

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. PERMIT

A. Engelman Irrigation District - Engelman Road

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, informed the Court that this was a discharge permit for Engelman Gardens, where they are installing a subterranean drain adjacent to their reservoir area. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the permit request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. TAX OFFICE

A. Submission of Governing Body of Effective & Rollback Tax Rates

Armando Barrera, Tax Assessor/Collector, came before the Court and stated that he was present for the submission of the effective rate calculation which appeared on September 9, 1998 in the newspaper. He indicated that this was strictly an informational item and no action would be required. Mr. Barrera then proceeded to explain the publication as it appeared on the newspaper. Commissioner Arcaute had a question on the operating rate and Mr. Barrera replied that this was the levy more or

less and he gave a brief summary where he stated that the levy was used for maintenance and operations only. There being no further questions, no action was taken.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit B)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

The Honorable Renato Cuellar, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS:

- A. County Judge - \$650.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. #1 - Road & Bridge - \$20,000.00
- C. Commissioner Pct. #2 - Parks - \$7,000.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. #2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$2,500.00
- E. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Landfill - \$3,500.00
- F. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Administration - \$2,645.00
- G. Commissioner Pct. #4 - Road & Bridge - \$172,270.96
- H. County Clerk - \$1,000.00
- I. 13th Court of Appeals - \$500.00
- J. County Court at Laws #3 - \$135.00
- K. Hidalgo County Health Department - Mobile Clinic - \$21,75
- L. Hidalgo County Health Department - Health Clinic - \$18,313.00
- M. Veterans Service Office - \$416.00
- N. WIC Department - \$5,000.00
- O. Indigent Health - \$1,789,876.42
- P. Auditor's Office - \$8,000.00
- Q. Purchasing Department - \$200.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY

A. Permits:

1. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply
2. Pct. #2 - City of Pharr
3. Pct. #3 - Southwestern Bell Telephone
 - Western Geophysical Co.
 - Coastal Oil & Gas Corp.
4. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- A. Approval of Processing Fees Report for the month ending in August, 1998 -
Total \$14,865.56

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME - First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 6 families
- B. HOME - Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application - 2 Families

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of Commissioners' Court Minutes for the following dates:
- | | |
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| a. August 5, 1997 | c. August 19 th , 1997 |
| b. August 11, 1997 | d. August 26 th , 1997 |

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 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. Elma Sanchez, et al -vs- County of Hidalgo C-6297-95-D

The County Judge and County Commissioners went into executive session accompanied by Steve Crain and attorney Bobby Guerra.
NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

A. Litigation:

1. Elma Sanchez, et al -vs- County of Hidalgo C-6297-95-D

Commissioner Garces announced that no action would be required on this item at this time the closed session was just for informational purposes.

NO ACTION.

ADD. 1. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners' Court may go into Closes Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas

Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following:

A. Litigation

1. Alfredo Regalado & Maria Regalado -vs- County of Hidalgo - CL-28,600-A

The County Judge and County Commissioners went into executive session accompanied by Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel.

NO ACTION.

ADD. 2. OPEN SESSION

A. Litigation

1. Alfredo Regalado & Maria Regalado -vs- County of Hidalgo - CL-28,600-A

Commissioner Rosel indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time, but they would direct counsel to proceed as instructed by Commissioners' Court.

NO ACTION.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

ITEM 2. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A. Discussion on the following subdivisions

1. Joey Subdivision - Pct. 1
2. Tropical Palm Estates - Pct. 1
3. Woodland Heights Unit II - Pct. 1
4. Resub of Lots 1, 2, 3 Salida Del Sol Estates Phase II - Pct. 3
5. Magnolia Village - Pct. 4
6. Seminole Village No. 2 - Pct. 4

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court and indicated that the Hidalgo County Subdivision Advisory Board had met the previous week and these subdivisions had been presented to them and they had been approved. These meeting has previously been approved by this Commissioners' Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve these subdivisions.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 3. TEXAS D.P.S.

- A. Approval to pay comp-time hours
- B. Approval of line item transfer

3/A

Lt. Laurencio Saenz came before the Court requesting approval of over-time pay. He stated that the over time was for 21.75 hours. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to pay the compensatory time as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

3/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a line item transfer for the overtime and repairs in the amount of \$402.06.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 4. TAX OFFICE

- A. Submission to Governing Body of Effective & Rollback Tax Rates

Armando Barrera, Tax Assessor/Collector, came before the Court to explain the submission of the effective and rollback tax rates. He stated that this was published in the newspaper on September 9, 1998. Mr. Barrera stated that the current rate is .4747

and the effective rate is .4604 and the rollback rate is .4985. He continued by saying that in talking with Paul Vazaldua they have been able to put a calendar together on issues where action would have to be taken involving the tax rates and the following year's budget. Mr. Barrera did say that the vote on the proposed tax rate would be taken the following week. Valde Guerra, an administrative assistant to the County Judge, announced that a budget workshop would be held on Wednesday, September 16th, and the County Judge and two of the Commissioners indicated that they would not be available. Commissioner Arcaute had a question on the calculation that was used to come up with the effective tax rate and Mr. Barrera explained how the new calculation was done. He did add that they could adopt a rate of .4467 without going through notice or hearings and this rate would bring in \$47,546,103.00. The present rate of .4747 would bring in \$50,526,383.00 because of the growth and the increase in property values. This resulted in a discussion with comments from Commissioners Garces and Arcaute and Mr. Barrera on the form that was used for the publication and the difference in revenues produced by the three rates. Commissioner Arcaute then posed the question that what if this Commissioners' Court was not raising taxes this year and he asked what the rate would be and Mr. Barrera replied that it would be .4467. He did add that if the rate of .4747 was adopted they would be increasing taxes by 6.26%. Commissioner Rosel commented that he had asked Mr. Barrera to get some statistics together with respect to the tax rates being adopted by other entities and Mr. Barrera gave a brief report on his findings. Commissioner Rosel then stated that when they adopt the rate they would need to take some things into consideration such as what was needed to take care of some proposed projects and not so much on public perception. Commissioner Arcaute posed the question of whether this County would be able to meet next year's budgetary needs with a rate of .4467 and then he asked that they continue with the agenda.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 5. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for RGV Environmental Services, Inc. - City of Elsa - PFI Water and Sewer Improvements UCP Year 10 - 1997
- B. Public Hearing concerning a budget Amendment - Pct. #3 - Year 11 - 1998
- C. Approval of Budget Amendment - Pct. #3 - Year 11 - 1998

5/A

Allen Kamasaki came before the Court requesting approval of a change order no. one for RGV Environmental Services, Inc.. This was for the City of Elsa, for water and sewer improvements under Year 10. The change order was for an increase of \$9,506.00 for an additional three hundred of twelve inch sewer main along FM 107 and the installation of driveway culvert pipes. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

5/B

The County Judge called a public hearing open and Mr. Kamasaki reported that Precinct Three was requesting a budget amendment in their Year 11 funds. The amendment was to reduce the Street Improvement line item by \$34,000.00 and to create Public Services (Dismas Charity) for \$9,000.00; park & Recreational Facilities (Sullivan City) for \$10,000.00; Senior Services (Abram Senior/Amigos Del Valle) for \$7,500.00 and Public Facilities (City of La Joya Library) for \$7,500.00. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.

5/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the budget amendment for Precinct Three Year 11, as indicated above.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 6. COUNTY AUDITOR

- A. Appropriate the balance of state funds for the indigent health program
- B. Requesting the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) budget
- C. Approval of budget amendment - funds will be used as cash match for the COPS Grant
- D. Authorization to create 49 new Law Enforcement Officer Positions
- E. Authorization to set salaries
- F. Authorization to transfer 38 Law Enforcement Officer Positions (167-205) from the Hidalgo County Sheriff Office budget into the U.S. Dept. of Justice COPS Grant
- G. Requesting to de-obligate and to transfer-out \$1,065,651.05 from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department budget to General Fund

6/A

Manuel Cavazos, County Auditor, informed the Court that he was requesting the appropriation of state funds for the indigent health program. The amount to be appropriated is \$832,311.11. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/B

Joe Cabrera came before the Court requesting the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The budget was in the amount of \$1,630,182.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the grant budget.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/C

Mr. Cabrera then stated that the next item was for approval of a budget amendment from the General Fund in the amount of \$37,681.00 for the cash match for the COPS grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/D

Mr. Cavazos indicated that this was moving the positions from the Sheriff's budget to the grant budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the creation of forty-nine law enforcement officer positions for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries for the new officers at \$24,670.00.
MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to transfer thirty-eight law enforcement officer positions from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office budget into the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant. Total amount is \$1,065,651.05.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

6/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to de-obligate and to transfer-out, \$1,065,651.05 from the Sheriff's Department budget to the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Approval of budget amendment - Sanitation account
- B. Authorization to create one position
- C. Authorization and approval to equalize animal warden salaries and provide an increase for the chief animal warden
- D. Approval to set salaries
- E. Authorization and approval to purchase 4 new ½ ton pick-up trucks

7/A

Dr. James Michael Keenan, County Health Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment transferring a maximum of \$69,145.00 to the Sanitation Environmental Health Account. These funds will be used to fund Items 7/B-7/E. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

7/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the creation of one animal warden position with a salary of \$12,528.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

7/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the equalization of animal warden salaries and provide an increase for the chief animal warden, effective today.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

7/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries for two animal wardens at \$13,572.00 and the chief animal warden at \$15,660.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

7/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the purchase of four new ½ ton pick-up trucks for the Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 8. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

A. Discussion and action to authorize Jail Project Architects to proceed with Jail Design

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the jail project architect to go ahead and proceed with the design of the building.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 9. DISTRICT CLERK

A. Approval of budget amendment

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, reported that this item was not worded properly on the agenda and therefore no action was required at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 10. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A. Approval of line item transfer

Raul Hernandez, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, came before the Court requesting approval of a line item transfer in the amount of 17,000.00. The transfer is from salaries into objects #61, Building Repairs and #31, Maintenance Supplies. Commissioner Rosel stated that he had a problem with that in that this Commissioners'

Court had taken action on restricting the transfer of funds from salaries to other line items and vice versa. He felt that if funds were available for the hiring of personnel then it should be used for this purpose and if not then these funds should be transferred back into the General Fund at the end of the year. Commissioner Arcaute was against this and he felt that if funds were not transferred then they would come back with a request for a budget amendment. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Judge Cuellar to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$17,000.00 as presented.

MOTION FAILED. (Commissioner Arcaute and the County Judge voted in favor of the motion; Commissioners Rosel and Garces voted against the motion; Commissioner Handy absent.)
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 11. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Acceptance of the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force Grant for the period of September 1, 1998 - August 31, 1999
- B. Approval of budget amendment for the required local cash match and the appropriation of same
- C. Approval of the appropriation of \$133,784.00 for the ATPA/Program Income Funding Portion of the Grant
- D. Set Salaries for one Lieutenant and three investigator positions assigned to the grant
- E. Approval of interlocal agreement and related documents

11/A

Emilia Uriegas came before the Court requesting acceptance of the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force Grant for the period of September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. The amount of the grant is \$821,463.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$29,730.00 and the appropriation of same for the local cash match for the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the appropriation of \$133,784.00 for the ATPA/Program Income Funding portion of the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

11/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries for one lieutenant and three investigator positions assigned to the grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

11/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the interlocal agreement and related documents for the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 12. COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

- A. Request approval to name roads at Puesta del Sol Subdivision as per petition from residents

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute to name the Roads at Puesta del Sol Subdivision as per petition from residents. The new roads are Bush Street, Lincoln Street, J.F. Kennedy Street, Carter Street, Washington Street, Clinton Street and Sylvia Handy Street.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 13. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center
- B. Approval of Budget amendment
- C. Approval for dismissal of Ex Parte Hidalgo County case

13/A

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, presented this contract for approval. A discussion then ensued with some concerns from Commissioner Rosel and these were answered by a doctor from the Center. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal cooperation contract with Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$934.00 to take care of the difference on the amount of the contract with Tropical Texas Center for MH/MR.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

13/C

Mr. Guerra reported that this next item was for dismissal of the case that was filed with reference to the \$7.5 million certificates of obligation. He stated that this action was being recommended by bond counsel. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel voted against the motion)

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 14. COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

- A. Prohibition against transfers to salaries to employees, department heads and officials for 1998 budget
- B. Prohibition of purchases of equipment over \$300.00 for 1998 budget
- C. Authorization to approve change Order with Mission Paving for paving of overlays street improvements
- D. Consider and approve an order to fund a school crossing guard program

14/A

Commissioner Rosel indicated that this was an attempt to try to set some type of policy with respect to transferring 03 monies into other items listed from item 12 through 99 as was done under Buildings and Grounds. Valde Guerra pointed out that the agenda item was for the prohibition to salaries. Commissioner Rosel asked Steve Crain if they could take action on both policies, as stated, and Commissioner Arcaute indicated that there was already an unwritten policy against the transfers into the 03 category. Commissioner Rosel asked if they could also take action against transfer

from the salaries line item into the other categories and Mr. Crain indicated that they could only take action on what was posted. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set a policy that this Commissioners' Court will not accept any transfers to the 03 category from the other line items.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

14/B

Commissioner Rosel indicated that he was not comfortable with the agenda item as posted and he would like to take no action at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

14/C

Commissioner Rosel stated that no action would be required on this item as well.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

14/D

Commissioner Rosel reported that on the license plate fees there was presently a maximum charge of \$10.00 per renewal for use under the County Wide Road and Bridge fund. He stated that there was also an amount of \$1.50 that could be collected and used for school crossing guards. The Commissioner continued by saying that this issue had been addressed about three years prior and at that time this Commissioners' Court did not feel that this service was necessary. Since then it has been established that the school districts are not building their schools inside the city limits but in the rural areas and as a result the school districts are asking the county for traffic control signs and devices. He also added that these schools are being constructed in the rural areas because of the growth factor. Commissioner Rosel indicated that in talking to the Tax Assessor/Collector it was projected that if they collect the \$1.50 fee it would bring in about \$400,000.00 in revenue and it would be used specifically to address present traffic problems in and around these schools, but also to buy equipment needed to install these signs and devices. Commissioner Arcaute pointed out that most of the school districts would request for voluntary annexation to the cities in order to maintain roads and other things. Commissioner Garces added that these schools also had to be built within so many feet from the ETJ of the cities, but there were some school that were building beyond this limit. Commissioner Arcaute also felt that they were already paying too much for license plates. This last comment resulted in a discussion with comments from Commissioners Rosel, Garces and the County Judge. Commissioner Rosel had also recommended that the school districts do a traffic control study and Steve Crain, the County legal council indicated that this was

not feasible. After further discussion, Commissioner Rosel stated that this County should authorize the collection of \$1.50 for the school crossing guard program and he indicated that this was a motion. After a few minutes Judge Cuellar announced that the motion died for a lack of a second.

MOTION DIED.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 15. HEAD START

- A. Requesting Exemption from Competitive bidding for Professional Architecture Services on the following
 - 1. George a. Garcia, Architect - Mission Head Start Center
 - 2. Vargas and Associates - Alamo Head Start Center
- B. Approval of contract for Professional Architecture Services for the following
 - 1. George A. Garcia, Architect - Mission Head Start Center
 - 2. Vargas and Associates - Alamo Head Start Center
- C. Approval to submit a Continuation Application for Federal Assistance for Fiscal Year 1999 to the Department of Health and Human Services (1/1/99 - 12/1/99)

15/A

Santiago Alaniz, Head Start Director, came before the Court requesting an exemption from competitive bidding under professional architecture services for George A. Garcia, for the Mission Head Start Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/2

Mr. Alaniz was also requesting an exemption from competitive bidding under professional services for Vargas and Associates for the Alamo Head Start Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract for professional architecture services with George A. Garcia for the Mission Head Start Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract for professional architecture services with Vargas and Associates for the Alamo Head Start Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/C

Mr. Alaniz stated that he was also requesting approval to submit a continuation application for federal assistance for fiscal year 1999 to the Department of Health and Human Services. This grant would run from January 1st, 1999 through December 31st, 1999 and it would be used for the Head Start Program operations. The amount of the grant is \$12,984,445.00. There was a twenty percent in-kind in the amount of \$3,246,111.00 and the total amount of the budget would be \$16,230,556.00 to serve 2,780 students. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 16. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDTA Task Force

1. No bids received for Rental of Space in the City of McAllen
2. Requesting authority to re-advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for Rental of Space in the City of McAllen

16/A/1

Aurelio Zapata, from the Purchasing Department, came before the Court and reported that no bids had been received for the rental of office space in the City of McAllen for the HIDTA Task Force.

NO ACTION.

16/A/2

Mr. Zapata indicated that as a result of receiving no bids, they were requesting authorization to re-advertise for this service. He did state that the specifications had been modified and if no bids are received again they may be coming to Court at a later date to request an exemption for the rental of office space for the HIDTA Task Force. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the re-advertising for bids for rental space in the City of McAllen for the HIDTA Task Force.

MOTION CARRIED
(See Exhibit V)

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

MOTION CARRIED.