

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of November, 1998 after notice duly having been given, a Regular 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

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 1. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO TWDB; FOR STUDIES OF EXPANSION OF MASTER DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO RAYMONDVILLE DRAIN AREA IN WILLACY COUNTY

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, came before the Board requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for a study for the expansion of the Master Drainage System to the Raymondville Drain area in Willacy County. He stated that the grant he wanted to apply for was for \$400,000.00. He was hoping to acquire some funding sometime in May '99 for this project. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL TO PROVIDE 25% MATCHING FUNDS - DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IS APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.00

Mr. Garza was also requesting approval for the District to provide 25% matching funds for the grant that the District was applying for. This match would

be in the amount of \$100,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO TWDB CONTRACT NO. 97-483-216

Mr. Garza indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 4. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Recommendation as to bid award for "Pipes" Drainage District #1 to multiple vendors
- B. Requesting approval of contract for "Pipes" Drainage District #1 to multiple vendors

4/A

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that she had received bids for the purchase of "Pipes" for Drainage District #1. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to multiple vendors for each low bid in each of the categories. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit B)

4/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve contracts between the Drainage District #1 and multiple vendors for the purchase of "Pipes".

MOTION CARRIED.
(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. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. County Judge - \$1,827.25
- B. Commissioner Pct. 3 - Landfill - \$1,100.00
- C. 139th District Court - \$9.89 & \$355.90
- D. Personnel Department - \$3,500.00
- E. Civil Service - \$2,000.00
- F. Youth Village - No Action
- G. County Court at Law #4 - \$2,307.23
- H. Health Department - Title V - \$1,000.00
- I. Health Department - Administration - No Action
- J. County Auditor - \$5,000.00
- K. WIC Program - \$11,000.87
- L. Adult Probation - General Fund - \$6,000.00
- M. Computer Department - \$3,929.75
- N. County Clerk - \$10,000.00
- O. Tax Office - \$3,800.00
- P. Juvenile Probation - \$4,094.00
- Q. Juvenile Probation - \$300.00
- R. Juvenile Probation - \$803.16
- S. Planning Department - \$3,050.00
- T. Purchasing Department - \$100.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME- First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company - 8 families

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. DISTRICT CLERK

- A. Approval of fee report for the month ending October 30, 1998 – Total of \$202,402.15

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 5. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT

A. Permits

1. Pct. #1 – North Alamo Water Supply – FM 493 and Mile 8 N
 - North Alamo Water Supply – FM 493 and Mile 20 N
 - Military Water Supply – US Hwy. 281 West of FM 491 and Mile 4W
2. Pct. #2 – Military Water Supply – North of Tower, West on Anaya, North on Cesar Chavez, East on El Gato, North on Border, West to Moore Rd.
 - Military Water Supply – Tower, Border, Ridge and El Gato Rd.
 - Military Water Supply – West Balli Rd., North on Fm 907, east to South Village, north on Tower to South Tower Estates
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone – El Dora East of US 281
 - Southwestern Bell Telephone – El Dora Rd. between Lucky & I Rd.
3. Pct. #3 – Western Geophysical – Doffing Rd. West of 492, TX Garden Lot 18 4 Mile Line
4. Pct. #4 – Southwestern Bell Telephone – Tex Mex Rd. and Sharp
 - Western Geophysical – Southern Floral Rd. FM 681, FM 490, FM 2058 and North of FM 1925

(See Exhibit G)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, was requesting that no action be taken on items 2/F and 2/I. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE AGENDA

ITEM 1. CLOSED SESSION

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

Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following:

- A. Potential Litigation
 - 1. Jail Zoning matter with the City of Edinburg
- B. Litigation
 - 1. Eduvina Leal vs County of Hidalgo

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Steve Crain, the County legal counsel.
NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. OPEN SESSION

- A. Potential Litigation
 - 1. Jail Zoning matter with the City of Edinburg
- B. Litigation
 - 1. Eduvina Leal vs County of Hidalgo

2/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize legal counsel to proceed as directed in Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED.

2/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the settlement in the amount of \$27,500.00 for Eduvina Leal vs the County of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 3. EXTENSION SERVICE

- A. Approval of Proclamation – Declaring November Diabetes Month in Hidalgo County

Dr. Ida Acuña, Extension Service Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a proclamation declaring the month of November as “Diabetes Month” in Hidalgo County. She then introduced Diana Ramirez, the District Manager for the Rio Grande Valley Chapter for the American Diabetes Association, who in turn introduced the board members for this organization. A motion was then made by

Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge announced that no one had signed up for the Open Forum session, this morning.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Final Plat Approval with letter of credit
 - 1. Peaceful Acres Subdivision – Pct. #3
 - 2. Tom Gill Subdivision No. 3 Phase II – Pct. #3
 - 3. Kenwood Estates Phase III – Pct. #3
- B. Final Plat Approval with Escrow Agreement
 - 1. Villa De Las Flores Subdivision – Pct. #3

2/A/1

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court requesting final approval with a letter of credit for Peaceful Acres Subdivision. This is located in Precinct Three located on Mile 7 ½ and Stewart Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

2/A/2

Mr. Garcia was also requesting final approval with a letter of credit for Tom Gill Subdivision No. 3 Phase III; which is in Precinct Three located 1 ½ miles north from Expressway 83 on the east side of Tom Gill Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

2/A/3

He was also requesting final plat approval with a letter of credit for Kenwood Estates Phase III, which is in Precinct Three located approximately 5960

feet south of Mile 7 Road (S.H. 107) and west of Moorefield Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

2/B

The last request was for final plat approval with an escrow agreement for Villa De Las Flores Subdivision. This subdivision is in Precinct Three located ¼ mile east of Trosper Road on the south side of Mile 7 North Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 4. DISTRICT CLERK

A. Approval of budget amendment for Records Management

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,520.00 for the District Clerk's Records Management account.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 5. H.I.D.T.A.

- A. Authorization to increase the HIDTA P/I Budget and to appropriate monies from HIDTA Program Income for Fiscal period of November 1, 1998 to October 31, 1999**
- B. Approval to create an Accountant Position**
- C. Approval to set salary**

5/A

Nelda Olivarez, from the Auditor's Office, came before the Court requesting authorization to increase the HIDTA Program Income budget and to appropriate the monies from the HIDTA Program Income Budget for the fiscal period of November 1, 1998 through October 31, 1999. The increase was in the amount of \$37,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

5/B

Ms. Olivarez was also requesting authorization to create an Accountant Position for the HIDTA Task Force Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

5/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to set the salary for the Accountant position for the HIDTA Task Force Program at \$26,000.00 plus fringes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 6. ADULT PROBATION

A. Approval of budget amendment – Restitution Center (Approved by CJAD on 10/28/98)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$19,500.00 for the Restitution Center, for the purchase of a van, as approved by CJAD on October 28, 1998.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 7. TAX OFFICE

A. Approval of 1998 Tax Roll Totals

Armando Barrera, County Tax Assessor/Collector, came before the Court to request approval of the 1998 tax roll totals. He then proceeded to give a report on the tax roll totals. Mr. Barrera noted that the County had a net taxable value of \$10,598,450,332.00; which would constitute a levy of \$47,343,293.23 plus penalties in the amount of \$1,038.99 for a total levy of \$47,344,332.32 for the General Fund. For Road District #5 there was a net taxable of \$1,541,448,202.00 with a tax levy of \$300,662.82 plus penalties for a total of \$300,670.00. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 1998 Tax Roll totals, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 8. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A. Approval of budget amendment (Electricity)

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$120,000.00 for electricity.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 9. ELECTIONS OFFICE

A. Authorization to appropriate funds that were paid to Hidalgo County by the Democratic Party for the 1998 Primary/Runoff Elections Contract

Oscar Cantu, from the Elections Department, came before the Court requesting authorization to appropriate funds that were paid to the Hidalgo County Elections Department by the Democratic Party as per the 1998 Primary/Runoff Elections contract. The total amount of the contract is \$78,373.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED

(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 10. COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Appointment of the 911 Advisory Committee Board Member
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Approval of budget amendment – Elevator Services
- D. Approval of budget amendment – Edwards Abstract & Title Co.
- E. Authorization for County Auditor to process check to Edwards Abstract & Title Co.

10/A

Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, was requesting the appointment of the 911 Advisory Committee Board member. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint Sylvia Handy to the 911 Advisory Committee Board.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Judgments and Damages.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$85,800.00 for Buildings & Grounds to pay for elevator services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,589.20 to pay for services provided by Edwards Abstract & Title Co.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

10/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the County Auditor to process payment to Edwards Abstract & Title Co. in the amount of \$2,589.20.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 12. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. Consideration and action on Change Order No. 3 – City of La Villa – Drainage Improvements 1992/96 UCP Yr. 5/9
- B. Approval of a budget and program amendment for Pct. #2, Year 11, 1998
- C. Approval of an amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between County of Hidalgo and Edinburg Energy Limited partnership granting tax abatement in accordance with the Guidelines and Criteria's adopted, March 31, 1996

- D. Terminate HOME CHDO award with Rio Grande Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc., and enter a new contract with Proyecto Azteca
- E. City of Donna – HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program
- F. City of La Villa HOME-Housing Rehabilitation Program – Construction Contract Award

12/A

The City of La Villa was requesting approval of a change order on a contract with South Texas Utility. The change order is for an increase of \$6,304.40. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

12/B

Precinct Two was requesting approval of a budget and program amendment to their Year 11 budget. The amendment is to decrease the Street Improvement line item by \$70,000.00 and to increase the Park/Recreational Facilities line item by \$70,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

12/C

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, was presenting a request from Edinburg Energy Limited Partnership on their tax abatement agreement. The amendment was to change the construction commencement date from November 1, 1998-November 1, 2000 to April 15, 1999-April 15, 2001. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

12/D

Mr. Covacevich was also requesting that the County terminate a HOME CHDO award with Rio Grande Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. and enter into a new contract with Proyecto Azteca. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

12/E

The City of Donna was requesting approval of a contract under their HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program. The low bidder was Lerma Construction in the amount of \$189,700.00 for seven dwelling units. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

12/F

The City of La Villa was requesting rejection of the sole bid received under the HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program. The sole bid came in at 23.7% over the estimated amount of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 11. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

- A. Authorization of resolution for General Fund loan to Capital Projects Fund – Jail
- B. Appropriation of funds in Capital Projects Fund
- C. Authorize payment to DiStefano/Santopetro

11/A

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Court that he had just received a facsimile from Joe Santopetro, the architect for the jail project, delineating the costs on the invoice that was previously received by the County Judge's Office for payment. He had also included a letter in which he was requesting a workshop in order to present the schematic design for the proposed jail. A discussion ensued with regards to the payment as per the contract. During this discussion, Commissioner Arcaute noted that as per the bill it looked like this project would cost approximately \$44 million. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a resolution for a loan from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$312,000.00 for the Jail Project.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$312,000.00 in the Capital Projects Fund for the Jail Project.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

11/C

Mr. Vazaldua indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 13. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Vending Machines"
2. Recommending award of bid for "Mailing Services" to low bidder
3. Recommending approval of contract for "Mailing Services" to low bidder
4. Recommendation as to bid award for "Pipes" Hidalgo County to multiple vendors
5. Requesting approval of contract for "Pipes" Hidalgo County to multiple vendors
6. Requesting authority to rescind bid on Item No. 50 of the "Janitorial Supply" bid (awarded 08/04/98), as requested be awarded vendor, Gulf Coast Paper Co., Inc. due to a mathematical error.
7. Recommending award of item No. 50 for "Janitorial Supply" to the next lowest bidder being Blue Star Chemical Co. Inc.
8. Requesting approval of modification to original awarded contracts to Gulf Coast Paper Co. Inc. to reflect the deletion of Item No. 50 and the addition of same to Blue Star Chemical Co. Inc. respectively
9. Discussion and possible action on the approval (or annual amendment to Plan Document) of providers for the County of Hidalgo's Cafeteria Plan and the approval of said providers to proceed with annual enrollment before December 1, 1998

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3

1. Requesting authority to purchase "One (1) John Deere 855 2-Wheel Drive tractor w/413 cutter" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) – Weaks Martin

Implement Co., Inc., Mission, Texas. The total price of the tractor is \$13,826.42 which includes the H-GAC administration fee

C. HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PCT. 5

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under TX. Local Gov't Code, Section 262.024(a)(9)(C)
2. Requesting authority to negotiate the purchase of one (1) vehicle from the Texas Department of Public Safety Surplus Fleet Services for Hidalgo County Constable, Precinct #5. Purchase price not to exceed \$6,600.00 for said vehicle

D. HIDALGO COUNTY COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

1. Requesting authority that the numerous items for computer equipment, peripherals and printers be declared surplus

E. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

1. Requesting approval of "Reviewing Committee" for Hidalgo County's Library System Request for Proposal "Integrated Online Catalog Circulation System".
2. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Computer Equipment"

F. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1. Recommending award of bid for "Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services" for Hidalgo County - Buildings & Grounds and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department to qualified low bidder, Montgomery-KONE, Inc. as follows:
 - a. Buildings & Grounds - \$74,620.00 (one-time inspection and compliance repairs) \$900.00 monthly repairs and maintenance
 - b. Sheriff's Department - \$10,369.00 (one-time inspection and compliance repairs) \$225.00 monthly repairs and maintenance
2. Requesting approval of contract(s) to Montgomery-KONE, Inc. for "Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services" for the Hidalgo County Buildings and Grounds Department and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department
3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional/Nursing Services.
4. Requesting approval of Professional/Nursing Services contract with nurses listed below:
 - a. Javier Castillo, LVN
 - b. Diana Cano, LVN

13/A/1

After a discussion regarding the current specifications and problems that they have had in the past with vendors, a motion was made by Commissioner

Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for "Vending Machines".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/2

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that she had received two bids for "Mailing Services". She was recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder being Package and Postal Connection. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the contract for "Mailing Services" with Package and Postal Connection.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/4

Mrs. Salazar stated that she had received bids for "Pipes" for Hidalgo County. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to low bidder of every category as per the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garces and Arcaute to approve a contract for the purchase of pipes with multiple vendors.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to rescind a bid awarded on August 4, 1998 for Item No. 50 of

the "Janitorial Supply" bid to Gulf Cost Paper Company due to a mathematical error.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/7

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to award the low bid for Item No. 50 of the Janitorial Supply bid to Blue Star Chemical Company.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/8

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approval a modification to the original awarded contracts for to Gulf Coast Paper Co. Inc. to reflect the deletion of Item No. 50 and the addition of same to Blue Star Chemical Co. Inc. respectively.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/A/9

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was for the approval (or annual amendment to Plan Document) of providers for the County of Hidalgo's Cafeteria Plan and the approval of said providers to proceed with annual enrollment before December 1, 1998. After some discussion it was directed that Nora Escalon, from the Risk Managers would be supervising the annual enrollment. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garces to authorize the purchase of "One (1) John Deere 855 2-Wheel Drive tractor w/413 cutter" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), Weeks Martin Implement Co., Inc., from Mission, Texas. The total price of the tractor is \$13,826.42; which includes the H-GAC administration fee and this vehicle is for the Office of Constable for Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/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(a)(9)(C), for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the negotiation for the purchase of one (1) vehicle from the Texas Department of Public Safety Surplus Fleet Services for Hidalgo County Constable, Precinct #5. Purchase price not to exceed \$6,600.00 for said vehicle.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of numerous items of computer equipment, peripherals and printers from the Computer Department as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/E/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that this item was for the approval of the "Reviewing Committee" for Hidalgo County's Library System Request for Proposal "Integrated Online Catalog Circulation System". A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/E/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of "computer equipment" for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/F/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that this next request was to award bid for "Elevator Maintenance and Repair Services" for the Hidalgo County Buildings & Grounds Department and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department to qualified low bidder, Montgomery-KONE, Inc. as follows: for Buildings & Grounds - \$74,620.00 (one-time inspection and compliance repairs) \$900.00 monthly repairs and maintenance; and for the Sheriff's Department - \$10,369.00 (one-time inspection and compliance repairs) \$225.00 monthly repairs and maintenance. A discussion ensued with comments from Capt. Roy Quintanilha where he stated that they did not presently have the funds in their budget to pay for this service. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve the request as presented, contingent on the Sheriff's Department coming back next week requesting a budget amendment and it being approved for this service.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/F/2

Mrs. Salazar indicated that this contract has yet to be reviewed by the legal counsel. Commissioner Garces pointed out that they could not go into a contract without having the funds in place. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

13/F/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional/nursing services for Javier Castillo, LVN and Diana Cano, LVN.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

13/F/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a professional services contract with Javier Castillo, LVN and Diana Cano, LVN for nursing services for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners' Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy 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 _____
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 10th 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.

