

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONES' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 20th day of April, 1999 after 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

Judge Pulido lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

The County Judge then asked Mr. Tony Espinoza to give the invocation.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge indicated that they had several requests on the Open Forum. Virginia Townsend approached the podium to speak about "the frustrations of taxpayers". She noted that she as been a court-watcher for a long time and read a letter that she had sent to the Monitor back on May 3, 1995 and she indicated that it pretty much described how she felt. She then addressed some of the actions that have been taken by this Court, with regards to needs of the County and Commissioner perks.

Tony Espinoza, was the second speaker and he was requesting that May 6th, be designated as a "National Day of Prayer". The County Judge asked that Mr. Espinoza coordinate some thing for this day.

Nancy Shary also came before the Court and stated that she felt that this County is spending a "tremendous" amount of money and she reminded the Court that they were public servants.

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. Historical Commission - \$750.00
- B. Pct. #3 - Landfill (2) - \$775.00 & \$100.00
- C. Library System - \$807.04
- D. County Judge - \$800.00
- E. Health Department - Adm. - \$950.00
- F. Planning Department - \$2,065.33
- G. J.P. Pct. #4, Pl. 2 - \$3,600.00
- H. Pct. #4 - Landfill (2) - \$300.00 & \$800.00
- I. Buildings & Grounds - \$718.85
- J. Capital Projects - Weslaco Substation - \$9,500.00
- K. Drug Impact Court - \$5,000.00
- L. Criminal Auxiliary Court - \$500.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. MONTHLY COLLECTION REPORTS:

A. J.P. Rosa Trevino	\$ 38,432.48	January 1999
B. J.P. Ismael "Melo" Ochoa	46,296.20	"
C. J.P. Jesus Morales	11,084.46	"
D. Sheriff Enrique Escalon	56,063.77	February 1999
E. Anzalduas Park	4,644.00	"
F. Law Library	337.00	"
G. Constable Horacio Aguirre	1,470.00	"
H. Constable Gilberto Alaniz	610.00	"
I. Constable Roberto Pena	965.00	"
J. Constable Rumaldo Cerda	355.00	"
K. Constable Eduardo Bazan	0.00	"

L. J.P. Arnaldo Corpus	10,847.07	“
M. J.P. Jesus E. Morales	11,132.03	“
N. J.P. E. “Speedy” Jackson	17,078.40	“
O. J.P. Charlie Espinoza	25,737.21	“
P. J.P. Rosa Trevino	35,442.15	“
Q. J.P. Gilberto Saenz	19,152.67	“
R. J.P. Dario L. Martinez	26,438.66	“
S. J.P. Ismael “Melo” Ochoa	No Report	“
T. J.P. Ray Salazar	No Report	“
U. County Clerk	225,369.42	March 1999
V. District Attorney	16,470.90	“

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. HOME “First-time Homebuyer Contract Agreement” and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (1 Family)

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. TAX OFFICE:

- A. Approval of tax refund - Armadillo Construction Co. Nationwide Mortgage - \$ 814.62

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. RIGHT OF WAY - PERMITS:

- A. Pct. #1:
 1. Vastar Resources, Inc.
- B. Pct. #2:
 1. Vastar Resources, Inc.
 2. Southwestern Bell Telephone
- C. Pct. #3:
 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
- D. Pct. #4:
 1. Southwestern Bell Telephone
 2. Reliant Energy Field Inc.
 3. Javier Martinez
 4. North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit F)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Commissioner Garza stated that he had a question with regards to item 2/F on the Consent Agenda. He then made a motion to pull this item off the Consent Agenda and approve the other items as presented. Upon a second by Commissioner Rosel, the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

F. Planning Department

The County Auditor indicated that there was an error on the amount to be transferred. The correct amount is \$500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit B)

J.D. Salinas, III, the County Clerk, informed the Court that the amount indicated on Item 3/U on the Consent Agenda reflected an erroneous amount. The corrected amount is \$392,503.02. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to correct this item as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 5. J.P. PCT. #3, PL. 2:

A. Budget amendment - \$ 2,400.00 (telephone)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,400.00 for the Justice of the Peace in Precinct Three Place Two.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 6. COUNTY CLERK:

- A. Requesting approval to direct the Purchasing Department to solicit an RFO (Request for Offer) from a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV) under the GSC (General Services Commission) Cooperative Catalog Purchasing Program**
- B. Authorization to create one (1) new position (deputy clerk) for Weslaco Substation**

- C. Approval of budget amendment
- D. Set Salary

6/A

J.D. Salinas, III, the County Clerk, was requesting approval to direct the Purchasing Department to solicit an RFO (Request for Offer) from a Qualified Information Systems Vendor (QISV) under the GSC (General Services Commission) Cooperative Catalog Purchasing Program. He explained the need for this service, and gave a brief background on the recording and indexing of documents received by the County Clerk's Office. He also noted the possible liability in not having the documents indexed on a timely basis and proceeded to present two options to the Court. He was recommending that the Records Management Funds be used to fund either one of these options. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

6/B

Mr. Salinas was also requesting the creation of one new deputy clerk position. He reported that they were getting ready to provide services within the Weslaco area and he was in need of a new position to cover this sub-station. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

6/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,017.76 for the County Clerk's Office.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

6/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary for the newly created deputy clerk position at \$14,000.00 annually.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 7. TAX OFFICE:

- A. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection for the City of Peñitas
- B. Approval of a new Car Dealer Substation Contract between Hidalgo County and Frank A. Smith Sales, Inc.
- C. Request for eight (8) additional employees and four (4) additional RTS Work-stations for the Motor Vehicle Departments
- D. Approval of budget amendment in the amount of \$99,568.64
- E. Set Salaries

7/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve an interlocal agreement for tax assessment and collection for the City of Peñitas.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

7/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a new car dealer substation contract between the County of Hidalgo and Frank A. Smith Sales, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

7/C-E

Armando Barrera, County Tax Assessor/Collector, was also requesting authorization to create eight new positions and for additional RTS workstations for the Motor Vehicle Departments, due to the increase in car registrations. A discussion then ensued with regards to the need for these positions, the time it would take to fill these positions and whether the funds for these positions could be found somewhere within his budget. After this no action was taken on these items at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 8. COMPUTER DEPARTMENT:

- A. Discussion and possible action on County Wide Y2K Audit

Pete Rivera, Systems Administrator, came before the Court to give a report on the County Wide Y2K Audit. He added that this audit was done under the direction of this Commissioners' Court. He noted that they had checked 1200 hundred computers and found approximately 575 computers that were non-compliant. He also mentioned pending projects that would entail the installation of new computers or computer systems. After further explanation and some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit J)

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF GRANT PROPOSAL REQUESTING FUNDS
SUBMITTED BY C.A.U.S.E. (CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY UNITED
SERVICE ENTERPRISE, INC.) - NICK MOLINA**

Tod Kitsmiller came before the Court requesting approval of a grant proposal requesting funds submitted by the Children's Advocacy United Service Enterprise, Inc., (C.A.U.S.E.) in the amount of \$35,000.00. He stated that these funds would be used in the L.E.A.P (Learning to Encourage and Affirm my Potential), which is a program for at-risk kids or first-time drug offenders with assistance. After further explanation and a discussion ensued with regards to the fund balance within the Confiscated Fund budget. The County Judge then recommended that this Court approve half the amount requested, which is \$17,500.00, subject to this organization meeting the requirements of the statute. Commissioner Garza then asked that they submit a report of how many kids would be served and what type of activities would be involved. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request in the amount of \$17,500.00, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 10. HEAD START:

- A. Authorization to advertise for bids for:
1. Classroom supplies
 2. Maintenance supplies
 3. Janitorial supplies
 4. USDA Food
 5. Playground Equipment
 6. Furniture

- B. Requesting approval to submit a one-time pre-school initiative Grant Application of up to \$50,000.00 to Southern Methodist University - Texas Education Agency

10/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for Classroom supplies, Maintenance supplies, Janitorial supplies, USDA Food, Playground Equipment and Furniture for the Head Start Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

10/B

Santiago Alanis, Head Start Director, was also requesting authorization to submit a one-time pre-school initiative Grant Application of up to \$50,000.00 to Southern Methodist University. He indicated that they would be presenting this item to the Policy Counsel for consideration this evening. A motion was then made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 12. PCT. #4:

- A. Authorization to upgrade, re-classify and set salary for slot number five which is currently vacant
B. Request authorization to accept cost-share funds from Collin Subdivision & Twin Road Acres Subdivision (Located in Pct. #4)

12/A

Commissioner Garza was requesting authorization to upgrade, re-classify and set the salary for slot number five, which is currently vacant. He reported that the duties for the employee under this slot would be to look for and try to acquire grants that would help the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

12/B

Commissioner Garza was also requesting authorization to accept cost-share funds from Collin Subdivision and Twin Road Acres Subdivision. He stated

that they had requested 1/3 participation for the paving projects within these colonias. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to set the salary at \$32,000.00 for slot number five.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 11. PCT. #3:

- A. Nominations of members to create a committee that will study and select a jail site

Commissioner Rosel informed the Court that back in 1995 the Commissioners' Court had appointed a committee to look into, the site, the method of construction and another issues dealing with the construction of a proposed Adult Detention Facility. His proposal at this time was to appoint a committee to make decision regarding the jail site and other issues associated with the proposed jail. After some discussion, Commission Garza indicated that he concurred with him, but only if the present plan of action did not come to fruition. After further discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 13. HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

- A. Request for funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 each year for four (4) years for the Campaign of Discovery expansion and enhancement project for the Museum

Mrs. Shan Rankin came before the Court requesting funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 each year for four years for the Campaign Discover expansion and enhancement project for the County Historical Museum. She gave an explanation of what the museum presently offers and what it will offer once the expansion is completed. After some discussion, the County Judge informed her that this Court has some legal constraints as to what they can commit as far as County funds. He then turned the podium over to Steve Crain, the County legal counsel. Mr. Crain stated that this Court could only fund one year at a time and this would have to be

made a part of any agreement made between the County and the museum. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the request, subject to any legalities being taken care of by both parties.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 14. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Salinas & Associates - City of Palmview - Water/Sewer Improvements Urban County Year 11 (FY 1998)
- B. Approval of a construction contract with Apcon Contractor Inc. County Wide & Pct. #3 - Parks & Recreational Fac. - UCP Yr. 8 (1995) & 10 (1997)
- C. Termination of a Construction Contract with Raul Gonzales - Clearance & Demolition - City of Elsa - Urban County Year 11 (1998)
- D. Approval of a Professional Services Contract with Enriquez Group - City of Palmview - Fire Station/Equipment Urban County Year 11 (FY 1998)
- E. Authorization to execute funding approval documents for HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee - City of Alton
- F. Approval of budget and program amendment - FY 1998 City of Palmhurst
- G. Approval of a budget amendment for Year 1996 (9) - City of Alamo
- H. Approval of a budget and program amendments - Pct. #3 Year 11 (1998)
- I. City of Alton - HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program
- J. City of Progreso - HOME/CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award

14/A

The City of Palmview is requesting approval of a professional services contract with Salinas & Associates in the amount of \$13,080.00 for water/sewer improvements under Year 11. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/B

Precinct Three is requesting approval of a construction contract with Apcon Contractor Inc. in the amount of \$148,510.00 for park improvements for the City of Sullivan. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/C

The City of Elsa is requesting termination of a construction contract for clearance and demolition with Raul Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales removed his bid prior to Commissioner Court action on March 29, 1999. The Project is in the process of being re-bid. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/D

The City of Palmview is requesting approval of a professional services contract with Enriquez Group for Fire Station/Equipment under Year 11. The amount of the contract is \$11,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/E

The City of Alton is requesting authorization to execute funding approval documents for a HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee in the amount of \$3 million for the construction of a Multi-Purpose Complex Service Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/F

The City of Palmhurst is requesting approval of a budget and program amendment under their UCP Year 1998. The amendment is to reduce Street Improvements by \$31,149.50 and create an Abused and Neglected Children line item in the amount of \$15,574.75 and A Substance Abuse Services line item in the amount of \$15,574.75. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

14/G

The City of Alamo is requesting approval of a budget and program amendment under their UCP Year 9. The amendment is to delete the Youth Center

and increase Flood Drain improvements by \$95,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

14/H

Precinct Three is requesting approval of a budget and program amendment under their UCP Year 11 budget. The amendment is to decrease the Street Improvement line item by \$50,000.00 and increase the Park & Recreational Facilities line item by the same amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

14/I

The City of Alton is requesting approval of the corrected amount on the bid awarded to J.D. Villarreal Construction for nine dwelling units. The amount stated was \$132,800.00 and the correct amount is \$132,080.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

14/J

The City of Progreso is requesting approval of a construction contract under their HOME/CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. The contract is with Lerma Construction for bid option I in the amount of \$74,900 three dwelling units. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 15. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Discussion to create a federal liaison position in Washington, D.C.
- B. Discussion to require departments to prepare a travel report on all trips
- C. Location of Sub-station on Moorefield Drive Property
- D. Approval of action exercising cancellation clause under existing financial advisory contract

- E. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional services - financial advisory services, for Hidalgo County, Texas
- F. Authority to direct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate a professional services contract with Estrada Hinojosa Co. as Financial Advisor for Hidalgo County, Texas
- G. Budget amendment - \$4,000.00 (for travel)
- H. Approval to increase slot #8 (Enrollment Coordinator) and decrease slot #2 by \$3,242.00 and set salaries at \$ 16,000.00 (8) and \$49,401.00 (2)
- I. Approval of the construction document phase on the New Jail Project
- J. Approval of a \$232,960.00 Loan from the General Fund to the New Jail Capital Projects Fund for Architect Services on the construction document phase
- K. Approval to appropriate loan proceeds in the New Jail Capital Projects Fund for Architect Services
- L. Approval of payment to DiStefano/Santopetro Architects, Inc. for the construction document phase

14/A

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff to the County Judge, came before the Court requesting discussion to create a federal liaison position in Washington, D.C. The County Judge informed the Court that he was in Washington a few weeks back to lobby for some money for a multi-parking facility. He stated that they listened to them but they received a very cold reception, but they did have information on grant applications that could be submitted to acquire approximately \$2 million in possible funding. He continued by saying that it was during this trip that he came up with the idea of having a federal liaison person for the County within the Washington, D.C. area. He added that Mr. Saul Ramirez, from HUD, told him that the City of Laredo had a liaison and that person had helped them in acquiring transportation funds and funds for their airport improvements. Commissioner Handy indicated that she was having problems finding out about grant applications on the State level. After some discussion, Commissioner Garza asked the legal counsel if they could authorize the County Judge's administrative assistants to inquire as to how much it would cost to contract or hire a federal liaison. Steve Crain added that they could do that, but he was recommending that they have this type of person under contract. After further discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/B

Mrs. Cedillo informed the Court that she had presented them with handouts of trips that have been taken by the County Judge on the jail and by his

administrative assistants on the WEA. She stated that they were requesting that these types of reports be required from all departments. The County Judge then explained the need for the reports. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/C

Commissioner Rosel reported that when he saw this item he made some phone calls on the status of this property. He also mentioned that he had also received some phone calls for and against this request. The Commissioner indicated that he would like to defer to the Sheriff's Department as to what plans if any they had for this building. Lt. Roy Quintanilha informed the Court that they had spent some money renovating this building, which was used by the Combined Government Drug Task Force. He added that they had received a proposal from the FBI to utilize this building as a training facility, and this proposal was approved by the previous Commissioners' Court and they have spent additional funds in renovating the building again. He did add that they plan to move into the building sometime in May. He then introduced someone from the Federal Bureau of Investigation who would reiterate on the commitment. The County Judge was then recommending that this building be used for a sub-station and that this training facility be done as part of the construction of the proposed Adult Detention Facility. Mr. Quintanilha noted that they had already worked on this project for one year and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would eventually reimburse them. Commissioner Garza then reiterated what the County Judge had stated and asked if the Federal Bureau of Investigation could wait for the training facility to be part of the Adult Detention Facility. The individual from FBI pointed out that they had already submitted the application with the Moorefield location. The County Judge then added that if this County did not receive any funding from the FBI by January 2000, then if they would agree to his proposal. After further discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/D-G

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/H

Mrs. Cedillo was also requesting authorization to upgrade the Enrollment Coordinator salary and to do this they were wanting to take some surplus funds from slot #2. The new salary for the Enrollment Coordinator would be set at \$49,401.00 and the salary for slot #2 would be set at \$16,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/I

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, stated that this item had to do with some billings from the architect. The total amount of the billings is \$232,960.00. The County Judge noted for the record that to date approximately \$850,000.00 has been spent on these services. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the construction document phase on the new jail project.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/J

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize a loan in the amount of \$232,960.00 from the General Fund to the New Jail Capital Projects Fund for architect services on the construction document phase.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/K

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the appropriation of loan proceeds in the New Jail Capital Projects Fund for architect services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

15/L

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Judge Pulido to approve payment in the amount of \$232,960.00 to DiStefano/Santopetro Architects, Inc. for the construction document phase.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 16. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:**A. HIDALGO COUNTY -**

1. Report to Commissioner's Court as to closure of ASO North America and impact of two current contracts:
 - a. TPA Services of Hidalgo County's Indigent Health Program through the County's Department of Human Services. This contract was due to expire 8-31-99
 - b. Run-off claims services from the former self-insured health plan. This short-term contract was project specific.
2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Third Party Administration Services from the County's Indigent Health Program through the Hidalgo County Department of Human Services and Run-Off Claims from the former self-insured plan.
3. Authority to negotiate a short-term contract (120 days) for TPA Services and Run-Off Claims Services with a provider.
4. Requesting authority to advertise and RFP for TPA Services for the County's Indigent Health Program through the Hidalgo County Department of Human Services.
5. Recommending award of bid for "Hidalgo County Tires' Disposal Service."
6. Recommending approval of contracts for "Hidalgo County Tires' Disposal Service."
7. Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Hidalgo County-Lubricants (Grease, Oil, Hydraulic Fluids) and Anti-Freeze Products."
8. Status report on purchase/lease options for "Acquisition of Vehicles for Constables."
9. Discussion and possible action for "Acquisition of Vehicles for Constables."
10. Presentation of quotations received from both MAI (Master Appraisers Institute), designated appraisers and MSA (Master Senior Appraisers) certified on request for appraisal of two parcel of land
11. Selection of three appraisers to render appraisal services on two parcels of land: (1) 60-acre tract and (1) 55 + acre tract.
12. Requesting authority to advertise for "Industrial Chemicals-Hidalgo County."
13. Requesting authority to advertise for "Janitorial Supplies-Hidalgo County."

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1

1. Recommending rejection of all bids for the "Elsa Health Clinic" Bids received were over project budget amount.
2. Requesting authority to re-advertise for "Elsa Health Clinic"

- C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4 –
 - 1. Requesting approval from Commissioners' Court of bid withdrawal by low bidder for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material."
 - 2. Recommending bid award to low bidder for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material."
 - 3. Requesting approval of contract for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material."
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY JP OCHOA –
 - 1. Requesting approval of lease between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Justice of the Peace Ismael Ochoa for the "Rental of Office Space for Office of the Justice of the Peace in the City of Mission."
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT –
 - 1. Requesting authority to re-advertise for "Construction of a standby/emergency generator system" due to no bids received.
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM –
 - 1. Requesting a "Sole Source Declaration" of AMIGOS Bibliography Council of Texas for the providing of "on-line" Cataloging Services, References Databases, On-Line Shared Cataloguing, Inter-library Loan Support, and Information Technologies to the Hidalgo County Library System.
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT –
 - 1. Requesting authority to award bid on Section's III and IV for " Sheriff's Department Uniforms" to low bidder.
 - 2. Requesting approval of contract for "Sheriff's Department Uniforms" to low bidder.
- H. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM
 - 1. Recommending bid award for "Rental of Off Premises Storage and Training Area."
 - 2. Requesting approval of lease with BIC Realty.

16/A/1

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, came before the Court to give a report as to closure of ASO North America and impact of two current contracts. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel then noted that there has not been a closure and this company had been taken over by the Texas Department of Insurance and the FBI and DLL are currently investigating it. Mrs. Salazar continued by saying that the County currently has two contracts with ASO North America and she gave some specifics of these. After some discussion, Mr. Crain stated that they have been working on this issue and he was requesting that this Court allow legal counsel to proceed in acquiring a substitute to handle third party administration services. Rudy de la Viña, the Human Services Director, then reported that he had a concern with this substitute company possibly not having

the level of expertise needed to process the claims from his office. The County Judge then announced that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/2-3

Mr. Salazar was also requesting that no action be taken on these items at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for RFPs for Third Party Administration Services for the County's Indigent Health Program through the Hidalgo County Department of Human Services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/5

Mrs. Salazar reported that she had received two bids for "Hidalgo County Tire Disposal Service. The bidders were Lone Star Recycling out of Houston and World Tire out of Brownsville. She was recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder who is Lone Star Recycling. Commissioner Rosel had a concern with the bid and after some discussion; no action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/6

Mrs. Salazar indicated that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/7

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for "Hidalgo County – Lubricants (Grease, Oil, Hydraulic Fluids) and Anti-Freeze Products".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/A/8

Mrs. Salazar stated that she had met with several Constables as to the acquisition of vehicles for the Constables. She added that the report included the acquisition of these vehicles, through the H-GAC agreement; the DPS refurbished vehicles and the three-lease program. Mrs. Salazar did note that this was for two vehicles for each Constable. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit R)

16/A/9

Mrs. Salazar reported that no action would be required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit R)

16/A/10

Mrs. Salazar then stated that this next item was with regards to quotations received from both MAI (Master Appraisers Institute), designated appraisers and MSA (Master Senior Appraisers) certified on request for appraisal of two parcel of land. She did add that she had found three appraisers who were MAI certified; these being Aguirre & Patterson out of McAllen; Professional Appraisal Services out of McAllen; and Robinson and Duffy out of Harlingen. She also stated that two of these firms had requested a minimum of forty-five days for the appraisals. The Court then asked the County Auditor whom he would recommend under the MAI certificate. Manuel Cavazos indicated that he was recommending Robinson & Duffy for an amount of \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the County Auditor's recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

A motion was then made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the appointment of Aguirre & Patterson, Triple R and Noble Group as the appraisers.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

Commissioner Garza directed the Purchasing Director that this County would give them forty-five days only. He added that if the appraisals were not within this time then payment would be forfeited.

16/A/12

A motion was made by Commission Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for “Industrial Chemicals – Hidalgo County”.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/A/13

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the advertising for bids for “Janitorial Supplies – Hidalgo County”.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the rejection of all bids received for the “Elsa Health Clinic” due to bids being over the projected budget amount.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-advertising for bids for the “Elsa Health Clinic”.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/C/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that the low bidder has requested to withdraw his bid for “Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material.” A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the bid for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material" to the next low bidder being Jenny Durbin Trucking.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/C/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a contract for "Loading and Hauling of Shredded and Composted Waste Material" between the County of Hidalgo and Jenny Durbin Trucking for Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a lease between the County of Hidalgo and Hidalgo County Justice of the Peace Ismael "Melo" Ochoa for the "Rental of Office Space for the Justice of the Peace in the City of Mission".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-advertising for bids for the "Construction of a standby/emergency generator system" due to no bids received.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the "Sole Source Declaration" of AMIGOS Bibliography Council of Texas for the providing of "on-line" Cataloging Services, References Databases, On-Line Shared Cataloging, Inter-library Loan Support, and Information Technologies to the Hidalgo County Library System.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

16/G/1

Mrs. Salazar reported that she had received bids for “Sheriff’s Department Uniforms”. She was requesting that the bid be awarded to the low bidder on Sections III and IV, being Martin’s Uniforms. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioners Handy and Garza to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/G/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a contract with Martins’ Uniforms for uniforms for the Sheriff’s Department Sections III and IV.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/H/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the bid to for “Rental of Off Premises Storage and Training Area” for the WIC Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

16/H/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a lease agreement with BIC Realty for “Rental of Off Premises Storage and Training Area” for the WIC Program.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 17. CLOSED SESSION:

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

- A. Mary Maldonado v. J. Edgar Ruiz, et. al - C-2432-98-C
- B. Hidalgo County and City of San Juan vs. Eddie Ventura, individually & DBA Ventura Towing & Auto Sales - #T-342-92-D
- C. Elma Sanchez et. al. V. Hidalgo County et.al. - C-6297-95-D

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 18. Open Session:

- A. Mary Maldonado v. J. Edgar Ruiz, et. al - C-2432-98-C
- B. Hidalgo County and City of San Juan vs. Eddie Ventura, individually & DBA Ventura Towing & Auto Sales - #T-342-92-D
- C. Elma Sanchez et. al. V. Hidalgo County et.al. - C-6297-95-D

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

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit S)

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners' Court, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel that said meeting 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the check register and payment of claims and bills, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 2. DISCHARGE PERMIT - CITY OF MCALLEN - MISSION INLET

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a discharge permit with the City of McAllen for the Mission Inlet.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 3. VASTAR RESOURCES, INC. - CONDUCT GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY WITHIN DISTRICTS JURISDICTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a permit with Vastar Resources, Inc. to conduct a geophysical survey within the District's jurisdictions.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit U)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel 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 12TH day of November, 1999

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

**By: _____
Jennifer Castillo, Deputy**

**Minutes approve by the Commissioners' Court and the
Drainage District #1 Board on the 13th day of December, 1999.**