

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 6th day of October, 1998 after notice duly having been given, a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board was begun and holden in the Commissioners' Courtroom, in the County Administration Building, in the City of Edinburg, County of Hidalgo, State of Texas, with the following being members of said Court:

**HONORABLE RENATO CUELLAR
COUNTY JUDGE**

**HONORABLE SYLVIA HANDY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1**

**HONORABLE ABELARDO (LALO) ARCAUTE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

**HONORABLE JUAN ROSEL
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3**

**HONORABLE GUADALUPE (LUPE) GARCES, JR.
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

and where the following proceedings were had to-wit:

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

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. PERMIT – CITY OF ELSA – LA NUEVE VIDA SUBDIVISION

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$1,348.57 & \$150.00

(See Exhibit C)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM A. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER DECREASING CONTRACT AMOUNT (SOLIS & CHAPA)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Garces to approve a change order decreasing the contract with Solis & Chapa by \$5,180.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM B. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the acceptance of the office as completed for the Drainage District #1.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

**ITEM C. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCESS APPLICATION AND
CERTIFICATE OF FINAL PAYMENT TO SOLIS & CHAPA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the processing of application and certificate of final payment to Solis & Chapa.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

ITEM D. AUTHORIZATION FOR AUDITOR TO PROCESS PAYMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the County Auditor to process payment in the amount of \$7,070.00 to Solis & Chapa.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

ITEM E. TAX OFFICE

1. Public Hearing for Tax Increase for the D.D. #1

Armando Barrera, County Tax Assessor/Collector, came before the Board to conduct a public hearing on the proposed tax increase for the Drainage District #1. He then proceeded to read a copy of the notice as it appeared on the newspaper. He then gave an explanation of the tax rate in terms of the amount of funds it would bring in as opposed to last year's tax rate. The County Judge then opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. There being none, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Barrera then noted that this Court now had to set a date to approve the tax rate. After some discussion the Commissioners Court agreed on October 20th, 1999 as the date that the tax rate would be considered.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit E)

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

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. Commissioner Pct. 3 – Administration - \$1,300.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. 4 – Road & Bridge - \$33,000.00
- C. Civil Service - \$3,000.00
- D. Adult Probation – Restitution Center - \$185.00
- E. Buildings & Grounds - \$145.00 & \$18,600.00
- F. WIC Program - \$83,508.36
- G. Constable Pct. 1 - \$900.00
- H. Sheriff Escalon - \$2,500.00

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY

A. Permits

- 1. Pct. #1 – North Alamo Water Supply
- 2. Pct. #2 – North Alamo Water Supply
 - C & B Associates – Thomas Rd. and Jackson Rd.
 - C & B Associates – Dicker Rd. and “I” Rd.
 - City of Pharr
- 3. Pct. #3 – Southwestern Bell Telephone – Giles Rd. and FM 2221
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone – Mi 17 ½ West and Taylor Rd.
- 4. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Valverde and Mi. 20

- North Alamo Water Supply – Jasman North with Ramseyer Rd.

(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company – 8 Families
- B. Extension of Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company on HOME First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement – 1 Family
- C. HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab application – 3 Families

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 5. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Hidalgo County Library System
 - 1. Approval of Service Agreement for Janitorial Services with Ramirez Janitorial Services
- B. Hidalgo County 332nd District Court
 - 1. Approval of maintenance agreement for Olivetti ET-116 with Southwest Business Machines effective 9/24/98 – 9/23/99
- C. Hidalgo County District Clerk
 - 1. Approval of Service Agreement for Check Signer Serial #30U0818 with Advance Business Equipment effective 7/28/98 to 7/28/99

(See Exhibit J)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant, reported that there was a correction on Item 2/B, the item should reflect Road and Bridge and not Administration. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and 551.074 to discuss the following:

- A. Litigation
 - 1. Eduvina Leal –vs- Hidalgo County Civil Action #M94-115
 - 2. Eloy Sanchez, et al –vs- Hidalgo County
 - 3. West –vs- County of Hidalgo Case No. M-95268
- B. Personnel

1. Modification and/or Amending the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training's Executive Director's Employment Contract

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Steve Crain, Preston Henrichson and Lisa Saucedo.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

A. Litigation

1. Eduvina Leal -vs- Hidalgo County Civil Action #M94-115
2. Eloy Sanchez, et al -vs- Hidalgo County
3. West -vs- County of Hidalgo Case No. M-95268

B. Personnel

1. Modifications and/or Amending the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training's Executive Director's Employment Contract

2/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the attorneys to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

2/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Rosel to authorize the attorneys to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

2/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel and Arcaute to authorize the attorneys to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

2/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to extend the contract of the Dick Dickinson, Executive Director of the Office of Employment and Training, for an additional year, effective May 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000 with a 5% increase, as given to all employees.

MOTION CARRIED. (The County Judge voted against the motion.)
(See Exhibit K)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, reported that no one had signed up for the Open Forum.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. CHILD WELFARE

- A. Authorization to name Claudio Castañeda and Pete Cazares as Hidalgo County Child Protective Services Board Members

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel and Arcaute to appoint Claudio Castañeda and Pete Cazares to the Hidalgo County Child Protective Services Board.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 3. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1 – WARRANT OFFICERS

- A. Approval to authorize the County Auditor to process payment in the amount of \$250.00 each of clothing allowance to non-uniform officers in the Warrant Officers Division in conjunction with pay period #21

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County Auditor to process payment in the amount of \$250.00 for clothing allowance to each non-uniform officer in the Warrant Officers Division, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 12. COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

B. Request approval to name roads at the Heritage Subdivision

12/B

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant for Precinct One, stated that the residents of Heritage Subdivision had submitted a petition to name the roads within the subdivision as Mel Gray Street, Martin M. Morales Street and O. Tijerina Street. Juan Zuniga, a resident of Heritage Subdivision, reiterated what Mr. Lozano had stated and asked for the Court's favorable consideration in this request. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 13. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

A. Authorization and approval to transfer funds and position #3 from JP Pct. 3, Pl. 1 to JP Pct. 3 Pl. 2

B. Set Salary

13/A

Commissioner Rosel was requesting authorization and approval to transfer a clerical position and the funds from the budget of the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Three, Place One, to the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Three Place Two. His justification for this was that the Place Two Judge had a larger caseload than the Place One Judge as per the case filings by the Department of Public Safety. He added that he knew that this problem probably existed in other Commissioner Precincts as well. Commissioner Rosel continued by saying that before he allowed comments from the two Justices of the Peace in question, he would like the opinion from Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, on whether this action would be proper. Mr. Crain indicated that this action had to be based on a finding by this Commissioners' Court on the caseload and workload. Commissioner Rosel then proceeded to give some figures that would justify this transfer. Arnaldo Corpus, the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Three Place One, came before the Court and explained that the low caseload in his Court was due to the cave-in of the roof in his building, which caused damage to documentation and equipment, as well as other factors. He also addressed the filing of cases into the Place Two Court by the Department of Public Safety. Judge Corpus added that this did not mean that his Court was not hearing any cases, since there were still civil cases, truancy cases and other types of cases that were being heard in his Court besides traffic cases. He also did not feel that his clerk should be taken and placed in another Court as he still had a need for this clerk. This resulted in a discussion with comments from Judge Corpus and Commissioner Garces. Ismael "Melo" Ochoa, the Justice of the

Peace for Precinct Three Place Two, then approached the Court and asked for additional clerical help for this Court. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the transfer of funds and position #3 from the Office of the Justice of the Peace in Precinct Three Place One to the Office of the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Three Place Two, effective October 7, 1998.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Handy voted against the motion)
(See Exhibit O)

13/B

No action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 4. TAX OFFICE

A. Approval of tax refund for Builders' Square II

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$4,280.88 for Builder's Square II.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 5. JUVENILE PROBATION

A. Authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant

Israel "Buddy" Silva, Juvenile Probation Director, came before the Court requesting authorization to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Division for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$93,830.00 and does require a local match of \$10,426.00. He wanted to use these funds for diversion and prevention services. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 6. CONSTABLE PCT. 5

A. Approval to convert two part-time deputy constable positions to one full-time deputy constable position and set salary

Constable Eduardo "Walo" Bazan came before the Court requesting authorization to convert two part-time deputy constable positions into one full-time deputy constable position. If approved he would like to set the salary at \$18,918.60. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 7. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Approval to carry over unexpended co-pay/program income funds from fiscal year FY 98 to TDH Grant FY 99
 - a. T.B. Control - \$50,432.49
 - b. Office of Regional Adm. Service - \$21,330.03
 - c. Title V - \$322,707.90
 - d. Immunizations - \$131,731.64
 - e. T.B. Eliminations - \$69,281.00

James M. Keenan, County Health Director, came before the Court requesting approval to carry over the unexpended co-pay and program income funds from fiscal year 1998 to the Texas Department of Health grant for fiscal year 1999 for each individual program, as presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 8. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Authorization and approval to pay lien on seized vehicle awarded to the Sheriff's Department from the Sheriff's Investigation Fund 104 – HB 65 Account

Lt. Roy Quintanilha, from the Sheriff's Department came before the Court requesting approval to pay a line on a seized vehicle in the amount of \$14,219.74 and it will be paid out from the Sheriff's Investigation Fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 9. TASK FORCE**A. Approval of budget amendment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Task Force for relocation of the HIDTA Task Force headquarters.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 10. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- A. Discussion and action to approve the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training's Amended Organizational Chart**
- B. Discussion and action to approve upgrade of positions**
- C. Discussion and action to approve and authorize the creation of new permanent positions and set salaries plus benefits**

10/C

Dick Dickinson, OET Executive Director, informed the Court that because of the Welfare-to-Work program, the County had received over \$7 million in federal funding. He continued by saying that because of this new grant he was in need of additional staff. He was requesting the creation of thirty-nine (39) new permanent positions and to set the salaries plus benefits, as per the exhibit. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the new positions, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

10/A

Mr. Dickinson was then requesting approval of the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment and Training Amended Organizational Chart to reflect the new positions that were just approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

10/B

Mr. Dickinson was also requesting the authorization to up-grade the Business & Technology Assistant position and the IIB Coordinator position due to additional duties because of the Welfare-to-Work programs. A motion was made by

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

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 11. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of Breast Cancer Awareness Day Proclamation on October 9, 1998
- B. Approval of Interlocal Collaborative Agreement between the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Hidalgo County Health Department
- C. Approval of budget amendment

11/A

After a reading of the proclamation by Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the proclamation declaring October 9, 1998 as Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

11/B

James M. Keenan, County Health Director, was requesting approval of an Interlocal collaborative agreement between the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and the Hidalgo County Health Department. This is to provide a mobile health unit for the colonias. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Rosel to approve the agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the possible settlement of the Eloy Sanchez lawsuit.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 12. COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

- A. Authorize auditor to make payment to Rodriguez Engineers for engineering services to South Valley View Road as per contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the County Auditor to may payment in the amount of \$6,740.00 to Rodriguez Engineers for design plans for the South Valley View Road project.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

ITEM 13. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

- C. Approval of use of County of Hidalgo Indigent Health Care Fund for Ambulance Service
D. Approval of service provider requirements

13/C

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Court that they had received some calls from rural-area residents who had received ambulance service. He indicated that on most of these cases the Indigent Health Care Program would pay for medical services with the exception of the ambulance service. Mr. Vazaldua stated that they had done some research and the practice was that the County could provide some additional health care services other than those that were Medicaid reimbursable. He did add that some of the charges that were being submitted to the Indigent Health Care Program were not reimbursable and they would not help in meeting the County's 10%. Rudy de la Viña, Human Services Director, recommended that the County set up a separate fund to pay for ambulance services in the rural area. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to permit the use of the County Indigent Health Care funds for the ambulance service through funding cycles. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, informed the Court that he felt that it would be difficult for this Court to get out of this situation if they did not have a plan worked out as to how it would be administered. This resulted in further discussion after which the motion was put to a vote and it carried.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Y)

13/D

The County Judge indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit Y)

ITEM 14. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. Approval to amend the FY 1996 Sub-recipient Agreement with Alamo Boys & Girls Club, City of Alamo Year 9
- B. Approval to amend the FY 1997 Sub-recipient Agreement with Alamo Boys & Girls Club, City of Alamo Year 10
- C. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Alvarado Architects and Associates, City of Donna, Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements Year 10 – 1997
- D. Approval of a budget amendment for year 1998 (11), the City of La Villa
- E. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mercedes and Pct. #1 for PFI – Street Improvements Years 9 and 11
- F. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Rodriguez Engineering for Pct. #1 PFI – Street Improvements Year 11, 1998
- G. Approval of Pct. #2 – Hidalgo County Historical Museum – Sub-recipient Agreement UCP Year 9, 1996 and Year 10, 1997
- H. Approval of Professional Service Contract with Hinojosa Engineering Inc. – Pct. #3 – Parks/Recreational Facilities – UCP Year 11 FY 1998
- I. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc. – Pct. #4 – Street Improvements UCP Year 11 FY 1998
- J. Approval of UCP County-Wide – Habitat for Humanity-Exodus, Inc. Sub-recipient Agreement UCP Year 11 – 1998
- K. Approval of low bid on Fair Housing Impediment Study

14/A

The City of Alamo wanted to amend its sub-recipient agreement with the Alamo Boys & Girls Club. The amendment is out of Year 9 and it is for an additional \$5,000.00. The total amount of the amended contract is \$55,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/B

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/C

The City of Donna was requesting approval of a professional service contract with Alvarado Architects and Associates in the amount of \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/D

The City of La Villa was requesting approval of a budget amendment under Year 11. The budget amendment is to reduce the Water/Sewer Improvement line item by \$29,500.00 and increase the General Administration line item by the same amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/E

The City of Mercedes was requesting approval of an Interlocal agreement with Precinct One for street improvements. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/F

Precinct One was requesting approval of a professional service contract with Rodriguez Engineering for street improvements in the amount of \$52,590.42. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/G

Precinct Two was requesting approval of a sub-recipient agreement with the Hidalgo County Historical Museum in the amount of \$50,000.00 with \$27,101.86 coming out of Year 9 and \$22,898.14 coming out of Year 10. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/H

Precinct Three was requesting approval of professional services contract with Hinojosa Engineering in the amount of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/I

Precinct Four was requesting approval of a professional service contract with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates for street improvements in the amount of \$75,700.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/J

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this next request was for an agreement between the Urban County Program County Wide fund and Habitat for Humanity-Exodus in the amount of \$8,672.22. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

14/K

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this was Phase II of the Impediment Study. He indicated that they had received two bids with the low bid being from Mary Henderson and Associated in the amount of \$10,950.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

ITEM 15. HEAD START

- A. Appointment of five Community Representatives by Grantee Board
- B. Requesting authority to advertise for rental space for a Head Start Center in the Donna area
- C. Authorization for exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional services – mental health providers

- D. Approval of Contracts between Hidalgo County Head Start and the following mental health providers
 - a. Charter Palms Behavior Health System
 - b. Linda M. Ramirez, LPC, RPT-S
 - c. Emily Oe, Ph.D. Counseling and Development
 - d. The McAllen Psychological Center
- E. Authorization for exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Medical Services – Dental Services
- F. Approval of contracts between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following Dentists:
 - a. T. Beth Gonzalez, DDS
 - b. Domingo Valdez, D.O.S.
 - c. Felipe Alaniz, DDS
 - d. Gil Villarreal, DDS
 - e. Pablo R. Peña, DDS
 - f. Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation-Pharr Family Health Care Center
 - g. James W. McCourt, DMD
 - h. Joel Hernandez, DDS
 - i. Leo Figueroa, DDS
 - j. Joseph Michael Adame, DDS,PC
 - k. Richard M.M. Lee, DDS
 - l. Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation – Mercedes Family Health Care Center
- G. Approval of Interlocal Agreements between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following school districts:
 - a. Donna ISD
 - b. Edcouch-Elsa ISD
 - c. Edinburg CISD
 - d. Hidalgo ISD
 - e. La Joya ISD
 - f. La Villa ISD
 - g. McAllen ISD
 - h. Mercedes ISD
 - i. Mission CISD
 - j. Progreso ISD
 - k. Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
 - l. Sharyland ISD
 - m. Valley View ISD
 - n. Weslaco ISD
- H. Authorization for exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Medical Services – Physicians
- I. Approval of Contracts between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following physicians

- a. Enrique Greigo, MD
- b. Iris Wells, Child Physicals
- c. Javier Medina, MDPA
- d. Las Milpas Clinica Familiar, Murad Dharan, MD
- e. Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation
 1. Rural Health Center
 2. Mission Family Health Care Center
- f. Marco T. Flores, MD
- g. Mid-Valley Clinic – Elsa
- h. Mid-Valley Clinic- Mercedes
- i. Norma Cavazos-Salas, D.O.
- j. Norma Iglesias, MD
- k. Rey Valdez, RN, PNP

15/A

Santiago Alanis, Head Start Director, came before the Court requesting the appointment of five community representatives to the Head Start Policy Council Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Garces to appoint Lydia Silva, Norma Alvarado, Dr. Miguel De Los Santos, Aurora Delgado and Ricardo Montesioca to the Head Start Policy Council Board.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for rental space for a Head Start Center in the Donna area.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Arcaute to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services the following mental health providers: Charter Palms Behavior Health System; Linda M. Ramirez, LPC, RPT-S; Emily Oe, Ph.D. Counseling and Development and The McAllen Psychological Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve contracts between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following providers: Charter Palms Behavior Health System; Linda M. Ramirez, LPC, RPT-S; Emily Oe, Ph.D. Counseling and Development and The McAllen Psychological Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/dental services for the following dentists: T. Beth Gonzalez, DDS; Domingo Valdez, D.O.S.; Felipe Alaniz, DDS; Gil Villarreal, DDS; Pablo R. Peña, DDS; Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation-Pharr Family Health Care Center; James W. McCourt, DMD; Joel Hernandez, DDS; Leo Figueroa, DDS; Joseph Michael Adame, DDS,PC; Richard M.M. Lee, DDS and Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation – Mercedes Family Health Care Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve contracts between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following providers: T. Beth Gonzalez, DDS; Domingo Valdez, D.O.S.; Felipe Alaniz, DDS; Gil Villarreal, DDS; Pablo R. Peña, DDS; Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation-Pharr Family Health Care Center; James W. McCourt, DMD; Joel Hernandez, DDS; Leo Figueroa, DDS; Joseph Michael Adame, DDS,PC; Richard M.M. Lee, DDS and Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation – Mercedes Family Health Care Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve Interlocal agreements between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following school districts: Donna ISD; Edcouch-Elsa ISD; Edinburg CISD; Hidalgo ISD; La Joya ISD; La Villa ISD; McAllen ISD; Mercedes ISD; Mission CISD; Progreso ISD; Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD; Sharyland ISD; Valley View ISD and Weslaco ISD.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/medical services for the following physicians: Enrique Greigo, MD; Iris Wells, Child Physicals; Javier Medina, MDPA; Las Milpas Clinica Familiar, Murad Dharan, MD; Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation (the Rural Health Center and the Mission Family Health Care Center); Marco T. Flores, MD; Mid-Valley Clinic – Elsa; Mid-Valley Clinic- Mercedes; Norma Cavazos-Salas, D.O.; Norma Iglesias, MD and Rey Valdez, RN, PNP.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

15/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve contracts between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the following physicians: Enrique Greigo, MD; Iris Wells, Child Physicals; Javier Medina, MDPA; Las Milpas Clinica Familiar, Murad Dharan, MD; Hidalgo County Health Care Corporation (the Rural Health Center and the Mission Family Health Care Center); Marco T. Flores, MD; Mid-Valley Clinic – Elsa; Mid-Valley Clinic- Mercedes; Norma Cavazos-Salas, D.O.; Norma Iglesias, MD and Rey Valdez, RN, PNP.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

ADD. 1. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. COUNTY WIDE

1. Report on Architectural Contract Final Negotiations
 - a. George Garcia
 - b. Thomas Design
 - c. Ed Alvarado
- B. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Service/Architectural Services with Thomas Design Group for Health Clinics in Elsa and Alton
- C. Requesting approval of Architectural Services Contract with Thomas Design Group

- D. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Architectural Services for Alvarado Architects & Associates, Inc. for COPC Clinic, McAllen Texas
- E. Requesting approval of professional service contract for "Architectural Services" with Alvarado Architects & Associates

Add.1/A

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, gave a brief report on the contract negotiations with architects for the health clinics in Elsa and Alton and the COPC Clinic in McAllen. She stated that they had received preliminary proposed contracts from these firms and proceeded with the negotiations. Mrs. Salazar continued by giving some specifics of the contracts, after which no action was required on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit BB)

Add.1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/architectural services for Thomas Design Group for the health clinics in Elsa and Alton.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit BB)

Add.1/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve an architectural services contract with Thomas Design Group for the health clinics in Elsa and Alton.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit BB)

Add.1/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/architectural services for Alvarado Architects & Associates for the COPC Clinic in McAllen.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit BB)

Add.1/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Garces to approve an architectural services contract with Alvarado Architects & Associates for the COPC Clinic in McAllen.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit BB)

ITEM 16. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Service/Engineering Services for "Roadway Studies" with Traffic Engineering and Design Systems, Inc. Infrastructure Group
2. Requesting approval of Professional Service contract for "Roadway" Studies with Traffic Engineering and Design System, Inc. Infrastructure Group
3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Architectural Services with George A. Garcia for Adult Restitution Center
4. Requesting approval of Professional Service contract for "Architectural Services" with George A. Garcia
5. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Consulting Services with Beverly Sepulveda, MBA, RN.
6. Approval of professional services contract for "Consulting Services" with Beverly Sepulveda, MBA, RN
7. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Catalog Office Supplies, Furniture and Equipment – Hidalgo County"

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4

1. Recommending award of bid for "Paving of Mile 8 ½ - West of Ware Road" to low bidder
2. Requesting approval of contract for "Paving of Mile 8 ½ - West of Ware Road" to low bidder
3. Requesting award of bid for "Paving of Mile 19 – west of Doolittle Road" to low bidder
4. Requesting approval of contract for "Paving of Mile 19 – west of Doolittle Road" to low bidder

C. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (b)(1) for: "Rental of Office Space in the City of McAllen" for Library System

2. Requesting authority to lease building located at 4308 N. 10th, Suite E, McAllen, Texas
3. Requesting approval of Lease Agreement with: K Wes DBA Jorge Goddard

D. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC DEPARTMENT

1. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Rental of Office Space in the City of Elsa"

16/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Handy to authorize an exemption from competitive bidding requirements under professional services/architectural services for George A Garcia for the Adult Restitution Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit CC)

16/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioners Handy and Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a professional service contract for architectural services with George A. Garcia for the Adult Restitution Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit CC)

16/A/1&2

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action would be required on these items at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit CC)

16/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/consulting services for Beverly Sepulveda, MBA, RN, for the Indigent Health Care Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit CC)

16/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a professional service contract for consulting services with Beverly Sepulveda, MBA, RN for the Indigent Health Care Program.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/A/7

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for "Catalog Office Supplies, Furniture and Equipment – Hidalgo County".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/B/1

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court that she had received two bids for the "Paving of Mile 8 ½ - West of Ware Road". She was at this time recommending that the bid be awarded to Mission Paving Company, who is the low bidder with a bid of \$27,104.70. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Rosel to approve a contract with Mission Paving Company for the "Paving of Mile 8 ½ - West of Ware Road".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/B/3

Mrs. Salazar stated that she had received three bids for the "Paving of Mile 19 – West of Doolittle Road". At this time, she was recommending that the bid be awarded to Valley Paving Company who is the low bidder at a bid of \$56,402.70. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/B/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Valley Paving Company for the "Paving of Mile 19 – West of Doolittle Road".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/C/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(b)(1) for the "Rental of Office Space in the City of McAllen" for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Rosel and Garces to authorize the leasing of a building located at 4308 N. 10th, Ste. E, in McAllen, Texas for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a lease agreement with K Wes dba Jorge Goddard for a building located at 4308 N. 10th, Ste. E, in McAllen, Texas for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

16/D

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit CC)

ADD. 2. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

- A. Authorization for Auditor to issue payment to Jose Ramirez, Jr. in the amount of \$1,300.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the County Auditor to issue payment of Jose Ramirez, Jr. in the amount of \$1,300.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit DD)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before said Court, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board were hereby adjourned.

RENATO CUELLAR _____
COUNTY JUDGE

SYLVIA HANDY _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

ABELARDO ARCAUTE _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

JUAN ROSEL _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

GUADALUPE GARCES, JR. _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Dated this the 29th day of November, 1999

JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy

Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the
Drainage District #1 Board on the 21st day of December 1999.