

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. PERMIT:

A. City of Mission - Lot I Phase I West Addition to Expressway Business Park (See Exhibit A)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #2 - FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE AT MILE 12 ³/₄ NORTH

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, came before the Court requesting approval of change order number two on a flood control structure at Mile 12 ³/₄ North. This change order is for a total increase of one hundred and six (106) calendar days. The increase was needed because the manufacturer of the gate was unable to supply it on time. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 2. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1

1. Recommending award of bid for "One (1) 1998 Hydraulic Excavator" to sole bidder
2. No bids received for "Three (3) New 1999 Four (4) Wheel Drive ½ Ton Pick-Up Trucks"
3. Requesting authority to re-advertise for "Three (3) New 1999 Four (4) Wheel Drive ½ Ton Pick-Up Trucks"
4. Recommending award of bid for "One (1) New Tractor with Cab" to low bidder

2/A/1

Martha Salazar, Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting the award of bid for "One (1) 1998 Hydraulic Excavator" to sole bidder, being HOLT at a price of \$231,977.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

2/A/2

Mrs. Salazar reported that no bids had been received for the purchase of "three (3) New 1999 Four (4) Wheel Drive ½ Ton Pick-up Trucks".

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit C)

2/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the re-advertisement for "three (3) New 1999 Four (4) Wheel Drive ½ Ton Pick-up Trucks".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

2/A/4

Mrs. Salazar announced that she was requesting the awarding of bid for "One (1) New Tractor with Cab" to the low bidder out of four bids. The low bidder is Siever Implement Company at \$29,408.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District No. 1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy 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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. County Judge - \$1,300.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$20,000.00
- C. Commissioner Pct. 4 - Road & Bridge - \$10,000.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. 4 - Administration - \$500.00
- E. Constable Pct. 1 - \$1,000.00
- F. District Attorney - Hot Checks Account -\$1,000.00
- G. District Attorney - General Fund - \$3,000.00
- H. District Attorney - State Supplement - \$1,582.63
- I. County Court at Law #3 - \$119.96
- J. Adult Probation - Restitution Center -\$1,900.00
- K. WIC Program - \$5,000.00
- L. Computer Department - Withdrawn and placed on Regular Agenda
- M. J.P. Pct. 2 Pl. 2 - \$473.40
- N. Buildings & Grounds - \$3,500.00
- O. U.S. Dept. of Justice - \$10,000.00
- P. Health Department - Health Clinics - \$11,925.00
- Q. Health Department - Immunization Program Income - \$9,500.00
- R. Health Department - Program Income Title V - \$12,000.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY

- A. Permits
 - 1. Pct. 1 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - 2. Pct. 2 - North Alamo Water Supply

3. Pct. 3 - Southwestern Bell Telephone - lay cable along Bentsen Palm Drive north of its intersection with U.S. Highway 83
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone - lay cable along Stewart Road North of its intersection with Morales Drive
 - Western Geophysical Co.
4. Pct. 4 - North Alamo Water Supply - 2" water line to cross Mile 19 North from its intersection with Sunflower Road
 - North Alamo Water Supply - 2" water line to cross Mile 19 North from its intersection with Kenyan Road
 - North Alamo Water Supply - water line to cross Pinkston from its intersection with Gwin Road

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME - First-time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and letter of commitment to Mortgage Company - 4 families
- B. Cancel commitment Letter to Frontera Mortgage and Re-issue Commitment to Valente Elizondo - Owner Financing
- C. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application - 1 family

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of June 1998 Monthly Report - \$146,721.23

(See Exhibit G)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes. Commissioner Handy asked that Item 2/L be withdrawn and placed on the Regular Agenda due to some concerns by the County Auditor. A motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

It was announced that no one had signed up for the Open Forum.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

A. Notice of Intent to Issue Certificates of Obligation

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, indicated that this was for approval of a notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation not to exceed an amount of \$7.5 million. He added that Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez was present to speak on this issue. Mr. Ramirez stated that once this notice was approved it would be published on Friday, July 24th, and the subsequent Friday to comply with the fourteen-day requirement. After this the Court could proceed in selling their certificates. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the notice as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 3. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A. Appointment of 5 members to the Hidalgo County Subdivision Advisory Board

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the court requesting the appointment of five individuals to the Hidalgo County Subdivision Advisory Board. He stated that this was being brought again in order to get the process going. Commissioner Handy indicated that she would like to nominate Mickey Pedraza to this Board. A discussion ensued with regards to the duties of this Board. The County Judge recommended that this Commissioners' Court make some nominations and that they bring this back for approval at a later date. Commissioner Garces nominated Richard Garza and the County Judge nominated Pablo Peña. Commissioner Rosel stated that he had a couple of names but he would like to talk to them about first. The County Judge did point out that the list of nominees was subject to change.

Mori Guzman, a leader with Valley Interfaith, approached the Court and stated that Valley Interfaith had advised that none of its members wanted to serve on this Advisory Board but they would like to have the opportunity to make recommendations for this Board. She did add that she did not have any names at this time, but if allowed they would like to submit some names by Friday. The County Judge and Commissioners indicated that they had no problem with this but they did not want to saturate this Board with any Valley Interfaith members or developers. The County Judge added that they needed people from the general public and that they had to follow the parameters that have been set as per the rules that were adopted. Commissioner Arcaute recommended that this Commissioners' Court spend a little time discussing what the duties of this Board would be for clarification and the County Judge replied that he had already asked one of his assistants to look into this, as far as the parameters and what the duties were and that they make them aware of what they will be doing. It was then recommended that this item be brought back to the Court next week for further consideration.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 4. 275TH DISTRICT COURT

- A. Approval to re-classify three positions
- B. Approval of line-item transfer
- C. Set Salaries

Paul Vazaldua reported that the 27th District Court was requesting the re-classification of three positions as reflected in the exhibit. Commissioner Arcaute indicated that the back-up indicated that he was wanting to move monies from the operational line items into the #03 category. He added that this was a practice that was not done and it was against County policy. Mr. Vazaldua stated that they were trying to bring to bring parity to these positions. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to reject the request from the 275th District Court.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION - BIO-KINETICS CORPORATION (5 MINUTES)

- A. Presentation on BackTalk™ Apparatus and benefits

Geoffrey Brann, from the Bio-Kinetic Corporation, came before the Court and gave a presentation on the BackTalk™ apparatus. This was a device that he claimed would help to avoid back injuries and he went on to explain how this device worked. After Mr. Brown's presentation, no action was required on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 6. TAX OFFICE

- A. Approval of the following Tax Refunds
 1. Dove Pointe, LTD - \$5,126.00
 2. Dizdar Dev. LTD by Valley Mortgage - \$1,055.73

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the tax refunds as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, asked the Commissioners' Court to consider Item 14, Sheriff's Department, before Item 7. His reason for this was that if the funds are not unappropriated as requested in the Sheriff's item, they will have to request that all budget amendment that require General Fund appropriation are looked at very carefully because of the very short Fund Balance.

ITEM 14. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Authorization and approval of the US Department of Justice COPS Program Grant Budget
- B. Approval of General Fund budget amendment - Local Cash Match
- C. Approval to create forty-nine (49) Deputy Sheriff Positions and set salaries
- D. Authorization and approval to un-appropriate \$1,065,651.06 in the General Fund representing Phase I and II of the Additional Manpower Proposal
- E. Authorization and approval to transfer slots 167-204 from the Sheriff's budget account into the COPS program Grant account - Representing slots 1-38 under the COPS Budget Salary Schedule
- F. Authorization and approval for funding of 9 investigators, 3 communications officers, 1 identification Technician, 3 secretary II and 1 Mechanic (Totaling 17 positions)
- G. Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment - for salaries and fringe benefits
- H. Approval to set salaries

Capt. Jasso came before the Court and stated that as per Legal Counsel they were requesting that no action be taken on this item due to some information that was received from the U.S. Department of Justice. The Commissioners wanted to know what the problem with this issue was and Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, indicated that the Department of Justice was requesting copies of minutes of this Court where the budget for this item was discussed and they needed these in order to make a decision as to whether the supplanting issues and the grant will be affected. Commissioner Rosel stated that this Commissioners' Court took action in lieu of the grant that was going to come in and they felt a need that there needed to be more protection out there in the rural area. Lt. Castellanos reiterated and said that when he was asked what the Commissioners' Court would have done if this grant would not have been approved and his reply was that the Court would not fund them and they would require some time in order to get all the documentation in order. Commissioner Handy asked if the funds in questions were the ones that were set aside in case the waiver was not approved and Lt. Castellanos replied that they were not. The funds in questions were the \$1.8 million that had been committed to by Commissioners' Court to take care of this three-phase project. He added that they had completed Phase I, were in the process of completing Phase II and now they were working on Phase III which was the funding for the support personnel. He did say that of the \$1.8 million they

would have a savings of about \$1.3 million that would not be needed from the committed funds, to fund the manpower increase; these funds would be returned to the General Fund. Commissioner Rosel asked Legal Counsel if it would be feasible to approve this request contingent upon him receiving an answer from the Justice Department, Mr. Crain recommended that no action be taken until all the information has been received.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. CONSTABLE PCT. 4

A. Approval of budget amendment

Constable Rumaldo Cerda came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,000.00. He was needing additional monies in his line item 64 and 47 since the funds had been depleted and he had outstanding bills. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Constable Pct. 4.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMM. ARCAUTE VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. ADULT PROBATION

- A. Requesting exemption for competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Legal Services
- B. Approval of contract for services between Attorney Ofelia De Los Santos and the Hidalgo County Community Supervision & Corrections Department

8/A

Stanley Gonzalez, from the Adult Probation Office, came before the Court requesting an exemption from competitive bidding requirements under professional services for legal services. He added that this was due to a sexual harassment suit involving the Adult Probation Department back in 1992. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a contract for legal services between Ofelia De Los Santos and the Hidalgo County Community Supervision & Corrections Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A. Approval of budget amendment - Sanitation Division

Dr. James Michael Keenan, County Health Director, indicated that he was requesting approval of a budget amendment in order to replace some vehicles used by the animal warden the Sanitation Department. He did say that being that there was a concern on the availability of funds, he would request that no action be taken at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 10. HUMAN SERVICES

- A. Approval of contract with McAllen Edinburg Regional Medical Center to place a County Indigent health Care Eligibility worker on site**
- B. Authorization to create two (2) positions**
- C. Set salaries to be paid by McAllen Medical/Edinburg Regional Medical Center**

10/A

Rudy de la Viña, Human Services Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a contract with McAllen Medical Center and Edinburg Regional Medical Center to place eligibility workers on site. The hospitals would pay for the positions and the contract has been reviewed by legal counsel. Commissioner Arcaute had a few questions with regards to the positions and Mr. de la Viña clarified that the positions would be open subject to the availability of funds and these would be County employees under the direct supervision of the County. In his response he also added that he felt that this may allow for other hospitals to offer the same service. He also stated that McAllen Medical and Edinburg Regional would like to begin with one worker and then add the other position as the need arises. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, indicated that this would require a contract amendment. Mr. de la Viña also stated that this may also require some additional support staff in his department for these eligibility workers. After additional comments, Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, informed the Court that "these people would be deciding on the eligibility of the indigent health patients, for which the County pays. Do you believe that an individual that is being paid by the hospital is going to be looking after the interests of the

County... This is a very serious matter, I think you should take some more time in studying it.” Mrs. Tovar, a representative from the hospitals, stated that this was a similar program that they have with the Texas Department of Health. This resulted in a discussion during which Commissioner Arcaute stated that it appeared that these positions were being created to give indigent patients easier access to the program and Mr. de la Viña concurred. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the contract with McAllen Medical and Edinburg Regional Medical Center to place a County indigent health care eligibility worker on site.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the creation of the two eligibility worker positions.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salaries to be paid by McAllen Medical and Edinburg Regional Medical Centers for the eligibility workers at \$16,637.05 plus fringes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 11. COUNTY JUDGE’S OFFICE

- A. Approval to renew Lease Agreement for office space for Senator Carlos F. Truan
- B. Approval of budget amendment for J.P. rental space
- C. Appropriation of budget - Texas Dept. of Health/Regional Advisory Council
- D. Appropriation of budget for County EMS System - Texas Dept. of Health/County
- E. Approval of Accident Prevention Plans for:
 - 1. Courthouse
 - 2. Road & Bridge
 - 3. Youth Village/Juvenile Probation

11/A

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge came before the Court requesting approval to renew a lease agreement for office space for Senator

Carlos F. Truan. He pointed out that this was the same agreement that was used before and it called for a twenty-four month term beginning August 1, 1998 and ending July 31, 2000. Commissioner Rosel indicated that they had posed the question to legal counsel of whether the County could house two senators from the same District within the same building and Mr. Crain responded that they could not find anything in the statutes that prohibited this. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the renewal.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/B

Mr. Vazaldua stated that this next item was for approval of a budget amendment for rental space for the Justices of the Peace. The amount of funds needed at this time is \$43,285.00 and it would fund for office space for the remainder of this year. Commissioner Garces pointed out that if this was approved then it would be about a 30% increase in salary for the Justices of the Peace. A discussion ensued with regards to the funds that were being brought in by the Justices of the Peace and the budgets that were being allocated to these Courts. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$43,285.00, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/C

Mr. Vazaldua stated that this next item was on some funds that had been received by the Department of Health to aid the County's Emergency Advisory Council. These were basically pass through monies and the request was for the appropriation of said funds. Commissioner Arcaute asked what this council was and Mr. Vazaldua replied that this council was comprised of all of the hospital CEO's from the area that meet and talk about trauma services and emergency services for the region. This Council was created by a law that was passed during the 74th Legislative session and the Texas Department of Health allocates \$9,011.00 for each council throughout the State. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the appropriation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/D

Mr. Vazaldua reported that the County EMS System had also received the same type of funding and this was in the amount of \$5,198.00 from the Texas Department of Health and he was requesting the appropriation of same. A motion was

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

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

11/E

Linda Salinas, Chairperson for the Safety Committee, came before the Court requesting approval of accident prevention plans for the Courthouse, Road & Bridge, Youth Village and Juvenile Probation Department. She stated that this Commissioners' Court had approved a resolution for the creation of this Safety Committee on February 17, 1998 and the implementation of these plans would provide for a \$94,694.00 in savings on worker's compensation costs. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 12. VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

A. Authorization to transfer funds from various accounts to comply with Ambulance Service Contract

Paul Vazaldua came before the Court to request authorization to transfer funds from various accounts to comply with the ambulance service contract for Precinct Three. He stated that they had identified six different budgets that have not utilized the majority of their funding for the 1998 budget year and they were asked if they could transfer some funds out in order to comply with the requirements that they had for the ambulance service contract. He stated that the Auditor's Office had sent them a letter indicating that they needed \$87,500.00 for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Arcaute handed a copy of the 1998 budget and pointed out that the Fire Marshal's budget totaled an amount of \$113,885.00, and the line items being reduced from this budget were the salaries line items. Commissioner Arcaute also asked what the original amount that had been budgeted for ambulance service and Mr. Vazaldua replied that it had been \$80,007.00 for 1998. Mr. Vazaldua added that they found that they had under budgeted for both ambulance service and rural fire calls. Commissioner Arcaute asked what area the ambulance services were for and Mr. Vazaldua indicated that they were for the Precinct Three area. He then addressed Commissioner Rosel and asked what the commitment from the cities in the Precinct Three was as far as assisting the County in funding the ambulance service. Commissioner Rosel said that they had an ongoing agreement involving some shares of Urban County funds, but no other assistance. Commissioner Arcaute then pointed

out that the General Fund was “footing the bill for services provided for one area of the County while the other three areas were providing through their own fire districts that same service”. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED. (COMMISSIONER ARCAUTE VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION)
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 13. COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

- A. Authorization to escrow donation from Coastal Corporation with Atlas & Hall, L.L.P. as trustee

13/A

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that he was requesting to escrow a donation from Coastal Corporation. The funds would be used to pave one mile of a road that is used by Coastal Corporation. The donation was for \$61,000.00 and the Commissioner's only concern was with regards to the time element. Steve Crain, County legal counsel, stated that Coastal Corporation had placed a condition that the County would begin work no later than August 1 and it would be complete no later than September 15th. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that they would not be able to do this and he was requesting that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 15. COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

- A. Approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with Edcouch ISD for road improvements to Mile 17 North
- B. Approval of transfer County-Wide un-appropriated Park funds to Pct. 1 Parks and appropriate the same
- C. Approval to transfer County-Wide un-appropriated Road & Bridge funds to Pct. #1 Road & Bridge and appropriate the same
- D. Approval to transfer General Fund money to Pct. 1 Road & Bridge and appropriate same
- E. Approval to transfer Pct. #1 Road & Bridge funds Pct. #1 General Administration

15/A

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant for Precinct One, came before the Court requesting approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Edcouch Independent School District for road improvements to Mile 17 North. In this agreement the School District would be paying for the curb and gutter directly. A motion was made

by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the interlocal agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the transfer of \$24,000.00 from the County Wide un-appropriated Park funds to Precinct One Parks and the appropriation of same.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the transfer of County Wide un-appropriated Road & Bridge Funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Precinct #1 Road & Bridge and to appropriate the same.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/D

Commissioner Handy stated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

15/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the transfer of Precinct One Road and Bridge funds into Precinct One's General Administration.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

Steve Crain, County legal counsel, informed the Court that the interlocal agreement that was considered on Item 15/A was not submitted to his office for review. This resulted in a discussion as to what the action was that was taken. Commissioner Arcaute and the County Judge indicated that it was just for approval to enter into an interlocal agreement and not for approval of the agreement itself. A discussion then ensued with regards to this agreement and Commissioner Arcaute clarified that this was a County road and that the Precinct should go in there and maintain it and allow the

School District to make a contribution. After a lengthy discussion no further action was required.

ITEM 16. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- A. Discussion and action to approve the amendments of the master Plan for the Target Occupation List to include Dental Assistant
- B. Discussion and possible action to amend the Master Plan to clarify the language for the \$3,000.00 cap
- C. Briefing: Annual Election of PIC Officers

16/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a formal amendment to their Master Plan for the Target Occupation List to include Dental Assistant. He added that in the back-up they have substantiated the demand for this amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

16/B

Mr. Dickinson was also requesting an amendment to the Master Plan to clarify the language of the \$3,000.00 cap. He stated that back in 1996 an amendment had been made but it was not formally passed by this Court. He added that this amendment allowed for the Executive Director to have discretion to "exceed the \$3,000.00 or \$6,000.00 aggregate if significant need and justification is provided on an individual basis for books, tuition and fees on behalf of the participant. This activity was designed for participants eligible under Title IIA, IIC and III". Mr. Dickinson then proceeded to explain this amendment further. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the amendment to the Master Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

16/C

Mr. Dickinson stated that this next item was just a briefing item and it had to do with the annual election of Private Industry Council officers. The election was held at the last meeting and Mr. George Lara from Willacy County was re-appointed as Chairman, the Vice Chairman was Mr. Mario Garza, out of Mission and Mr. Mario Flores was also appointed.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 17. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for "Hauling Services"

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3

1. Discussion and possible action on award for RFP for "Emergency Medical Services" to sole proposer - Med-Care Emergency Medical Services
2. Discussion and possible action on approval of contract for "Emergency Medical Services" with Med-Care Emergency Medical Services

C. HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services

D. HIDALGO COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2

1. Requesting various office equipment declared surplus

E. HIDALGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

1. Requesting to declare surplus the following seized items: one (1) 1994 Fort Thunderbird, one Tool

F. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Requesting authority to purchase "Two (2) 1999 Compact Automatic Pick-up Trucks" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

G. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1. Request authorization to advertise Auction List #18 Notice to Owners on Abandoned and Unclaimed Property
2. Requesting authority to advertise for "Installation & Removal of Radios & Emergency Equipment" and approval of specifications attached
3. Authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with Kerr County, Texas for the Housing of Hidalgo County Inmates

H. HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER DEPARTMENT

1. Requesting various office equipment declared surplus

I. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM

1. Requesting authority to advertise for "Office Supplies, Furniture, Equipment & Medical Supplies"

J. HIDALGO COUNTY 332ND DISTRICT COURT

1. Requesting one (1) IBM Personal Computer (Asset #18851) and one (1) X scribe (Asset #18247) be declared surplus

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising and approval of specifications for "Hauling Services" for Precinct Two.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/B/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that this was on the awarding of an RFP for "Emergency Medical Services" for Precinct Three. She stated that they had one sole responder, Med-Care Emergency Medical Services. They did meet all the requirements and they had submitted a proposal of \$25,000.00 per month. This would call for a three year contract with a termination clause contingent on lack of funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the awarding of proposal as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Med-Care Emergency Services for "Emergency Medical Services" for Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for "elevator maintenance and repair services".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of various office equipment from the County Court at Law No. Two as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the declaration of one (1) 1994 Ford Thunderbird, one Tool box and various musical equipment for the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/F

Mrs. Salazar reported that the County Health Department was requesting authorization to purchase "Two (2) 1999 Compact Automatic Pick-Up trucks" for the County Health Department through the interlocal agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The vendor will be Triangle Chevrolet out of Port Arthur, Texas and the total price for each truck is \$14,491.72 and this includes the administrative fee and delivery charge. The total for both trucks is \$28,983.43. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the purchase as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/G/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for Auction List #18 and for a "Notice to Owners of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property" from the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/G/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for "installation & removal of radios & emergency equipment" for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/G/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal agreement with Kerr County for the housing of Hidalgo County inmates at a rate of \$35.00 per day per prisoner.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to authorize the declaration of various office equipment from the Treasurer's Office as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for "office supplies, furniture, equipment and medical supplies" for the WIC program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

17/J

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of one IBM personal computer (asset #18851) and one X-scribe (asset #18247) as surplus from the 332nd District Court.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (FROM CONSENT AGENDA):

L. Computer Department

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, stated that he had a concern with the line item transfer in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the Computer Department. This amount was to be moved into the travel expense. Mr. Cavazos reported that this budget was begun with an amount of \$2,000.00 and this was amended by \$6,000.00 on February and an amendment of \$4,000.00 in June and now he was asking for an additional amount of \$4,000.00. Mr. Vazaldua stated that this increase in travel was due to the implementation of the new software and the department had to go for training several times. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the line item transfer as presented.

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

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following:

- A. Litigation
 - 1. Claim of Hidalgo County for Tobacco Settlement Proceeds
- B. Real Property
 - 1. Potential Real property Acquisition

The County Judge and Commissioners went into closed session accompanied by Steve Crain and Valde Guerra.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

- A. Litigation
 - 1. Claim of Hidalgo County for tobacco Settlement Proceeds
- B. Real Property
 - 1. Potential Real Property Acquisition

12/A

Commissioner Rosel stated that no action was needed on this item other than to instruct the staff to continue to acquire information that his needed in order to make a decision on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Y)

12/B

the County Judge announced that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Y)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

