

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 8th day of March, 1999 after notice duly having been given, a Regular 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

The County Judge announced that all members of the Commissioners' Court were present.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jesse Treviño led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff to the County Judge, gave the invocation.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge asked if anyone had signed up for the Open Forum and Mr. Mike Allen approached the podium. He was in Court to support the approval of Item 18, a Resolution for the Texas Workforce Development Board.

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. Pct. #2 - County Shop - \$2,000.00
- B. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 1 - \$2,000.00
- C. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 2 - \$420.00
- D. Tax Office - Special Inventory Fund - \$123.47
- E. U.S. Department of Justice - Sheriff - \$5,402.67
- F. Health Department - Title V - No Action
- G. Health Department - Administration - \$600.00
- H. Personnel Department - \$1,000.00
- I. Pct. #4 - Landfill - \$3,400.00
- J. Pct. #4 - Adm. - \$1,000.00
- K. HIDTA - Task Force (2) - \$25,469.53 & \$13,663.99

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. Anzalduas Park	\$ 1,564.00	December 1998
B. Anzalduas Park	\$ 3,200.00	January 1999
C. Sheriff Enrique Escalon	\$58,178.91	"
D. Law Library	\$ 361.00	"
E. Constable Horacio Aguirre	\$ 1,335.00	"
F. Constable Gilberto Alaniz	\$ 515.00	"
G. Constable Roberto Pena	\$ 865.00	"
H. Constable Rumaldo Cerda	\$ 725.00	"
I. Constable Eduardo Bazan	No Activity	"
J. J.P. Arnaldo Corpus	\$10,185.64	"
K. J.P. Jesus E. Morales	No Report	"
L. J.P. E. "Speedy" Jackson	\$11,659.85	"
M. J.P. Charlie Espinoza	\$19,376.54	"
N. J.P. Rosa Trevino	No Report	"
O. J.P. Gilberto Saenz	\$17,751.57	"
P. J.P. Dario L. Martinez	\$21,884.66	"
Q. J.P. Jose "Melo" Ochoa	No Report	"
R. J.P. Rene O. Torres	No Report	"
S. District Clerk	\$243,148.12	February 1999

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (3 families)

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. RIGHT OF WAY:

- A. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply - FM 1015 on Mile 12N
- B. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply - Mile 19 N on Engleman
- C. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply - 12 ½ N & FM 1925
- D. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply - 6 ½ W & 9 N
- E. Pct. #3 - Coastal Oil & Gas Corp.
- F. Pct. #3 - Shell Western E & P Inc.
- G. Pct. #3 - PG & E Texas Pipeline
- H. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Final Plat Approval:
 - 1. Acres Del Valle Subdivision - Pct. #1
 - 2. Voncordes and Co. Subdivision - Pct. #1
 - 3. Val Verde Meadows Subdivision - Pct. #4
- B. Release of the letter of credit:
 - 1. West Mission Estates No. 2 Subdivision - Pct. #3

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 7. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Adult Probation - Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for copier with IKON Office Solutions effective 12/23/98 - 12/22/99
- B. Tax Office - Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for Cannon AP200 with Southwest Business Machines effective 2/26/99 - 2/25/00
- C. Youth Village - Requesting approval of services agreement with Rio Grande Valley Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

(See Exhibit G)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor pointed out that there were insufficient funds to transfer on Item 2/F and there was a correction on Item 2/K. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections as noted.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 5. J.P. #2, PL. 2:

- A. Approval to employ court clerk
- B. Budget amendment

C. Set salary

Commissioner Palacios indicated that no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 6. COUNTY AUDITOR:

- A. Approval of a new position
- B. Set Salary for new position
- C. Approval of Budget Amendment

6/A

Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor, was requesting an accounts payable position in order to alleviate an overload in work. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

6/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to set the salary at \$25,000.00 per year plus fringes.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

6/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$24,923.98 for the County Auditor's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 7. WIC:

- A. Budget Amendment - state funds

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 9. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- A. Authorization and approval to reclassify position #4 from “Animal Warden” to “System Support Specialist,” from our Sanitation Budget acct. #9-010-441-440 (position #4 is vacant)
- B. Authorization and approval to supplement the “System Support Specialist” position in the amount of \$ 3,749.00 from our Immunization Program Income budget acct. # 9-150-441-830
- C. Authorization to set annual salary at \$ 18,000.00
- D. Authorization and approval to pay 238 annual leave hours @ \$ 11.77/hr. for \$ 2,801.26 plus fringe benefits, a total of \$ 3,343.03 from our TB Program Income

9/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the reclassification of position #4, which is vacant, from “Animal Warden” to “System Support Specialist,” within the Sanitation Budget acct. #9-010-441-440.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to supplement the “System Support Specialist” position in the amount of \$3,749.00 from the Immunization Program Income budget acct. #9-150-441-830.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

9/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to set the annual salary at \$18,000.00 for the System Support Specialist.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

9/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the payment of 238 annual leave hours at \$11.77 per hour for an amount of \$3,343.03, including fringe benefits from the TB Program Income.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 10. LIBRARY SYSTEM:

- A. Interlocal Agreement with City of McAllen
- B. Interlocal Agreement with City of San Juan
- C. Appointment of a Representative and an Alternate to the Hidalgo County Library System Board from the Mercedes Memorial Library

10/A&B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Library System and the Cities of McAllen and San Juan.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint Roy de Leon as a Representative and Janie Guajardo as an Alternate to the Hidalgo County Library System Board, from the Mercedes Memorial Library.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 11. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval to appropriate the L.E.O.S.E. Allocation from the State Comptroller in the amount of \$ 24,319.69
- B. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of fifteen (15) Police Vehicles from the Houston, Galveston Area Council of Governments
- C. Budget Amendment from General Fund to acct. # 9-010-421-100.95 in the amount of \$ 337,931.00
- D. Authorization for the Purchasing Department to process a purchase order for the Police vehicles with H.G.A.C.G.
- E. Approval and authorization to appropriate monies from the U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$ 126,089.00

11/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the appropriation of L.E.O.S.E. Allocation from the State Comptroller in the amount of \$24,319.69.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the purchase of fifteen (15) police vehicles, namely ten (10) Crown Victorias and five (5) Expeditions, from the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

11/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$337,931.00 for the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of fifteen vehicles.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

11/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the Purchasing Department to process a purchase order for the Police vehicles from the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

11/E

After a discussion regarding the use of U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance funds, the County Judge recommended that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 12. DISCUSSION BY THE CITY OF PENITAS FOR APPROVAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISTRIBUTION AS AN EQUAL SHARE MEMBER FOR THE YEAR 2000

Efrain Garza, City Administrator for the City of Peñitas, came before the Court requesting that the City of Peñitas be included in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant distribution as an equal share member for the Year 2000. He gave a brief history of the distribution for the City since its incorporation back in 1991, as well as how the funds that it has received have been used and projects that are still pending. He also indicated that he felt that the City of Peñitas now deserved a fair share of the block grant distribution. Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, reported that at the last Advisory Board meeting the City of Peñitas and the City of Granjeno had made this request. The Board had approved the request and gave them full voting rights but the equal allocation would not be effective until the years 2003-2006. He continued by saying that the funding periods were done on a three year basis and the next funding period would be from the year 2000 through the year 2002. A discussion ensued on how this request would affect the other funding entities. The Commission agreed that this issue needed to be discussed in a workshop with all affected parties present. After further discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 13. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Approval of a Budget Amendment for Year 1996 (9) - The City of Donna Construction
- B. Approval of a Program and Budget Amendment - Hidalgo County Pct. #4 - Urban County Years 9 & 11 (1996 & 1998)
- C. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with CEC Consulting Engineers - City of Alamo - Flood Drain Improvements - Urban County Year 10 (1997)
- D. Approval of an amendment to the Professional Service Contract with Rodriguez Engineering - Pct. #1 - Street Improvements, UCP Year 11 (1998)
- E. Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with Alcocer Garcia and Associates Design Consulting - City of Elsa-Neighborhood Facilities- Urban County Year 8 (1995) and Year 9 (1996)
- F. City of La Joya - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award
- G. City of Penitas - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award

13/A

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

13/B

Precinct Four was requesting approval of a program and a budget amendment under Years 9 & 11 as per the exhibit. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/C

The City of Alamo was requesting approval of a professional service contract with CEC Consulting Engineers for Flood Drain Improvements. The total amount of the contract is \$40,528.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/D

Precinct One was requesting approval of an amendment to the professional service contract with Rodriguez Engineering. The amendment is for the addition of Walker Road from Midway to FM 493, Sites Road from Victoria to Midway and Jose Portillo Street from Midway to the dead end. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Palacios and Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/E

The City of Elsa was requesting approval of a professional service agreement with Alcocer Garcia and Associates Design Consulting. The amount of the contract is \$16,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios, to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/F

The City of La Joya was requesting approve of a construction contract under their HOME/Housing Rehabilitation program with Madrid Construction Company, who is the lowest bidder at \$71,701.00 for three dwelling units. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

13/G

The City of Peñitas is requesting approve of a construction contract under their HOME/Housing Rehabilitation program with for three dwelling units. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

Mr. Covacevich then announced that his office had been notified that the County had been awarded approximately half a million dollars to fund the Colonia Linda Vista Project and the Colonia Sanchez Ranch. He then went on give the specifics of the construction fund application.

ITEM 14. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Preliminary Plat Approval:

1. La Homa Groves Estates No. 4 Subd. - Pct. #3
2. Dillon Road Estates - Pct. #4
3. Rincon de Encinos No. 4 - Pct. #4
4. Rincon de Palmas - Pct. #4

B. Variance Request - Gilbert Molina - Pct. #1

14/A

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, was requesting the preliminary plat approval for La Homa Groves Estates No. 4 Subdivision, which is in Precinct Three; Dillon Road Estates in Precinct Four; Rincon de Encinos No. 4 in Precinct Four and Rincon de Palmas in Precinct Four. After a brief discussion regarding flood plans, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/B

Mr. Garcia informed the Court that the next item was for a variance request by Mr. Gilbert Molina. The variance was to allow Mr. Molina's daughter to leave a mobile home on his property without the compliance of a family partition. This mobile home has been there since 1988 and is being service with water and electricity. A discussion ensued with regards to the use of the sole septic tank on the property being used by the permanent home and the mobile home that are situated on the property. Martin Cantu, a neighbor, approached the bench and indicated that he had found that these people were in violation of the subdivision rules, as per the family partition and the dedication of the road easement. His concerns were for the sake of safety, because he did not feel that the ten foot road was sufficient for emergency vehicles to service the residents who lived behind the property in question. The owner of the property was also allowed a chance to speak on his behalf and he noted that the ten-foot road was not a road but a private entrance. The County Judge asked legal counsel if the Court had the authority to grant the variance and he indicated that he did not know. Commissioner Garza then reported on a similar incident in his Precinct. Judge Pulido then asked if this subdivision could be grand fathered as per other colonias when the subdivision regulations were implemented and Mr. Garcia indicated that it would qualify. After further discussion, the County Judge asked that the Chief Planner and the Drainage District Director research this matter further.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 15. PCT. #1:

- A. Authorization to appropriate unreserved Pct. #1 Park funds to Pct. #1 Parks Acct. #9-210-452-210.12
- B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for road improvements with the City of Mercedes and acceptance of agreement contribution

15/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the appropriation of unreserved Precinct One park funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Precinct One Parks account #9-210-452-210.12.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an inter-local agreement for road improvements

with the City of Mercedes and acceptance of agreement contribution in the amount of \$70,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 16. PCT. #4:

- A. Appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. #4, Pl. 2 to serve until a successor is elected and qualified
- B. Approval of Official Bond
- C. Authorization to create a new position - CSR/D/SPCS (Community Service Restitution Director/Special Projects Coordinator) for Sanitation
- D. Set Salary for new position
- E. Approval of budget amendment

16/A

Commissioner Garza indicated that this was to fill the vacancy left by J.P. Rene Torres. He had received 58 inquiries for this position and at this time he would like to recommend the appointment of Reynaldo Salazar, Jr. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to appoint Reynaldo Salazar, Jr. to fill the vacancy in the office of the Justice of the Peace for Precinct Four Place Two until a successor is elected and qualified.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

Commissioner Garza pointed out that he and Mr. Salazar had a gentlemen's' agreement whereby Mr. Salazar had agreed that he would not run for this position in order to allow the other fifty-seven people who applied for this position to run for this office on a level playing field.

16/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve Mr. Salazar's official bond.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to create the position of CSR/D/SPCS (Community Service Restitution Director/Special Projects Coordinator) for Sanitation.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary for the CSRD/SPCS (Community Service Restitution Director/Special Projects Coordinator) at \$32,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,862.10 to fund this new position for the remainder of the year.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 17. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. Hidalgo County:

1. Recommending award of bid for "MS-1 Asphalt"
2. Recommending approval of contracts for "MS-1 Asphalt"
3. Recommending award of bid for "Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal"
4. Recommending approval of contracts for "Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal"
5. Requesting approval of a budget amendment for "Mailing Services Contract" and authorize County Auditor to process payment to Package & Postal Connection
6. Requesting authority to advertise a Request for Bids (RFB) for "the Purchase of Hidalgo County's Paper Products"

B. Pct. #1 - Delta Lake Park:

1. Requesting authority to purchase "one (1) 1999 Ford Ranger Pick up Truck" through the Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas for a total price of \$13,002.16 which includes H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge

C. County Clerk:

1. Requesting authority to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Records Management, Imaging and Conversion of Volumes of Photostat Books into Small Binders" for the County Clerk's Office"

D. Courthouse Security:

1. Sheriff's Department request for Courthouse Security Equipment a "Sole Source Declaration" for E G & G Astrophysics Research Corporation

E. Sheriff Department:

1. Recommending award of proposal "Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Inmates" for Sheriff's Department to Texson Management Group, Inc.
2. Discussion and action on approval of the proposed draft contract as negotiated with Texson Management Group, Inc. by grading committee
3. Requesting authority to advertise and develop specifications for "Fire Alarm Repair and Maintenance Contract" for the Sheriff's Department
4. Requesting approval to award bid on Section I and II for the Sheriff's Department Uniforms and requesting approval on Contract for awarded bid as follows:
 - a. Section I - to vendor meeting all specifications required by Sheriff's Department
 - b. Section II - to vendor being low bidder and meeting all specifications required by Sheriff's Department
5. Requesting approval to reject all bids from Section III and Section IV due to no bids received and vendor not meeting all specifications
6. Requesting approval for Re-Advertisement for Section III and Section IV for the Sheriff's Department Uniform Bid

F. WIC Department:

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for "Off Premises Storage and Training Area"

17/A/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, informed the Court that she had received two bids for "MS-1 Asphalt". She was recommending that the bid be awarded to COKE, out of Corpus Christi, who is the low bidder at \$0.725 per gallon. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a contract with COKE out of Corpus Christi for "MS-1 Asphalt", as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/A/3

Mrs. Salazar also reported that she had received bids for "Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal". She was recommending that the bid be awarded to Enviro-Tech who is the low bidder at \$18.50 per box. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the contract with Enviro-Tech for "Biohazardous Medical Waste Disposal", as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the "Mailing Services Contract" and authorize County Auditor to process payment to Package & Postal Connection.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for the purchase of Hidalgo County's paper products.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/B

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize Precinct One to purchase "one (1) 1999 Ford Ranger Pick up Truck" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), with the vendor being Philpott Motors, Inc., of Port Neches, Texas for a total price of \$13,002.16 which includes H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for "Records Management, Imaging and Conversion of Volumes of Photostat Books into Small Binders" for the County Clerk's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/D

Mrs. Salazar reported that this was an annual request from the Sheriff's Department for a "sole source declaration" for E G & G Astrophysics Research Corporation for courthouse security equipment. This was to maintain the security x-ray scanner at the Courthouse. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

17/E/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that she had received one proposal for the "Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Inmates" for the Sheriff's Department. She was recommended that the bid be awarded to the sole bidder Texson Management Group, Inc., who met all the requirements, at \$37.00 per day per inmate. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

State District Judge Rose Guerra Reyna came in at this time to give the oath of office to Reynaldo Salazar, Jr. for the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct Four Place Two.

17/E/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the proposed draft contract as negotiated with Texson Management Group, Inc. by the grading committee for the "Placement, Housing, Detention and Supervision of Inmates" for the Sheriff's Department, subject to approval of legal counsel.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/E/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for "Fire Alarm Repair and Maintenance Contract" for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/E/4

Mrs. Salazar reported that she had received two bids on Section 1 and II for the Sheriff's Department uniforms. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to Texas State Distributors for Sections I and II as the low bidder meeting all specifications. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/E/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the rejection of all bids received for Section III and IV for the Sheriff's Department Uniform bid.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/E/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-advertising for bids for Section III and Section IV uniforms for the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

17/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for "Off premises Storage and Training Area" for the WIC Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 18. COUNTY JUDGE:**A. Approval of Resolution for the Texas Workforce Development Board**

Judge Pulido gave a briefing of the application process that needed to be followed for the creation of a Texas Workforce Development Board. This was followed by some comments from Commissioner Rosel, who was opposed to this move by this Commissioners' Court because he felt that this would create more liability for the County. Commissioner Garza also mentioned that he had a discussion with John Sharp, the former State Comptroller, on this matter and he felt that it was time for the County to move in a different direction. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a resolution for the creation of a Texas Workforce Development Board for Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED. (Commissioner Rosel voted against the motion.)
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 8. DISTRICT CLERK - RECORDS MANAGEMENT:**A. Budget Amendment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$58,560.00 for the District Clerk's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 19. CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioners Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to discuss the following:

A. Potential Real Estate Acquisition

1. Elma Sanchez, et al vs. J. Edgar Ruiz, et al - C-6297-95-D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the Commissioners' Court to reconvene in Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 20. OPEN SESSION:

A. Potential Real Estate Acquisition

1. Elma Sanchez, et al vs. J. Edgar Ruiz, et al - C-6297-95-D

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit V)

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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 W)

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 Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TWDB CONTRACT NO. 97-483-216

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Manager, informed the Board that he was recommending the approval of an amendment to the TWDB contract No. 97-483-216. The amendment was to the expense budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF SURPLUS AND REMOVE FROM INVENTORY LIST – 1988 GMC TRUCK VIN #1GTDK14H5JZ539485 (ASSET #020341)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioners Garza and Handy to authorize the declaration of one 1988 GMC Truck (asset #020341) as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy 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 were 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 15th 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 8th day of March, 1999.**