

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of December, 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 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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$4,500.00 (See Exhibit A)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM BIDDING PROCESS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding process under professional services for Hinojosa Engineering, Inc. for improvements to the Mission/McAllen Lateral.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HINOJOSA ENGINEERING FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO MISSION/MCALLEN LATERAL (1/4 MILE SOUTH OF MILE 1 NORTH TO APPROXIMATELY ¼ MILE SOUTH OF MILE 4)

A motion was made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to enter into a contract with Hinojosa Engineering for proposed improvements to the

Mission/McAllen Lateral, with the County providing the design and the City of McAllen incurring the cost of construction.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for: "Lubricants (Grease-Oil-Hydraulic Fluids and Anti-Freeze Products"

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for "Lubricants (Grease-Oil-Hydraulic Fluids and Anti-Freeze Products" for Drainage District #1.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. County Judge - \$2,550.00
- B. Commissioner Pct. 2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$20,000; 75,300; \$10,714; \$13,200
- C. Commissioner Pct. 3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$12,505.00
- D. Commissioner Pct. 3 - Administration - \$1,910.00
- E. JP Pct. 1 Pl. 1 - \$475.00

- F. JP Pct. 1 Pl. 2 - \$105.75
- G. JP Pct. 2 Pl. 1 - \$361.00
- H. JP Pct. 3 Pl. 1 - \$555.56
- I. Constable Pct. 3 - \$880.00
- J. Constable Pct. 5 - \$762.00
- K. Historical Commission - \$520.00
- L. 92nd District Court - \$4,360.00
- M. County Auditor - \$1,700.39
- N. Computer Department - \$1,500.00
- O. Juvenile Probation - \$986.00 & \$1,415.00
- P. Health Department - Health Clinics - \$50,000.00
- Q. Health Department – Administration - \$3,070.00
- R. Texas D.P.S. - \$100.00
- S. Insect Eradication - \$250.00
- T. County Court at Law #1 - No Action
- U. Buildings & Grounds - \$100.00

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME – “First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company – 7 families
- B. Extension of Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company on HOME First Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement – 1 family

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 4. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Hidalgo County WIC Program – Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Copy Data for Savin 750 Copier for one (1) year or 18,000 copies, whichever comes first. Period from 12-01-98 to 12-01-99
- B. Hidalgo County 332nd District Court – Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Southwest Business Machines for Alder Royal Satellite IV; Period from 10-14-98 to 10-13-99

(See Exhibit F)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Mari Gonzalez, from the County Judge’s Office, reported that Judge Delgado was requesting that no action be taken on item 2/T. A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge announced that Sylvia Handy, County Commissioner for Precinct One had signed up for the Open Forum. Commissioner Handy proceeded to voice her comments regarding a letter that was written in a newspaper regarding to the rental of a vehicle and she reinforced her commitment to the citizens of Precinct One. She also indicated that she would reimburse the County for the use of this vehicle in order to dispel any rumors of impropriety, by her office or this Commissioners' Court. After her comments she asked that the County Treasurer approach the podium and presented her with a check for which she received a receipt.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 2. RIGHT OF WAY

- A. Release of easement out of Lot 2, Block 18 Steele and Pershing Subdivision and set fee for Release

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, came before the Court requesting a release of an easement out of Lot 2, Block 18 Steele and Pershing Subdivision and to set the fee for the release. He mentioned that they had received an appraisal on November 30, 1998, from Professional Appraisal Services and they had set a price of approximately \$3,500.00. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the release of the easement contingent on acceptance of a fee of \$3,000.00 per acre.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 3. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Request discussion on unsanitary environmental conditions existing in the Linda Vista Subdivision in County Pct. #3
- B. Authorization to participate in planning a sanitary sewer construction project to correct sanitary conditions in the Linda Vista Subdivision
- C. Approval of County funds to correct the unsanitary conditions in Linda Vista Subdivision in Palmview
- D. Approval of the TB Elimination Grant No. 746000717600 in the amount of \$324,219.00 for calendar year 1999

E. Authorization to appropriate \$324,219.00 in the TB Elimination Grant No. 746000717600

F. Authorization to set salaries on the TB Elimination Grant in the amount of \$324,219.00

3/A

Dr. J. Michael Keenan, Health Director, came before the Court requesting a discussion on the unsanitary environmental conditions existing in the Linda Vista Subdivision in County Precinct Three. He stated that this subdivision was located within the ETJ of the City of Palmhurst. He then proceeded to discuss how bad the conditions were within this subdivision with the assistance from Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District Director. After further discussion no action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit I)

3/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner to authorize the Health Department to participate in the planning of a sanitary sewer construction project to correct unsanitary conditions in the Linda Vista Subdivision.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

3/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the use of applicable county funds to correct the unsanitary conditions in Linda Vista Subdivision with the Urban County Director making sure that all the applications are in place for any reimbursements that are allowable as part of a grant that was applied for, for this subdivision. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, had a question on the motion with regards to the amount that would be used and where the funds would be taken from.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

3/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to remove items 3/D, 3/E and 3/F from the table.

MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Keenan then reported that he was requesting approval of the TB Elimination Grant in the amount of \$324,219.00 for calendar year 1999. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

3/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of \$324,219.00 in the TB Elimination Grant budget.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

3/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the setting of salaries under the TB Elimination Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. Approval of a Construction Contract with Rio Valley Construction – Pct. #2 Parks, Recreational Facilities Year 9, 10, 11 (1996, 1997, 1998)
- B. Approval of the termination of Professional Services Agreement with Snowden Engineering, Inc. – Edcouch – Water/Sewer Improvements – Year 7, 9, 10 (1994, 1996, 1997)

4/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, reported that the Precinct Two was requesting approval of a construction contract with Rio Valley Construction in the amount of \$222,440.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

4/B

The City of Edcouch is requesting termination of a professional services agreement with Snowden Engineering Inc. The City of Edcouch is

indicating that the engineers “failed to provide the city with professional services in a satisfactory manner”. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

Mr. Covacevich then announced that they had received word from Senator Phil Gramm’s Office that the Cities of Mercedes’ and the City of Alton had been approved for their Section 108 applications.

ITEM 5. CONSTABLE PCT. #3

A. Approval of budget amendment – Appropriate LEOSE Revenues received

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$828.24, which constitutes an appropriation of LEOSE revenues that were received.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 6. COUNTY AUDITOR

A. Approval to remove Phipp Cellular Telephone Asset No. 027071 from inventory

B. Approval to declare two (2) Sharp QS Calculators as surplus

1. Sharp QS-2760A Calculator, Asset No. 24763, Serial No. 2D007577
2. Sharp QS-2760 Calculator, Asset No. 24763, Serial No. 1D019467

6/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the removal of a Phipp Cellular Telephone Asset No. 027071 from County Auditor’s inventory.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

6/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of two (2) Sharp QS Calculators from the County Auditor’s Office as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 7. COUNTY JUDGE

- A. County Employee Christmas Party and Request to close offices for ½ day on December 23, 1998
- B. Approval of Proposed Holidays

7/A

Lisa Saucedo, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that she was presenting an item for consideration regarding the County Employee Christmas Party and also requesting to close County office for ½ a day on December 23, 1998. Commissioners Rosel and Garces stepped out before this item and it was recommended that this County Commissioners' Court consider this item later in the agenda when all members were present.

7/B

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, presented the proposed 1999 Holidays. He stated that they were the same ones that were approved for 1998. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

7/A

The Court went back to item 7/A. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by the County Judge and seconded by Commissioners Arcaute and Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 8. COMMISSIONER PCT. #2

- A. Approval to terminate contract/rescind action of bid award for hauling services approved by Commissioners' Court

Commissioner Arcaute stated that he was requesting authorization to terminate a contract and/or rescind the awarding of a bid for hauling services for Precinct Two. Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, added that the low bidder had not met the insurance requirements as per the specifications. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by

Commissioner Rosel to rescind the action taken by this Court to award the bid to Benny's Hauling for Hauling Services for Precinct Two.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 9. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

- A. Request approval of interlocal agreement between County of Hidalgo and Texas A&M University to establish a community resource center in San Carlos, Hidalgo County, Texas
- B. Status report on TNRCC meeting held on 11/30/98
- C. Discussion and possible action related to TNRCC meeting

9/A

Commissioner Garces stated that he was requesting approval of an interlocal agreement between County of Hidalgo and Texas A&M University to establish a community resource center in San Carlos, Hidalgo County, Texas. He asked that a representative from Texas A&M University give a brief presentation on this project. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the interlocal agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

9/B&C

Commissioner Garces reported that he had attended a meeting with TNRCC along with Brian Dudley, the landfill engineer and they gave a presentation on the meeting that was held on November 30, 1998. The meeting dealt with what the County needed to be do in order to close the landfill in Precinct Four and what deadlines TNRCC was imposing on the County for this. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 10. HUMAN SERVICES

- A. Approval of budget amendment and appropriate funds to pay for outstanding indigent health care expenditures
- B. Approval of budget amendment and appropriate funds for other contractual services in order to pay for processing of outstanding claims

10/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$446,326.35 and to appropriate these funds to pay for outstanding indigent health care expenditures.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$21,576.00 and to appropriate these funds for other contractual services in order to pay for processing fees of outstanding claims.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 11. JUVENILE PROBATION

- A. Approval to accept the Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant
- B. Approval of budget amendment to serve as the local cash match
- C. Approval to appropriate budget
- D. Approval to set salaries and fringe benefits

11/A

Israel "Buddy" Silva, Juvenile Probation Director, came before the Court requesting approval to accept the Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$93,830.00. He stated that this grant required a local match of \$10,426.00 for a total grant amount of \$104,256.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,426.00 for the Juvenile Probation Department for the cash match for the Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the appropriation of the Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$104,256.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

11/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries and fringe benefits under the Criminal Justice Division Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 12. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A. Approval of budget amendment

After some discussion regarding the fund balance, the need for the vehicles and the liability issue regarding the courthouse entrances, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of two vehicles and \$10,503.00 for the sliding doors for the east and west entrances to the Courthouse.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 13. HEAD START PROGRAM

- A. Requesting approval of award of bid for classroom computers
- B. Requesting approval of classroom computers contract
- C. Approval of low bid for construction of Mission II Head Start Center subject to funding on January 1, 1999

13/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to award the bid for the purchase of classroom computers for the Head Start Program to HACH as the low bidder meeting all specifications.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a contract with HACH for the purchase of computers for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

13/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to award low bid for the construction of Mission II Head Start Center to JDS Construction in the amount of \$584,000.00; subject to funding on January 1, 1999.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 14. OET

- A. Authorization to approve a 5% supplemental cost of living payment or a 5% performance award for all OET employees
- B. Authorization to approve nominations for the Private Industry Council vacancy
- C. Press Release from the Texas Workforce Commission on the PY '97-98 Incentive Award for Hidalgo/Willacy Service Delivery Area

14/C

Dick Dickinson, OET Executive Director, came before the Court to present a press release from the Texas Workforce Commission regarding the PY '97-'98 Incentive Award for the Hidalgo/Willacy Service Delivery Area. He explained that this SDA would be receiving the second highest award for this State. The amount of the award is \$336,671.00. Mr. Dickinson then continued by requesting that this money be used to give the OET employees either a 5% supplemental cost of living payment or a 5% performance award. A discussion ensued with regards to some concerns that Mr. Crain about whether this County could give out incentive award money to the employees or not. To solve this problem they would have to dictate whether OET employees were County employees or agency employees.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

14/A

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize a 5% performance award for all OET employees.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

14/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to nominate David "Gus" Kennedy to the Private Industry Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 15. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Alcohol Breath Test Program with Mary Ann Ramirez
2. Requesting approval of contract for Professional Services/Alcohol Breath Test Program with Mary Ann Ramirez
3. Requesting authority to rescind the Plumbing Service and Repair bid awarded to H2O Waste Mechanical Contractors (sole bidder) under the "Air Conditioning, Electrical and Plumbing Services" for Hidalgo County RFB on July 28, 1998 due to noncompliance of insurance requirements
4. Requesting authority to re-advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Plumbing Service and Repair - Hidalgo County"
5. Recommending acceptance and award of proposal response received for "Occupancy to Non-Profit" for building located in San Carlos, Texas
6. Requesting approval of lease agreement for "Occupancy to Non-Profit" in San Carlos, Texas with Boys and Girls Clubs of Edinburg

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/Engineering Services
2. Requesting approval of a contract for Professional Service/Engineering Services with Rodriguez Engineering
3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for lease for "Transfer Station for Solid Waste" in Precinct No. 1
4. Requesting approval of lease for "Transfer Station for Solid Waste"

5. Requesting an acceptance of claim for lease payments of \$200.00/month from August through December 1998 to Ray Jones
 6. Requesting approval of authorization for County Auditor to pay accepted claim to Ray Jones of \$1,000.00 (August-December 1998) for lease rental
 7. Discussion and possible action on report of final contract negotiations for Engineering Services with TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc. for Mile 2 West Project
 8. Discussion and possible action on approval of final proposed contract for Engineering Services with TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc. for Mile 2 West Project
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3
1. Recommending rejection of all bids received for "Split Compartments Fuel Tank System" due to bid amounts over the projected budget for said equipment
 2. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Paving Mile 14 Road"
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
1. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Data Processing Hardware & Software Support"
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY BOOT CAMP
1. Requesting various items to be removed from inventory
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
1. Recommending award of bid for "Library Books"
 2. Recommending approval of contract for "Library Books"
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
1. Requesting to declare surplus numerous miscellaneous items. 5 (five) Seized vehicles, 3 (three) county vehicles, and 1 (one) stolen vehicle to be removed from inventory
- H. HIDALGO COUNTY
1. Precinct No. 2
 2. Precinct No. 3
 3. Court at Law No. 4
 4. J.P. Pct. No. 5
 5. 206th District Court
 6. 370th District Court
 7. Master Court No. 1
 8. Boot Camp
 9. District Attorney
 10. Juvenile Probation
 11. Task Force

Requesting to declare surplus numerous vehicles and varied pieces of equipment.

15/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the exemption from competitive bidding requirements under professional services/alcohol Breath Test Program for Mary Ann Ramirez.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a contract with Mary Ann Ramirez for the Alcohol Breath Test Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to rescind the action taken by Commissioners' Court on July 28, 1998 to award the bid for "Plumbing Services" to H2O Waste Mechanical Contractors, the sole bidder due to noncompliance of insurance requirements.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the re-advertising for bids for "Plumbing Service and Repair" for Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the proposal response received for "Occupancy to Non-Profit" to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Edinburg for the building located in San Carlos, Texas.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Edinburg for "Occupancy to Non-Profit" in San Carlos, Texas.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/engineering services for Rodriguez Engineering for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract for professional services/engineering services with Rodriguez Engineering for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements for the lease for the "Transfer Station for Solid Waste" in Precinct One to Ray Jones.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a lease agreement for "Transfer Station for Solid Waste" with Ray Jones.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

15/B/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept a claim for lease payments in the amount of \$200.00 per month for the period from August through December 1998 to Ray Jones.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/B/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the County Auditor to pay the approved claim to Ray Jones of \$1,000.00 for lease rental.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/B/7

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that she was bringing her report on the final contract negotiations for "Engineering Services" with TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc. for the Mile 2 West Project in Precinct One. She stated that she had a proposed contract and they had agreed on an amount for Phase I; this was a three-phase project. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to accept the final report on contract negotiations with TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/B/8

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a final proposed contract for engineering services with TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc. for the Mile 2 West Project in Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/C/1

Commissioner Rosel indicated that he would be requesting no action on this item. Mrs. Salazar reported that they had gone out for bids for a "Split Compartment Fuel Tank System" and the bids had come in over the projected budget for this equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to reject all bids received for a "Split Compartment Fuel Tank System".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the advertising for bids for the "Paving of Mile 14 Road" in Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/D/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for "Data Processing Hardware & Software Support." for the County Auditor's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/E/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the declaration of various items from the Hidalgo County Boot Camp as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/F/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to award the bid for "Library Books" for the Hidalgo County Library System to Brodart Company as the bidder with the highest discount.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/F/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract with Brodart Company for the purchase of "Library Books" for the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/G/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to authorize the declaration of five seized vehicles, three county vehicles and one stolen vehicle from the Sheriff's Department as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

15/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of numerous vehicles and pieces of equipment from various County departments as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

ADD. 1. COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

- A. Approval of budget amendment to transfer \$400,000 from Road & Bridge unreserved to General Fund
- B. Approval of budget amendment – General Litigation
- C. Authorization to submit payment for settlement of Concepcion Soto Zuniga, et al vs Henry Escalon et al, Civil Action No. M-94-086

Add.1/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment to transfer \$400,000.00 from Road & Bridge unreserved to the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

Add.1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for General Litigation in the Judgments and Damages account.

MOTION CARRIED.

Add.1/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the submittal of a payment for the settlement of Concepcion Soto Zuniga, et al vs Henry Escalon et al.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADD. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT

A. Approval budget amendment

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Court that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

They're 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 21st 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 4th day of January 2000.