

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 26th day of January, 1999 after notice duly having been given, a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 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 JOSE ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

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

**HONORABLE HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

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

**HONORABLE OSCAR L. GARZA, JR.
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

and where the following proceeding were had to wit :

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

The County Judge announced that we do have a quorum of all members being present.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Pulido then asked Commissioner Palacios to lead the Court on the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

The County Judge then asked Mr. Scott Stripling to say a prayer.

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM :

Judge Pulido asked if anyone had signed up for Open Forum. Mr. Scott Stripling indicated that he would like to speak about the overcrowding at the present County Jail and also the construction of the new jail.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS : (1998)

A. County Clerk - Records Management - \$230.97

- B. Extension Service - \$70.00
- C. Pct. #3 - Adm. - \$309.31
- D. Pct. #3 - Landfill - \$1,811.16
- E. Youth Village - \$1,000.00
- F. Pct. #1 - Paved/Unpaved - \$21,206.00
- G. Purchasing Department - \$3,350.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: (1999)

- A. U.S. Department of Justice - No Action
- B. Constable Pct. #3 - No Action
- C. 92ND. District Court - \$2,900.00
- D. Library System - \$160.00
- E. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 1 - No Action
- F. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$420.00
- G. Pct. #2 - Adm. - \$1,550.00
- H. Planning Department - \$407.87
- I. J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 1 - \$900.00
- J. Visiting Court System (Jail Court) - \$82,109.52

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. COUNTY TREASURER:

- A. Quarterly Investment Report for Period ended 12/31/98.

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. RIGHT OF WAY:

- A. Pct. #1:
 1. North Alamo Water Supply - West of Victoria Rd. on south side of Stites Rd.
 2. North Alamo Water Supply - West of Mile 5 West on north side of Mile 14 North
- B. Pct. #2:
 1. North Alamo Water Supply
- C. Pct. #3:
 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
- D. Pct. #4:
 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Mile 17 1/2 & Eucalipto St. - east of McColl
 2. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Pinkston Rd.- between Doolittle & Gwin Rd.
 3. North Alamo Water Supply
 4. Eagle Plumbing & Construction

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK:

- A. Fee and Court Cost 1998 Annual Report

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 7. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. HOME - "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement " and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (1 Family)
B. Extension on "Letter of Commitment" to Mortgage Company on HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" (1 Family)
C. HOME/Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application (1 Family)

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 8. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. WIC PROGRAM:

1. Requesting approval of Equipment purchase agreement for "Security Alarm" with Superior Alarms
2. Requesting approval of "Commercial Alarm Monitoring Agreement" with Superior Alarms
3. Requesting approval of "Waste Management Service agreement with Waste Management

(See Exhibit H)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that the County Auditor was recommending that no action be taken on the following items: Item 3/A -because the account is incorrect; Item 3/B - travel accounts had been cut by Commissioners' Court; and Item 3/E. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve Consent Agenda with the exception of items 3/A, 3/B and 3/E.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 5. 92ND DISTRICT COURT:

- A. Approval of Budget Amendment

Commissioner Rosel indicated that if this department really needed this equipment then he felt that someone should have been present to justify this request. The Court then recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

ITEM 6. 370TH. DISTRICT COURT:

- A. Approval to increase slot #3 by \$2,400.00 and set salary

Dairen Cedillo, the County Judge's Chief of Staff, informed the Court that State District Judge Noe Gonzalez is designated as the local presiding board. He is therefore asking for the \$2,400.00 supplement which is given every year. She explained that this amount was omitted during the budget process. The request is to increase Slot #3 by \$2,400.00, subject to a budget amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

ITEM 7. LIBRARY SYSTEM:

- A. Interlocal agreement with City of Mercedes

William McGee, Library System Director, came before the Court requesting approval of an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Library System and the City of Mercedes. This agreement is to assist the City with their internet connectivity. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the interlocal agreement, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

ITEM 8. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Public Hearing concerning submission of a Section 108 Loan application for the City of Alamo - Street and Drainage Improvements - to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- B. Approval of a Resolution to submit a Section 108 application for the City of Alamo - Street and Drainage Improvements - to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- C. Approval of a program amendment - City of Edcouch - Urban County Year 11 (1998).
- D. Approval of a Professional service contract with Quintanilla, Headley and Associates - Edcouch - Street Improvements - Urban County Year 9 (1996).
- E. Approval of a budget amendment - City of Edcouch - Urban County Year 9 (1996).

- F. Approval of a budget amendment - City of La Joya - Urban County Year 9 (1996).
- G. Approval of subrecipient agreement with Amigos Del Valle - Pct. #3 -Year 11 (1998).
- H. Public Hearing considering the passage of an order designating as a reinvestment zone property within the unincorporated areas of Hidalgo County in particular: machinery and equipment on said site of McAllen SW Ind. #5 Lot 5, Hidalgo County, Texas
- I. Approval of an order designating certain property within the incorporated areas of Hidalgo County as reinvestment zone, more particularly on said site McAllen SW Ind. #5, Lot 5, Hidalgo County, Texas: being machinery and equipment
- J. Approval of an agreement between County of Hidalgo and ATS Precision Components Texas Inc. granting tax abatement in accordance with the guidelines and criteria adopted March 31, 1998
- K. Public Hearing concerning budget amendments for Precincts 2 & 4 - Urban County Year 11 (1998).
- L. Approval of budget amendments for Precincts 2 & 4 - Urban County Year 11 (1998).

8/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, called the public hearing open. This hearing was for the submittal of a Section 108 loan by the City of Alamo and it will be used for street and drainage improvements in the amount of \$1.1 million to be repaid over a period of fifteen (15) years, with interest. . Judge Pulido then asked if there was any one from the public who would like to voice his/her concerns on this matter. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/B

A motion was by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the resolution to submit a Section 108 application for the City of Alamo.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/C

Mr. Covacevich reported that the next item was for approval of a program amendment for the City of Edcouch. They are changing the streets that they will be paving under Year 11, from E. Southern Street and San Juanita Street to Goss Street, Bowers St. and Mile 2 West. This is a Program Amendment because it doesn't affect the amount of funds. It's just shifting the funds over to these streets. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/D

Mr. Covacevich stated that this was for approval of a professional services contract between the City of Edcouch and Quintanilla, Headley and Associates for street improvements under Year 9. The amount of the contract is \$17,740.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/E

The City of Edcouch is requesting approval of a budget amendment under Year 9. The amendment entails the moving of surplus money that was left over from landfill closure in amount of \$647.48 and money left over from the land acquisition line item in the amount of \$38,173.03 and moving it to Parks and Recreation Facility. The City of Edcouch is increasing this amount from \$49,281.92 to \$88,102.43. The bottom line remains the same. A motion was made by commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/F

The City of La Joya is requesting approval of a budget amendment in Year 9. They are wanting to move money from Water and Sewer Improvements over to Neighborhood Facilities and Park Improvements. The Neighborhood Facilities is part of the library that they are also doing in the City. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/G

Mr. Covacevich stated that Precinct Three was requesting approval of a sub recipient with Amigos Del Valle in the amount of \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy and Garza to approve the sub recipient agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/H

Mr. Covacevich indicated that this was for a public hearing to consider the passage of an order designating as a reinvestment zone, property within the unincorporated areas of Hidalgo County. This was specifically for machinery and equipment on the site of McAllen SW Ind. #5 Lot 5, Hidalgo County, Texas. The County Judge then called the public hearing open and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Mr. Keith Patrick, Executive Vice President for the McAllen Economic Development Corporation approached the Court and stated that they were here representing Automation Tooling Systems and he was strongly recommending that this request be approved. The tax abatement was being requesting for a period of five years.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve an order designating certain property within the unincorporated area of Hidalgo County as a reinvestment zone, more particularly on said site McAllen SW IND. #5 Lot 5, Hidalgo County, Texas, being machinery and equipment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/J

Mr. Covacevich indicated that the next item was for approval of an agreement between the County of Hidalgo and ATS Precision Components, Texas, Inc. to grant tax abatement in accordance with the guidelines and criteria adopted

March 31, 1998. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/K

Mr. Covacevich stated that this next item was for a public hearing concerning budgets amendments for Precincts Two and Four. They would like to hire a person to coordinate the administration of the Urban County Program within their respective Precincts. This budget amendment will be for the remainder of the year. Judge Pulido called the public hearing open and asked if anyone had any questions and/or comments. There being none, the public hearing was declared closed.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

8/L

Mr. Covacevich stated that the amendments for Precincts Two and Four involved the moving of \$12,500 dollars from Pct. #2 over to General Administration and moving \$6,250 dollars from Pct. #4 Street Improvements to General Administration. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

ITEM 9. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- A. Acceptance of architectural plans from Alcocer Garcia Associates Design Consulting for the Tuberculosis Screening Building at the County Jail
- B. Approval for payment of services in the amount of \$4,000.00
- C. Authorization for Auditor to Process Payment - Funds for are in Account # 8-010-423-100.42 (Arch. Serv.)
- D. Approval to authorize the County Auditor to process payment of Clothing allowance to non-uniform officers in the Sheriff's Department, Jail and the South Texas Auto Theft Grant and make payment of same in conjunction with the regular payroll

9/A, B & C

Roy Quintanilha informed the Court that no action was being requesting on Items 9/A, 9/B and 9/C at this time.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT M)

9/D

Officer Quintanilha was requesting that the County Auditor make payments of the clothing allowance in two phases; at the beginning of the year and the middle of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the County Auditor to process payment as presented. The County Judge asked who this clothing allowance was for and Officer Quintanilha indicated that this was for non-uniform staff. This resulted in a discussion with regards to why the County should provide a clothing allowance to these employees. The County Judge voiced his opposition to this request; he did not think that it was fair to allow a \$500.00 clothing allowance to the Sheriff's non-uniform employees and not give one to other employees of the County. Commissioner Garza pointed out that this allowance has been given to these employees for a number of years without question. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the County Auditor to process payment of clothing allowance to non-uniform officers in the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED. (County Judge voted against the motion)
(SEE EXHIBIT M)

ITEM 10. HEAD START PROGRAM:

- A. Requesting authority to advertise for request for qualifications (RFQ) for consulting services to write Head Start Grants
- B. Approval of award of RFQ for "Legal Services" for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program
- C. Approval of contract for "Legal Services" for the Hidalgo County Head Start Program
- D. Requesting approval of contract between County of Hidalgo, Pct. #4 and Hidalgo County Head Start Program to build a Head Start Center adjacent to the proposed San Carlos Community Center

10/A

Santiago Alanis, Head Start Program Director, came before the Court requesting authority to advertise for request for qualifications for consulting services to write Head Start grants. A discussion ensued with a question from the

County Judge on whether there was someone on staff who was already performing this duty. Mr. Alanis stated that they are hoping in acquiring someone with some expertise in grant writing in order to solicit funds to serve children from ages zero through five versus three to five years of age. The discussion continued with regards to the grant writing duties of the deputy director. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for request for qualifications for

Consulting Services to write Head Start Grants. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION FAILED.
(SEE EXHIBIT N)

10/B

Mr. Alanis was then requesting the awarding of an RFQ for "legal services for the Head Start Program. He stated that two firms responded to the RFQ: the Law Office of James Darling and Montalvo & Ramirez. He was at this time recommending that the bid be awarded to James Darling who was the lowest bid, in terms of cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to award the RFQ, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT N)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract for "legal services, between the Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the Law Office of James Darling.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT N)

10/D

Mr. Alanis indicated that he was requesting approval of a contract between the County of Hidalgo, Precinct Four and the Hidalgo County Head Start Program to build a Head Start Center adjacent to the proposed San Carlos Community Center. He added that they are currently leasing a facility and the lease has not been renewed at the option of the landlord. If this contract is approved then they will seek the funds to pay for the construction of the new facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the contract between the County of Hidalgo, Precinct Four and the Hidalgo County Head Start Program. Commissioner Garza then amended the motion subject to contract prepared by mutual parties.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT N)

ITEM 11. OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING:

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve one (1) nomination for the Private Industry Council Vacancy
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve the release of a request for proposal to provide services for Title IIB Summer Youth Employment and Training Program for calendar Year '99.

11/A

Dick Dickinson, OET Executive Director, informed the Court that action needed to be taken on the nomination of one member to the Private Industry Council. A question arose as to how this procedure was normally done, and Mr. Dickinson indicated that they were normally done in order to have a demographic board and it was up to the Commissioners' Court whom they wanted to nominate. After further discussion Commissioner Palacios recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT O)

11/B

Mr. Dickinson continued by saying that the next request was for the release of a Request for Proposals to provide services for Title IIB Summer Youth Employment and Training Program for Calendar year '99. He indicated that their projected allocation for this year is \$7.7 million. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT O)

ITEM 12. PCT. #1:

- A. Approval of 1998 budget amendment to transfer out from General Fund to Pct. #1 Road & Bridge and appropriate same to pay pending bills
- B. Request authorization to pay vendor for 1998 bills for service performed during the months of October, November and December

12/A

Commissioner Handy stated that the County Auditor has corrected the amount to be transferred out is \$47,079.00 as opposed to the original amount of \$34,010.00. She then asked Mr. Gilbert Garza, from the Auditor's Office to explain why these funds are coming out of the General Fund. After some discussion, a

motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the 1998 budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT P)

12/B

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant for Precinct One, came before the Court and stated that they are requesting authority to pay a vendor, Pot Holes Express, for 1998 bills for services performed during the months of October, November and December. He added that the funds have been appropriated for this purchase order. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza for authorization to pay the vendor, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT P)

ITEM 13. PCT. #3:

- A. Discussion and possible action to determine whether or not to pay additional engineering fees to Earth Tech for Peñitas Landfill Cell J lining Project (excess fees total \$10,775.00)

Commissioner Rosel asked Martha Salazar if she had received any further information on this item and Mrs. Salazar replied that the only thing she had received was with regards to the name change. Commissioner Rosel then recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION. (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

ITEM 14. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. HIDALGO COUNTY:

1. Recommending award of RFB for: "Pothole Repairs - Hidalgo County" to sole bidder
2. Requesting approval of proposed "Pothole repairs" contract

B. PCT. #3:

1. Requesting approval of construction and maintenance agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and Hidalgo County Pct. #3

C. Health Department

1. Requesting approval of Interlocal Agreements between Hidalgo County Health Department and:
 - a. South Texas Community College
 - b. University of Texas - Pan American
2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for a Personal Service/Human Service Technician Contract
3. Recommending approval of contract with Adela Alvarez
4. Requesting approval of contract for laboratory services with South Texas Hospital

D. WIC:

1. Requesting approval of modified lease with BIC Investments

14/A/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that they had received one bid for "Pothole Repairs" for Hidalgo County. The bid was from Potholes Express at \$150.00 per ton. A discussion then ensued on how this company was billing the County, with regards to the tonnage and the hours worked. Judge Pulido then announced that Commissioner Garza had indicated that he did not want to participate in this endeavor. Mrs. Salazar pointed out that this was on an "as needed" basis and no minimum was required. Commissioner Rosel felt that this was a service that was needed. Commissioner Garza then recommended that no action be taken on this item until the billing specifics were worked out.

NO ACTION.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/A/2

Mrs. Salazar announced that no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

******* The County Judge then moved to Item 15/F**

ITEM 15. COUNTY JUDGE:

- F. APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25-29, 1999 AS "COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY WEEK"

Irma Gomez, from AVANCE RGV, Inc., came before the Court requesting approval of a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 25th through 29th, as

“Comprehensive Strategy Week”. She stated that it was a five year comprehensive strategy plan in City of McAllen. Commissioner Handy then proceeded to read the proclamation. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT S)

******The Court continued with the regular order of the agenda**

14/B

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that Precinct Three was requesting approval of a construction and maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/C/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that the Health Department was requesting approval of interlocal agreements with the South Texas Community College and the University of Texas Pan American. This was a program that would allow students to have access to on the job training under health related fields with the Health Department. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Health Department and South Texas Community College.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

A motion was then made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Health Department and University of Texas - Pan Am.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/C/2

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was a requesting from the Health Department for an exemption from competitive bidding requirements for a Personal Service/Human Service Technician contract. It was a contract with Adela Alvarez.

The contract is for an amount no to exceed \$5,400.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the contract between the Hidalgo County Health Department and Adela Alvarez.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/C/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a contract for laboratory services between the South Texas Hospital and the Hidalgo County Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

14/D

Mrs. Salazar reported that the Hidalgo County WIC Program was requesting approval of a modified lease agreement with BIC Investments. This is for an extension of three years and also provides for the construction of a three-vehicle parking garage for department vehicles. There is no increase in rate and the lease will be effective from November 1, 2001 through November 30, 2004. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a modified lease with BIC investments, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

ITEM 15. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Discussion on temporary holding facility for inmates (Jail)
- B. Discussion and possible action on car allowance
- C. Discussion of statement of annual dues for -1999 - Conference of Urban Counties
- D.
- E. Auxiliary Court:
 - 1. To accept and approve the U.S. Department of Justice Grant (Aux. Court) in the amount of \$226,238.00 for the period of 10/01/98 to 09/30/2000
 - 2. Request the approval to appropriate the U.S. Department of Justice Grant Budget in the amount of \$226,238.00.
 - 3. Request approval and transfer the required cash match in the amount of \$161,261.53
 - 4. Set salaries

- E. Jail Court:
 - 1. Approval of budget amendment

15/A

Judge Pulido informed the Court that he had placed this item on the agenda. He stated that he did not feel that it was feasible for this County to pay other counties to hold our prisoners. He felt that this County should look into possibly acquiring a temporary facility within Hidalgo County at a cost of less than \$1 million per year. The County Judge announced that he would be going to Harris County to see their temporary facility to get an idea of what type of building was required.

NO ACTION.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/B

Dairen Cedillo reported that this Commissioners' Court has allocated an amount of \$265,800.00 allocated for car allowance. At this time, he was recommending that all employees that have an auto allowance keep a mileage chart for a period of three months. At that time, they will look into acquiring an average and establishing an auto allowance as per their findings. After some discussion, Commissioner Rosel indicated that they, as well as, all elected officials should be included in this endeavor. Judge Pulido stated that he was recommending that all employees, as well as, elected officials keep a mileage chart for the next three months to assist in this endeavor. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to keep mileage logs on those people that receive auto allowances for the next three months.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/C

Judge Pulido reported that his office had received a bill in the amount of \$4,187.00 for membership for Urban County that he felt was excessive. Commissioner Garza pointed out that this was based on population. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize payment for the annual dues for 1999 for the Conference of Urban Counties in the amount of \$4,187.00. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, then indicated that there has always been questions on the legality of this cost being paid by the County. After some clarification by legal counsel, Judge Pulido recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/D/1

Mrs. Cedillo stated that the County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$226,238.00 to fund the Auxiliary Court for the period of October 1, 1998 through September 30, 2000. She was recommending that the Court accept this grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to accept the grant, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to appropriate the U.S. Department of Justice grant budget in the amount of \$226,238.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/D/3

Mrs. Cedillo indicated that this grant did require a cash match in the amount of \$161,261.53 and she was recommending approval of the same. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garza and Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/D/4

Mrs. Cedillo stated that an amount of \$250,757.85 would be appropriated for the salaries of the employees for the Auxiliary Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT S)

15/E

No action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit S)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

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

(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 2. PERMITS:

- A. City of Edinburg
- B. City of Weslaco
- C. Frontera Generation Limited Partnership

(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 3. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for "Copy Machine" with Felo Office Systems

(See Exhibit V)

Chairman Pulido introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. There being none, a motion was made Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

JOSE ELOY PULIDO _____
COUNTY JUDGE

SYLVIA HANDY _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

JUAN ROSEL _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

OSCAR L . GARZA _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

BY : _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy

**Minutes approved by Commissioners' Court and Drainage District #1 on
28th day of September, 1999.**