

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on 2nd day of
February,
1999, after notice duly having been given, a Special Meeting
of the
Commissioners' Court and Drainage District #1 was begun
and
holden in 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 proceedings 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 all the members were present.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

Judge Pulido then announced that a prayer would be given by Pastor Jim Vinita.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Judge then asked Steve Crain to lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - No Action
- B. J.P. Pct. #5, Pl. 1 - No Action
- C. Computer Department - No Action

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS: (1999)

- A. Constable Pct. #2 - \$200.00
- B. County Court #2 - \$500.00
- C. D.P.S. License & Weight - No Action
- D. Library System - \$80,043.00
- E. Computer Department - \$200.00
- F. Pct. #3 - Adm. - \$300.00
- G. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$395.00
- H. County Treasurer - \$353.00
- I. Veterans Service - No Action

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. County Clerk:

- A. Approval of Official Bond:
 - 1. Enrique Escalon - Sheriff

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. Right-of-Way - Permits:

- A. Pct. #1:
 - 1. North Alamo Water Supply
 - 2. Dewbre Petroleum Corporation
- B. Pct. #2:
 - 1. City of San Juan
- C. Pct. #3:
 - 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Stewart Rd. between 5 & 6 Mile Line
 - 2. Southwestern Bell Telephone - 14 Mile Line and FM 2058
- D. Pct. #4:

1. Southwestern Bell Telephone - Owassa on Sugar Road
2. Genesis Construction

(Exhibit E)

The County Judge then introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Judge Pulido indicated that he had some concerns with regards to Item #3/C, the transfer of funds for the purchase of mobile phones for the troopers. He also had a question on Item 3/I, the transfer for the Veterans' Service Office for office equipment. He was recommending no action on these two items. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, also indicated that no more transfers could be done for 1998 and therefore was requesting no action on Items 2/A, 2/B and 2/C. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items #2/A, 2/B, 2/C and Items #3/C and 3/ I .

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #4 Open Forum:

The County Judge announced that no one had signed up for Open Forum.

ITEM 5. 370TH District Court:

A. Budget Amendment :

Dairen Cedillo, Chief Administrator to the County Judge, informed the Court that this was a budget amendment for the \$2,400.00 salary supplement for the Local Presiding Judge Court Administrator. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the budget amendment, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

ITEM 6. Urban County:

- A. Approval of a Construction Contract with Mission Paving Co., Inc.
- Hidalgo County Pct. #4 - Street Improvements - Urban County
Year 8, 9 & 10 (FY 1995, 1996 & 1997)

Anthony Covacevich, Director of Urban County, came before the Court request approval of a construction contract with Mission Paving Co.. They were the low bidders at a price of \$55,380.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approval the construction contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

ITEM 7. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of budget amendment
- B. Set salary for Surplus Manager position effective 01-01-99 :

7/A

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, came before Court to request approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$1333.84 to correct the omission of the 5% increase to the position of the Surplus Manager. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

7/B

Mrs. Salazar stated that she wanted to set the salary for the Surplus, with the 5% increase at \$20,396.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

ADDENDUM

ADD 2. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Requesting authority to rescind bid award and contract due to a mathematical error noted on bid tabulation sheet presented at Commissioners' Court on January 11, 1999 for "Computer Equipment" for the Hidalgo County Library System with CDW Government:
- B. Recommending bid award and approval of contract for "Computer Equipment" to low bidder, CPU Data :

Add.2/A

Martha Salazar, Purchasing Director, came before the Court and announced that she was requesting that the Court rescind the bid award and contract awarded to CDW Government for computer equipment for the Hidalgo County Library System. It appears there was a mathematical error in the bid tabulation. She did note that all parties have been notified of this recommendation. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

Add.2/B

Mrs. Salazar stated that the low bid for the computer equipment for the Hidalgo County Library System was CPU Data and she was recommending approval of the bid award and contract. The amount of their bid was \$18,591.70. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 8. PCT. #3:

- A. Authorization to transfer \$ 62,000.00 from fund balance into 1999 Paved/Unpaved Roads budget

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court to announce that he was wanting to take some monies that were left over from 98 and apply them into Line Item 99 in order to comply with the agreement that Commissioner Court approved previously with the City of Mission and United Irrigation District. The amount to be transferred is \$62,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorization the transfer, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT J)

ITEM 9. County Judge:

A. Criminal Auxiliary Court:

1. Approval to increase slot # 4 by \$4,772.25 and set salary at \$19,656.00
2. Approval of budget amendment

B. D.P.S.:

1. Discussion and approval to set salaries for two (2) D.P.S. receptionists (\$15,852.00 each)
2. Approval of budget amendment for two (2) D.P.S. Receptionists

9/A/1

Dairen Cedillo, Chief Administrator, informed the Court that the request was to increase Slot #4 by \$4,772.25 and to set the salary at \$19,656.00. This was to increase the hours worked for this position from thirty hours to forty hours and correct the salary amount to reflect this change. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

9/A/2

Mrs. Cedillo indicated that a budget amendment of \$5,606.92 was needed for the correction that was just approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

9/B/1

Mrs. Cedillo informed the Court that the next request was for approval to set salaries for two D.P.S. receptionists at \$15,852.00 each. She indicated that these positions were approved in November of last year and had been omitted from the 1999 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salaries as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

9/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$40,129.03.

MOTION CARRIED.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

ADDENDUM

ADD. 1. Jail Project:

A. Suspension of services on Adult Detention Facility by DiStefano/Santopetro Architects, Inc.

Judge Pulido, announced that he had a meeting with Mr. Santopetro and had received a bill from the architect for an additional \$183,000.00 for a construction document in relation to the jail project. He noted that close to a million dollars has already been spent on this project and they have not been able to identify a funding source. He was recommending at this time to suspend the services of DiStefano/Santopetro Architects, Inc. for a

period of thirty (30) days. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, indicated that the County Judges will be sending notice to the architect of any action that is taken by this Court. After the thirty days the Court would have the option of either continuing or rescind the action and moving forward with the project or paying for everything that has been done in accordance with the contract. A discussion ensued with comments from Commissioner Garza and Palacios during which a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios to suspend the services of DiStefano/Santopetro Architects for a period of thirty days. Commissioner Garza recommended that he modify his motion to stated that the suspension would be for thirty days or until a site was selected. Mr. Crain then advised the Court that it would not be feasible to set a time limitation until they discuss this with the architect. A motion was then made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to suspend the services on the Adult Detention Facility by DiStefano/Santopetro Architects. Commissioner Rosel then voiced his concerns and his opposition to the action that was being taken. This was followed by a lengthy discussion with regards to work already done by the architect and previous action on the jail project.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel voted against the motion.)
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

The Honorable Jose Eloy Pulido, Chairman, 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 M)

ITEM 2. PERMIT- INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - DONNA ISD MIDDLE

SCHOOL

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$10,000.00

(See Exhibit O)

The Chairman introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel 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 Garza 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, JR. _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

**BY : _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy**

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