

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 13, 2001

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th day of March, A.D., 2001, there was begun and held a REGULAR MEETING of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following members thereof were present, to-wit:

HONORABLE JOSE ELOY PULIDO	HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE
HONORABLE SYLVIA HANDY	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.1
HONORABLE HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.2
HONORABLE JOSE FLORES	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.3
HONORABLE OSCAR GARZA	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO.4

and **J.D. SALINAS, COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT** of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO
HIDALGO COUNTY JUDGE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Commissioners' Court will be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001, at 9:30 A.M.**, in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commissioners' Court has been furnished with background and support on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commissioner, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote to approve all items listed under this Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
(SEE EXHIBIT A)
- 2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
 - A. Youth Village**
 - B. Pct. #3 – R & B**
 - C. HIDTA – Task Force**
 - D. WIC**
 - E. Criminal Auxiliary Court**
 - F. Pct. #1 – Landfill**
 - G. Sheriff Department**
 - H. Jail**
 - I. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 1**
 - J. County Clerk – Rec. Mgmt.**
 - K. Elections Department**
 - L. District Attorney – Grand Jury**
 - M. District Attorney – Gen. Fund**
 - N. Fire Marshal**
 - O. County Treasurer**
 - P. 389th District Court**
 - Q. Health Department – Clinics**
 - R. Buildings & Grounds**
 - S. Pct. #1 – Parks**
 - T. Pct. #2 – Landfill**
- 3. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT B)**
 - A. Approval of the following Certificates:**
 - **Certificates of Plat & Utility Status under Local Government Code Section 232.028(b) → 36**
 - **Certificates of Residence Construction under Local Government Code Section 232.029 (c)(1) → 4**
 - **Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section (c)(2) → 8**
- 4. Right of Way – Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT C)**
 - A. North Alamo Water Supply – Tower Rd. on Minnesota Rd.**
 - B. North Alamo Water Supply – Mile 17 ½ North east of Mile 6 West**
 - C. Southwestern Bell – Bryan Rd. on Mile 4 North Road**

5. Monthly Fee Reports – January 2001: (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A. District Clerk -	\$ 276,876.01
B. J.P. Palacios	19,681.98
C. J.P. Espinoza	26,315.30
D. J.P. Morales	18,588.50
E. J.P. Ochoa	38,544.09
F. J.P. Saenz	28,184.55
G. J.P. Trevino	34,045.94
H. J.P. Garza	13,836.90
I. J.P. Contreras	15,024.65
J. J.P. Jackson	19,183.95
K. Law Library	2,446.52
L. Sheriff Escalon	54,566.19
M. Anzalduas Park	1,464.25
N. Delta Lake	1,506.00
O. Constable Aguirre	525.00
P. Constable Alaniz	520.00
Q. Constable Gallardo	3,960.00
R. Constable Cerda	1,335.00
S. Constable Bazan	530.00

6. Monthly Fee Reports – February 2001: (SEE EXHIBIT E)

A. District Attorney - \$ 203,202.79

7. Approval of Minutes:

A. March 06, 2001

8. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT F)

A. HIDALGO COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL - Requesting approval of a maintenance agreement for a Savin 9020 copier from Digital Output Solutions for \$360.00 per year. Effective March 16, 2001 thru March 15, 2002.

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1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

At this time Judge Pulido called on Mayor Madrigal to lead the Court and Audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Mayor Madrigal joined together the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

No presentations were made under the Open Forum.

5. County Clerk: (SEE EXHIBIT G)

A. Consideration and approval of creating five (5) full time positions – Deputy Clerks (Collections Specialists)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve three (3) slots for full time positions.

B. Approval of budget amendment

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve this budget amendment for three (3) slots.

The budget amendment for these 3 slots is as follows: \$56, 854.49

C. Set salaries at \$ 18,000.00 each

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

6. Constable Pct. #3: (SEE EXHIBIT H)

A. Approval to create one (1) secretarial position for Constable Department

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

B. Approval of budget amendment

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

C. Approval to set salary at \$ 16,000.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

7. Head Start: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. Recommending approval to submit funding application to Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$ 2,044,382.00:

1. Cost of Living (COLA)	\$624,878.00
2. Quality Improvement	\$948,545.00
3. Teacher Improvement	\$410,199.00
4. Training/Technical Assistance (T/TA)	\$ 60,760.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

B. Recommending approval to submit to Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Expansion Application for Fiscal Year 2002 in the amount of \$1,236,960.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

C. Discussion and possible action to lease two (2) fifteen (15) year facility leases at \$ 10.00 per year to be built in Pharr and Weslaco

NO ACTION taken on this item, by request of Mr. Alaniz.

D. Discussion and action on the authority to utilize Hidalgo County's pool of Architectural and Engineering firms for evaluation, ranking and negotiation of Professional Service Contract for the Relocation/Remodeling of the La Joya Center

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

E. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for Professional/Architectural Services for the Relocation/Remodeling of the La Joya Center through the architect firm of Alvarado Architects & Associates

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

F. Requesting approval of proposed final draft AIAA Document B141-1997 "Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect" including the additional terms and conditions as required by County Legal Counsel with Alvarado Architects & Associates for the Relocation/Remodeling of the La Joya Center

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

G. Requesting approval to advertise for "Request for Bids" for the Relocation/Remodeling of the La Joya Center

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

H. Requesting approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Pan American to conduct a Comprehensive Community Assessment as per Federal Regulations 45 CFR 1305.3 (b)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

8. Right of Way: (SEE EXHIBIT J)

A. Authorization to advertise for County Engineering Firm, for primary and secondary review studies

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

B. Authorization to appropriate \$ 43,000.00 from the County Wide Unreserved Right of Way Fund Balance to the Right of Way Engineering Services (1-020-431-200.42)

A motion was made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Palacios in approval of \$119, 326.46. Both motions were amended; a motion was then made by Commissioner Handy and seconded by Commissioner Garza to appropriate \$43,000.00 from the County-wide Fund Reserve. The Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

C. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.024 (a), (6) for right of way acquisitions:

- FM 2061 (Jackson Road)
- FM 1426 Expansion (17 parcels)
- FM 88 Expansion (7 Parcels)

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

D. Authorization for payment to Leo Rodriguez Engineering on Colonia Trevino Project – Invoice #1 in the amount of \$ 5,000.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

9. Sheriff Department: (SEE EXHIBIT K)

A. Request approval to apply for C.O.P.S. More 2001 Grant

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**** At this point, Commissioner Palacios notified the Court that he would be unavailable for the remainder of this Commissioners' Court Meeting.*

10. HIDTA – Task Force: (SEE EXHIBIT L)

A. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County HIDTA and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/00-12/31/00 to 1/1/00-6/30/01 on award Number I0PSSP573 in the amount of \$ 702,496.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)
Commissioner Garza (temporarily away from Court)

B. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County HIDTA and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/99-12/31-99 to 1/1/99 – 6/30/01 on award Number I9PSSP573 in the amount of \$ 743,827.00

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- C. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County HIDTA and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/98-12/31-98 to 1/1/99 – 6/30/01 on award Number I8PSSP573 in the amount of \$ 511,081.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- D. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County Sheriff Dept. and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/00-12/31-00 to 1/1/00 – 6/30/01 on award Number I0PSSP593 in the amount of \$ 51,259.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- E. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County Sheriff Dept. and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/99-12/31-99 to 1/1/00 – 6/30/01 on award Number I9PSSP593 in the amount of \$ 64,118.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- F. Requesting approval to amend the Cooperative Agreement between Hidalgo County Sheriff Dept. and the Executive Office of the President – extending the grant period from 1/1/00 – 12/31/00 to 1/1/00 – 6/30/01 on award Number I0PSSP606 in the amount of \$ 41,331.00**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

11. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT M)

- A. Approval of a Construction Contract with S & G Paving Co., Inc. for Street Improvements – City of Elsa – UCP Years 11, 12, 13 (1998, 1999 & 2000)**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)
Commissioner Garza (temporarily away from Court)

- B. Approval of a Construction Contract with Longhorn Paving for Street Improvements – City of La Joya – UCP Year 12 (1999)**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)
Commissioner Garza (temporarily away from Court)

- C. Approval of a Sub-recipient Agreement with Mujeres Unidas – Pct. #2 Abused & Battered Spouses – UCP Year 13 (2000)**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)
Commissioner Garza (temporarily away from Court)

D. Approval of a Budget & Program Amendment – Pct. #3 – UC Year 9 (1996), Year 11 ((1998), Year 12 (1999), Year 13 (2000)

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)
Commissioner Garza (temporarily away from Court)

12. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT N)

A. Pursuant to Article X (Assignment) of the Earnest Money Contract between the County of Hidalgo and George Snodgrass, II, requesting permission to assign contract to Canton Development Co.

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

B. Approval of Resolution in support Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 during this the 77th Legislative Session

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

C. Approval of request by Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) requesting two (2) mobile telephones for enforcement personnel assigned to Hidalgo County

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

13. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT O)

A. Final Approval:

1. Eddie Estates Subdivision – Pct. #3

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

B. Preliminary Plat Approval:

1. Acevedo Subdivision No. 10 – Pct. #3

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

2. Eagles Nest Estates No. 2 – Pct. #1

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

C. Final Plat Approval with Letter of Credit:

1. Doffing Estates Subdivision – Pct. #3

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

2. O.J.J. Subdivision – Pct. #4

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

3. Palm Drive Acres Subdivision – Pct. #3

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

14. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT P)

A. Approval to appropriate funds for the Elsa Clinic Project in budget line item 0-688-441-100.42

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

B. Approval to appropriate funds for the Elsa J.P. Space Project in budget line item 0-670-419-400.42

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

15. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

A. Requesting approval to amend Interlocal Contract #00-21-G05 between Hidalgo County and Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council of Governments – extending the grant period for the Solid Waste Citizen Collection Station from January 1, 2000- August 31, 2000 to January 01, 2000 – March 31, 2001

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

16. Pct. #4: (SEE EXHIBIT R)

A. Approval to accept funds from Western Geco and appropriate same

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

17. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT S)

A. HIDALGO COUNTY -

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

a) Present Hidalgo County Jail-Total inmate population:....813

X	Physical Count	556
X	La Villa Facility Count	216
X	Out of County Count	41 (Frio)

2. Current contract for the Housing of Inmates

No report to be made.

3. **New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project:**
- A) **Approval of the final negotiated AIA, B141-1997 Edition, Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect with Standard Form of Architect's Services and with all additional terms and conditions (included as Exhibits A&B as drafted by legal counsel) and required by Hidalgo County with Reynaldo Vargas, Principal, AIA, V-A Architecture, Inc. in connection with the architectural services related to the design and construction of two additional facilities at the Cibolo Road Jail Project Site:**
1. **Motor Pool and Maintenance Building**
 2. **Law Enforcement Training Facility**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- B) **Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Design-Build Contract Amendments (if any)**
- None to report, as per Marty Salazar, Purchasing Director.
- C) **County Auditor's Report on Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Project paid and pending payment request approval**
- Brief report as given by Purchasing Director Marty Salazar.
- D) **Report and Recommendations of Owner's Consulting Architect**
- Brief report as given by Purchasing Director Marty Salazar.
- E) **Requesting authority to appropriate \$621,032.00 into account #1-698-423-210.89 for the proper funding of Change Order No. 1 approved on 3-06-01 for the additional two (2) 1500 KW generators for the New Adult Detention Facility only.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

4. **Presentation and acceptance of roster (as listed in the RFQ Acceptance Sheet attached hereto) of Engineers Pool of pre-qualified firms submitting Statements of Qualifications for ranking on an as needed basis per project by all County departments requiring said services as set forth in the requirements stated in the County's Request For Qualifications packet.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

5. **Requesting authority to advertise a request for Proposals (RFP) and approval of requirements as attached hereto for Credit Card Payment Services-Hidalgo County Tax Office**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

6. **Requesting approval of a correction to the current contract with the Humane Society of the Upper Valley to reflect the initial terms expiration date as April 17, 2002 and not 2001 as shown on Exhibit I**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

7. **Recommending award of proposal for Redistricting Plan Consultant-Hidalgo County to Number One ranked firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, L.L.P.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

8. **Recommending approval of contract for Redistricting Plan Consultant-Hidalgo County to Number One ranked firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, L.L.P.**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

9. **Recommending award of proposal for Program Support Consultant Services For Project Recover-Hidalgo County Precinct One to Border Visions.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

10. **Recommending approval of contract for Program Support Consultant Services For Project Recover-Hidalgo County Precinct One to Border Visions.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

11. **Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications as attached hereto for: Biohazardous Waste Disposal-Hidalgo County.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

12. **Recommending to reject all bids for Uniforms due to modification of specifications.**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

13. **Requesting authority to re-advertise for Uniforms**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

14. **Requesting authority to advertise for Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for Real Estate Appraisers and Surveyors-Hidalgo County**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 1 & PRECINCT NO. 4 -

1. **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional/engineering services for street improvements with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc..**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

2. **Approval of a professional engineering services contract with Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc., for street improvements for Roosevelt Road Improvements from Valverde Road to F.M. 493.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

C. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2-

1. **Approval of the final negotiated professional architect services contract AIA, B141-1997 Edition, Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect with Standard Form of Architect's Services and with all additional terms and conditions (included as Exhibits A&B as drafted by legal counsel) and required by Hidalgo County with VA Architecture, Inc. in connection with architectural services related with the development and completion of a Park Project (to be completed in Phases I and II) as well as the design and construction of a Community Resource Center on the same site.**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

D. HIDALGO COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL -

1. **Requesting a loan (budget amendment) from General Fund in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the purchase of one vehicle (one (1) Dodge BR-1500 4x4 Quad Cab). Loan to be reimbursed from Bond Proceeds.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

2. **Requesting authority to purchase through the Interlocal Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Crown Dodge from Houston, Texas one (1) Dodge BR-1500 4x4 Quad Cab. Cost of the vehicle is \$26,924.00 which includes H-GAC administrative fee. Department will be picking-up vehicle.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

E. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-

1. **Requesting approval to exercise the one (1) year option to extend (as provided by contract) the lease between O.E. Investments, Inc. and Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department for the lease of the radio tower**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

18. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to go into Executive Session. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 & 551.072 to discuss the following:

- A. Real Estate Acquisition**
- B. Mariselda Flores vs. County of Hidalgo**

Upon return, Judge Pulido certified that NO ACTION was taken during Executive Session.

19. Open Session: (SEE EXHIBIT T)

- A. Real Estate Acquisition**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote that Joe Vasquez proceed with negotiation(s) on FM 88. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

- B. Mariselda Flores vs. County of Hidalgo**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

20. Closed Session:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

21. Open Session:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
- 2. Discharge Permit: (SEE EXHIBIT U)**
 - A. City of McAllen – Forest Valley Subdivision**
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. March 06, 2001**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a REGULAR MEETING of the Drainage District #1 Board of Directors will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001 at 9:30 A.M., in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

**1. Approval of Monthly Estimate for JM Construction (Mission Lateral – Extension to Palmview)
(SEE EXHIBIT V)**

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

2. Approval to appropriate funds in fund 780 for El Camino Real Project (SEE EXHIBIT V)

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

3. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT W)

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

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

4. Open Session: (SEE EXHIBIT W)

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

5. Closed Session:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

6. Open Session:

Commissioners' Court may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

7. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT X)

A. Recommending to reject all bids for Uniforms due to modification of specifications.

B. Requesting authority to re-advertise for Uniforms

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to ADJOURN this day's Commissioner' Court Meeting. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
JOSÉ ELOY PULIDO
COUNTY JUDGE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Commissioners' Court will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001 at 9:30 A.M., in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Administration Building, Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas, discussion and possible action relating to the following business will be transacted:

ADDENDUM

1. County Judge (SEE EXHIBIT Y)

A. Yr. 2000 Census and actions available for protest of result

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioners Flores and Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

2. Urban County (SEE EXHIBIT Z)

**A. Approval of a Construction Contract with Valley Utilities, Inc for Water/Sewer Improvements-
City of Hidalgo-Urban County Program Year 11 (1998).**

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioners Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval. NO VOTE: Commissioner Palacios (excused for remainder of meeting)

There being no further business to come before said Court, the meetings of the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board are now hereby adjourned.

JOSE ELOY PULIDO _____
COUNTY JUDGE

SYLVIA HANDY _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

HECTOR (TITO) PALACIOS _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

JOSE FLORES _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

OSCAR L. GARZA _____
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

Dated this the 13th day of March, 2001

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

By: _____
Jessica Coder Bazan, Deputy

Minutes approved by the Commissioners' Court and the Drainage District #1 Board on the 20th day of March, 2001.