

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10TH day of May, 1999 after notice duly having been given, a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board was begun and holden in the Commissioners' Courtroom, in the County Administration Building, in the City of Edinburg, County of Hidalgo, State of Texas, with the following being members of said Court:

**HONORABLE JOSE ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

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

**HONORABLE HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

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

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

and where the following proceedings were had to-wit:

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

The Honorable Jose Eloy Pulido, County Judge, called the Commissioners' Court meeting to order, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. ROLL CALL

The County Judge announced that all members of the Commissioners' Court were present with the exception of Commissioner Oscar L. Garza.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Pulido asked Gilbert Garza, from the County Auditor's Office, to lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 3. PRAYER

Gilbert Garza also gave the invocation.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 4. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge announced that two individuals had signed up for the Open Forum and he asked that Mr. Francisco Lopez approach the Court. Mr. Lopez stated that he represented the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and announced that the Month of May was being declared "Elder Abuse Prevention Month" and he asked that Susie Huerta please read a proclamation. After some discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

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. Library System - \$4,200.00
- B. Adult Probation - \$3,000.00
- C. Sheriff - L.E.O.S.E. - \$2,267.71
- D. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl.1 - \$1,300.00
- E. Master Court #1 - \$1,707.00
- F. Drug Impact Court - \$5,500.00
- G. Computer Department - \$943.80
- H. County Treasurer - \$830.00
- I. Health Department – Clinics - \$100.00
- J. Health Department - TB Elimination - \$1,500.00
- K. J.P. Pct. #5, Pl. 1 - \$80.00
- L. Pct. #4 – Landfill - \$10,000.00
- M. Pct. #1 – Landfill - \$33,542.50
- N. Pct. #1 - Adm. - \$1,000.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 3. MONTHLY FEE REPORTS:

A. District Clerk - \$ 245,278.61 - April 1999
(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 4. RIGHT OF WAY - PERMITS:

- A. Pct. #1 - North Alamo Water Supply
- B. Pct. #1 - Southwestern Bell Telephone
- C. Pct. #3 - Western Geophysical
- D. Pct. #4 - North Alamo Water Supply

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 5. TAX OFFICE:

- A. Tax Refunds:
 - 1. McAllen Affordable Homes - \$ 663.39
 - 2. Alfredo Ruben Garza - \$ 1,960.23
 - 3. Norwest Mortgage - \$ 6,199.67

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 6. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. HOME "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter of Commitment to Mortgage Company (1 family)
- B. HOME/CDBG Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Applications (9 families)

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Final Plat Approval:
 - 1. Ebanos Subdivision Phase I - Pct. #3
 - 2. Hooyer Manor Subdivision - Pct. #3
 - 3. International Village Subdivision Unit 2 - Pct. #3
 - 4. Bradshaw Subdivision - Pct. #4
- B. Final Plat Approval with Letter of Credit:
 - 1. Rincon de Palmas Subdivision - Pct. #4
 - 2. Armando Garza Subdivision - Pct. #3

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 8. COUNTY AUDITOR:

- A. Posting of "Intent to Reimburse Notices" from future tax exempt obligations for the new jail project

(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 9. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Hidalgo County Adult Probation:
 - 1. Requesting approval of maintenance agreement for printer and auto carrier with Bell & Howell Document Management Products Company effective 2/14/99 to 2/13/00.
- B. Hidalgo County Election Department:
 - 1. Requesting approval of service contract for Color TV with Phillips Magnavox effective 05/10/99 to 05/09/00.
- C. Hidalgo County HIDTA Task Force:
 - 1. Requesting approval of service contract for "Off-Premises Storage" with The Document Storage Company, /f/k/a (Valley DocuServe) effective 05/10/99 to 05/9/00.
- D. Hidalgo County Veterans Department:
 - 1. Approval of final request for payment for TAG International L.L.P.F.K.A., Morales, Best, Hinojosa Architects on the Veterans Memorial Project for \$893.70

E. Hidalgo County WIC Program:

1. Requesting approval of service contract for Pest Control with Terminix effective 5/10/99 to 5/9/00.

(See Exhibit I)

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/or comments. Commissioner Rosel indicated that a correction was needed on Item 2/H with respect to the account numbers and no action would be required on item 9/D. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, stated that these items would have to be pulled from the Consent Agenda and taken under consideration in the Regular Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 2/H and 9/D.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (FROM CONSENT AGENDA)

H. County Treasurer - \$830.00

Commissioner Rosel indicated that this only required a correction on the account numbers. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 9. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT (FROM CONSENT AGENDA)

D. Hidalgo County Veterans Department:

1. Approval of final request for payment for TAG International L.L.P.F.K.A., Morales, Best, Hinojosa Architects on the Veterans Memorial Project for \$893.70

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, stated that this item had been placed on the agenda before, but lacked the monies to fund it. Her staff had inadvertently placed on the agenda again thinking that the appropriation had been approved to pay. The County Auditor indicated that the funds for this project had to be appropriated before it can be approved. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- A. Approval to reduce slot 18 and increase slots 14,15,16 and 17 in the General Fund
- B. Set salaries for slots 14,15,16,17 and 18
- C. Budget amendment - Gen. Fund

5/A

Roy Casares came before the Court requesting authorization to reduce the salary in slot 18 and to increase the salaries in slots 14, 15, 16 and 17 within the District Attorney's General Fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

5/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to set the salaries at \$54,000.00 in slots 14, 15, 16 and 17 and the salary in slot 18 at \$40,684.20.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

5/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$6,288.00 from the General Fund for the purchase of printers for the Misdemeanor and Civil Sections.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 6. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:

- A. Requesting approval to file a grant application "State Criminal Alien Assistance Program"

Robert McIntosh, from the Sheriff's Office, came before the Court requesting authorization to file a grant application with the State for the "State Criminal Alien Assistance Program". Under this grant, the Bureau of Justice awards the County approximately 1/3 of the monies expended by the Sheriff's Department for the housing of aliens in the County jail. After some discussion regarding the amount received by the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 7. 92ND DISTRICT COURT:

- A. Approval to upgrade salary for assistant court coordinator position
- B. Budget amendment
- C. Set salary

7/A

State District Judge Edward Aparicio came before the Court requesting approval to upgrade the salary of an assistant court coordinator position from \$17,640.00 to \$22,000.00. He was justifying this request by reporting the salaries of the assistant court coordinators in other courts. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

7/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,334.00 for the salary of the assistant court coordinator pro-rated for the period of May 10, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

7/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salary of the assistant court coordinator at \$22,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 8. PCT. #1:

- A. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Flood/Drainage improvement grant application to the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone
- B. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Fire Station/Equipment grant application to the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone

8/A

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant for Precinct One, came before the Court requesting approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal of a Flood/Drainage Improvement grant application to the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone. He stated that the empowerment zone had appropriated some funds for this area and the County was filing this grant application on behalf of Monte Alto. Mr. Lozano noted that the amount for the flood and drainage improvements was \$545,000.00, which would be coordinated by the County. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the resolution, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

8/B

Mr. Lozano was also requesting the approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal of a Fire Station/Equipment grant application to the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone in the amount of \$275,000.00 for the community of Monte Alto. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 9. PCT #3:

- A. Resolution endorsing Hino Electric Company

Commissioner Rosel was requesting approval of a resolution endorsing Hino Electric Company, but there were some concerns that were expressed by legal counsel about the County endorsing a private company. He felt that this item was justified in allowing the citizens of this County to have another choice in the particular type of service being offered by this company. The County Judge endorsed this resolution, but added that in order to make it fair to everyone then they should endorse include "all the players" and thus addressing the issue of fair competition. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel to adopt the resolution endorsing the competition in the arena of obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Public Utilities Commission of Texas. Upon a second by Commissioner Handy, the discussion continued with regards to the endorsement of a private company by this County. During this discussion, the motion was withdrawn and Commissioner Palacios recommended that no action be taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 10. PCT. #4:

- A. Presentation of petition by El Charro #2 Subdivision Residents
- B. Authorization to amend existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 for Janitorial Services

10/A

Alva Gonzalez came before the Court to present a petition by the residents of El Charro #2 Subdivision who were requesting that the streets within their subdivision be paved. She mentioned that they had discussed this with Commissioner Garza and he had indicated that the residents had to put up 33% in order to have their streets paved. Ms. Gonzalez was asking if there was another fund that they could tap into to acquire the monies to get the streets paved. Judge Pulido announced that Commissioner Garza was ill and therefore was not present at this meeting and a recommendation was made to take no action on this item until he is present.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit O)

10/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to amend the existing interlocal cooperation agreement between the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 and Precinct Four for janitorial services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 11. URBAN COUNTY:

- A. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with R.E. Garcia & Associates - City of La Villa - Water/Sewer Improvements - Urban County Years 8 & 10 (1995 & 1997)
- B. Approval of a Professional Service Contract with R.E. Garcia & Associates - City of La Villa - Flood/Drain Improvements - Urban County Year 9 (1996)
- C. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for J.D.S. Construction - City of La Joya - Neighborhood Facilities - 1995, 1996 and 1997 (Urban County Years 8, 9 & 10)
- D. Approval of a Budget and Program Amendment - Pct. #2 - Urban County Year 10 (1997)
- E. Approval of a Construction Contract with Mission Paving Company - Pct. #2 - Street Improvements Urban County Years 9, 10 and 11 (1996, 1997 & 1998)
- F. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Mission Paving-Hidalgo County Pct. #2 - Street Improvements - 1998 (Urban County Year 11)
- G. Cancellation of an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) contract with the Community Service Agency, and Reallocation of Recapture Funds to the Salvation Army
- H. City of La Villa - HOME/CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program - Construction Contract Award

11/A

The City of La Villa is requesting approval of a professional service contract with R.E. Garcia & Associates for water/sewer improvements in the amount of \$11,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/B

The City of La Villa was also requesting approval of a professional service agreement with R.E. Garcia & Associates for flood/drain improvements in the amount of \$7,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/C

The City of La Joya was requesting approval of a change order number one on a contract with J.D.S. Construction. The change order is for an increase of \$15,395.00 and an additional forty-five days. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/D

Precinct Two was requesting approval of a program and budget amendment under their UCP Year 10. The amendment is to reduce the Neighborhood Facilities line item by \$50,000.00 and their Parks/Recreational Facilities line item by \$2,500.00 and increase their Street Improvement line item by \$52,500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/E

Precinct Two was also requesting approval of a construction contract with Mission Paving Company for street improvements in the amount of \$84,219.14. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/F

Precinct Two was requesting approval of a change order number one on a contract with Mission Paving Company for street improvements. The change order is for an increase of \$4,569.64. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/G

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, informed the Court that he was requesting the cancellation of an Emergency Shelter Grant contract the Community Service Agency and to re-locate the remaining funds in the amount of \$7,118.44 to the Salvation Army. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

11/H

The City of La Villa was requesting approval of a construction contract award under their HOME/CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program. The contract is to be awarded to Cavazos Construction in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the rehabilitation of three dwelling units. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 12. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

A. Consideration regarding proposed amendments to rules A.2.8 and B.2.8 Hidalgo County Subdivision Rules

Emilio Garcia, Chief Planner, came before the Court and requested no action as per Commissioner Garza, who was not present. Commissioner Rosel asked him to give a brief report of the proposed request. Mr. Garcia stated that this had to do with the change on the size of the lots in subdivisions within the ETJs of the cities and the amount required for sanitary purposes. He added that presently the County regulations called for 7,000 square feet and the rules adopted by the cities only called for 6,000 square feet. The other amendment had to do with the area in front of and behind the structures on the lots. A discussion then ensued with regards to some comments by Commissioner Palacios regarding proposed legislation that would affect the subdivision requirements come September 1, 1999. The County legal counsel noted that the proposed legislation had nothing to do with the item that was on the table at this time. Godfrey Garza, the Drainage District Director, pointed out that this Court had other things to consider besides the size of the lot, such as the need for proper drainage within the subdivisions. After further discussions, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 13. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Recommending bid award for "Rental of Office Space" to low bidder.
2. Requesting approval of lease for "Rental of Office Space" to low bidder.
3. Discussion and action on negotiation final proposed draft contract (best and final offer included) with number one ranked health benefits consultant firm of Edwards Risk Management, Inc.
4. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirement under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (a)(9)(C) for an Interlocal agreement.
5. Approval of and Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool (TML) and a TPA (Third Party Administration) Agreement for services related to suspense/run-off claims from the County's prior self-insured plan (these are the services that were to be provided through the terminated contract with ASO North America).
6. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirement under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (a)(40) for Professional services/financial advisor.

7. Authority to direct purchasing department to negotiate a professional services contract with Estrada-Hinojosa for: financial advisor services for: "The New Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility and Renovation of existing Facility"
- B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1
1. Recommending approval of contract for bid awarded by Commissioners Court on 05-04-99 for: "Hauling of Rap Material Services."
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY TAX OFFICE
1. Requesting to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Printing of 1999 Tax Statements, Tax Rolls and the Folding, Inserting, Pre-Sorting and delivering of tax Statements to the Edinburg Post Office."

13/A/1&2

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that she was requesting no action on items 13/A/1 and 13/A/2 at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/3

Mrs. Salazar then stated that she was bringing a report on the negotiations for the best and final draft contract with Edwards Risk Management, Inc. for health benefits consultant firm for the County. She mentioned that this was a one-year contract for the writing of the RFP, the evaluation and the staying on through the transition with the new provider and a year of services for the purposes of quality control. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$45,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the best and final offer of Edwards Risk Management, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (a)(9)(C) for an Interlocal agreement with Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve an interlocal agreement with Texas Municipal League Group Benefits Risk Pool (TML) and a TPA (Third Party Administration) Agreement for services related to suspense/run-off claims from the County's prior self-insured plan.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements under professional services for Estrada-Hinojosa for financial services for: "The New Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility and Renovation of existing Facility".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/A/7

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to direct the Purchasing Department to negotiate a professional services contract with Estrada-Hinojosa for: financial advisor services for: "The New Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility and Renovation of existing Facility".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the contract for "Hauling of Rap Material Services" for Precinct One with M-C Hauling Services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

13/C

Commissioner Rosel made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for the "Printing of 1999 Tax Statements, Tax Rolls and the Folding, Inserting, Pre-Sorting and delivering of tax Statements to the Edinburg Post Office."

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 14. COUNTY JUDGE:

- A. Budget amendment in the amount of \$ 79,712.07 to pay for client support and software update services for the period 10/01/98 to 12/31/98 and 1/1/99 to 12/31/99
- B. Proclamation honoring Esther Jimenez

14/A

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff to the County Judge, came before the Court requesting a budget amendment to pay for client support and software update services for the period from October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 and from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. She mentioned that the correct amount of the budget amendment is \$65,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$65,000.00, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit S)

14/B

Juan D. Salinas, III, Hidalgo County Clerk, came before the Court to request approval of a proclamation declaring May 10, 1998 as "Esther M. Jimenez Day". Mr. Salinas reported that Ms. Jimenez has dedicated fifty years of service to County government and continues to work at the County Clerk's Office at this time. Mr. Salinas then proceeded to read the proclamation. After some brief comments from Ms. Jimenez and the County Judge no action was taken on this item.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 15. RISK MANAGEMENT:

- A. Approval of changes in Workers' Compensation Internal Policy
- B. Report on Accident Prevention Plan
- C. Introduction of a Wellness Program

15/A

Charlie Montgomery, County Risk Manager, came before the Court to give a report as per the Accident Prevention Plan. She then proceeded to present some suggested changes to the Workers' Compensation Internal Policy. Steve Crain, the County legal counsel, recommended that all these proposals be presented to TAC for their consideration as well. A brief discussion ensued with some concerns by the County Judge on employees who were out on Workers' Compensation leave for an extended period of time and on possible ways to get them back into the workforce on modified duty plans. After the discussion, no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

15/B&C

Ms. Montgomery then proceeded to give a report on the Accident Prevention Plan. In her report she indicated that three accident reports had been filed for the month of May. She also presented a new procedure on the reporting of accidents in the workplace, which would be a shorter accident reporting form. Ms. Montgomery continued by introducing a Wellness Program, which she said has been implemented in conjunction with the Head Start Program. After some discussion, no action was required on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit T)

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM BIDDING PROCESS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize an exemption from the competitive bidding process under professional services for Turner, Collie & Braden.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT:

- A. Turner Collie & Braden Inc. - for implementation of proposed planning grant authorized by Texas Water Development Board for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties (as per direction of board of directors)

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a contract with Turner Collie & Braden for the implementation of proposed planning grant authorized by Texas Water Development Board for Hidalgo and Willacy Counties.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 3. AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PCT. #4 AND HCDD #1 - JANITORIAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Precinct Four and the Drainage District #1 for janitorial services. (Amendment is for an increase in hours)

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 Palacios that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.

They're 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 (TITO) PALACIOS _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

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

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

Dated this the 5th day of January, 2000.

**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 10th day of January, 2000.