

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

**BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 30th 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

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

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Handy lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

Judge Pulido asked that Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, give the invocation.

NO ACTION.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND BILLS

- COUNTY AUDITOR

General Fund	#154189	#154404	\$1,364,712.59
Special Revenue Fund	#154059	#154249	\$1,071,918.86
Juvenile Facility Projects	#n/a	#n/a	\$0.00
Debt Service Fund	#1251	#1251	\$6,682.34
Capital Projects Fund	#n/a	#n/a	\$0.00
Trust and Agency Fund	#7971	#7995	\$44,151.00
Proprietary Fund	#3413	#3415	\$2,100.97

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

- A. County Court #1 - \$412.00
- B. Health Department - Title V - \$1,000.00
- C. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 2 - \$1,000.00
- D. Pct. #4 - Landfill - \$1,500.00
- E. Pct. #2 - Paved/Unpaved - \$500.00
- F. Pct. #2 - Administration - \$450.00
- G. Constable Pct. #4 - \$400.00
- H. Elections Department - \$200.00
- I. Library System - \$1,600.00
- J. County Judge - \$2,600.00
- K. Pct. #1 - Sanitation - \$400.00
- L. Planning Department - \$2,929.00
- M. Criminal Auxiliary Court - \$500.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. RIGHT OF WAY - PERMITS

A. Pct. #1

- 1. North Alamo Water Supply
 - a. ¼ Mile E of Mile 4 W on 17 N
 - b. ½ Mile of FM 1015 on Mile 7 N
 - c. ½ Mile S of Hwy. 83 on Valley View Road
- 2. Southwestern Bell Telephone

- a. 17 ½ South of FM 88
- B. Pct. #2
 - 1. FINA Natural Gas Co.
- C. Pct. #3
 - 1. Southwestern Bell
 - a. La Homa Rd. North of FM 492
 - b. North of Hwy. 83 on Stewart Rd.
 - c. Stewart Rd. between Sharyland Drive and Merlin
 - d. 2 Mile Line North of Stewart Rd.
 - e. Stewart Road North of FM 495
 - f. Bryan Rd. North of 2 Mile Line
 - 2. Fina Natural Gas Co.
- D. Pct. #4
 - 1. North Alamo Water Supply
 - a. 1 Mile 3 of Tower on Texas Rd.
 - b. Roosevelt Rd. between FM 493 and Valverde

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY

- A. HOME - "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Co. (2 families)

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. TAX OFFICE

- A. Approval of tax refunds
 - 1. Rosa Maria Arce - \$1,114.69
 - 2. Jose Peña - \$ 752.39

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Final Plat Approval
 - 1. Borders Subdivision - Pct. #4
- B. Release of Letter of Credit
 - 1. Tom Gill S/D No. 3 Phase II - Pct. #3

(See Exhibit F)

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 Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, indicated that today was the day that they celebrated CDBG week. He went on to explain the benefits from CDBG funding within this County and added that they had various displays in the atrium from some of the member cities. Mr. Covacevich continued by presenting the Commissioners' Court with caps and t-shirts honoring CDBG week.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 5. LIBRARY SYSTEM

A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Brownsville

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve an interlocal agreement between the Hidalgo County Library System and the City of Brownsville.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 6. CONSTABLE PCT. #3

A. Request authorization to purchase three (3) vehicles to replace existing old vehicles

Jesus Cruz, Chief Deputy for the Precinct Three Constable, came before the Court to request authorization to purchase three vehicles for the department. He added that they had contacted the D.P.S. and they did have units available. Commissioner Rosel reported that the Commission was waiting on some information from the County Auditor and the recommendation was to look at all the Constables vehicle needs and bring

them back to Court. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 7. J.P. PCT. #1, PL. 2

A. Budget Amendment - \$500.00

The County Judge asked if anyone from the J.P.'s office was present and no one answered. He then reported that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 8. 206TH DISTRICT COURT

A. Budget Amendment - \$1,955.00

A representative from the 206th District Court came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,955.00 for the purchase of software for the court reporter. Commissioner Handy informed the Court that this was an expenditure normally done by the court reporter and not the County. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 9. JUVENILE PROBATION

- A. Requesting Ministerial Approval of the 1999 Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Amendment No. 1 State Financial Assistance Contract
- B. Requesting Ministerial Approval of the 1999 Amendment No. 1 to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Funding Contract

9/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to give ministerial approval for the 1999 Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Amendment No. 1 State Financial Assistance contract in the amount of \$16,761.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

9/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to give ministerial approval for the 1999 Amendment No. 1 to the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) Funding contract. The amendment is to clarify the funding period.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 10. HEAD START

- A. Requesting approval of Leases for
 - 1. McAllen II Head Start Center
 - 2. Weslaco III Head Start Center
- B. Requesting approval of the following Special Services Contracts:
 - 1. Loe-Del Inc. of Corpus Christi
 - 2. Speech Pathology Services, Inc.
 - 3. U.T.P.A. - Speech Program
 - 4. Easter Seals - Rio Grande Valley
 - 5. Aptus Health Care
 - 6. The Rehabilitation Institute of McAllen North
 - 7. Quality Therapy Services, Inc.
 - 8. Christopher Stewart, LPC
 - 9. Daniel Gutierrez, MD
 - 10. S.T.C.C. - O.T. Program

10/A

After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the lease for the McAllen II Head Start Center at a rate of \$14,400.00 annually with Richard Salinas.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

The Commission indicated that they were not in agreement with the Weslaco area center and the increase in the lease amount. Therefore, they were requesting that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

10/B

Santiago Alanis, Head Start Director, reported that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 11. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the construction of vestibules in the Hidalgo County Jail
- B. Authorization for the Purchasing Department to seek proposals or bids for the construction of the vestibules in the Hidalgo County Jail

11/A

Lt. Roy Quintanilha came before the Court to inform them that vestibules needed to be constructed at the County Jail. He added that they were wanting to convert two sections from minimum security to medium security through the construction of an additional door. He added that they had estimated the cost at around \$40,000.00 and this was discussed with the architect for the new facility. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

11/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the Purchasing Department to seek proposals for the construction of the vestibules at the Hidalgo County Jail.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

**ITEM 12. PRESENTATION BY LT. SAENZ, D.P.S. TO IMPROVE THE
BACKLOG ON
COMPLAINT ENTRY BY D.P.S. IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
COURTS**

Lt. Laurencio Saenz, from the D.P.S., came before the Court to discuss ways to possibly improve the backlog on complaint entry by the D.P.S. in the Justice of the Peace Courts. He added that the addition of computers within the J.P. Courts and the increase in manpower in the D.P.S. has created a backlog of citations that have been filed in J.P. Courts. He was recommending that two individuals be hired to input this backlog for all nine J.P. Courts and he had presented a cost estimate for this including staff and equipment. After some discussion, Commissioner Rosel recommended that this item be placed on the agenda the following week for action.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 13. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- A. Request the approval to appropriate a Budget Increase in the amount of \$102,158.84 for the Hidalgo County Health Department Title V Program Income - #9-150-441-729
- B. Request approval to create a Registered Nurse Supervisor
- C. Set salary for R.N. Supervisor at \$42,114.00

13/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the appropriation of a budget increase in the amount of \$102,158.84 for the Hidalgo County Health Department Title V Program Income in account #9-150-441-729.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the creation of a Registered Nurse Supervisor for the Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

13/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary for the R.N. Supervisor at \$42,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 14. URBAN COUNTY

- A. Approval of Program Amendments - Pct. #3 Year 9 (1996)
- B. Approval of Budget Amendment for Year 1998 (11) - The City of La Villa
- C. Approval of a Construction Contract with Raul Gonzales - Clearance & Demolition - City of Elsa - Urban County Year 11 (1998)
- D. Approval of a Construction Contract with Mercer & Ussery, Inc. - Water & Sewer Improvements - City of Elsa - Urban County Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998)
- E. Approval of Program Amendments - Pct. #3 Year 11 (1998)
- F. Formal Action to Approve Award of Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) Grant
- G. Approval to declare surplus items

- H. City of Hidalgo - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award
- I. City of Granjeno - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award

14/A

Precinct Three was requesting approval of a program amendment under their Year 9. Precinct Three is requesting to amend their FY 1995 work plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/B

The City of La Villa was requesting approval of a budget amendment for Year 1998. The amendment is to delete the Street Improvement line item and increase the Flood Drainage Improvement line item by \$34,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/C

The City of Elsa is requesting approval of a construction contract with Raul Gonzales in the amount of \$5,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

13/D

The City of Elsa was also requesting approval of a construction contract with Mercer & Ussery, Inc. in the amount of \$446,235.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/E

Precinct Three was requesting approval of a program amendment under their Year 11. The amendment was to modify the work plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to formally approve the awarding of the Fair Housing Initiative program Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the declaration of various items from the Urban County Program as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/H

The City of Hidalgo was requesting approval of a construction contract under their HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program with Quality Investments in the amount of \$21,780.00 for one dwelling unit.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

13/I

The City of Granjeno was requesting approval of a construction contract under their HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program with Alpha Construction in the amount of \$88,760.00 for four dwelling units.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 15. PCT. #1

- A. Authorization to appropriate unreserved Pct. 1 Park funds to Pct. 1 Parks Acct. #9-210-452-210.94
- B. Authorization to appropriate unreserved Pct. 1 Road & Bridge funds to Pct. 1 Road & Bridge acct. #9-030-431-210.37
- C. Authorization to appropriate unreserved Pct. 1 Adm. Funds to Pct. 1 Adm. Acct. #9-030-431-100.53
- D. Approval of bidding phase by Alvarado Architects for the Pct. 1 Multi-Purpose Center
- E. Authorization for the Auditor to process payment to Alvarado Architects for the bidding phase

15/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the unreserved Pct. 1 Park funds to Pct. 1 Parks Acct. #9-210-452-210.94 in the amount of \$1,300.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the unreserved Pct. 1 Road & Bridge funds to Pct. 1 Road & Bridge acct. #9-030-431-210.37 in the amount of \$18,956.25.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of the unreserved Pct. 1 Adm. Funds to Pct. 1 Adm. Acct. #9-030-431-100.53 in the amount of \$750.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the bidding phase by Alvarado Architects for the Precinct One Multi-purpose Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the County Auditor to process payment to Alvarado Architects in the amount of \$4,637.20 for the bidding phase for the Precinct One Multi-Purpose Center.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 16. PCT. #4

A. Request authorization to utilize 10 acres on Doolittle Rd. N. of Richardson Rd. bordering rail road tracks, at termination of farm lease

Commissioner Garza informed the Court that he would like to utilize some property owned by the County. The property in question is ten acres on Doolittle Road north of Richardson Road bordering rail road tracks. He added that he would like to wait until the termination of the present farm lease. The Commissioner would like to use this property to re-locate some garbage receptacles that are presently placed too close to Richardson Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 17. PRESENTATION BY SAM GARCIA REGARDING THE CENSUS 2000 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Sam Garcia, from the Census Bureau, came before the Court to discuss the Census 2000. He gave a brief presentation and after some questions and comments, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 19. COUNTY JUDGE

A. Approval of Resolution for the Year 2000 Decennial Census

After a reading of the resolution by the County Judge, no formal action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 18. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Budget Amendment in the amount of: Bid Option I: \$13,162.50 or Bid Option II \$13,952.25 for funding of "Armored Car Services" for one (1) year to the following five (5) departments: District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Tax Assessor/Collector and Adult Probation
2. Appropriation of the following amounts:

	<u>Bid Option I - \$1462.50/Mo.</u>	<u>Bid Option II - \$1,550.25/Mo.</u>
District Clerk	\$1,435.50	\$1,532.25
County Clerk	\$1,435.50	\$1,532.25
County Treasurer	\$1,435.50	\$1,532.25
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$7,420.50	\$7,823.25
Adult Probation	<u>\$1,435.50</u>	<u>\$1,532.25</u>
Total:	\$13,162.50	Total: \$13,952.25

3. Recommending award of bid for "Armored Car Services" to sole bidder

4. Recommending approval of contract for "Armored Car Services" to sole bidder
- B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2
1. Presentation of evaluation and scoring tabulation of engineering firms submitting Statements of Qualifications for Precinct No. 2 Road and Bridge Projects
 2. Ranking of engineering firms by Commissioners' Court
 3. Authority to proceed and negotiate and finalize a contract for engineering services with the number one ranked firm
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY ADULT PROBATION
1. Requesting authority to purchase "One (1) 1999 Ford 15 passenger Club Wagon" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc. Port Neches, Texas. The total price of the vehicle is \$23,987.56 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge
 2. Requesting authority to purchase "One (1) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door" through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc. Port Neches, Texas. The total price of the vehicle is \$20,424.57 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for a Personal Service/Human Service Technician contract
 2. Recommending approval of contract with Armendina Salazar
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM
1. Requesting authority to re-advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Plumbing Services"
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM
1. Recommending bid award of lease to sole bidder
 2. Requesting approval of lease with sole bidder
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY
1. Requesting vehicles and various (miscellaneous) equipment be declared surplus:
 - a. Hidalgo County District Attorney
 - b. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2
 - c. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department
 - d. Hidalgo County Urban County
 - e. Hidalgo County WIC Program

18/A/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, came before the Court requesting approval of a bid option for the "Armored Car Services" for Hidalgo County. Commissioner Rosel indicated that he would be abstaining from all discussion and action on this matter due to a possible conflict of interest. She indicated that they had two bid options and proceeded to explain both. Mrs. Salazar did note that this amendment was pro-rated for the remainder of the year and bid option II was for a three year period. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,952.25 for bid option II with Rochester Armored Car Company who was the sole bidder.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/A/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to appropriate the \$13,952.25 amongst the District Clerk's Office, the County Clerk's Office, the County Treasurer's Office, the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office and the Adult Probation Department, for armored car services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to award the sole bid for "Armored Car Services" to Rochester Armored Car Company in the amount of \$13,952.25.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract with Rochester Armored Car Company.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

18/B/1

Mrs. Salazar continued by saying that she was bringing the statements of qualifications submitted by engineering firms for Precinct No. 2 Road and Bridge projects, for the Commission to evaluate. She mentioned that she had received three statements of qualifications from R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation; Quintanilla, Headley & Associates and CEC Consulting Engineers.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit U)

18/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to rank the engineering firms as follows:

1. R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation from Edinburg
2. Quintanilla, Headley & Associates from Edinburg
3. CEC Consulting Engineers from McAllen

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

18/B/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to proceed, negotiate and finalize a contract for engineering services with the number one ranked firm being R. Gutierrez Engineering Corporation from Edinburg.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

18/C/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the purchase of "One (1) 1999 Ford 15 passenger Club Wagon" through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) - Philpott Motors, Inc. Port Neches, Texas. The total price of the vehicle is \$23,987.56 which includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge for the Adult Probation Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/C/2

The Commission informed Joe Lopez, the Adult Probation Director, that they would have two suburbans available, because of the contract with the Armored Car Services. Mr. Lopez pointed out that this would not save the County any monies because the County would still have to pay for the maintenance of the vehicles, whereas if they purchased them, the funds would come from the State. After further discussion, Judge Pulido recommended that they come back and possibly request a smaller vehicle. No action was required on this item at no time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

18/D/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under personal services/human service technician for Armendina Salazar.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a contract between Armendina Salazar and the Hidalgo County Health Department.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/E

Mrs. Salazar reported that no bids were received and therefore no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit U)

18/F/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the bid for a site for the WIC Program to the sole bidder being Bell's Inc. at the alternate one price of \$.70 per square foot.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/F/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a lease agreement between the Hidalgo County WIC Program and Bell's Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

18/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the declaration of vehicles and miscellaneous equipment from various departments, as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 19. COUNTY JUDGE

B. Discussion of "Work Release Program"

C. Approval of budget amendment for 1999 Appraisal District Fees in the amount of \$20,951.32

19/B

Judge Pulido informed the Court that he had discussed the issue of a work release program with State District Judge Noe Gonzalez. He then went on to give the specifics of this program and also added that they would be going to Cameron County to see how their program is working out. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit V)

19/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,951.32 for the 1999 Appraisal District fees.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 20. CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioners Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter

551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 discuss the following:

- A. Acquisition of Real Property
- B. Alamo Head Start Construction Project
- C. Elma Sanchez and Adela Villalpando vs J. Edgar Ruiz, et al - Cause No. C-6297-95-D

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 21. OPEN SESSION:

- A. Acquisition of Real Property
- B. Alamo Head Start Construction Project
- C. Elma Sanchez and Adela Villalpando vs J. Edgar Ruiz, et al - Cause No. C-6297-95-D

21/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve to exempt the options contracts on

three parcels of real estate and accept the contracts as presented. The option contracts are with Matias Pena for fifty-six acres at \$2,500.00, Richard Garza for twenty acres at \$1,000.00 per acre; and Richard Garza for sixty acres at \$2,500.00 per acre.

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

21/B

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit W)

21/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a full settlement in the amount of \$153,177.00 in Cause No. C-6297-95-D, Elma Sanchez and Adela Villalpando vs J. Edgar Ruiz, et al.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

There being no further business to come before the Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza 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

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFER - RENTAL - \$10,000.00 (See Exhibit X)

ITEM 3. PERMIT - FINA NATURAL GAS COMPANY

The County Judge introduce 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 Judge Pulido to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE ONE (1) EXCAVATOR SUPERVISOR SLOT AND SET SALARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Rosel to authorize the creation of one excavator supervisor position.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salary for the excavator supervisor position at \$29,268.94.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO RECLASSIFY SLOT #41 FROM ASSISTANT MECHANIC TO MECHANIC AND SET SALARY

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the reclassification of slot #41 from Assistant Mechanic to mechanic and to set the salary at \$24,301.96 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Y)

ITEM 3. AUTHORIZATION TO RECLASSIFY SLOT #37 TO READ LABOR-WATCHMAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorization the reclassification of slot #37 to read Labor/Watchman.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 4. BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$49,014.75.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

ITEM 5. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. Recommending award of bid to low bidder for “one (1) rotary cutter”
- B. Recommending award of bid for “two (2) long reach excavators”

5/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the bid for "one (1) rotary cutter" to Seiver Implement Company at a bid price of \$9,211.80.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

5/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to award the bid for "two (2) long reach excavators" to Holt Company at a bid price of \$382,616.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit AA)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Judge Pulido 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 21st day of October, 1999.

JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: _____
Jennifer Castillo

Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the
Drainage District #1 Board on the 23rd day of November, 2000.