

COUNTY OF HIDALGO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 1st day of February, 2000 after notice duly having been given, a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board was begun and holden in the Commissioners' Courtroom, in the County Administration Building, in the City of Edinburg, County of Hidalgo, State of Texas, with the following being members of said Court:

**HONORABLE JOSE ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

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

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

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

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

and where the following proceedings were had to-wit:

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

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

NO ACTION.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 3: PRAYER

The County Judge asked that Paul Rodriguez, for the invocation and to lead the Court and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

NO ACTION.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER AND PAYMENT OF CLAMIS AND BILLS-COUNTY AUDITOR

ITEM 2: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS-1999:

A. District Attorney

ITEM 3: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS-2000:

A. J.P. Pct. # 3, Pl 2

B. Criminal Auxiliary Court

C. District Attorney

D. J.P. Pct. # 4, Pl 1

E. Tax Office

- F. Planning Department
- G. 92nd District Court #1
- H. County Court #1
- I. Child Welfare
- J. J.P. Pct. # 2, Pl 1
- K. Pct.# 4-Landfill
- L. Pct.# 4-Paved-Unpaved
- M. Pct.# 3-Parks
- N. Pct.# 3-Landfill

ITEM 4: PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

- A. Approval of the following Certificates:
 - Certificates of Plat & Utility Status under local Government Code Section 232.028 (b)
 - Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029 © (1)
 - Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government code Section (c) (2)
- B. Final Plat Approval with Letter of Credit
 - 1. San Carlos Gardens Subdivision-Pct.# 4
- C. Final Plat Approval:
 - 1. L & M Subdivision-Pct # 4

ITEM 5: RIGHT OF WAY:

- A. Pct. # 1
 - 1. Southwestern Bell-Valley View Rd. North Exp.83 Intersection
 - 2. North Alamo Water Supply-Mile 1 ½ East & Business 83
- B. Pct. #2
 - 1. Southwestern Bell- Earling Rd. West of Cesar Chavez
- C. Pct. # 4
 - 1. Southwestern Bell-Alberta Rd. East of Raul Longoria Rd.
 - 2. North Alamo Water Supply- North of Pinkston Rd. on Terry Rd.
 - 3. Southwestern Bell-Jackson Rd. North of Monte Cristo Rd.
 - 4. North Alamo Water Supply-West of US Exp 281 on Wisconsin Rd

ITEM 6: MONTHLY FEE RPEORTS:

- A. District Attorney- \$142,818.96-December 1999

ITEM 7: URBAN COUNTY:

- A. HOME / Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application (1 family)

- B. HOME / Homeowner Occupied Housing Rehab Application (1 family)
- C. HOME / "First-Time Homebuyer Contract Agreement" and Letter Commitment to Mortgage Company (2 families)

ITEM 8: PURCHASIGN DEPARTMENT:

- A. Hidalgo County Auditor's
 - 1. Requesting approval of a software maintenance and support agreement for fixed assets system with Carter-Pertaine, Inc for \$1,133.00 per year effective 01-01-00 to 12-31-00
- B. Hidalgo County Library System
 - 1. Requesting approval of contract for " Janitorial Services" with D & B General Cleaning for \$2,340.00 per year effective 02-06-00 To 02-05-01
- C. Hidalgo County WIC Program
 - 1. Requesting approval of contract for " Landscaping Maintenance Services" with Friendly Lawn Service, Inc for \$ 1,440.00 per Year Effective 02-02-00 to 02-02-01
 - 2. Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement with IKON office software for a copier for \$1341.00 per year effective 02-01-00 to 01-31-01

The County Judge introduced the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions and/comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit A)

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 4: OPEN FORUM:

The County Judge asked if anyone would like to address the Court under the Open Forum. Charile Montgomery, Risk Manager for the County of Hidalgo. Lorrie Cutting ham from Tack and we also have Ernesto Galindo is assigned to the County as our Safety Auditor. It's important to understand the financial problems here in the County of Hidalgo

ITEM 16: PCT.#3:

C. Designation of Mission Hospital's Rural Health Clinics (Sullivan City & Alton) as primary health care providers for the indigent health Program.

Commissioner Rosel announced that three years ago we came to this Commissioners' Court and we had difficulties with the Sullivan Clinic and also in the Alton area. We talked to some people out there to find out if we could redeem some of the problems that we are having. One of the problems that we have is the staffing and the services that we were going to provide out there as a result of the inability to staff the clinic properly. What we agreed to at that time is to permit Mission Hospital to go in there and start providing service as long as they would not turn anyone down. After a brief discussion the County Commissioners' had some concerns and the County Auditor and Legal Counsel Steven Crain, mentioned that I 'm not going to offer a legal opinion. I'm going to say the same thing. I said earlier, I think this needs more research before you take a vote. Steve even mentioned that we did do work and worked with Mission Hospital. Steve is recommending doing more research on this issue before you take a vote. At this time the Commissioners' Court will take no action.

NO ACTION
(See Exhibit B)

ITEM 5: TAX OFFICE:

A. Budget Amendment-\$25,535.54

Armando Barrera, Tax Assessor, came before Court to announce that the budget amendment is for the armor car service and office supplies. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the budget amendment of \$25,535.54.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit C)

ITEM 6: J.P. Pct #3, Pl 2:

A. Budget Amendment-\$15, 532.00

Commissioner Rosel announced that the budget amendment is for rent, telephone and electric bills. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the budget amendment of \$15,532.00.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit D)

ITEM 7: 370TH District Court:

- A. Approval of Resolution approving the submission of the grant application for the Juvenile Justice Court to the office of the Governor-for the Year 2000-2001

Mike Robledo, came before Court to announce the resolution for Juvenile Justice Court to the office of the Governor-for the Year 2000. This is a yearly grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the resolution of a grant application.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit E)

ITEM 8: Budget Amendments:

- A. Rural Fire Calls-\$3,469.00 (1999)

Dairen Cedillo, Chief of Staff to County Judge, informed the Court that this budget amendment of \$3,469.00 (1999) is to pay the pending invoices for 1999. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit F)

- B. Autopsies -\$17,000.00 (1999)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment for \$17,000.00 (1999) for autopsies.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit F)

ITEM 9: Sheriff's Department:

- A. Request approval to pay hours earned during Hurricane Bret to one (1) Employee

Roy Quintanilha, from the Sheriff's Office, came before Court requesting to approve to pay Alberto Hinojosa from the jail for 27 hours total amount of \$509.00 dollars. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve to pay the hours earned to one employee.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit G)

B. Discussion and approval to purchase 25 new police vehicles

Roy Quintanilha, from the Sheriff's Office, came before Court to announce the purchase of 25 new police vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. In 1996 we had 37,340 calls for service, and in 1999 we had 59,2000 calls for service. There was an increase of 59%. What we are asking for with these 26 vehicles are to replace existing vehicles so they could be surplus and also increase the patrol fleet from 36 to 46 vehicles in order not to run these vehicles 24 hours a day. Some of the grants we did and those monies have been gone after and put back to the general fund. After a little bit of discussion there will be No Action taken at this time.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

C. Budget amendment-\$596-640.41

No Action Taken.

NO ACTION.
(See Exhibit H)

ITEM 10: Library System

A. Budget amendment- \$79.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the budget amendment of \$79.00 dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit I)

ITEM 11:County Judge:

A. Approval of proclamation declaring February 2, 2000 as Groundhog Job Shadow Day

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve February 2,2000 as Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit J)

B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edinburg and Hidalgo County-Recycling Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Edinburg and Hidalgo County-Recycling Center.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit K)

C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley Developer Council & the County of Hidalgo

Lisa Aleman, Administrative Assistant for the County Judge, came before Court to announce the Interlocal Agreement and it has the procedures for the Rural Addressing Program that we are participating in. It lays out the procedures and the time lines for that program. Kenneth Jones, Executive Director for LRGVDC. We have provided and funding 911 program provisions of approximately street signs that have been divided between all four precincts at a dollars value of \$58,111.48 and the Interlocal Agreement that you have with you today does not involve any additional funding commitment. The County responsibilities within one year time line is to work with us to develop installation plan for those street signs that have been provided. Approximately 2,000 signs were issued to the County Wide. The street signs were paid by the 911service fee fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the Interlocal Agreement subject to approval agreement by Legal Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit L)

ITEM 18: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

A. Hidalgo County

1. Discussion and / or action, but not limited to the following items:

A. Current Hidalgo County Jail

1. Total inmate population
2. La Villa Project Status

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, came before Court and mentioned that this is the weekly update on the jail. She mentioned that presently there were 784 in the jail, 547 prisoners in-house and 237 prisoners being housed out of county. She also mentioned that the La Villa Project status it indicates that by February 21,2000 there will be 122 beds available for the County. Judge Pulido mentioned that he received a letter from the Jail Standards Commission, which states the facility is not in compliance with jail standards. On his update that we gave to you he did stated that he will be meeting with them in order to get compliance requirements. Texas Jails Standards must inspect them before we can

proceed to transfer any inmates to him. The name of the contract is in the name Texan Management and it states that they have 264 available to us upon complication to us and of course have ready the accreditations from Jail Standard Commission for occupancy. It was a two-year with a one-year option to renew and we do have an out clause. It's an as needed base.

(See Exhibit W)

**B. New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center
Project**

Martha Salazar, the County Purchasing Director, came before Court to announce that Mr. Vargas will be presents this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. We have the principals from the Design/Build team and the Sheriff's Department and myself, Mr. Vargas to forward any additional information plus also given any additional request by the Design/Build team in order for them to proceed with answering the RFP portion of the pack. The Committee will be advised that when the proposals are in and design in recommendation on the design and that the committee feels that the County will address all of it's elements and will recommend to the Court that they are satisfied with all those elements being meet by the RFP response and the design and they will recommend that to you.

(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 12: URBAN COUNTY

**A. Approval of a construction Contract with Delta Caliche, Inc –Clearance
& Demolition –City of Elsa- UC Year 12 (1999)**

Anthony Covacevich, Urban County Director, came before Court to announce that there will be No Action taken at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit M)

**B. Approval of a personnel Service Contract with Leonel Garza, Jr. &
Associates-City of La Joya- Water /Sewer Improvements –UC Year 9 (1996)**

This is appraisal contract with the City of La Joya and the amount of the contract is \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

C. Approval of a Personal Services Contract with Greg Palacios-City of La Joya Water / Sewer Improvements UC Year 9 (1996)

This is for a review of appraisal services and it's for \$800.00 dollars. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Handy to approve. Commissioner Garza commits to take No Action. Commissioner Handy withdrew her seconded and Commissioner Rosel withdrew the motion. Judge Pulido announced that there will No Action at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit M)

D. Approval of a Subrecipient Agreement with CASA of Hidalgo County-Pct. # 4-services for Abused and Neglected Children—UC Year 11 (1998)

This is for \$5,000.00 dollars and it's for Abused and Neglected Children. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

E. City of Granjeno-HOME / CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Change Order (1 Family)

This is a deductive changed order applying to the liquated damages for delays. It's six delays of \$50.00 dollars a day and it will be \$300.00 dollars less than applying through a change order. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the change order.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit M)

ITEM 14: PCT # 1

A. Request Consideration and Adoption of a Proclamation Honoring Matilde Mendez Garcia of Weslaco, Hidalgo County, Texas

Raul Lozano, Administrative Assistant, came before Court to announce that a proclamation honoring Matilde Mendez Garcia of Weslaco, Texas. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the proclamation.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit N)

B. Request approval to create three (3) custodial positions for the Hidalgo County Multi- Purpose Center in Weslaco

Commissioner Handy explained that we need three custodial positions because we have three buildings that are going to be together with the Multi-Purpose Center. Each building is 6,000 sq. ft. We have a person working under Building & Grounds that is doing the clean up over there. We are going to put the positions under Buildings & Grounds. The budget will come from Buildings & Grounds. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the creation of two new custodial positions.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

C. Set salaries- \$6.75 per hour

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the set salary at \$6.75 an hour.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit O)

D. Request Approval for Moises Castillo, Jr. to enlist the services of sub-contractors in connection with present contract between M.C. Hauling & Pct # 1.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

(See Exhibit P)

E. Approval to appropriate funds in Capital Projects funds for Pct. # 1-Multi-Purpose Center- \$ 47,484.00

This is for computer equipment and wiring for the Multi-Purpose Center for three buildings. This is to buy new equipment to communicate the Computer Department to the Multi-Purpose Center. The wiring is \$22,945.00 and the equipment is \$24,500.00 dollars. The County Auditor said as long as we get a letter from the architect saying that we could use the money for those purpose. A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve \$22,945.00 dollar out of capital project funds and \$24,500.00 dollars form general fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit Q)

ITEM 18. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

B. Hidalgo County Precinct No.1

3. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional services / engineering services in connection with Road & Bridge Road Improvements for Precinct No. 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the engineering services with Rodriguez Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

4. Requesting approval of a professional engineering services contract with Rodriguez Engineering

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the professional engineering services contract subject to legal review.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 13: PLANNING DEPARTMENT

A. Preliminary Plat Approval

1. Brushy Acres Subdivisions-Pct. # 3
2. Brushy Acres Unit No. 2-Pct. # 3
3. Moore Acres Subdivisions- Pct. # 3
4. Acevedo No. 9-Pct # 3

NO ACTION TAKEN.

(See Exhibit R)

ITEM 15: PCT. # 2

- A. Discussion and possible action on a County Wide Salary Study to establish Entry level salary for each functional group

Commissioner Palacios stated that Commissioners' Court needs a good look at hiring somebody to do a County Wide Salary Study or to recommend some functional groupings that could come up with some recommendations so we could have entry level starting level for each position within the County. It has to be a comprehensive study. Judge Pulido replied whatever the recommendations are, that this Commissioners' Court abides by them. After a brief discussion the

Commissioners' Court recommend Martha Salazar to go out for RFP. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve to advertise for a RFP.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit S)

ITEM 16: PCT. # 3

- A. Approval to appropriate \$4,032 .00 from General Fund for the relocation Of three (3) buildings for the Health Department acct. # 0-010-441-700.82

Commissioner Rosel announced this is part of the Interlocal with A&M and with the La Joya Independent School District to setup a clinic in the Pct.#3 area. The \$4,032.00 dollars is for the fee to move the buildings to the site. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the appropriation of \$4,032.00 dollars from the general fund.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

- B. Approval to transfer surplus 1999 fund balance from Road & Bridge into The Park Fund and appropriate same.

We are requesting to take out \$20,000.00 dollars out from Road & Bridge to the park fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the transfer surplus 1999-fund balance.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit T)

- D. Appropriation of Indigent health care funds for the operation of rural health Clinics in Sullivan City & Alton

No action taken at this time.

NO ACTION.

(See Exhibit B)

- E. Line item transfer-#0-050-431-210-\$125.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the line item transfer of \$125.00 dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit U)

ITEM 17: PCT # 4:

A. Authorization to accept cost-share funds from:

- Jackson New World Development
- Hillcrest Subdivisions & Stables Subdivision

Area Council (H-GAC)- Philpot Motors, Inc port Neches, Texas
The total price of the vehicle is \$ 23,044.91 which also includes the
H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge in accordance with
The “Customized Product Pricing Summary based on contract form.”

Commissioner Garza mentioned that these subdivisions on 14,15,16 that are being worked based on a cost share paving. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the cost share funds.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit V)

ITEM 18: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

B. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 1

1. Requesting approval of payment for Precinct No. 1 Headquarters Site Improvements Project from:
 - a) Mr. Gilberto A. Garcia, P.E.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the payment for Precinct #1.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

2. Authorization for auditor to pay:
 - a) Mr. Gilberto A. Garcia P.E. \$2, 241.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the auditor to pay \$2,241.25 dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

C. Hidalgo County Precinct No. 2

1. Recommending award of bid for “Hauling Services- Type D Hot Mix (Gravel)

Martha Salazar stated we had two bids which we opened on January 5,2000 and the bidders were Benny's Caliche Hauling at \$4.88/ton and Universal Truckers, Inc. \$3.00/ton. We recommend the low bidder. A motion was made Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve low bidder and it's Universal Truckers, Inc. at \$3.00/ton.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

2. Requesting approval of contract for " Hauling Services"- Type D Hot (Gravel)

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

D. Hidalgo County Precinct No.4

1. Approval of the immediate " Mutual Termination" of current contract with J.E. Saenz and Associates
2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional compliance requirements dictated by TNRCC (compliance order) related to the formulation, drafting and submission of a final closure plan to said department for approval.
3. Approval of a professional engineering services contract with J.E. Saenz & Associates, Inc.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM D-1, 2, 3.
(See Exhibit W)

4. Recommending award of bid for: "One (1) New 2000 Tandem Steel wheel Roller' to sole bidder

Martha Salazar, Purchasing Department Director, stated that we are going to purchase one (1) 2000 Tandem Steel wheel roller with Anderson Equipment at \$63,931.00 dollars and it will be financed as indicated in the bid packet. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the award for One New 2000 tandem Steel Roller to sole bidder.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

5. Recommending award of bid for “ One (1) New 2000 4-wheel Rubber Tired Loader” to low bidder.

Martha Salazar, Purchasing, Department Director, came before Court to announce that we have two low bidders. We have Nueces Power Equipment at \$107,315.00 dollars and Anderson Equipment at \$112,955.00 dollars and we are recommending low bidder at \$107,315.00 dollars that will be Nueces Power Equipment and it will be finance. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the award of bid for One New 2000 4-Wheel Rubber Tired loader to low bidder.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

6. Recommending award of bid for “ Paving of ISAAC Subdivisions (Located on Canton East of Tower)” to low bidder

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the low bidder, which is Cinco Construction at \$39,366.35 dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

7. Requesting approval of contract for “ Paving of ISAAC Subdivisions (Located on Canton East of Tower) “ to low bidder.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

E. Hidalgo County Adult Probation Adult Probation Department

1. Requesting approval of application and certificate for payment for Hidalgo County Restitution Center from:
 - A. Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect- \$1, 863.00
 - B. American Contracting USA-Contractor-\$134,280.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the application and certificate for payment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

2. Authorization for Auditor to pay:
 - A. Mr. George A. Garcia, Architect-\$1,863.00
 - B. American Contracting USA-contractor-\$134,280.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the payment.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

F. Hidalgo Restitution Center

1. Requesting authority to purchase “ One (1) 2000 Ford Club Wagon” through the interlocal Agreement with the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Philpott Motors Inc Port Neches Texas. The total Price of the vehicle is \$23, 044.91 which also includes the H-GAC Administration fee and delivery charge in accordance with the “Customized Product Pricing Summary based on contract form.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve to purchase a (1) 2000 Ford Club Wagon.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

G. Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department

1. Recommending award of bid for “ Computer / Radio Mounting system for marked and unmarked Vehicles” to sole bidder

This is the seconded time we have advertised this and we did get more participation this time compared to the first time. We send packages out to three vendors and we got one bidder in and we are recommending award. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the award to Precision Mounting Technologies from Calgary, Canada.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

2. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional consulting services with Dr. Phillip A. Ethridge to Provide services that will assist the Sheriff in assessing need within The Sheriffs department, the current Adult Detention, the new Detention and the Law Enforcement Center Project.

Martha Salazar stated that we do have a resume on file and he has been a consultant with the Sheriff's Department for several years and has first hand on the job knowledge of the assessing the consulting that he has been doing for them. He gets paid through a contract hourly rate that as the hours been built through the Sheriff's budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve competitive bidding requirements for professional consulting services with Dr. Phillip A. Ethridge.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

3. Requesting approval of a professional consulting services contract with Dr. Phillips A. Ethridge

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the Contract subject to legal review.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

4. Requesting approval of a claim from Dr. Phillip A. Ethridge for consulting services rendered to the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$3,000.00

From his last contract these were services that were not covered. These are money owe to him on a previous contract that had terminated and he had worked beyond the hours. Normally this was only a claim there was no contract to cover this particular thing. This was a bill that was rendered. And its not to exceed over 499 hours and its as need bases at \$50.00 dollars an hour. After a brief discussion Judge disagreed. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the claim and Commissioner Rosel voted in favor and Judge Pulido voted against.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

5. Requesting authorization for Auditor to pay said claim to Dr. Phillip A. Ethridge in the amount of \$3,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve the payment of \$3,000.00 dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

6. Requesting approval to exercise the sixty (60) day grace period under current contract with :

<u>Description</u>	<u>Presently Awarded</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Requested Extension Date</u>
Pharmaceuticals	Med aid	02-15-00	04-15-00
Infirmary Medical Supplies	Edinburg Pharmacy	02-15-00	04-15-00

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve contract.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

H. Hidalgo County WIC Program

1. Recommending to reject bid for “Rental Space-City of Mercedes” due to low participation.

The reason to reject is one there was one bidder, only and it was too high. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Garza to approve to reject the bid.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

2. Requesting authority to advertise & approval of specifications as attached hereto for “ Rental Space-City of Mercedes.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve to advertise.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit W)

I. Hidalgo County Youth Village

1. Requesting authority to purchase “ One (1) 2000 ford Wagon” through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)-Philpott Motors, Inc., Port Neches, Texas. The Total price of the vehicle is \$23,044.91 which is also includes the H-GAC administration fee and delivery charge in accordance with the “Customized Product Pricing Summary based on contract form.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve the purchase of one (1) 2000 Ford Wagon from Philpott Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$23,044.91.

MOTION CARRIED.

(See Exhibit W)

ITEM 19: CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner's Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 to discuss the following:

A. Potential Acquisition of Real Property

The County Judge and Commissioners went into Executive Session accompanied by Martha Salazar, Purchasing Department Director, and Steve Crain, Legal Council.

NO ACTION.

ITEM 20: OPEN SESSION:

A. Potential Acquisition of Real Property

The County Judge stated there was No Action Taken in Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED.

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 proceeding were had, to-wit:

CONSENT AGENDA

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. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosel and seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1

1. Authorization to increase salaries in Administration-slot #3 in the amount of \$2,101.22 & slot #4 in the amount of \$2,988.75, appropriate funds & set salaries

Godfrey Garza, Drainage District Director, came before the Board requesting to approve the positions. First of all the slots should be reversed the first item should be slot #4 and the seconded slot #3. These slots are to upgrade to employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve to increase salaries.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

2. Authorization to advertise an RFQ for the following services:

- A. Bond Counsel**
- B. Bond Underwriter**

A motion was made by Commissioner Palacios and seconded by Commissioner Rosel to approve to advertise an RFQ.

MOTION CARRIED.
(See Exhibit X)

There being no further business to come before the Drainage District #1 Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Rosel that said meeting be hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED.