

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th day of January, 2000 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 certified that all members of the Commissioners' Court were present.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3. PRAYER

The County Judge then asked Armando Barrera, the County Tax Assessor/Collector to lead the Court in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and also to give the invocation.

NO ACTION.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND BILLS - COUNTY AUDITOR

ITEM 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - 1999:

- A. Youth Village - \$300.00
- B. Sheriff Department - \$20,870.00
- C. Sheriff Department - Jail - \$5,100.00
- D. Juvenile Justice Court - \$1,216.00
- E. 206th District Court - - \$4,782.32 & 1,499.30
- F. Pct. #3 - Paved/Unpaved - \$8,300.00
- G. Pct. #3 - Adm. - \$832.25
- H. Pct. #3 - \$1,000.00
- I. Landfill - \$625.31
- J. Health Department - Sanitation - \$100.00

- K. 398th District Court - \$350.00
- L. D.P.S. – License & Weight - \$300.00
- M. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 1 - \$169.01
- N. Pct. #4 – Paved/Unpaved - \$4,831.11
- O. Pct. #4 – Landfill - \$1,000.00
- P. Pct. #4 – Lateral Roads - \$1,512.81
- Q. District Attorney – Gen. Fund - \$1,453.13
- R. District Attorney – Hot Checks - \$101.98
- S. Pct. #1 – Paved/Unpaved - \$1,014.41
- T. Pct. #1 – Sanitation - \$6,658.83
- U. Pct. #1 – Adm. - \$75.00
- V. County Court #1 - \$499.99

(See Exhibit A)

ITEM 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 2000:

- A. County Court #1 - \$225.00
- B. Planning Department - \$150.00

(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of the following Certificates
 1. Certificates of Plat & Utility Status under Local Government Code Section 232.028(b)
 2. Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029(c)(1)
 3. Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section 232.029(c)(2)

(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 5. RIGHT OF WAY – PERMITS:

- A. Pct. #1 – BGP International, Inc. – Mile 14 ½ Rd. & Tower Rd.
- B. Pct. #1 – BGP International, Inc. – Old Military Rd. & Baseline Rd.
- C. Pct. #1 – North Alamo Water Supply
- D. Pct. #4 – Smith Production Co. – Texan Rd.
- E. Pct. #4 – Smith Production Co. – Iowa Rd.

(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 6. MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

- A. District Clerk - \$216,276.53 – Dec. 1999

(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BOND

- A. County Court at Law #1 – Homer Vasquez

(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 8. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- A. Final Plat Approval with Letter of Credit
 - 1. Cotton Estates Phase III – Pct. 1

(See Exhibit G)

ITEM 9. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

- A. HIDALGO COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – 1999 re-appropriation of funds into 2000 budget under approved 11-30-99
 - 1. 0-010-415-500-86 - \$1,811.84 – Purchasing Department portion for Hidalgo County
 - 2. 0-010-421-100-49 - \$1,000.00 – Sheriff's Department Historical Contribution

- B. HIDALGO COUNTY 92ND DISTRICT COURT

- 1. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under the Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024(C), ('a state agency of this state')
- 2. Requesting authority to purchase Lucent Technologies Partner System Equipment with Installation from Southwestern Bell, A QISV Vendor, through the State of Texas, General Services Commission, Catalogue Purchasing Program. Total Discounted purchase price including freight - \$2,856.25.

(See Exhibit H)

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 4. OPEN FORUM

The County Judge asked if anyone would like to address the Court under Open Forum. Being that no one responded, no action was required.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 5. SELECTION OF 2000 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that the Court needed to select twelve individuals, ten of which would be representatives and two as alternates. These individuals were selected by lot from the list of members who served on the grand jury panels for the year 1999. The representatives selected were as follows:

1. Pat Levrier – McAllen
2. Gilbert Tagle – PSJA area
3. Fred Longoria – Edinburg
4. Romeo Vidal – Mcallen
5. Reynaldo Chapa – McAllen
6. A.R. Guerra – Linn
7. Rosa L. Rodriguez – Edinburg
8. Jose De Jesus De Leon – McAllen
9. Osvaldo Cardoso – Edcouch
10. Chris Rocha – Edinburg

The alternates selected were as follows:

1. Christina Martin – Mission
2. Delia Alvarez – Mission

A motion was then made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the 2000 Grievance Committee as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 6. 92ND DISTRICT COURT

- A. Approval of budget amendment - \$2,856.25 (Office Equipment)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,856.25 for the 92nd District Court for office equipment.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit J)

ITEM 7. CONSTABLE PCT. #2

- A. Appointment of Deputy Constable

Commissioner Rosel stated that he would like to ask the applicant some questions with regards to his qualifications. After this, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the appointment of Ronnie Guerra as deputy Constable for Precinct Two.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

ITEM 8. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

- A. Budget amendment for the overtime hours approved for payment on 01-03-00
- B. Request approval to pay employees from Jail & Sheriff Departments the hurricane hours out of holiday hours and pay exempt employees
- C. Budget amendment
- D. Approval to re- for the payment of holiday hours and exempt employees classify slot #118 (vacant) from Identification Technician to Crime Scene Specialist
- E. Approval to re-classify slot #137 (vacant) from Executive Secretary to Secretary I
- F. Set salaries at \$33,065.81 for Crime Scene Specialist and \$15,384.84 for Secretary I
- G. Authorization an approval of Inter-Agency Agreement with the City of McAllen for the Sheriff's/District Attorney's Offices for the Narcotics Task Force Grant

8/A

Colin Asburn, Deputy Sheriff, came before the Court requesting approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$67,499.31 for overtime hours approved for payment on January 03, 2000. The County Judge then asked if the County had a reimbursement check from TAC for payment of this overtime. Roy Quintanilha stated that these monies would be coming out of the 03 funds that were returned to the General Fund. Judge Pulido then asked that the Court pass this item until the Risk Manager is present.

8/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the re-classification of slot #118 from Identification Technician to Crime Scene Specialist.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

8/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the re-classification of slot #137 from Executive Secretary to Secretary I.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

8/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to set the salaries for the Crime Scene Specialist at \$33,065.81 and for the Secretary I at \$15,384.84.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

8/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve an inter-agency agreement between the City of McAllen and the County of Hidalgo for the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office for the Narcotics Task Force Grant.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

8/A

The County Judge then asked Charlie Montgomery, the County Risk Manager, if the County had received the funding for the overtime and she replied that she had. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$67,499.31 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

8/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Handy to pay employees from the Jail and Sheriff Departments the hurricane hours out of holiday hours and also pay exempt employees.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

8/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$34,645.89 for the payment of holiday hours and exempt employees.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 9. RIGHT OF WAY

- A. Approval of Agreement to Contribute Funds between the State of Texas, Texas Department of Transportation and Hidalgo County – Acquisition of Right of Way, Highway Project on Highway No. 495
- B. Approval of the Off-System Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Program – Texas Transportation Commission with reference to:
 - 1. CR 360 @ Irrigation Canal/CSJ: 0921-02-924/PSN # AA03-60-002
 - 2. CR 357 @ Irrigation Canal/CSJ: 0921-02-923/PSN #AA03-57-002
 - 3. CR 348 @ Irrigation Canal/CSJ: 0921-02-922/PSN #AA03-48-001
 - 4. Nittler Road Over Willacy Main Canal/CSJ: 0921-02-921/PSN #AA03-41-001
 - 5. CR 232 @ Willacy Main Canal/CJS: 0921-02-059/PSN #AA02-32-002
 - 6. CR 344 @ Irrigation Canal CSJ/0921-02-056/PSN #AA03-44-001

9/A

Joe Vasquez, Right of Way Director, came before the Court requesting approval of an agreement for the acquisition of right of way between the Texas Department of Transportation and the County of Hidalgo. The agreement is in the amount of approximately \$1 million with the County's share being about \$574,000.00. Godfrey Garza did indicate that this payment would be split into three payments. A discussion ensued with regards to what would happen if the State decided not to fund this project and what effect this would have on the County budgets. Commissioner Garza stated that he knew that this was a great project, but he was concerned about how this would affect projects within his area or the other precincts should the County fund this project. Mr. Garza indicated that he felt that this was a very important project and that the County would greatly benefit by it and he also felt that the public should be kept informed of these types of projects. The County Judge concurred, and after further comments from Commissioners Rosel and Garza, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit M)

9/B

Mr. Vasquez was requesting approval of the Off-System Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation Program in conjunction with the Texas Transportation Commission for the replacement of six bridges. A discussion ensued with regards to some concerns by Commissioner Rosel regarding the need to repair some of the bridges in his precinct also. Commissioner Garza noted that the State had done a study and these were considered high priority for reparation. After some discussion

regarding this issue, a motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 10. PRESENTATION BY THE WEED AND SEED – MCALLEN INITIATIVE REGARDING A COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE COORDINATED PLAN TO ADDRESS JUVENILE JUSTICE ISSUES – BRENT ALAN GARZA/NEREIDA MORALES

Mark Kent, Vice Chairperson for the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, came before the Court to invite the members of the Commissioners' Court to a Weed and Seed Conference that would be held on February 24th. This conference was being held in conjunction with the 78501 Community Youth Development Program Initiative and its goal was to address juvenile justice issues in order to "weed out" the criminal element and then "seeding" or "planting" prevention intervention programs. He then turned the microphone over to Mike Wychopen who would also speak on behalf of this organization. After further discussion no action was taken on this item at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit N)

ITEM 11. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A. Preliminary Plat Approval:

1. El Jardin Estates No. 2 – Pct. #3

Emilio Garcia, Planning Director, came before the Court requesting approval of El Jardin Estates No. 2. He noted that the Subdivision Advisory Board had approved this subdivision. A discussion ensued with regards to what the changes were that were implemented as per the last amendment to the subdivision rules and the County Judge also made some comments concerning some of the technicalities that were being imposed by the State to developers, especially in this area of the State. A motion was then made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to grant preliminary plat approve to El Jardin Estates No. 2.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

ITEM 12. HIDTA – Task Force

A. Approval to reject bids received on Sale of Real Properties on December 3, 1999

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, informed the Court that Mr. Lupe Treviño could not be present this morning. He stated that the position of the HIDTA Task Force was to reject the bids because the bids received were extremely low as compared to the appraised value and they also wanted to explore the possibility of utilizing a realtor for the sale of this property. Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, who was appointed special commissioner to sell the property, gave a report on the issues that came up while he was trying to sell this property such as taxes or liens that were due on these properties that placed an additional cost. He also mentioned that any proceeds from these sales did not go to the County, but were re-allocated back into the Task Force budget. After further discussion, it was recommended to take no action on this item, in order to allow the Task Force Director or a representative to be present for further discussion.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit P)

ITEM 13. PCT. #3

- A. Request authorization to create two (2) temporary clerk positions for the Planning Department
- B. Set Salaries at \$6.75/hour
- C. Approval of budget amendment
- D. Authorization to create two (2) Park Maintenance positions in the Parks Department
- E. Set Salaries
- F. Approval of line item transfer to fund the positions
- G. Authorization to re-classify vacant slot #3 from Maintainer Supervisor to Road Grader Operator
- H. Authorization to re-classify vacant slot #30 from Tire Repair/Laborer to Road Maintenance

13/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the creation of one temporary full-time clerk position for the Planning Department to assist in the backlog due to changes in the subdivision rules and regulations.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salaries for the temporary clerk at \$6.75 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner to approve a budget amendment to reflect a salary of \$6.75 per hour not to exceed six months for the temporary full-time clerk position.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the creation of two Park Maintenance positions for Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/E

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to set the salaries for the two Park Maintenance positions at \$6.75 per hour.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/F

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$39,280.06 to fund the two Park Maintenance positions.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/G

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to re-classify a vacant position in slot #3 from Maintainer Supervisor to Road Grader Operator.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

13/H

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to re-classify a vacant position in slot #30 from Tire Repair/Laborer to Road Maintenance.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 14. PCT. #4

- A. Authorization to create one Sanitation full-time permanent Grader Operator/Maintenance position and set salary
- B. Authorization to create four Paved/Unpaved full-time permanent Maintenance positions and set salary
- C. Line Item Transfers in Paved/Unpaved Roads & Sanitation
- D. Approval of budget amendment

14/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the creation of a Sanitation full-time permanent Grader Operator/Maintenance position and set the salary at \$18,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

14/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the creation of four Paved/Unpaved full-time permanent Maintenance positions and to set the salaries.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

14/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$24,981.00 and \$81,251.96, respectively, to fund the positions created under the Precinct Four Sanitation and Paved/ Unpaved budgets.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit R)

14/D

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve a budget amendment in the amount of 3,505.51 for Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 15. BUDGET AMENDMENTS - 1999

- A. Autopsies - \$35,000.00
- B. County Records Management - \$2,500.00
- C. Court Reporters Fund - \$8,857.25
- D. County Clerks Records Management - \$47,426.00
- E. Insurance - Bldg./Auto - \$7,427.00

After a discussion, regarding a proposition by the County Judge to possibly contract out for autopsies services or hiring a County Coroner and the possible savings to the County, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the budget amendments as listed to satisfy 1999 claims.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 16. COURTHOUSE SECURITY

- A. Approval to appropriate year 2000 funds

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, stated that this was to fund the new position that was created for Administration Security under the Courthouse Security Fund. The requested appropriation is in the amount of \$2,200.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the appropriation of funds as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

ITEM 17. COUNTY JUDGE

- A. Approval of Agreement between Hidalgo County and the Historical Museum
- B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for On-site Sewerage Facility Inspections with the City of Edinburg

17/A

Valde Guerra, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, pointed out that the County Auditor had some concerns with regards to the agreement with the Historical Museum. The concerns had to do with the proposed advanced payment and also the right to audit clause. David Girault, County legal counsel, noted that this was basically the same agreement that has been place for some time and the basic change was the addition of the right to audit clause. The County Judge questioned the policy by the County Auditor on the "right to audit" and this resulted in a discussion with similar concerns by the County Commissioners on who was authorizing the audit and on what grounds the County Auditor would audit a program. After further discussion, Commissioner Garza recommended that no action be taken on this item and that legal counsel be directed to research the authority and duties of the County Auditor in matters such as these.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit U)

17/B

Mr. Guerra state that this was the OSSF agreement that the County had with the Cities within the County and the City of Edinburg was the last city to come on board for the inspection of sewage facilities. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the interlocal agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 18. PUBLIC DEFENDERS

- A. Approval to create a new secretary position
- B. Approval of budget amendment
- C. Set salary at \$16,000.00

18/A

Felix Rodriguez, the Court Appointments Coordinator for the Public Defense Department, came before the court to request the creation of a new secretary position. He stated that this position was needed due to the creation of the Collections Department within the County Clerk's Office and the implementation of the Hidalgo County Work Release Program, which had created a backlog in paper work. After some discussion with regards to a question from Commissioner Rosel about the relationship between the Collections Department and the Public Defense Department, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

18/B

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,953.12.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

18/C

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to set the salary for the new secretary position for the Public Defense Department at \$16,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 19. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

A. HIDALGO COUNTY

1. Requesting approval to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract for “Catalog – Office Supplies, Office Equipment & Office Furniture” so as not to have lapse in service and allow the bid process to be completed, with:
 - a. Corporate Express – Catalog Office Supplies
 - b. Rio Grande Valley Office Plus – Catalog Office Supplies & Office Furniture
 - c. Office Com – Catalog Office Equipment and Office Furniture
 - d. Office Depot – Catalog Office Equipment
2. Discussion and action of present Hidalgo County Jail and/or new Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project
3. Approval of a \$28,675.00 loan from the General Fund to the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project Fund No. 698 for engineering services
4. Approval to appropriate loan proceeds in the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund No. 698
5. Requesting approval to exercise the 60 days extension with Montgomery Kone as to allow legal counsel to review the proposed draft contract received on the newly awarded bid

6. Requesting approval of service contract with Esparza Pest Control for "Pest Control Services"
- B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2**
1. Recommending award of bid to sole bidder for "Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 – One (1) New 2000 Heavy Duty Dump Truck w/bed"
 2. Recommending rejection of all bids for "Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 Three (3) New 2000 Semi-Tractors" due to modification of specifications
 3. Requesting approval to re-advertise for "Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 Three (3) New 2000 Semi-Tractors"
- C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 3**
1. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "One (1) New 4 Wheel Drive Rubber Tired Loader"
 2. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Paving of Parking Area at Sullivan City Park"
- D. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 4**
1. Acceptance of claims from Roy's Hauling for the hauling of road materials for Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 (Note: said claims cannot be paid under existing "Hauling Contract" with vendor since invoices indicate vehicles used for hauling are not owned by Contractor) Claims are an addition to claims approved on Commissioners' Court on December 21, 1999
 2. Authorization for Auditor to process payment for said claims to Roy's Hauling for hauling of road materials for Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4 in the amount of \$14,967.96.
- E. HIDALGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
1. Requesting approval of application and certificate of payment for Hidalgo County Courthouse for the renovations of two courtrooms from
 - a. Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect - \$1,200.00
 - b. JDS Construction Co., Contractor - \$20,615.00
 2. Authorization for Auditor to pay:
 - a. Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect - \$1,200.00
 - b. JDS Construction, Co., Contractor - \$20,615.00
- F. HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**
1. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for "Internet Services"
- G. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM**
1. Recommending to reject bids for "Site Preparation, Utilities & Construction of Parking Lot for WIC Modular Clinic in Progreso, Texas"

2. Requesting authority to advertise for "Site Preparation Utilities for WIC Modular Clinic in Progreso, Texas."

19/A/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a sixty day grace period for the current contracts with Corporate Express for Catalog Office Supplies; Rio Grande Valley Office Plus for Catalog Office Supplies and Office Furniture; Office Com for Catalog Office Equipment and Office Furniture; and Office Depot for Catalog Office Equipment, so as not to have lapse in service.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/A/2

Martha Salazar, County Purchasing Director, reported that as of this morning the County had a total population of 790 inmates, of which 576 were presently in-house at the County jail and 214; which were being housed out of County. She did add that the La Villa facility was still on going. With regards to the new Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center project, the grading committee had met on Tuesday and the deadline for the submittal of the scoring information is tomorrow. She continued by saying that this committee should give Commissioners' Court any recommendations on the credentials, the expertise and the financial stability of the team that proposed the statement of qualifications. Mrs. Salazar also pointed out that they should be on the agenda for next Tuesday to present the scoring criteria and to request to proceed with phase two of the RFQ packet, which is the request for proposal from the team.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit W)

19/A/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve a loan from the General Fund to the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund No. 698 in the amount of \$28,675.00, for engineering services (i.e. two geo-technical surveys and investigations that were requested by the consulting architect).

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/A/4

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the appropriation of loan proceeds in the amount

of \$28,675.00 into the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Capital Projects Fund No. 698.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

19/A/5

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to allow the Purchasing Department to exercise the sixty-day extension with Montgomery KONE as to allow legal counsel to review the proposed draft contract received on newly awarded bid for elevator services.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

19/A/6

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve a service contract with Esparza Pest Control for "Pest Control Services".

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

19/B/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to award the bid for "Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 – One (1) New 2000 Heavy Duty Dump Truck w/Bed" to the sole bidder being Rush Truck Center at a bid price of \$63,846.98.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

19/B/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the rejection of all bids for the purchase of "Three (3) New 2000 Semi-Tractors" due to modification of specifications.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

19/B/3

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the re-advertising for bids for "Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2 – Three (3) New 2000 Semi-Tractors".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/C/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to authorize the advertising for bids for "One (1) New 4 Wheel Drive Rubber Tired Loader" for Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/C/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to authorize the advertising for bids for "Paving of Parking Area at Sullivan City Park" in Precinct Three.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/D/1

Mrs. Salazar informed the Court this was a request from Precinct Four who was requesting acceptance of claims received from Roy's Hauling. She did note that these claims could not be paid under the existing contract since the invoices indicated that the contractor did not own the vehicles used for hauling. The total amount of these claims is \$14,967.96. She also stated that these would be the last invoices of this kind that would be submitted by Precinct Four. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/D/2

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the County Auditor to process payment in the amount of \$14,967.96 to Roy's Hauling for the hauling of road materials for Precinct Four.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/E/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the application and certificate of payment of the

Hidalgo County Courthouse for the renovations of two courtrooms from George A. Garcia, Architect, in the amount of \$1,200.00 and JDS Construction Company in the amount of \$20,615.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/E/2

Commissioner Rosel made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Garza to authorize the County Auditor to pay George A. Garcia, Architect the amount of \$1,200.00 and JDS Construction Company the amount of \$20,615.00 for the renovations of two courtrooms.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/F/1

Mrs. Salazar stated that this was a pilot project that the Library System wanted to go into and after discussions with the Library System Director he has agreed to acquire Internet services through an agreement that he has. The County Judge asked that no action be taken on this item, pending further discussion with Mr. McGee.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit W)

19/G/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the rejection of all bids received for "Site Preparation, Utilities & Construction of Parking Lot for WIC Modular Clinic in Progreso, Texas" due to bids coming in over estimated budget.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

19/G/1

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the advertising for bids for "Site Preparation, Utilities for WIC Modular Clinic in Progreso, Texas".

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

**ADD. 1. APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT –
MCALLEN COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR YOUTH INITIATIVES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the cooperative working agreement with McAllen Community Partners for Youth Initiatives.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

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

A. City of San Juan – City of San Juan Wastewater Treatment Plant
(See Exhibit Y)

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 Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve.

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1. AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND 2000 BUDGET BY \$840,000.00

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, came before the Board requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$840,000.00 for the proposed purchase of machinery and equipment for the Year 2000. He added that this will probably be the last time this District requests a large amount for the purchase of equipment as they are trying to upgrade all equipment. He did note that these funds would be coming out of the District's fund balance. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

**ITEM 2. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS INTO LINE ITEM
95 (MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$840,000.00 into line item 95, machinery and equipment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit Z)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel 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 _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4**

Dated this the 18th 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 _____ day of _____, 1999.

