

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 MEETING**

**ITEM 1. ROLL CALL**

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

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Judge Pulido asked that Esther Cortez lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 3. PRAYER**

The invocation was given by Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor.

NO ACTION.

**ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM**

The County Judge asked if anyone had signed up for the Open Forum and Dairen Cedillo, Chief Administrative Assistant, indicated that no one had.

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. County Judge - \$387.35
- B. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$13,000.00
- C. Tax Office - Pulled from the Consent Agenda
- D. Constable Pct. #2 - \$30.00
- E. Constable Pct. #4 - \$560.00
- F. Adult Probation - Restitution Center - \$500.00
- G. Pct. #1 - Landfill - \$7,044.60
- H. Pct. #1 - Paved/Unpaved - \$40,000.00

(See Exhibit B)

**ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY - PERMITS**

- A. Pct. #1
  - 1. North Alamo Water Supply
    - a. ¼ Mile North of Mile 13, ½ North on Mile 2 W
    - b. ¼ Mile North of Mile 10 N on Mile 3 ½ W
    - c. West of Bellman Rd. on FM 495
- B. Pct. #3
  - 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
    - a. 6 Mile Line & Trosper Rd.
    - b. 11 Mile Line between Western and Iowa Rd.
    - c. Jay St. and Mayberry north of FM 1924
    - d. 8 Mile Line & Inspiration
    - e. North of 27 St. on Trosper Rd.
- C. Pct. #4
  - 1. North Alamo Water Supply
    - a. ½ Mile East of FM 1423 and Curry Rd.
    - b. ¼ Mile West of FM 1426 on Trenton
    - c. 7/14 Mile North of FM 2812 on Gwin
  - 2. Southwestern Bell Telephone
    - a. Seminary Rd. towards FM 1925
    - b. 77' south of SH 107 on Doolittle
    - c. 479' west of U.S. Hwy. 281 on Ingle Rd.

(See Exhibit C)

**ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY**

- A. Extension of "Letter of Commitment" to Mortgage Company on HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" (1 Family)
- B. HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (2 Families)

(See Exhibit D)

**ITEM 5. COUNTY CLERK**

A. Approval of Monthly Fee Report - \$307,624.54 - February 1999  
(See Exhibit E)

**ITEM 6. TAX OFFICE**

A. Approval of Tax Refunds  
1. Eloy Sepulveda - \$1,161.10  
2. D. Guerra & Sons - \$4,626.23  
(See Exhibit F)

**ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

A. Final Plat Approval  
1. Border Heights Subdivision - Pct. #1  
(See Exhibit G)

**ITEM 8. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

A. Tax Office  
1. Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for currency counter with Banking Systems International for a period of one (1) year from 1/18/99 to 1/17/00  
(See Exhibit H)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Manuel Cavazos, the County Auditor indicated that Item 2/C needed to be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and considered on its own. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda with the change.

MOTION CARRIED.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS(FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

C. Tax Office - \$295.80

Armando Barrera, Tax Assessor/Collector, informed the Court that the numbering system in the Weslaco Substation had been broken and he was requesting the line item transfer to purchase a new one. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit B)

**ITEM 5. REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE****A. Discussion by residents of Colonia R.C. Babb regarding J III Construction - Yolanda Salinas**

Yolanda Salinas, a resident from Colonia R.C. Babb came before the Court to voice the concerns of the residents regarding the location of a cement company, J III Construction, within the subdivision. She mentioned that the living conditions within the subdivision have become unbearable due to the constant dust created by the traffic caused by the construction vehicles. She also brought some photographs of some of the problems in and around the subdivision. She was more concerned of the health issue, that this cement dust has created and the fact that this company has reduced the value of the homes within the subdivision. She did mention that this subdivision was situated in the rural area. Commissioner Rosel stated that this Court could not do anything on this issue other than maybe bring up the health issue. Commissioner Garza brought up the clean air issue and asked if this company has ever had an advertisement in the newspapers about applying to the Texas Quality Air Board and indicated that this may be something to look into. Mrs. Salinas was requested that this Court at least try to do something about the roads. Commissioner Handy reported that she had talked to the owner of the company and he had agreed to place concrete slabs on some of the locations where the trucks were turning. Judge Pulido informed her that this Court had no other jurisdiction in this matter other than to try to do something about the roads. Robert L. Hill, another resident, added that the residents had filed a petition with this Court, as well as the Attorney General's Office, to get this company to limit their time of operation. Again the County Judge reiterated that there was nothing that this Court could do other than try to fix the roads.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit I)

**ITEM 6. 206<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT****A. Approval of budget amendment - \$6,546.74**

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment for the 206<sup>th</sup> District Court for the purchase of an executive chair, fax machine and wall paper for the courtroom and judge's chambers.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit J)

**ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,995.00**

- A. County Clerk
- B. County Auditor
- C. County Treasurer

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,995.00 for the purchase of a check burster.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit K)

**ITEM 21. J.P. PCT. #2 PL. 2**

- A. Approval to create a temporary clerk position
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Set salary

21/A

Commissioner Palacios was requesting that a temporary clerk position be created for Judge Rosa Treviño. He reported that he would be paying for this position from his unused Road and Bridge funds. After a brief discussion during which Commissioner Garza pointed out that this was a County wide problem, he recommended that this position should maybe be funded from the General Fund. A motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza, to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

21/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment from Precinct Two Road & Bridge in the amount of \$5,823.93 for the temporary clerk position.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

21/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salary for the temporary position at \$5.15 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit L)

**ITEM 8. J.P. PCT. #3, PL. 2**

- A. Approval to employ court clerk
- B. Budget Amendment
- C. Set salary

8/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to create a temporary court clerk for J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment from Precinct Three Road & Bridge in the amount of \$5,823.93 for the new clerk position.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

8/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salary for the new court clerk for J.P. Pct. #3 Pl. #2 at \$5.15 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

**ITEM 9. COUNTY AUDITOR**

- A. Approval to lower the standard mileage rate from 32.5 cents per mile to 31 cents per mile
- B. Approval to appropriate L.E.O.S.E. funds for the following:
  - 1. Constable Pct. #1       \$ 998.06
  - 2. Constable Pct. #2       \$2,644.93
  - 3. Constable Pct. #3       \$1,828.02
  - 4. Constable Pct. #4       \$1,087.36
  - 5. Constable Pct. #5       \$1,853.49
  - 6. District Attorney \$1,554.60

9/A

Manuel Cavazos, County Auditor, was requesting that the mileage rate be reduced as per the IRS policies. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to reduce the mileage rate to \$0.31 per mile.

MOTION CARRIED.(See Exhibit N)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the appropriation of the L.E.O.S.E. funds for the various departments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit N)

**ITEM 10. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- A. Approval to create a temporary paralegal position in the D.A. Hot Checks Account
- B. Approval of budget amendment - D.A. Hot Checks Account'
- C. Approval to set salary
- D. Approval to create an Assistant D.A. position in the D.A. Investigation Fund
- E. Approval of budget amendment - D.A. Investigation Fund
- F. Approval to set salary
- G. Approval of budget amendment - D.A. General Fund
- H. Approval to reclassify object 49 in the D.A. General Fund from "Travel Expense" to "Mandatory Training"

10/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to create a temporary paralegal position for the District Attorney's Hot Check Account.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,411.26 for the District Attorney's Hot Check Account.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary for the temporary paralegal position at \$32,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to create an Assistant District Attorney position in the District Attorney's Investigation Fund.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,780.50.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salary for the Assistant District Attorney at \$32,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment for the District Attorney's General Fund in the amount of \$12,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

10/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the reclassification of Object 49 in the District Attorney's General Fund from "Travel Expense" to "Mandatory Training".

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit O)

**ITEM 11. LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

- A. Presentation - Status of Regional Water Plan and Implementation - Ray Prewett

Ken Jones came before the Court to give a presentation on the status on the implementation of the Regional Water Plan. He passed out a summary report and gave a slide presentation with regards to the water levels since 1995 and explained how this plan may help during the present drought. After a question and answer session, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit P)

**ITEM 12. ADULT PROBATION**

- A. Approval of 50% Construction Drawings Progress set for new Restitution Center
- B. Approval of payment of \$13,412.80 (first payment for Construction Document Phase) to George Garcia Architect
- C. Approval of budget amendments for salary scale adjustment and other operational expenses as approved by the Community Justice Division on 03.05.99
1. Supervision -\$589,206.00
  2. Restitution Center - \$26,952.00
  3. Community Corrections - \$76,536.00
  4. Education & Employment - \$20,320.00
  5. Enhanced Supervision Strategies - \$10,689.00

12/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the construction drawing progress set for the new Restitution Center.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

12/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize payment in the amount of \$13,412.80 to George Garcia Architect.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

12/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the budget amendments for the salary scale adjustments and other operational expenses as approved by the Community Justice Assistance Division on March 5, 1999.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Q)

**ITEM 13. WIC DEPARTMENT**

- A. Approval of budget amendment - state funds
- B. Authorization to create four (4) positions
- C. Approval to set salaries

13/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment, from the State, in the amount of \$335,017.00 for the WIC Program.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the creation of one clerk position, one cleaning aide position, one clinic aide position and one LVN position for the WIC program.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

13/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioners Palacios and Rosel to set the salary for the four positions as follows: one Clerk at \$11,462.00 annually; one Cleaning Aide at \$11,462.00 annually; one Clinic Aide at \$12,600.00 annually and one LVN at \$26,333.00 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit R)

**ITEM 14. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

- A. Approval of budget amendment of \$11,122.00 in Jail acct. #9-010-423-100.95
- B. Acceptance and approval of the South Texas Multi Agency Drug Related Public Corruption Task Force Grant for the period of 01/01/99 to 12/31/99
- C. Approval to appropriate the grant budget in the amount of \$64,118.00
- D. Set salary and longevity for Investigator
- E. Approval of Agreement with McAllen Independent School District Police Department for housing of Detainees at Hidalgo County Jail

14/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$11,122.00 for the Jail account.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

14/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to accept the South Texas Multi-Agency Drug Related Public Corruption Task Force Grant in the amount of \$64,118.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

14/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to appropriate the South Texas Multi-Agency Drug Related Public Corruption Task Force Grant budget in the amount of \$64,118.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

14/D

Lt. Quintanilha indicated that this position has been filled. Steve Crain, indicated that this Court could not approve a position effective yesterday. Judge Pulido then asked what the longevity item was for and Lt. Quintanilha indicated that this officer has been working in County law enforcement for a period of sixteen years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit S)

14/E

After some discussion regarding the rate per defendant, it was recommended that no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit S)

**ITEM 15. COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY**

- A. Approval of the FY 1999 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (C.E.A.P.) Renewal Contract
- B. Approval of the FY 1999 Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG Discretionary) Amendment No. 9 for \$73,950.00
- C. Approval of the FY 1999 Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG) Amendment No. 11 for \$1,053,767.00
- D. Request for Public Hearing on CSBG design services

15/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the FY 1999 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (C.E.A.P.) Renewal Contract.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

15/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the FY 1999 Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG Discretionary) Amendment No. 9 in the amount of \$73,950.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

15/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the FY 1999 Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG) Amendment No. 11 in the amount of \$1,053,767.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit T)

15/D

Maribel Navarro-Saenz, Community Service Agency Director, informed the Court that this next item called for a public hearing on the CSBG funds and what services would be provided. The County Judge called the public hearing open and asked if there were any questions and/or comments from the public. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit T)

**ITEM 16. URBAN COUNTY**

- A. Approval of budget and program amendment for the City of Progreso - Urban County Program Year 9 (1996)
- B. Approval of budget and program amendments - City of Elsa - Urban County Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 (1995-1998)
- C. Approval of a Construction Contract with Valley Paving for water & sewer improvements - City of Granjeno - Urban County Program Year 9 (1996) and Year 10 (1997)
- D. Correction of approved budget and program amendments - City of Granjeno Year 9 (1996)
- E. Approval of a Construction Contract with Mission Paving Company - Pct. #2 - Street Improvements - Urban County Year 10 and 11 (1997 & 1998)
- F. Designation of Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) under the HOME Program
- G. City of Progreso - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Cancellation of Award Construction Contract

16/A

The City of Progreso is requesting approval of a budget and program amendment under their Year 9. The amendment is to delete the Water/Sewer Improvement line item and increase the Street Improvement line item by \$5,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/B

The City of Elsa is requesting approval of a budget and program amendment under their Years 8, 9 10 and 11. The amendments is to transfer all funds into their Water/Sewer Improvements line item for the completion of their Water Plant Rehabilitation Project. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/C

The City of Granjeno is requesting approval of a construction contract with Valley Paving Company in the amount of \$102,885.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/D

The City of Granjeno is requesting to amend its FY 1996 budget. The amendment is to decrease the Street Improvement line item by \$132,407.21 and increase the Water/Sewer Improvement line item by the same amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/E

Precinct Two is requesting approve of a construction contract with Mission Paving Company in the amount of \$76,889.14. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the designation of Community Hope Projects Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization under the HOME Program.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

16/G

The City of Progreso is requesting the cancellation of a construction contract under their HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program. This is for the cancellation of three of the eight contracts awarded to Feliciano Gomez. The three contracts are with Antonio Mena, Norma Linda De La Cruz and Fidencio Fonseca. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit U)

**ITEM 17. PCT. #1**

- A. To accept and approve the Pct. #1 Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station Grant for the period of /9/01/98 to 08/31/99
- B. Request the approval to appropriate the Pct. #1 Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station Grant budget in the amount of \$25,000.00
- C. Authorization to create a new position - Parks/Sanitation Director
- D. Set Salary
- E. Approval of budget amendment
- F. Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weslaco and acceptance of contribution
- G. Appropriation of Road & Bridge unreserved fund balance to Road & Bridge Administration acct. #9-03—431-100.61
- H. Appropriation of Road & Bridge unreserved fund balance to Road & Bridge acct. #9-030-431-210.36 & acct. #9-030-431-210.28
- I. Approval of the Construction Document Phase by Thomas Design Group for the Elsa Clinic
- J. Authorization for the Auditor to process payment to Thomas Design Group
- K. Approval of the Construction Document Phase by Thomas Design Group for J.P. Office Space
- L. Authorization for the Auditor to process payment to Thomas Design for J.P. Office Space

## 17/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to accept the Pct. #1 Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station Grant for the period of September 01, 1998 through August 31, 1999.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

## 17/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the Pct. #1 Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station Grant budget in the amount of \$25,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

## 17/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the creation of a Parks/Sanitation Director position.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

17/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel, for sake of discussion, to set the salary for the Parks/Sanitation Director at \$35,000.00. A discussion then ensued with regards to what the duties of this person would be and if it was commensurate with the proposed salary. After the discussion Commissioner Rosel withdrew his second and the motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Handy then made a motion to set the salary for the Parks/Sanitation Director at \$32,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza and it carried.

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

17/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment for the salary and the fringes for the Parks/Sanitation Director.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/F

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant for Precinct One, indicated that no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the Road & Bridge unreserved fund balance to Road & Bridge Administration acct. #9-03—431-100.61 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the Road & Bridge unreserved

fund balance to Road & Bridge acct. #9-030-431-210.36 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and acct. #9-030-431-210.28 in the amount of \$500.00.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/I

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the construction document phase by Thomas Design Group for the Elsa Clinic in Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/J

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the County Auditor to process payment to the Thomas Design Group in the amount of \$21,905.14.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/K

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the construction document phase by Thomas Design Group for the Justice of the Peace office space, in Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

17/L

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the County Auditor to process payment to the Thomas Design Group for the Justice of the Peace office space in the amount of \$7,214.25.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit V)

**ITEM 18. PCT. #4**

- A. Request Audience to address renaming of the County street between Blk 1 and Blk 2 of Evangeline Gardens Subdivision - Roberto Flores, Jr. (resident)

Commissioner Garza reported that this was a subdivision in Precinct Four and the developer had asked to address the Commission. Roberto Flores, Jr. stated that he

was the owner of Lots 1, 2 and 3 within this subdivision and sometime last year a former Commissioner Garces had asked the residents to submit a name for the street. If the residents could not decide on a name then he would name it himself. He indicated that the street had been named after Geronimo Molina. His request at this time was to re-name the street because he felt that the way this was done was not proper. He was asking that this Commission look into this matter and he presented them with some documentation that was presented to the previous Commissioners' Court and that the street be re-named after Florentino Martinez, a veteran. Judge Pulido then asked if there was anyone representing the residents who were in favor of leaving the name of the street as is and a Mr. Flores approached the podium and gave his position on this matter. The County Judge announced that no action could be taken on this item since it was just posted for discussion.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit W)

## **ITEM 19. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

### **A. HIDALGO COUNTY**

1. Presentation and discussion of submitted notice of termination effective June 30, 1999 by Certus Health Care by Frank Bolanos
2. Requesting authority to advertise an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for "A Health Insurance Consultant" and/or "An Agent of Record" for "A Health Insurance Plan" for Hidalgo County
3. Recommending bid award for "Type D Hot Mix-Gravel & Limestone" to Multiple vendors
4. Recommending approval of proposed contract for "Type D Hot Mix-Gravel & Limestone" to multiple vendors
5. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Hot Mix-Cold Laid"
6. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications submitted for office space for various County Departments

### **B. PRECINCT #1**

1. Recommending award of bid for "Pct. #1's "Multi-Purpose Center" to low base bidder and the option to incorporate all six (6) alternatives
2. Requesting approval of a construction contract to Reyna Construction for Pct. #1's "Multipurpose Center"
3. Requesting approval to advertise for "One (1) 1994 or Newer Water Truck"

### **C. PRECINCT #1 - DELTA LAKE PARK**

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications for "Two (2) Container Compactors"

## D. PCT. #2

1. Requesting approval of Interlocal Agreement(s) between Hidalgo County and the City of Pharr, San Juan and Hidalgo

## E. PCTS. 1, 2 &amp; 4

1. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Crushed Caliche"

## F. PCT. #3

1. Recommending bid award for "Paving" to low bidder
2. Requesting approval of contract for "Paving" to low bidder

## G. HIDALGO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

1. Requesting one (1) vehicle and various pieces of office equipment be declared surplus
  - a. Auditor's Office
  - b. Boot Camp
  - c. District Attorney
  - d. Urban County

## H. COUNTY CLERK

1. Requesting authority to issue an RFO (Request for Offer) and negotiate a best and final offer (BAFO) for "the conversion of volumes of Photostat books into small binders", from a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV), through the Resolution with the State of Texas, under the General Services Commission's Cooperative Catalog Purchasing Program

## 19/A/1

Frank Bolaños, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Certus Healthcare, came before the Court and gave a brief presentation regarding the notice of termination. He began by giving a brief recap of how his company acquired the contract for County employee healthcare and what their objective was and how this was fulfilled. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit X)

## 19/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for "A Health Insurance Consultant" for Hidalgo County.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

Commissioner Garza recommended that they form an employee committee, with a representative from each department, to grade the proposals. Judge Pulido noted that they would send out a memo to all these departments so that they can start the process.

19/A/3&4

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, indicated that the bids for these were considered on the distance factor. She was recommending that the bid for hot mix-gravel be awarded to Frontera Materials for Precincts One, Two and Four at \$22.50 per ton and to Valley Caliche for Precinct Three at \$21.50 per ton. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve. A discussion ensued with regards to the distance versus the bid price, after which Mrs. Salazar recommended that no action be taken on these items at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for "Hot Mix - Cold Laid".

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/A/6

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for office space for various County departments.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/B/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that she had received four bids for the Multi-Purpose Center for Precinct One. She was at this time recommending that the bid be awarded to Reyna Construction as the low base bidder, with the option to incorporate all six alternatives. The low bid amount is \$999,277.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a construction contract with Reyna Construction for the Multipurpose Center for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/B/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for "One (1) 1994 or Newer Water Truck" for Precinct One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids and approval of specifications for "Two (2) Container Compactors" for Pct. One.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve interlocal agreements between the County of Hidalgo and the Cities of Pharr, San Juan and Hidalgo to give the Precinct Two Commissioner the flexibility to assist these cities in urgent and necessary road repair and maintenance.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for "Crushed Caliche" for Precincts One, Two and Four.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/F/1

Mrs. Salazar announced that she had received one bid for "Paving" for Precinct Three. She was at this time recommending that the bid be awarded to Mission Paving who is the sole bidder at a price of \$2.17 per yard. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/F/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract with for paving services with Mission Paving for Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/G

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

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

19/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the issuance of an RFO (Request for Offer) and negotiate a best and final offer (BAFO) for "the conversion of volumes of Photostat books into small binders", from a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV), through the Resolution with the State of Texas, under the General Services Commission's Cooperative Catalog Purchasing Program, for the County Clerk's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit X)

## **ITEM 20. COUNTY JUDGE**

- A. Discussion and appointment of Census Committee
- B. Discussion and approval to eliminate Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Position

20/A

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff to the County Judge, indicated that their office had contacted the Commissioners on the recommendations for the Census Committee. The Commission then recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.  
(See Exhibit Y)

20/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to eliminate the Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Position.

MOTION CARRIED.  
(See Exhibit Y)

**ADD. 5. REPLACEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to place the County Judge on the MPO Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADD. 1. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss the following

A. Possible Acquisition of Real Property

No Closed Session was held.

**ADD. 2. OPEN SESSION**

A. Possible Acquisition of Real Property

No action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

**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 Z)

**ITEM 2. PERMIT - PCT. #3 - PG & E TEXAS PIPELINE**

(See Exhibit AA)

**ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - \$4,000.00**

(See Exhibit BB)

The County Judge presented 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 Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

**REGULAR AGENDA.****ITEM 1. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

- A. Presentation and discussion of submitted notice of termination effective June 30, 1999 by Certus Health Care by Frank Bolano
- B. Requesting authority to advertise an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for "A Health Insurance Consultant" and/or "An Agent of Record" for "A Health Insurance Plan: for Hidalgo County Drainage District

1/A

The presentation was given under the Commissioners' Court.

NO ACTION.

1/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for RFQs (Request for Qualifications) for "A Health Insurance Consultant" for Drainage District No. 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit CC)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios 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 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 the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.**