

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 22nd 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

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$25,000.00

(See Exhibit B)

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 Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT - BENTSEN ROAD PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$38,000.00 for the Bentsen Road Project.

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 Commissioner Garces that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

- A. County Judge - \$249.00 & \$10,000.00
- B. County Commissioners - \$266.00
- C. Commissioner Pct. #1 – Parks - \$913.21
- D. Commissioner Pct. #1 – Road & Bridge - \$28,749.50
- E. Commissioner Pct. #2 – Paved/Unpaved - \$3,500.00
- F. Commissioner Pct. #2 – County Wide - \$1,000.00
- G. Commissioner Pct. #3 – Park - \$9,000.00
- H. Commissioner Pct. #3 – Paved/Unpaved - \$63,666.40
- I. Commissioner Pct. #3 – Administration - \$4,100.00
- J. Commissioner Pct. #4 - \$21,705.10
- K. JP Pct. 1 Pl. 1 - \$1,423.21
- L. JP Pct. 1 Pl. 2 - \$100.00
- M. JP Pct. 4 Pl. 2 - \$2,716.45
- N. Constable Pct. #1 - \$79.53
- O. Constable Pct. #2 - \$360.00
- P. Constable Pct. #4 - \$300.00
- Q. Constable Pct. #4 - \$163.22
- R. County Court at Law #1 - \$2,450.00
- S. County Court at Law #4 - \$1,049.70
- T. 92nd District Court - \$1,700.00
- U. 13th Court of Appeals - \$400.00
- V. Youth Village - \$2,000.00
- W. Veterans Services Office - \$380.00
- X. Buildings & Grounds - \$3,072.16
- Y. County Extension Service - \$1,700.00
- Z. District Attorney - \$750.00
- AA. Sheriff's Office - \$2,500.00
- BB. Sheriff's Office – Jail - \$6,500.00
- CC. Planning Department - \$338.46
- DD. Adult Probation – Community Corrections - \$9,000.00
- EE. Adult Probation – General Fund - \$600.00
- FF. Treasurer Department - \$925.00
- GG. Health Department – TB Elimination - \$4,000.00
- HH. Health Department – Health Clinics - \$5,383.00

- II. Health Department – Sanitation - \$20,000.00
- JJ. Warrants Division - \$250.00
- KK. County Clerk – Records Management - \$1,000.00
- LL. County Clerk - \$3,728.00

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 3. TAX OFFICE

- A. Approval of Tax Refund for La Joya Real Estate & Dev. – Total - \$737.67

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT

- A. Pct. #4 – North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 19 N on the east side of Kenyon Rd.
 - North Alamo Water Supply – 1000’ west of Expwy. 281, on north side of Russel Rd.
 - North Alamo Water Supply – Richardson Heights L 17

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- A. Approval of D.A. Processing Fees Report for the month ending September 1998 – Total - \$10,482.88

(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK

- A. Approval of bonds for the following elected officials
 - Homero Garza, County Court at Law #3
 - Federico Garza, Jr., County Court at Law #4
 - Jaime Garza, County Court at Law #2
 - Rosa Treviño, JP Pct. 2 Pl. 2
 - Jose Eloy Pulido, County Judge
 - Norma G. Garcia – County Treasurer
 - Norma G. Garcia – County Treasurer (Drainage District)
 - Juan De Dios Salinas, County Clerk
 - Rene Torres, JP Pct. 4 Pl. 2
 - Hector Palacios, Commissioner Pct. 2

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 7. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Hidalgo (HIDTA) Task Force: Requesting approval of service agreement for “Janitorial Services” with Angel’s Main & Janitorial Service
- B. Hidalgo County 332nd District Court: Requesting approval of maintenance on IBM Selectric III SN. with Southwest Business Machines effective 12-01.98 to 11-30-99

- C. Hidalgo Health Department: Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for Tower for a one (1) year maintenance
- D. Hidalgo County Clerk's: Requesting approval of renewal of maintenance agreement on Lathem OMC11 Time Clock #B10982 from 1/1/99 to 1/1/00
(See Exhibit J)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Commissioner Handy noted that there was a correction on Item 2/K (to reduce the transfer from #57 by \$300.00 and correct to read object #12 instead of object #49) and a correction on item 2/N (to reduce the transfer from Object #79 by \$50.00). A motion was then made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge asked if anyone had signed up for the Open Forum. Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, indicated that there was an individual who wanted to speak but had not signed up. The Commissioners asked that she be allowed to voice her concerns. Ms. Hernandez stated that her husband works with the Sheriff's Office and she wanted to speak about problems that she and her husband have encountered with the insurance. Mr. Vazaldua indicated that this issue would be considered later on in the agenda and there were about seven hundred other employees who were also having problems getting their claims paid to the provider. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Authorization to place frame home – Najera/Garcia Family – Pct. #4

Genaro Castillo, Planning Inspector, came before the Court to present a request for variance for the placing of a third frame home on a ten acre tract. He stated that it would be a temporary variance until the owner subdivides the land and at that time he will acquire all the proper permits from the County. Mr. Castillo did note that this location was in the ETJ of the City of McAllen. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by

Commissioner Rosel to grant the variance. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, pointed out that this variance did not indicate a time line on the temporary variance. After some discussion, regarding the need to allow the City of McAllen to enforce their regulations regarding this request, Mr. Castillo stated that the City of McAllen would allow the owner to place the house on the property, but would not allow anyone to live on the premises until it was properly subdivided as per their rules and regulations. He also noted that the County Planning Department had issued a permit, but had revoked it due to the five-acre rule. After further discussion Commissioner Garces withdrew his motion.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 3. COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

A. Approval of budget amendment

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$250,000.00 out of the Road and Bridge County Wide fund.

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

ITEM 4. ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

A. Authorization to refund the Hidalgo County Democratic Party for the election workers pay for the March Primary/April Run-off Elections 1998

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize a refund for the Hidalgo County Democratic Party in the amount of \$4,149.63 for election workers for the 1998 March Primary and April Run-off Elections.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 5. JP PCT. 3 PL. 1

A. Approval of budget amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Three Place One for Telephone expenses.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 6. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A. Discussion and action on resolution for exemption Police License Plates

James Flores, from the Sheriff's Department, came before the Court to present a resolution to exempt Police License Plates from the State license plat tax. He added that they had gone back and included vehicles used by the Constables' Offices, the District Attorney's Office, the County Fire Marshal and Juvenile Probation vehicles that were used to transport children on official duty. He did state that this was mostly for unmarked vehicles used for undercover purposes. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 7. URBAN COUNTY

A. Approval of Sub recipient Agreement with the Salvation Army for Homeless Prevention Activities Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Year 11 (1998)

A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a sub-recipient agreement with the Salvation Army for Homeless Prevention Activities Emergency Shelter Grant under Program Year 11 in the amount of \$82,950.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 8. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- A. Approval of 1999 District Attorney's Office Bad Checks Budget and Salary Schedule
- B. Approval of 1999 District Attorney's Office HB 65 Investigation Fund Budget and Salary Schedule
- C. Approval of 1999 District Attorney's Office DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Budgets

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 1999 District Attorney's Office Bad Checks Budget in the amount of \$129,297.16 and the salary schedule totaling \$89,806.88, as per the exhibit.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 1999 District Attorney's Office HB 65 Investigation Fund Budget in the amount of \$236,942.14 and the salary schedule totaling \$133,663.52, as per the exhibit.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

8/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 1999 District Attorney's Office DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Budget in the amount of \$6,800.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 9. HEAD START

- A. Approval of contract with JDS Construction Company, Inc. to Construct the Mission Head Start Center
- B. Contract to lease three (3) classrooms at 100 Hacienda Drive, Mercedes
- C. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional services for a wage comparability study and review of organizational chart for the Head Start
- D. Requesting approval of contract between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and Douglas L. Barley for a wage comparability study and review of organizational chart

9/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a contract with JDS Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$577,900.00 for the construction of the Mission II Head Start Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a lease contract for three classrooms for the Head Start Program at 100 Hacienda Drive in Mercedes, Texas.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

9/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services for a wage comparability study and review of the organizational chart for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

9/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and Douglas L. Barley for a wage comparability study and review of the organizational chart.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 10. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Authorization to approve of the Immunization Grant
- B. Authorization to appropriate the Immunization Grant
- C. Authorization to set salaries on the Immunization Grant

10/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the Immunization Grant budget in the amount of \$162,211.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the appropriation of the Immunization Grant budget in the amount of \$162,211.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

10/C

Dr. J. Michael Keenan, Health Director, informed the Court that the salaries reflected a five percent increase. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to set the salaries under the Immunization Grant budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 11. COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Approval of Contract between County of Hidalgo and Texas Department of Health
- B. Appropriation of budget – Texas Department of Health/Regional Advisory Council
- C. Approval of Contract between County of Hidalgo and Texas Department of Health
- D. Appropriation of budget – Texas Department of Health/County EMS System – MedCare, Inc.
- E. Approval of budget amendment – (Lizcano vs Hidalgo County)

11/A

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, came before the Court to request that the contracts with the Texas Department of Health for the regional advisory council. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Arcaute to approve a contract between the County of Hidalgo and the Texas Department of Health.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the appropriation of the budget in the amount of \$16,220.00 for the Texas Department of Health/Regional Advisory Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract between the County of Hidalgo and the Texas Department of Health for the County EMS services.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

11/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of a budget in the amount of \$9,356.00 for the Texas Department of Health/County EMS System/MedCare, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

11/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$37,836.00 to bring closure to the Lizcano vs. Hidalgo County case.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 12. COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

- A. Approval of budget amendment – Law Enforcement and Judicial Center
- B. Approval of schematic design for the Elsa Health Clinic and Law Enforcement and Judicial Center
- C. Approval of Design Development Phase for Elsa Clinic and Law Enforcement and Judicial Center
- D. Authorization to pay invoices submitted by Charlie Thomas Design for Schematic Design and Design Development Phase
- E. Request approval to change the vacant position title of General foreman to Executive Assistant
- F. Authorize approval of a 5% salary increase to employees of the Solid Waste Enforcement Grant for the 1999 program year
- G. Authorize County to make payments to Rodriguez Engineering for services rendered as per contract on Siesta Village and Mile 6/12

12/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$235,880.00 for the Elsa Law Enforcement and Judicial Center.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the schematic design for the Elsa Health Clinic and Law Enforcement and Judicial Center.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the design development phase for the Elsa Clinic and Law Enforcement and Judicial Center.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/D

Commissioner Handy made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County Auditor to pay the invoices submitted by Charlie Thomas Design, Architect, for the schematic design and the design development phase of the Elsa Clinic and Law Enforcement and Judicial Center.

MOTIOIN CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to change the title of the Precinct One General Foreman position, which is currently vacant, to that of Executive Assistant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize a 5% salary increase for the employees under the Solid Waste Enforcement grant for the 1999 program year.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

12/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County to make payments to Rodriguez Engineering for services rendered as per contract for Siesta Village and Mile 6/12.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 13. COUNTY AUDITOR

A. Approval for the 1999 salary increases to be effective Monday January 4, 1999

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, was requesting that the 1999 salary increases be effective January 4, 1999 so that the pay roll will not be split. A discussion ensued in which Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, noted that the salary increases were effective as of January 1, 1999 and the County Auditor was making his request for payroll purposes. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize that the 1999 salary increases be effective January 4, 1999.

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

ITEM 14. COMMISSIONER PCT. #2

A. Approval of Amendment to advance funding agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for Dicker Road from FM 2061 to SP 115

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that they were requesting consideration of an amendment to advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Dicker Road Project from FM 2061 to SP 115. The amendment had to do with the procurement for the engineering services for this project. Commissioner Arcaute pointed out that this project was being funded from the Precinct Two budget. A discussion ensued with some concerns from the County legal counsel with regards to whether this service was procured properly as per the agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Arcaute and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel voted against the motion.)

(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 15. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for a Lease of 44 acre tract of land as a landfill
2. Requesting approval of lease for landfill with Jose Ramirez (present Lessor)
3. Requesting authority to advertise for RFP for Health Maintenance Organizations for Indigent Health Care Services
4. Requesting authority to exercise option to renew lease (as provided under original agreement) with Mission Hospital, Inc. for Rural Health Clinic in Sullivan City
5. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional Services/TPA Services for run-off claims from the prior self-insured health program
6. Requesting approval of a short-term ninety (90) day professional services contract for TPA Services for run-off claims

B. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Requesting authority to purchase "Computer Hardware" utilizing a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV), under the State of Texas General Services Commission's Cooperative Catalogue Purchase Program
2. Requesting authority to purchase six (6) Savin 9920DP/4MG Electric Sort copiers utilizing the State of Texas, General Services Commission's Cooperative Purchasing Program, State Contract Awards No. 712-A1 through local vendor, Felco. Total purchase price \$18,669.00 which includes delivery, installation and 90 day warranty

C. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1. Recommending award of bid for "A New Tuberculosis Clinic"
2. Requesting authority to advertise and submission of draft specifications as attached hereto for "Housing of Inmates" Request For Proposals (RFP)

D. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM

1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of a building for the Hidalgo County WIC Program the City of Mercedes
2. Requesting authority to "Make and an Offer" and negotiate an "Ernest Money Contract" to be approved by Commissioners' Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the exemption from the competitive bidding requirements for the lease of a forty-four acre tract of land for use as a landfill to Jose Ramirez.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a lease agreement for a landfill with Jose Ramirez.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for Requests For Proposals (RFPs) for Health Maintenance Organizations for Indigent Health Care Services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to exercise the option to renew the lease with Mission Hospital, Inc. for the rural health clinic in Sullivan City.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/A/5

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that this request was being brought before the Court because there appeared to be numerous claims that were still unpaid under the previous self-insured County insurance plan. She then proceeded to give some examples of problems that County employees were having in getting claims paid and also procedures that were used by the TPA in trying to get these claims settled. Mrs. Salazar was requesting an additional ninety-day contract in order to try to get these claims settled or to try to acquire an explanation of why the claims are not being paid. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services/ TPA Services for run-off claims from the prior self-insured health program.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

15/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a short-term ninety day professional services contract for TPA services for run-off claims with Certus HealthCare at \$9.00 per claim and if a discounted bill is affected then they would collect 27% of the savings to the County, if no savings to the County then they do not recover the 27% savings.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

15/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the County Health Department to purchase "Computer Hardware" utilizing a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV), under the State of Texas General Services Commission's Cooperative Catalogue Purchase Program from Sabre Data at a price of \$28,200.03.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

15/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the County Health Department to purchase six (6) Savin 9920DP/4MG Electric Sort copiers utilizing the State of Texas, General Services Commission's Cooperative Purchasing Program, State Contract Awards No. 712-A1 through local vendor, Felco. (Total purchase price \$18,669.00 which includes delivery, installation and 90 day warranty)

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

15/C/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that she had received three bids for "A New Tuberculosis Clinic" at the Sheriff's Department. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder being Cornerstone Construction Company at a bid of \$40,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to award the bid as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit X)

15/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract with Cornerstone Construction Company for the construction of "A New Tuberculosis Clinic" at the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for "Housing of Inmates" for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/D/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding procedures for the purchase of a building for the Hidalgo County WIC Program in the City of Mercedes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

15/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the WIC Program to make an offer and negotiate an earnest money contract to be approved by the Commissioners' Court for the purchase of a building for the Hidalgo County WIC Program in the City of Mercedes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

ITEM 16. COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

- A. Presentation of Design Development Phase
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Approval of invoices for Design Development Phase
- D. Authorization to pay invoices

16/A

Commissioner Garces stated that they had a presentation on the design development phase of the proposed Adult Detention Facility. He then asked that Mr. Joe Santopetro, the architect, and Rick Hinojosa, the structural engineer for this project, to approach the Court. They in turn proceeded to give a presentation on the proposed design for the new jail. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

16/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$312,000.00 for the design development phase of the proposed County jail.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

16/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve the invoices for the design development phase by the DiStefano/Santopetro Architects.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

16/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the payment of invoices for the design development phase of the proposed County jail.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

ADD. 1. APPROVAL OF LINE ITEM TRANSFER

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garces to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$4,733.40 for the Criminal Auxiliary Court for the purchase of equipment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

ADD. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCESS PAYMENT OF COMPENSATORY TIME TO EMPLOYEE

Paul Vazaldua, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that he would be resigning from the County effective December 31, 1998. He also mentioned that he had earned comp time, from working long hours on the bond issue project. Mr. Vazaldua stated that he had discussed this with the Personnel Director and Mr. Fred Biehl, County legal counsel, who stated that an employee who was non-exempt from FLSA would not be eligible for payment for compensatory time. Mr. Vazaldua added that Mr. Biehl had also indicated that payment of compensatory time was a Commissioner Court issue and could be paid if approved by Court. Commissioner Rosel asked him how much time he had accumulated and the response was that he had accumulated approximately 102.25. A motion was made by Commissioner Garces and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

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 are hereby adjourned.

**RENATO CUELLAR _____
COUNTY JUDGE**

**SYLVIA HANDY _____
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Dated this the 22nd day of December 1998.

**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.