

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 2nd day of March, 1999 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 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

Judge Pulido indicated that all the members of the Commissioners' Court were present.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Judge asked Jerry Farias to lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

Judge Pulido asked that Gary Rodriguez give the invocation.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM

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

NO ACTION.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- A. WIC - \$1,580.00
- B. Constable Pct. #5 - \$500.00
- C. Personnel Department - \$1,000.00
- D. County Treasurer - \$141.35
- E. Pct. #1 - Adm. - \$100.00
- F. Pct. #1 - Paved/Unpaved - \$20,000.00
- G. Tax Office - \$10,000.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM

- A. HOME - "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (2 Families)
- B. Extension of "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 C)

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY

- A. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - 1. Mile 10 N. and Mile 6 ½ W
 - 2. Rogers and F.M. 493
- B. Pct. #3 - Southwestern Bell Telephone
- C. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply
 - 1. Mile 17 ½ & N. 3rd
 - 2. 8th & Gill - Hargill
 - 3. Tower and Ramseyer
 - 4. Dillion & Mile 15 N.

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. TAX OFFICE

- A. Tax Refund - International Bank of Commerce - \$2,716.14

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. WIC - Requesting approval of commercial alarm monitoring agreement with Superior Alarms for a period of one year from 1-1-99 to 12-31-99

B. WIC - Requesting approval of service contract for "Janitorial Services" with Friendly Lawn Services from 2-5-99 to 2-4-00
(See Exhibit F)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, indicated that there was a correction on an account number on one of the line item transfers. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 5. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. #4, PL. 2 - RENE O. TORRES

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to accept the resignation from Rene O. Torres as Justice of the Peace for Precinct Four Place Two.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK

- A. Approval to create six (6) temporary part-time positions
- B. Approval of budget amendment to appropriate funds
- C. Set salaries

6/A

J.D. Salinas, III, County Clerk, came before the Court requesting the creation of six temporary part-time positions at a salary of \$6.25 per hour. He indicated that the funds for these positions would be coming out of the Records Management Fund. He needed these positions in order to try to catch up on the indexing of Official Records. After a brief discussion, Judge Pulido noted that when he took office as County Clerk, that office was recording about three hundred documents per day and at the end of his term this amount had more than doubled. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the six temporary part-time positions, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

6/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$26,239.69 from the Records Management Fund and the appropriation of same.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

6/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to set a salary of \$6.25 for the temporary part-time positions, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. Pct. #4

1. Discussion and possible action on approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edinburg for the "Disposal of Shredded and Composted Waste Material at the Encinitos Road (a Type 1 Municipal Solid Waste) Landfill for Pct. #4 as required by TNRCC
2. Requesting authority to advertise for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Material" from the Davis Road Landfill to the Encinitos Road Landfill for Pct. #4

12/D/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that this was a request from Precinct Four for an interlocal agreement with the City of Edinburg for the "Disposal of Shredded and Composted Waste Material at the Encinitos Road (a Type 1 Municipal Solid Waste) Landfill for Pct. #4 as required by TNRCC". Commissioner Garza then proceeded to give a brief explanation on the need for this request. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

12/D/2

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was related to the previous item. A brief discussion ensued after which a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and

seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Material" from the Davis Road Landfill to the Encinitos Road Landfill for Pct. #4.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 7. JUVENILE PROBATION

- A. Report and approval of revised Hidalgo County Secure Post Adjudication (Juvenile Boot Camp) Facility:
 - 1. Schedule of A & E Design/Construction
 - 2. Salary Cost Estimates
 - 3. Schematic Design Phase
 - 4. Compliance of T.J.P.C. Standards for Juvenile Post-Adjudication Secure Correctional Facilities - Texas Administrative Code Title 37 - Chapter 344
- B. Authorization to proceed with Design Development and Construction Document Phase

7/A

Ed Alvarado came before the Court requesting approval of the revised Hidalgo County Secure Post Adjudication Facility. He indicated that it included all bid items, a modification of the floor plans and other things. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

7/B

The next request was for authorization to proceed with the design development and construction document phase. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 8. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- A. Request action to accept grant award for COPS '98 Grant (to purchase wireless data equipment)

- B. Approval to re-appropriate funds from the 1998 budget (unexpended balances) in U.S. Department of Justice Acct. #9-010-423-110 into the 1999 budget - \$788.99
- C. Approval of a budget amendment - Jail acct. #9-010-423-100-61 in the amount of \$10,369.00
- D. Approval of a budget amendment - Sheriff acct. #9-010-421-100-12 in the amount of \$340.00

8/A

Deputy Richard Mackintosh came before the Court requesting approval of the COPS '98 Grant. He indicated that the grant amount was \$374,818.00 and it required a cash match of \$124,940.00 for a total amount of \$499,758.00. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garza and Palacios to accept the grant award for COPS '98 Grant to purchase wireless data equipment for the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-appropriation of unexpended funds from the budget in the U.S. Department of Justice Account #9-010-423-110 into the 1999 budget in the amount of \$788.99.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

8/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,369.00 for the Jail Account.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

8/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$340.00 for the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 9. URBAN COUNTY

- A. City of Alton - Approval of a Program & Budget Amendment for Year 10, 1997 & Year 11, 1998
- B. Construction Contract Award - FY 1997 & 1998, City of Alton Year 10 & Year 11 Wastewater Improvements
- C. Approval of a Construction Contract with Pavement Markings for the re-stripping of Main Street - City of Donna - Other Commercial/Improvements Year 10 (1997)
- D. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with Quintanilla, Headley and Associates, Inc. - City of Edcouch - Water & Sewer Improvements - Urban County Years 7, 9 & 10 (1994, 1996 & 1997)
- E. Approval of a Budget Amendment for Year 1998 (11) - City of La Villa
- F. Rejection of bids and authorization to Re-bid Project - UCP County Wide Parks, Recreational Facilities - Sullivan City Park
- G. Approval of TCDP Water & Sewer Construction Award Colonia Construction Funds project No. 717095
- H. Approval of the Program Design for the Colonia Contract for Deed Conversion Initiative
- I. Resolution - Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Office of Colonia Initiatives Contract for Deed Conversion Initiatives Application

9/A

The City of Alton was requesting approval of a program and budget amendment for Years 10 and 11 as per the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

9/B

The City of Alton was requesting the awarding of a construction contract for wastewater improvements. The contract is with G.R.A.B. Pipeline Services, Inc. in the amount of \$466,178.34. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

9/C

The City of Donna was requesting approval of a construction contract with Pavement Markings in the amount of \$7,153.30 for the re-stripping of Main

Street. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

9/D

The City of Edcouch is requesting approval of a professional services contract with Quintanilla, Headley and Associates for water and sewer improvements. The amount of the contract is \$168,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Palacios and Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

9/E

The City of La Villa is requesting approval of a budget amendment under Year 11. The amendment is for the reduction of the Parks/Recreational Facilities line item and the creation of a Youth Service line item. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

9/F

The next request was for the rejection of bids and authorization to re-bid the Sullivan City Park Project. The sole bid received was above the project budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

9/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the TCDP Water and Sewer Construction award Colonia Construction Fund Project No. 717095. (This is for Sing Subd. Phase II). The contract is with Sascon, Inc. at an amount of \$153,226.50.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

9/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the program design guidelines for the Colonia Contract for Deed Conversion Initiative.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

9/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garza and Handy to approve a resolution authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of Colonia Initiatives Contract for Deed Conversion Initiatives Application.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 10. PCT. #1

- A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco
- B. Authorization to transfer funds from County Wide Road & Bridge to Pct. #1 Road & Bridge fund and appropriate same
- C. Request approval to increase salaries for certain positions under Road & Bridge
- D. Approval of budget amendment for salary adjustments
- E. Request approval to increase salary for Parks
- F. Approval of budget amendment for salary adjustment

10/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Weslaco for county road improvements. Amount of the contract is \$150,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to transfer \$150,000.00 from County Wide Road & Bridge into Precinct One Road & Bridge fund and to appropriate same.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

10/C

Commissioner Handy was requesting approval to increase the salaries for certain positions under her Road and Bridge Fund. She indicated that this request had already gone before the Civil Service Commission and had been approved. The Commissioner also gave a brief presentation to justify her request. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION FAILED. (Commissioners Handy and Rosel voted in favor of the motion; (See Exhibit M) Commissioners Garza, Palacios and the County Judge voted against the motion.)

10/D-F

The County Judge indicated that no action would be required on these items at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 11. PCT. #4

- A. Request authorization to accept cost-share funds from Owassa Estates and Cinco Hermanas Subdivisions (Located in Pct. #4)
- B. Authorization to appoint a member to fill vacancy on the Hidalgo County Housing Authority Board

11/A

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the acceptance of cost-share funds in the amount of \$4,450.00 for Owassa Estates and Cinco Hermanas Subdivisions in Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint Yvette Treviño to the Hidalgo County Housing Authority Board.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 12. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**A. Hidalgo County**

1. Requesting authority to advertise for "Request for Qualifications" (RFQs) for Architectural and Engineering Services
2. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of an offer by Master Fibers, Inc. for purchase of Hidalgo County Paper Products at \$.015 a pound
3. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for "Tires Disposal for Recycling - Hidalgo County"

B. Pct. #2

1. Requesting one (1) cellular telephone (asset #027080) be declared surplus

C. Pct. #3

1. Recommending to reject all bids & re-advertise for "Solid Waste Collection Services - (Excluding La Joya Pavilion)" due to updated specifications, (Indicating locations and number of bins per location)

E. Requesting various pieces of office equipment be declared surplus for the following departments:

1. Judge's Office
2. J.P. Pct. #1, Pl. 1
3. Constable Pct. #2
4. 139th District Court
5. County Clerk's
6. Elections Department
7. Print Shop
8. Child Welfare
9. Veterans Services

12/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for RFQs for architectural and engineering services for Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

12/A/2

After some discussion, it was recommended that no action be taken on the offer from Master Fibers, Inc. for the purchase of Hidalgo County Paper Products at \$0.015 a pound. The Purchasing Director was instructed to bid this service out.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

12/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising and approval of specifications for "Tire Disposal for Recycling - Hidalgo County".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

12/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garces to authorize the declaration of one cellular phone from Precinct Two be declared surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

12/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the rejection of all bids received and authorize the re-advertising for "Solid Waste Collection Services - (Excluding La Joya Pavilion)" due to updated specifications, (indicating locations and number of bins per location).

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

12/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the declaration of various pieces of office equipment as surplus from various departments, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 13. COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Approval of Resolution for Buddy Owens
- B. Approval of funding request - CASA of Hidalgo (\$7,500.00)
- C. Appointment and approval of Census Committee
- D. Discussion on Faculty needs assessment:
 - 1. Adult Probation Department
 - 2. Head Start Center (Administration)
 - 3. County Wide Motor Pool
- E. Discussion and approval to require O.E.T., Urban County, Head Start and Community Service Agency to request approval for any travel
- F. Discussion and approval to allow Hidalgo County Auditor's Office to review the records of O.E.T., Urban County Head Start and Community Service Agency for compliance on a regular basis
- G. Discussion and approval to submit Check Register for approval by Commissioners' Court for O.E.T., Urban County, Head Start and Community Service Agency, before checks are issued for payment
- H. Discussion on maintenance agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and the County of Hidalgo
- I. Approval to authorize two (2) cellular phones for Risk Manager and Public Information Officer
- J. Budget amendment to pay monthly retainer for TEDSI Contract 97371
- K. Discussion on Y2K Compliance of the County Computer System

13/A

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff for the County Judge, was requesting approval of a resolution in honor of Buddy Owens. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a funding request in the amount of \$7,500.00 for CASA of Hidalgo.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/C

After a brief discussion regarding the importance of an accurate census count, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the creation of a Census Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/D

Judge Pulido stated that he had discussed these issues with Commissioner Garza and they felt that they needed to be addressed. He began with the Adult Probation Department and noted that he had received some complaints about the working conditions and asked Joe Lopez, the Adult Probation Director, if he knew about these concerns. A discussion then ensued with regards to a possible re-location of the Department and they asked that Mr. Lopez present a possible floor plan of what would be needed to better serve the County residents with some possible satellite offices.

The Commission then proceeded to discuss the need for additional space for the Head Start Program. Commissioner Garza recommended that they look at possible constructing a building and leasing it to the Program until the building is paid in full and then transfer it over to the Program.

Judge Pulido also touched on the motor pool and the need to service vehicles on a regular basis. He also recommended that a motor pool be built and located in one single location in order to cut costs. After further discussion, no action was taken on any of these items at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

13/E-G

Judge Pulido stated that this was in response to some Commissioners' Court action that was taken a few weeks prior. Dick Dickinson, OET Executive Director, then proceeded to give a report on the travel done by the OET Office and he indicated that they had strict guidelines that they had to follow as per the Federal Government. A discussion ensued on the number of trips done by this department and whether they were justified or not. A motion was then made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Judge Pulido to authorize the requirement of O.E.T., Urban County, Head Start and the Community Service Agency to request approval for any travel. Commissioner Garza asked Anthony Covacevich, the Urban County Director, how he felt about this issue. Mr. Covacevich indicated that he had understood that the request was for the department head only and not for the entire program staff. He, just like Mr. Dickinson, pointed out that it has never been a problem and this has never been a problem in any of the findings done by the Federal Government. He also noted that they already had strict rules that they had to follow. Judge Pulido then questioned some of the requests that have gone through his office and used these to state his position on this issue. Commissioner

Rosel then asked how a department head could appeal a request that is denied and Judge Pulido stated that it would be brought before this Commissioners' Court for consideration. Santiago Alanis, the Head Start Director, asked if there was a written policy on how this new policy would be implemented. After further discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

13/F

Mrs. Cedillo stated that the internal auditors were not spot checking the books of the various program. She was recommending that they be allowed to do this on a regular basis. Commissioner Handy asked if they had enough staff to do this. Judge Pulido stated that during discussions with some individuals, it was found that there were many disallowed costs in a certain program that was handled under the County. During discussion, Steve Crain, the legal counsel, stated that this Court had the right to do a review, but the Auditor could only do it under the direction from this Court. Commissioner Rosel asked what duties would be performed if the County Auditor was directed to do this. After further discussion, Commissioner Palacios recommended that things be left as they are and no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

13/G

No action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

13/H

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, was requesting approval of a maintenance agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the County of Hidalgo. This was to do possible work on community service programs. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

13/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize two cellular phones for the Risk Manager and the Public Information Officer.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/J

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to pay the monthly retainer for the TEDSI Contract 97371 for the County traffic study.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/K

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, came before the Court to answer any questions relating to the Y2K problem. The County Judge also addressed the computerization at the County Clerk's Office and J.D. Salinas, III, indicated that they will be adding this to the new specs for the system. Mr. Rivera did say that the current County system was in total compliance. It was recommended that Y2K tests be run on current equipment and that a written report be submitted to this Commission. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 14. J.P. PCT. #4, PL. 1

A. Action on office space

ADD. 2. CORRECT ITEM #14 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. Provision of office space for J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 1

Justice of the Peace Charlie Espinoza came before the Court to request a clarification on his present office space. He was requesting to be allowed to stay in the present building or consider another office that will allow him to process the amount of cases that he presently does. During discussion, Commissioner Handy asked Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, if this Commissioners' Court was mandated by statute to house the Justices of the Peace and the response was that it was. Commissioner Garza asked Judge Espinoza if he could utilize his courtroom as his chambers as well. Commissioner Handy did not think that it was right to ask the Justice of the Peace to vacate his office in order to provide more space for the Department of Public Safety. Judge Pulido then went through some

correspondence that addressed this issue. Commissioner Rosel pointed out that the Commissioners' Court had said that they would provide up to eight hundred (800) square feet. Commissioner Handy again asked why this Court was housing the DPS in a County building and the response from Commissioner Garza and Judge Pulido was to provide service to the citizens. The County Judge continued by giving an explanation of a proposed layout for the building with regards to the Justice of the Peace and the DPS Office. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize Judge Espinoza to vacate the office space in question and give him reasonable amount of time (thirty days) to vacate.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioners Garza, Palacios, Rosel and Judge Pulido (See Exhibit Q) voted in favor of the motion; Commissioner Handy voted against the motion.)

ADD. 1. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE HIDALGO COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL TO DELETE SECTION XIV C. (REGARDING "RESIGN TO RUN PROVISIONS")

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to delete the policy regarding the "resign to run" provision" as stated in the Hidalgo County Policy Manual.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 15. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss the following:

A. Eloy Sanchez, et al vs. Hidalgo County, et al - Civil Action No. M-95-083

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to convene in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 16. OPEN SESSION

A. Eloy Sanchez, et al vs. Hidalgo County, et al - Civil Action No. M-95-083

The County Judge indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit S)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

The Honorable Jose Eloy Pulido, 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 T)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel 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 Commissioners' Court and
the Drainage District #1 Board are hereby adjourned.**

**JOSE ELOY PULIDO _____
COUNTY JUDGE**

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

**HECTOR PALACIOS _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

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

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

Dated this 13th day of October, 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 26th day of October, 1999.**