of the Grant Application
- B. Approval to submit application to the Department of Health and Human Services for Head Start funding increases for the following:
 - 1. Cost of Living (COLA)
 - 2. Quality Improvement
 - 3. Training and Technical Assistance
 - 4. One-time funding

6/A

Edmundo Garcia, Head Start Chief Deputy, came before the Court requesting approval of a contract with John Whitcamp from Texas Tech University for Technical Assistance for the preparation of a final draft of the grant application. Commissioner Rosel asked a few questions regarding what was being asked for as far as the grant. Commissioner Handy made a motion to approve the request after which Paul Vazaldua proceeded to make a recommendation that no action be taken on this request. He stated that his request was based on the wording as it appeared on the agenda and also because it had to follow the federal guidelines methods of procurement. After further discussion, Commissioner Handy withdrew her motion and no action was taken.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

6/B

Mr. Garcia then proceeded to request approval to submit an application to the Department of Health and Human Services for Head Start funding increases. These increases are basically 2 ½% across the board for most of the field staff, as well as some quality improvement funds for equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 7. COUNTY JUDGE:

A. Process to review Hidalgo County Head Start Director Applications

Lisa Saucedo-Robledo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court and indicated that they had received thirty (30) applications. These applications have not been reviewed by anyone and she was seeking some direction. Commissioner Rosel advised that someone needs to look at those applications to make sure that they meet the minimum requirements. Mrs. Saucedo-Robledo pointed out that at one time they had proposed the grid form for the review. The County Judge and Commissioners agreed that the grid form would be used for review. They then recommended that a committee comprised of Lisa Saucedo-Robledo, Paul Vazaldua and Esther Cortez. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve these appointment to review the applications.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 8. COMMISSIONER PCT. #1:

- A. Appropriation of funds for Architect Fees related to Pct. 1 offices and substation renovation project
- B. Discussion and authorization to submit Local Enforcement and Citizen Collection Station grant application for fiscal year '99 to LRGVDC/TNRCC
- C. Selection of three deputy constable officers as per Constables Precincts 1 & 5 recommendation
- D. Approval to appropriate parks unreserved fund balance for deputy constable

8/A

Raul Lozano came before the Court requesting the appropriation of funds for Architects fees related to the Precinct One and substation renovation project. He explained that on April 21st this Commissioners' Court had approved a contract with Alvarado Architects. The initial payment was to be in the amount of \$5,000.00 and he was requesting that it come out of the General Fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, noted that the General Fund would be reimbursed from funding if the funding is applied through certificates of obligation or general obligation bonds.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

8/B

Mr. Lozano informed the Court that last year they had submitted an application for the local waste enforcement through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee (TNRCC). He added that this year they had two categories: the local enforcement and the citizen collection station. He added that they would like to apply for the maximum of \$25,000.00 for the citizen collection station. He went on to explain what this grant money could be used for and the need for the service in the Precinct One area. He added that the previous year Precinct One was funded but it ran into some problems because it applied as a Precinct and not as a countywide project and this resulted in a lengthy discussion regarding the application process. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the submittal of Precinct One to the Local Enforcement and Citizen Collection Station grant application for fiscal year '99 to LRGVDC/TNRCC.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

8/C

Mr. Lozano explained that this next item was on the selection of the deputy constables for Precincts One and Five and it was in lieu of security service at Delta Lake Park. He indicated that they do not have the funds for these positions within their budget and they have been unable to locate a security company that complies with all the regulations of the County. Mr. Lozano stated that they may have some monies within their unreserved Park fund balance to maybe cover these positions. He then introduced Constable Walo Bazan who handled the interviews for Precinct Five and he recommended that they hire the following certified peace officers: Feliciano Ramos and Luis Cartegena. Under Precinct One the recommendation was for Reymundo Sanchez. Commissioner

Rosel had a concern as to the procedure according to State statute and Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, advised as to what was required for approval. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy to approve the selection of the three deputy constables as follows: in Precinct Number One - Reymundo Sanchez and in Precinct Number Five - Feliciano Ramos and Luis Cartegena. Upon a second by Commissioner Rosel the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

8/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to appropriate parks unreserved fund balance for deputy constables salaries, taxes and fringe benefits in the amount of \$30,588.95 for Precinct Five and \$15,294.48 for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 9. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM:

- A. Consideration and action on Change Order No. 1 for Valley Garden Center - City of Alton Auto sprinkler System - Year 9, 1996 - PFI - Parks, Recreational Facility
- B. Construction Contract Award - Baseball Field Lighting and Bleachers City of Alton - Year 9, 1996 & Year 10, 1997 - Parks Recreational Facility
- C. City of Elsa - Water/Sewer Contract with Mercer & Ussery, Inc. - Urban County Yr. 7 (1994)
- D. City of La Joya - Multi-Year Budget Amendment - Year 6(B-93), Year 8 (B-95) and Year 9 (B-96)
- E. Construction Contract Award - Pct. #2, Year 10, 1997 - PFI - Street Improvements
- F. Public Hearing and action to approve a Program Amendment - Precinct No. 3 Year 9 (1996)
- G. Approval of Subrecipient Agreement with Edinburg Boys and Girls Club - Pct. #4
- H. Public Hearing and Action to approve a Budget Amendment - ESG Mujeres Unidas/Women Together Year 9 (1996)
- I. Approval of Revised Section 108 Loan Guarantee Resolution for the City of Alton

- J. Approval of Resolution authorizing the submission of a Section 108 application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Alton - Construction of a Multi-Purpose Complex Center
- K. Approval of a Resolution Authorization the Urban County Program to submit its FY 1998 Consolidated Plan Update and One Year Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding

9/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a change order no. one for Valley Garden Center. This was on a contract with the City of Alton for Years 9 and 10 for a sprinkler system. The amount of the change order is \$2,526.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

9/B

The City of Alton was requesting the awarding of a construction contract for baseball field lighting and bleachers. This is under their Years 9 and 10 and the contract is low bidder being D & F Industries in the amount of \$156,340.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

9/C

The City of Elsa was requesting approval of a water sewer contract with Mercer & Ussery, Inc. The funds will be taken out of their Year 7 budget and the contract amount is for \$49,152.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

9/D

The City of La Joya is requesting approval of a multi-year budget amendment for Years 6, 8 and 9. Mr. Covacevich recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

9/E

Precinct Two was requesting approval of a construction contract award under their Year 10 for street improvements. The contract is with Mission Paving Company in the amount of \$132,387.29. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

9/F

The County Judge then called a public hearing open to solicit comments regarding a program amendment for Precinct Three under Year 9. Max Boggs, a taxpayer and homeowner on Taylor Road, came before the Court voicing his concerns with regards to the deletion of a ½ mile of Taylor Road that was going to be paved, from the program. Eric Deschner, who also lived along Taylor Road and he also commented on the deletion of Taylor Road from the program. Commissioner Rosel addressed their concerns and indicated that on the streets that were being added that were within a subdivision, these subdivisions were developed before the requirement for paved streets. The Commissioner also noted that this road would be taken care of at a later date. There being no further comments the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the program amendment for Year 9 as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

9/G

Precinct Four was requesting approval of a subrecipient agreement with the Edinburg Boys and Girls Club. The amount of the agreement was \$18,306.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

9/H

The County Judge called a public hearing open to solicit comments regarding a budget amendment out of the Year 9 Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds for Mujeres Unidas/Women Together. Mr. Covacevich explained that they were eliminating the renovation and rehab line item in the amount of \$43,650.00 and moving these funds to the Maintenance and Operation line item. He continued by saying that Essential Services were also being reduced from \$25,350.00 to \$5,604.09 and moving the difference to Maintenance and Operation. There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment as indicated above.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

9/I

The City of Alton was requesting approval of a revised Section 108 Loan Guarantee resolution. The revision was with regards to the pay back period which was being changed from twenty years to fifteen years. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

9/J

Mr. Covacevich informed the Court this next resolution was again with regards to the amendment on the pay back. He added that this loan would be used for Boys and Girls Club Center for 28,888 square feet and a 20,000 square foot Senior Citizen Center with a medical facility. This was on a \$15 million loan for a fifteen year period. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

9/K

The final item was for approval of a resolution authorizing the Urban County Program to submit its FY 1998 Consolidated Plan Update and One Year Action Plan for CDBG, HOME and ESG funding. Mr. Covacevich reported that a public hearing had been held during the previous Commissioners' Court meeting. The application was for a total of \$10,851,000.00 and all the requirements have been met. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 10. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Approval of a budget amendment for the Health Clinic
- B. Authorization and approval to create two positions - Health Clinic
- C. Set Salaries
- D. Approval of budget amendment for the Sanitation Account
- E. Authorization and approval to create four positions - Sanitation
- F. Set Salaries

Mike Keenan reported that no action would be needed on Item 10 at this time. He then proceeded to indicate why these positions were needed, especially in the sanitation department for mosquito and bee eradication.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 11. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1
 - 1. Requesting approval of contract with G.A.S. Enterprises, Inc.
- B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2
 - 1. Requesting a 1985 GMC ½ Ton Pick-Up and a 1982 Ford ½ Ton pick-up be declared surplus
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3
 - 1. Requesting authority to advertise "Paving for Street Improvements"
 - 2. Recommending rejection of sole proposal received for "Emergency Medical Services"
 - 3. Requesting re-advertising of RFP for "Emergency Medical Services"
 - 4. Discussion and action on the modifications of RFP requirements for "Emergency Medical Services"

- a. Deletion of Performance Bond requirement
- b. Increase of insurance limits from present requirements
- 5. Requesting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a)(2) for "Emergency Medical Services"
- 6. Requesting Authority to solicit quotations for a short-term 60-90 day contract for "Emergency Medical Services"
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCTS 1,2 & 3
 - 1. Recommendation as to bid award for "Hot Mix-Cold Laid-Hidalgo County" for Precincts 1,2 & 3 to sole bidder Valley Caliche Products, Inc.
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4
 - 1. Recommending award of bid for "Paving of Seminary Road - N. of F.M. 1925 (Approximately one (1) mile)" to low bidder
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY PRINT SHOP
 - 1. Requesting a copy machine be declared surplus
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC
 - 1. Requesting authority to advertise for "Floor Maintenance"
- H. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
 - 1. Authority to purchase one new Paragon II-Modular Mail Processing System

11/A

Martha Salazar, the Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a contract with G.A.S. Enterprises, Inc. This contract was with Precinct One and it was for the installation of playground equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/B

Precinct Two was requesting that a 1985 GMC ½ ton pick-up and a 1982 Ford ½ ton pick-up be declared surplus. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/1

Precinct Three was requesting authority to advertise for "paving for street improvements. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/2

Mrs. Salazar explained that she was recommending the rejection of the sole proposal received for emergency medical services. She added that this was being done due to the withdrawal of the sole responder who indicated that they cannot meet the insurance requirements and performance bond at the amount proposed. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/4

Mrs. Salazar asked that this item be taken first and it had to do with the possible deletion of the performance bond requirement, if it is the pleasure of the Court. She was however recommending that this requirement remain because they have had two incidents where vendors have either gone out of business or walked out of a contract with the County. Commissioner Rosel agreed that it was needed and Mrs. Salazar proceeded with the insurance limits and she proceeded to hand out of a recommendation from TAC. She mentioned that the minimum requirement was \$1 million with a \$1 million umbrella and she indicated that other entities were recommending higher limits. The recommendation was to put it at an option with the minimum being \$1 million and the maximum being \$2 million. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to not forego any performance bonds by those vendors who are turning in their proposals to service the Precinct Three area with emergency services and that they provide an option for the insurance liability, one at \$1 million and the other at \$2 million.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-advertising for RFPs for emergency medical services on a three year contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/5

Mrs. Salazar was requesting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements on their present short term contract which will expire on May 17th. She added that the present provider will stay in place an additional 72 hours so she can present some solicited quotes on a new short term contract so as not to have lapse in emergency medical services. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/C/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the solicitation of quotations for a short term 60-90 day contract for emergency medical services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/D

Mrs. Salazar was recommending a bid award for "Hot Mix-Cold Laid-Hidalgo County" for Precincts One, Two and three be awarded to the sole bidder of Valley Caliche Products, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/E

Mrs. Salazar reported that the next item was for Precinct Four and it was on a bid opening for the paving of Seminary Road, north of FM 1925. The bid opening was held on May 6th and three bids were received: Mission Paving Company at \$31,960.86; Lozano Paving Inc. at \$35,169.13 and TNT Construction Company at \$38,672.32. She was recommending the low bid of Mission Paving Company. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to declare a copy machine from the print shop as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for floor maintenance for the WIC Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

11/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the Buildings and Grounds Department to purchase one new Paragon II-Modular Mail Processing System at a cost of \$18,553.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 12. JAIL PROJECT

- A. Dissolve existing architect negotiation committee and appoint new negotiating committee

Paul Vazaldua came before the Court and reported that request was to keep the negotiations committee or appoint a new negotiations committee. He added that there was a concern of having two members from this Court on the committee and he had an Attorney General's opinion to substantiate that. A discussion ensued with regards to the opinion with comments from Commissioner Arcaute and Steve Crain, the County legal counsel. Commissioner Handy inquired as to who was on the present committee and Mr. Vazaldua replied that it was comprised of Sheriff Henry Escalon, County Auditor Manuel Cavazos, Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, Judge Renato Cuellar and Commissioner Garces. There was also a question on whether the County Auditor should serve on the committee as he would be auditing the contract and he served as a checks and balance for Commissioners' Court. It was also suggested that Steve Crain involved as the county legal counsel and not as a negotiator. Mr. Vazaldua

added that they would like to recommend that the Purchasing Agent to be a member of the negotiating committee. A discussion resulted on how other entities handled this kind of issue. It was then recommended that Paul Vazaldua sit in the committee in place of the County Judge. The discussion then turned to possibly going the route of design-build. Commissioner Handy recommended that if Steve Crain would not be sitting on the committee then they may want to put Rene Guerre the District Attorney. The discussion continued with regards to why other counties were allowed to go design-build and Hidalgo County was not. It also included the issue of holding negotiations either open or private. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint Paul Vazaldua, Rene Guerra, subject to his acceptance, and Martha Salazar to the negotiating committee in place of the County Judge, Steve Crain and Commissioner Garces, respectively.

MOTION CARRIED.

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.