

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 3rd day of November, 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
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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$2,000.00 (See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. COUNTY CLERK

- A. Approval of Commissioners' Court minutes for September 02, 08, 16, 23, 30, 1997 and October 06, 07, 1997

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director indicated he would like to no action item number three because it reflected Commissioners' Court minutes, instead of Drainage District #1 minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 – PROVIDES FOR A REVISION TO THE EXPENSE CATEGORY BUDGET AT NO EXPENSE TO DISTRICT

Mr. Garza indicated that he would like to request no action on this item due to some concerns by the County Auditor's Office.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit B)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel 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. APROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND BILLS – COUNTY AUDITOR

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. County Judge - \$1,000.00
- B. Commissioner Precinct 2 – Parks - \$740.14
- C. Commissioner Precinct 2 – County Wide - \$2,000.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. 2 – Paved/Unpaved - \$39,325.47
- E. Commissioner Pct. 3 – Administration - \$3,286.40
- F. Commissioner Pct. 3 – Lateral Roads - \$4,479.39
- G. Commissioner Pct. 3 – Parks - \$1,500.00
- H. Commissioner Pct. 3 – Landfill - \$1,000.00
- I. Library System – No Action
- J. J.P. Pct. 2 Pl. 2 - \$748.80
- K. Constable Pct. 3 - \$250.00
- L. Sheriff's Office – U.S. Dept. of Justice - \$3,871.87
- M. Sheriff's Office - \$1,100.00
- N. TX. D.P.S. - \$197.74
- O. Health Department – Administration - \$225.00
- P. Health Department – Health Clinics - \$3,880.00
- Q. Health Department – Sanitation - \$1,222.00
- R. District Attorney – Hot Checks – No Action
- S. District Attorney – General Fund - \$3,800.00
- T. Master Court #1 - \$90.00
- U. Planning Department - \$1,350.04
- V. Veterans Service – No Action
- W. Task Force - \$14,200.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY

- A. Pct. #1 – North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 6 W & Mile 13 ½ North
 - North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 2W & Mile 12N
 - City of Weslaco
- B. Pct. #3 – Western Geophysical – Doffing Rd. & Brushline
- C. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Cesar Chavez & Canton
 - North Alamo Water Supply – Ramseyer & Gwin Rd.

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

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

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. COUNTY CLERK

- A. Approval of Commissioners' Court minutes for September 02, 08, 16, 23, 30, 1997 and October 06, 07, 1997

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, pointed out that he was requesting no action on Items 2/I/ 2/R and 2/V due to insufficient funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces with the exception of Items 2/I, 2/R and 2/V.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 13. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

- A. Discussion and action to amend the County of Hidalgo Office of Employment budget to include additional grants and expenditures for the balance of the Fiscal Year

Dick Dickinson, OET Executive Director, came before the Court requesting authorization to amend the Office of Employment and Training's budget to include additional grants and expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year. He stated that these would be amendments to the operating budget for FY '989-'99. Mr. Dickinson also pointed out that the aggregate funding for this year had increased to \$27,286,944.00 and the amendment that includes the thirty-seven positions that this Court approved previously. After some discussion, a motion was made by

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

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

Judge Cuellar asked if anyone had signed up for the Open Forum. Mr. Santos Flores came before the Court and indicated that he wanted to record his subdivision, Villa de las Flores. He pointed out that he had submitted it before the new changes in the subdivision regulations and he just wanted to get it approved for recording. Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, reminded the Court that this plat still had to go before the Subdivision Advisory Board, before this Commissioners' Court could consider it.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. TAX OFFICE

A. Ministerial approval of Appropriation in the Special Vehicle inventory Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to give ministerial approval of the appropriation of the Special Vehicle Inventory Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 3. MCALLEN VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDAL OF HONOR PLAZA

A. Contract approval of the Hispanic Medal of Honor Plaza in the World War II Segment of the Veterans War Memorial of Texas

Frank Plummer came before the Court requesting approval of a contract for the Hispanic Medal of Honor Plaza in the World War II Segment of the Veterans War Memorial of Texas. This contract called for a contribution in the amount of \$83,000.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ADD. 2. APPROVAL OF LINE ITEM – TRANSFER TO CREATE A SECOND SOCIAL WORKER/CASE MANAGER POSITION WITH OUR TITLE V FUNDING ACCOUNT

Dr. J. Michael Keenan, County Health Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a line item transfer in order to create a second social worker/case manager position with the Health Departments Title V funding account. He mentioned that this request was being done in conjunction with the audit by the State. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$30,153.95 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Authorization and approval to create a second social worker/case manager position with our Title V funding account
- B. Authorization and approval to set salary
- C. Authorization and approval to set salary with 5% increase effective January 1, 1999

4/A

Dr. Keenan was then requesting the authorization to create the second social worker/case manager position with their Title V funding account. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

4/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary for the social worker/case manager at \$24,268.42.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

4/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a 5% salary increase for this position effective January 1, 1999.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ADD. 1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE TDH AMENDING THE CONTRACT OF THE TB ELIMINATION CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF 10-1-98 THRU 12-31-98

Dr. Keenan was also requesting approval of the Texas Department of Health amendment to the contract for the TB Elimination contract for the period of 10-01-98 thru 12-31-98 in the amount of \$9,570.00. This amendment is to hire a disease intervention specialist for the TB Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 4. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- D. Authorization and approval of state funded position for Disease Intervention Specialist position (T.B. Elimination Grant)
- E. Authorization and approval to set salary
- F. Authorization and approval of budget amendment from 10-01-98 to 12-31-98

4/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the creation of a Disease Intervention Specialist position, which is a state funded position under the TB Elimination Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

4/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salary for the disease intervention specialist at \$28,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

4/F

Dr. Keenan indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 5. TEXAS D.P.S.

- A. Discussion and action on Texas D.P.S. Failure to Appear Program
- B. Requesting approval to create two (2) receptionist positions
- C. Approval of salary increase for clerical position
- D. Approval of budget amendment
- E. Set salaries

5/A

Lt. Laurencio Saenz, from the Texas Department of Public Safety, came before the Court to discuss the Failure to Appear Program. He added that this program has already been approved by the City of McAllen and Cameron County. If approved by the County of Hidalgo, all they would be required to contribute would be computer hardware. He then went on to give some specifics with regards to the program; how it works and the success rate in other areas. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Texas Department of Public Safety Failure to Appear Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

5/B,D&E

Lt. Saenz stated that the next request was for the creation of two receptionist positions, one for McAllen and one for Weslaco. The salaries would be set at \$15,852.00 annually. He was also requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,804.72 pro-rated through the end of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the requests as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Arcaute voted against the motion.)
(See Exhibit L)

5/C

Lt. Saenz indicated that this item was just a re-alignment of the salaries. He noted that the clerk in McAllen was doing similar duties to the one in

Weslaco and he wanted to adjust the salaries. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 6. COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3

A. Approval of budget amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$777.43 for the County Court at Law #3 for postage.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Arcaute voted against the motion.)
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. LIBRARY SYSTEM

A. Approval of Associate membership for the South Texas Teacher Academy in Hidalgo County Library System

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an associate membership for the South Texas Teacher Academy in the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

- A. Authorization and approval of funding of nine (9) investigators, one (1) Communication Supervisor, two (2) Communication Officers, one (1) identification Technician, three (3) Secretary II and one (1) Mechanic – Total of seventeen (17) positions
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Approval to set salaries

Commissioner Rosel indicated that he was bringing this item to the table because it had been brought to his attention. The County Judge pointed out that the Court had already considered these items and they were rejected. Capt. Roy Quintanilha then addressed the Court and stated that these positions were in their original request in 1997. The Grant that was approved did not pay for any support staff and that was why these additional positions were needed. He did say that

they had been instructed to fund this grant in three phases; with the first two phases approved and the third being rejected in August. Roy Castellanos approached the Commission and again reiterated the history of this grant. Commissioner Arcaute asked that they wait until next year and present this request to the new Commissioners' Court at that time. He continued by saying that it was their understanding that these positions were going to get funded in their budget for 1999 and they had been told that they would be. A few weeks later they find out that the support staff was cut out completely and they were not told why. A discussion ensued as to how this item got on the agenda and who authorized that these positions be cut from the budget. Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court and stated that the Sheriff's Office had received a printout dated September 22nd that indicated that these positions were still in the budget. He noted that he had informed the Sheriff's Office that this was given to them in error and no documentation should have been released prior to the approval of the budget. The proposed budget that was filed at the County Clerk's Office did indicate that these positions had been cut from the budget. He also noted that the budget for the 1999 fiscal year was adopted on October 20, 1999. Commissioner Garces pointed out that that as per the discussions in Open Forum, it was never discussed to delete these positions from the budget and he feels that it was the intent of this Court to put it through and budget it. Paul Vazaldua, another Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, recommended that they go through the tapes of the minutes of the budget workshops and find out what the intent of this Court was for the 1999 budget. Commissioner Arcaute indicated that this Court chose to pave more County Roads than to fund these positions, because they took a penny from the General Fund and put it into Road and Bridge. After further discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. AUDITOR'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of the December 31, 1997 County of Hidalgo Audited Annual Report conducted and performed by Juan Nuñez, CPA

After a presentation and an explanation of the audit report by Mr. Juan Nuñez, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the County of Hidalgo Audited Annual Reported for the period ending December 1997 as conducted and performed by Juan Nuñez, CPA.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

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. Potential Litigation

1. Jail Zoning matter and City of Edinburg

B. Litigation

1. Rene Lizcano vs. Hidalgo County – Cause No. M-96-294

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Steve Crain, the County Legal Counsel, and Rex Leach.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

A. Potential Litigation

1. Jail Zoning matter and the City of Edinburg

B. Litigation

1. Rene Lizcano vs. Hidalgo County – Cause No. M-96-294

2/A

Commissioner Arcaute reported that no action would be required on this item at this time. Commissioner Arcaute did note that the City of San Juan has offered to build a new jail and a new Courthouse.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit Q)

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the settlement as discussed in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 10. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

A. Discussion and action of reimbursement of phone bill

B. Update on automation Project

C. Update on Y2K problem

10/A

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, came before the Court and stated that the first item was for discussion and action on reimbursement of the phone bill. He stated that this was being done because the auditing department had taken it upon themselves to call the numbers and trying to find out if it is business or personal. He did indicate that he does pay for his own phone bill. The County Judge asked him if he had reviewed this with Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor and he stated that he had not, because he kept getting the run around. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit R)

10/B

Mr. Rivera then proceeded to give a report on the automation project. He mentioned that they had replaced a lot of cable and they were able to convert about eighty percent of the data from the old system into the new one. He then introduced Mr. Steve Burton, the Project Manager for the Software Group, who gave an update on the transition process. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit R)

10/C

Lastly, Mr. Rivera gave an update on the Y2K problem. He did mention that they had checked all the computers and they still needed direction on those systems that were not part of the mainframe. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 11. COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

- A. Approval of contract for Health Care Services provided by UTMB to eligible residents of Hidalgo County
- B. Authority to transfer funds from the Jail Court to the Criminal Auxiliary Court budget and appropriate budget
- C. Report on the Tobacco Settlement funds
- D. Approval of Resolution – Proclaiming the 19th day of February as the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day
- E. Public hearing to consider the regulation of on-site sewage facilities (including septic tanks) in Hidalgo County to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health

F. Consideration and action of an Order Adopting Rules of Hidalgo County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities

11/A

Rudy de la Viña, Human Services Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a contract for Health Care Services to be provided by UTMB to eligible residents of Hidalgo County. He did say that he had some concerns with this contract. In the past he stated that this County would pay \$100,000.00 on this contract with no cap as to the provision of services by UTMB. On this new contract there would be a cap of \$300,000.00 for the \$100,000.00 to be provided by the County of Hidalgo. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit S)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the transfer of \$34,341.00 from the Jail Court to the Criminal Auxiliary Court budget and to appropriate this budget.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

11/C

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, reported that they had received a letter from the Texas Department of Health, which verifies what this political subdivision is going to be eligible for and also outlines the dates when this County will be receiving the funds. He noted that this County will receive the first lump sum on January 4, 1999 and this would be income that would be coming into the General Fund. Valde Guerra then stated that he had talked to the Auditing Department and to date they had not received a projected amount for those revenues. He added that during the budget process, he had informed the Court, that until he received a projected revenue amount from the Auditing Department, he would not be able to fund those departments using the tobacco settlement amounts, because he would have an unbalanced budget. A discussion ensued with regards to the reason that the Auditor was withholding those amounts being possibly political. After some discussion, Mr. Guerra was instructed to send the budget to be printed without the information that needed to be provided by the County Auditor.

NO ACTION.

11/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a resolution declaring February 19, 1999 as "State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

11/E

Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that this item called for a public hearing to consider the regulation of on-site sewage facilities (including septic tanks) in Hidalgo County to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. Commissioner Arcaute asked what this was about and David Girault, legal counsel, stated that this had to do with the issue of updating an order that was approved on 1973 that was required by TNRCC. The other issue had to do with what department would be in charge of inspecting septic tank systems. This resulted in a discussion, which was ensued with comments by Commissioner Arcaute, regarding the public's perception with the way this item was posted. The County Judge then called the public hearing open and entertained comments regarding the septic tank issue. After some discussion amongst the Commissioners, the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit S)

11/F

Commissioner Garces made a motion to adopt the policies as set before them and incorporate language bringing in the prior policies that they have with the updated version at TNRCC's request. Mr. Girault then proceeded to explain some of the amendments, specifically Section 10, indicates the designated representative within the County to oversee the regulation of septic tank systems. He stated that the way that the draft was prepared it called for the Director of the Planning Department. He wanted to know if they wanted to leave it this way or designate the Director of the Health Department. The County Judge recommended that no action be taken on this at this time, and that they wait to see what other changes need to be made before this is considered. Commissioner Garces then withdrew his motion.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 12. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. Approval of change order #1 for Rodriguez Builders – City of Elsa – Neighborhood Facilities – UCPY 9 – 1996

- B. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Hinojosa Engineering – City of Granjeno – Street Improvements – UCY 9 – 1996
- C. Approval of Professional Service Contract with Hinojosa Engineering – City of Granjeno – Water/Sewer Improvements – UCY 9 – 1996
- D. Approval of Sub recipient agreement with Mujeres Unidas – City of Mercedes Battered and Abused Spouses – UCY 9 – 1996
- E. City of La Villa – HOME-Housing Rehabilitation Program – Construction Contract Award

12/A

The City of Elsa is requesting approval of a change order with Rodriguez Builders. The change order calls for an increase in the amount of \$1,210.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

12/B

The City of Granjeno is requesting approval of a professional service contract with Hinojosa Engineering for street improvements. The amount of the contract is \$21,127.16. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

12/C

The City of Granjeno was also requesting approval of a professional service contract with Hinojosa Engineering for water/sewer improvements. The amount of the contract is \$14,038.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

12/D

The City of Mercedes is requesting approval of a sub recipient agreement with Mujeres Unidas. The amount of the agreement is \$1,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

12/E

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 14. HEAD START PROGRAM

- A. Recommend award of bid for the following
 - 1. School buses
 - 2. Classroom furniture and materials
 - 3. Computers
- B. Requesting approval of contracts for the following
 - 1. School buses
 - 2. Classroom furniture and materials
 - 3. Computers
- C. Requesting authorization to advertise for bids for
 - 1. Food Service
 - 2. School Supplies
 - 3. Janitorial Supplies
- D. Requesting authorization to advertise for rental space
- E. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding of lease renewals from government entities
- F. Appointment of one Community Representative by Pct. #1 Commissioner, to serve on the Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council for a one year term

14/A/1

Santiago Alaniz, Head Start Director, came before the Court requesting the awarding of the bid for school buses. He was recommending that the bid be awarded to Capital Bus Sales. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/A/2

Mr. Alaniz was also requesting the bid award for classroom furniture and materials. He was recommending that the bid be awarded to Kaplan Company, J.R. Inc., and Educational Products for the low bids on each individual item. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/A/3

Mr. Alaniz was requesting that no action be taken on the bid award for the computers.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

14/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Capital Bus Sales for the purchase of school buses for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Kaplan Company, J.R. Inc., and Educational Products for the purchase of classroom furniture and materials for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/B/3

Mr. Alaniz reported that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

14/C/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for bids for food services for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of school supplies for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for bids for janitorial supplies for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the advertising for bids for rental space, in several areas within the County, for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements for lease renewals for the Head Start Program from governmental entities.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

14/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to appoint Jose "Pepe" Yanez to serve on the Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

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.

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

**RENATO CUELLAR _____
COUNTY JUDGE**

**SYLVIA HANDY _____ ABSENT _____
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 9th day of December, 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 28th day of December 1999.**