

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 30th day of September, A.D., 2003, there was begun and held a SPECIAL MEETING of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, wherein the following members thereof were present, to-wit:

HONORABLE RAMON GARCIA	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 L. GARZA JR.	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

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

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 at 9:00 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:

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present, with the exception of Commissioner Handy.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Judge R. Garcia led the Court and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer

Judge Garcia called on Tony Sandoval to lead the Court and Audience in Prayer.

4. Open Forum

- Gilbert Garza made a presentation regarding a County Tax Break.
- Virginia Townsend commented on Taxpayer's Money and Common Sense.
- Norberto Leal discussed Seniority Pay.
- Godfrey Garza discussed the Raymondville Drain.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

At this time, the Court proceeded to approve the Consent Agenda.

6. Approval of Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Day October 1, 2003 (SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Handy read the Resolution into the Record.

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

7. Approval of Proclamation of "National 4-H Week" October 5-11, 2003 (SEE EXHIBIT H)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, second motion inaudible on tape, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

8. County Judge: (SEE EXHIBIT I)

A. Pursuant to legislative mandate 76(R) S.B. 1615 Subchapter C Section 281.041 (c) and subsequent to the resignation of Phyllis Griggs; appointment by the county judge of board member (1) for the Health Services District

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the appointment of Dr. E. Linda Villarreal.

B. Approval of bond – E. Linda Villarreal

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

9. Elections Department: (SEE EXHIBIT J)**A. Approval, discussion and possible action on the following but not limited to:**

1. Early voting permanent substations for the 2004 primary
2. Early voting mobiles for the 2004 primary
3. Elections Department Phone Bank for 2004 Primary, Runoff and General Elections

NO ACTION taken on item 9.A.1-3. This item will be brought back next week.

10. Juvenile Probation: (SEE EXHIBIT K)**A. Request approval to de-obligate local unexpended T.J.P.C. F.Y. 2003 Challenge Grant matching funds in the amount of \$ 25,173.00 due to the reduction of grant funding**

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

Commissioner Garza stepped away from the Court.

B. Request approval to de-obligate local T.J.P.C. 2004 Challenge Grant matching funds in the amount of \$42,357.00 due to the discontinuance of grant funds

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

C. Request approval to appropriate local cash match requirement for T.J.P.C. F.Y. 2004 Progressive Sanctions-F Grant in the amount of \$ 34,777.00

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

D. Request approval to appropriate local cash match requirement for T.J.P.C. FY 2004 Progressive Sanctions I.S.P. O Grant in the amount of \$ 6,166.00

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

E. Request approval of General Fund Budget amendment in the amount of \$ 275,014.00 into Juvenile Probation Department Acct. #3-1100-423-60-330-002-0-590 (room & board) for payment of August 2003 Court Ordered Residential Placement cost

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

F. Approval of C.J.D. Juvenile Justice and Delinquent Prevention Grant (JA-03-J20-14716-05) Award and Budget in the amount of \$ 20,000.00 for C.Y. 2004

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

Commissioner Garza joined the meeting.

11. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG): (SEE EXHIBIT L)**A. Public Hearing to discuss the US Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant FY 2003**

Judge Ramon Garcia Opened the Public Hearing.

Because there were no presentations made, Judge Garcia closed the Public Hearing.

B. Approval to accept the US Dept. of Justice – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant \$ 181,475.00

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

C. Approval to appropriate the US Dept. of Justice – Local Law Enforcement Block Grant \$ 181,475.00 and the Local Cash Match \$ 250,000.00

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

D. Approval to set salaries

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval, with the 3, 5, 7% increase as per Commissioners' Court. Salaries will be effective October 01, 2003 thru September 2004, which is the Fiscal Year for the Grants.

12. Urban County: (SEE EXHIBIT M)**A. Request for approval of a budget and program amendment for the City of Weslaco using Year 16 (2003-2004) UCP funds**

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

Judge Garcia stepped away from the Court.

13. Head Start: (SEE EXHIBIT N)**A. Discussion and approval to purchase through the Certified Centralized Master Bidder List (CMBL), Texas Building and Procurement Commission, Procurement Services Division five-hundred seventy-five (575) restraint vests**

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the lowest bidder.

B. Discussion and approval to purchase a 47-passenger school bus from a Certified Master Bidder Vendor (Capitol Bus Sales) by participating in the Texas Building and Procurement Commission

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the lowest bidder.

C. Discussion and approval of bid award and contract to vendor meeting all specifications for Lawn Care Bid #2003-07-09

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

D. Discussion and approval to purchase three (3) 20-passenger school buses from a Certified Master Bidder Vendor (Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP, Inc.) by participating in the Texas Building and Procurement Commission

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the lowest bidder.

E. Discussion and approval of request for payment #10 to Negrete & Kolar Architects in connection with the Edinburg V Head Start Center (Faysville)

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

14. Right of Way: (SEE EXHIBIT O)**A. Discussion and action on submittal of Regional Mobility Authority Application**

Discussion/presentation made by Godfrey Garza, Right of Way Department. NO ACTION taken on this item.

15. Budget Office: (SEE EXHIBIT P)**A. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 50,000.00**

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

B. Authorization and approval of budget amendments:

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| 1. Constable Pct. #4 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 2. Sheriff's Department | \$45,000.00 |

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 15.B.1 & 2.

C. Approval to unappropriate unused salaries and fringe benefits from General Fund Departments

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

D. Approval to de-obligate \$ 90,849.00(designated purpose grant fund – Truancy Program)

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

E. Approval to unappropriate estimated excess of salaries and fringes from the Ramiro M. Guerra Youth Village Fund

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

F. Public Hearing – 2004 Proposed Budget as per Texas Local Government Code 111.067

Valde Guerra for the Record: The estimated revenues for next year, as well as the projected expense for that fund, that deficit will not exist. Debt service fund again, estimated funds available retained earnings \$1.7 million dollars, thereabout. Total estimated revenues \$11.7 million dollars. We had transfers in of \$244,000.00 for notes payable. So you had available resources of \$13.6 million dollars, with deductions \$10,046,000.00 for a projected fund balance of \$3.6 million dollars. So, as a recap total all funds, estimated fund balance this year \$10,458,313.90 transfers in \$20,563,955.60. Total estimated resources for all funds \$155,158,451.48. Estimated transfers out, \$20,563,955.60. Total deductions \$142,582,626.95 for a projected fund balance total all funds \$12,537,872.99. Again, this is what was filed Wednesday, the draft which in effect became the proposed budget.

Valde Guerra: In our proposed budget, the total County wide tax rate MNO and INS is \$0.59. That is the same tax rate that we currently have for 2002.

Judge Ramon Garcia opened the Public Hearing.

-Fern McLaugherty, Virginia Townsend, and Nancy Shary presented the Judge and Commissioners a cash cow, while they discussed taxes.

-Myra Baker made a presentation on taxes.

-Hugh Hawkins also made a presentation on taxes and raises.

Judge Garcia closed the Public Hearing.

G. Discussion, consideration and action on changes, if any, as per Local Government Code 111.068 (adoption of budget) and Adoption of the 2004 Annual Budget including setting of salaries and auto allowance for elected officials and employees

Valde Guerra for the Record: Our 8% is \$6.9 million dollars for Indigent Health Care. That is included in Welfare, the 8%. We have other which we combined all the small ones, the library system, Urban County, the smaller accounts. Under the 4% would be the Health Department, Sanitation, Health Department, your clinics. Executive is 2%. Executive being Commissioners' Court and the administrative portion of the County. Transfers out are 2%. The transfers out are those monies that are for one mandate or another, are monies that are transferred out of the General fund into various other areas. Elections are 1%, the balance Elections, Conservations, Litigation are 1%...You're looking at 4% when you combine those. Again, the top two are Corrections and Judicial.

Valde Guerra: This process has been roughly four and a half, to five months in the making. The items requiring formal action for the Court are as follows.

- 1. The employee cost of living increase. When we filed our budget on the 24th, we filed a budget, our office filed a budget with a proposed 5% salary increase for employees across the board. At hand, you have the employee cost of living increase with the 5% as filed across the board for employees, or a 3, 5, 7 scale. You also have pending the proposed additional new positions for the budget. The action that was taken before we got into the adoption of the budget was, we adopted the TCDRS Resolution to include a 3% for retirees. We'll have the 3% increase in retirees annuities. We have the Historical Museum Capital Campaign project, the County Treasurer with respect to the individual whom is now assigned as the, who is taking the responsibilities of the bail bond duties. We're recommending a stipend as opposed to a percentage. The District and County Clerk's operational expense increase. Health Department, the grant shortfall, the impact on salaries estimated at \$78,605.00. Buildings and Grounds, Road and Bridge Pct. 1 slot 27, an adjustment for parity, Road and Bridge Pct. 1 grant writer the creation of slot 58. Road and Bridge Pct. 2 adjustment in the Chief Administrative salary, adjustments to slots 6, 7, slot 21, and you don't have it on there, but and slot 9. I have that dollar amount for you, and adjustment to slot 8, again under Road and Bridge under Pct. 2. If you look at your packet you will see the next couple of pages will give you the number of positions with respect to the proposed additional positions.

Valde clarified to Commissioner Palacios that the positions in Pct. #2 would be paid through the Road and Bridge Budget and that there would not be any impact to the General Budget.

Continuing...As well as item 10 for Road and Bridge, 9 and 10 for Road and Bridge Pct. 1, these are Road and Bridge funds, they are not General Fund, and there would be no General Fund impact. These are the Road and Bridge funds. Again as I stated, the next couple of pages you have a list of employees proposed, and so I will ask the Court to direct us as to the wishes of the court with respect to what we've filed as a budget and the wishes of the Court with respect to if any changes are to be made, for those changes to be directed to the budget office.

- 1.A.) On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the cost of living increase in increments of 3, 5, and 7%.

Valde Guerra for the Record: Commissioner Palacios will abstain as it pertains to any action that you're taking for County Court at Law #2.

Commissioner Palacios withdrew his motion due to conflicts, Commissioner Flores also withdrew his second.

- 1.B.) Judge R. Garcia requested a motion to approve a 3, 5, and 7% cost of living increase to County employees. Percentages and ranges are as follow:
 7% – 0-22,000.00
 5% – 22,001.00-32,000.00
 3% - 32,001.00-and above

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Lowest paid employee will be brought up to about \$8.02, as a starting minimum wage to the County

On motion of Commissioner Flores to approve the cost of living increase at 3, 5, and 7%, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a 3-2 vote of approval. Specific votes are as follow:

AYE: Judge R. Garcia, Commissioners' Handy and Flores

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners' Palacios and Garza

Valde Guerra for the Record: The affidavit that he (Commissioner Palacios) has been asked to sign, one paragraph says, "I shall abstain from any further participation in the consideration for the approval of item 15.G. as it pertains to County Court at Law #2".

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2. Valde Guerra for the Record: Title IV is the Child Support Division, Title IV monies have not come in as projected and therefore when we work with the auditor's office based on the projections and the expenditures we informed the District Clerk's that in effect, we would have to zero out the Title IV division because the revenues were not there to support it. I informed the Court, Title IV again is, were the Child Support Division. There are many out in the community that are the direct recipients of that service. The Court at the workshops...gave directions to the Budget Office to include the Title IV slots in the General Fund. We took that direction, but since they are technically new slots, they are on this list. (Amount for the new positions is approximately \$912,000.00.)
 3. 3% increase in retirees annuities, I believe that is now a given or a mandate because of action taken in Court. Amount is \$45,000.00.
 4. Historical Museum for Capital Campaign Expansion Project proposal to fund for next year in the amount of \$175,000.00, in addition to the normal budget aid
 5. County Clerk/Treasurers, the Bail Bond Duties, get stipend in the amount of \$1,250.00 for duties, and if the position moves, the monies move.
 6. District Clerk and County Courts operational expense increase of \$140,000.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 per Court for operations.
 7. Health Department had a grant shortfall, again. Estimated impact on salary increase is \$78,605.00 (including fringes). Fee for service monies program income monies have not come in as projected. There were state budget cuts, and there was a direct impact on this county. We need an additional \$78,605.00 for that short fall.
 8. The Court has already addressed the potential reduction of \$125,000.00 at the Buildings and Grounds Department.
 9. Road and Bridge monies/Constitution monies for Road and Bridge Pct. 1, an adjustment to slot 27 for parity, 7%. The Road and Bridge Pct. 1, the creation of slot 58, the grant slot. Pct. 2 adjustment in the administrative salary, adjustment to 6, 7, 21 and 9. The cost would be double that amount, \$10,986.48. An adjustment to slot 8, which is reducing the amount by \$2,306.25.
 10. Creation of grants position.
 11. Pct. #2 adjustment to the administrative salary slot #6,7,21, and 9 that equals 10,986.48, and adjustment to slot 8, and these are under Road and Bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 15.G.2-11, with Commissioner Palacios Abstaining from item #6, as it pertains to County Court at Law #2.

Commissioner Palacios recommended an adjustment to the entry level positions for the Sheriff's department, which are the Deputy Sheriff, Investigators, and Seargents. Adjustments will also be made to the Jail's Detention Officers, Detention Specialists, Sergeants. Those positions will be getting \$1,500.00, in addition to the regular pay increase/cost of living increase.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to improve the increase for the law enforcement department.

Commissioner Palacios discussed the possibility of reassigning a position from the Computer Department, and transfer to the Elections department.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the MIS Director position for the Elections Department with the base salary of \$38,000.00, plus benefits.

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Valde Guerra: I made a statement prior to the Public Hearing, that there was a fund that showed a deficit when we filed, that since then has been addressed with the auditor's office. That was the Worker's Compensation fund.

The revenues that are projected for year four, for the Worker's Compensation Fund are \$4,524,368.20. I will break that down as per a breakdown from the Risk Management/Emergency Management Department. Hidalgo County Worker's Compensation/WIC, I'm sorry, General Fund plus WIC...\$3,817,087.20; Drainage District #, Worker's Compensation who participates with our program \$95,908.00; Community Service Agency/Worker's Compensation who participates in our fund \$7,558.00; HeadStart who also participates in the fund \$589,140.00; and Urban County as well participates in the fund, \$14,675.00. WIC expenditures that will be filed appropriately \$919,677.19. This in effect the revenues do not, there are sufficient revenues to address the expenditures and we will not have a deficit in that fund. Again this is in working with the County Auditor's office. Valde Guerra then requested the Court take formal action on the above stated, so as to have it included in the budget.

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

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Commissioner Palacios stepped away from the Court.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of the adoption of the 2004 annual budget including the setting of salaries, and auto allowance for elected officials and employees to include all that was discussed and directed/formally acted upon and directing the budget office to make those changes.

Commissioner Garza informed the Court that he was voting in favor of the Budget, excluding any one related to him. He would/did abstain from those items.

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**H. Set 2003 Tax Rate**

Maintainance and operation 0.5268, interest in sinking, which is the debt portion is .0632 for a total of 59 cents. It'll be the same tax rate as 2002.

On motion of Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a 3-1 vote of approval of the 59 cent tax rate. Specific votes are as follow:

- AYE: Judge Garcia, Commissioners' Flores, and Garza
- NAY: Commissioner Handy
- ABSTAIN: Commissioner Palacios (away from the Court)

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I. Approval of "No Change Notice and Rate Acknowledgment" TCDRS Document; or

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

J. Approval of "Order amending the annually determined contribution rate plan" TCDRS Documents

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

K. County Clerk:

1. Approval to create obj. #890 & line item transfer - \$ 200.00

L. Indigent Defense Program:

1. Request to create obj. #664 for the discretionary grant & line item transfer - \$ 2,500.00

M. Texas Cooperative Extension:

1. Approval to create obj. #672 & line item transfer - \$ 100.00

N. Sheriff Department:

1. Approval to create obj. #434 & #661 & line item transfer - \$ 2,000.00

O. Risk/Emergency Management:

1. Approval to create obj. #533 & line item transfer - \$ 200.00

P. Probate Court:

1. Approval to create obj. #550 & line item transfer - \$ 471.00
2. Approval to create obj. #664 & 640 & line item transfer - \$ 5,000.00

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 15.K.1.-P.2.

16. Indigent Defense: (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

- A. Request for approval and submission of FY 2004 Formula Grant Application concerning Indigent Defense
- B. Request approval of 2004 Hidalgo County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve item 16.A & B.

17. Pct. #1: (SEE EXHIBIT R)

- A. Approval of Resolution honoring Mr. Richard Rivera, Superintendent of Schools for the Weslaco Independent School District, upon his selection as Region One ESC "Superintendent of the Year 2003"

Commissioner Handy read the Resolution into the Record.

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

- B. Approval of Resolution honoring Dr. Robert Sepulveda, Weslaco Independent School Board President, upon his election as "President-Elect" of the Texas Association of School Board

Commissioner Handy read the Resolution into the Record.

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

Judge Garcia stepped away from the Court.

18. Pct. #2: (SEE EXHIBIT S)

- A. Budget line item transfer for CIP Acct. #3-1331-431-00-122-010-0 - \$ 175,000.00

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

19. Pct. #4: (SEE EXHIBIT T)**A. Approval of budget amendment - \$ 50,000.00**

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

20. Colonia Access Program: (SEE EXHIBIT U)**A. Budget line item transfers for Border Colonia Access Program Accounts (Lopezville) - \$ 226,524.85**

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

21. Human Services: (SEE EXHIBIT V)**A. Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:****1. Authorization to pay 2003 claims: \$26,445.45**

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

This item was also approved through the Consent Agenda.

- 2. Indigent Health Care expenditures**
- 3. Modify Services being provided**

NO ACTION taken on item 21.A.2 & 3.

4. Report and Recommendations regarding Indigent Health Care

Report made by Rudy de la Vina. NO ACTION taken on this item.

Judge Garcia joined the meeting, and Commissioners' Palacios and Garza stepped away from the Court.

22. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT W)**A. HIDALGO COUNTY –****Discussion and/or action, including, but not limited to the following items:**

- 1. New Hidalgo County Jail:** Total inmate population: 1192 Other Information:
 Physical Count: 1058 Males 101
 Out of County: La Villa 108 (101 Males and 7 Females) Females 80
 Brooks 0 Federal 12 Escapees 2 4 Other @ no charge

2. Current inter-local(s) and/or contract(s) for the "Housing of Inmates"

Nothing to report. NO ACTION taken on this item.

3. New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center Project:

- a) Requesting acceptance and approval with authority for Auditor to process payment (after review, audit and processing procedures completed) of Inv. #4740 in the amount of \$46,341.00 submitted by Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, for engineering services rendered for the design of the Utility Extension (Waterline), Six Lane Jogging Track, East Portion Driver Training Track, West Portion Driver Training Track and Compacted Caliche Base Road, and as certified for payment by V-A Architecture for the Shooting Range Facility;

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

- b) **Ratification of the transfer of the account names (with points of contact as required by the City of Edinburg) and as requested by Velasco Construction of water and utility services and further detailed in letter dated 9-25-03 and forwarded (by Hidalgo County) including the same action for transfer of accounts to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative;**

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

- c) **Presentation for acceptance, approval and authority for Auditor to issue payment to Velasco Construction in the amount of \$1,426.31 for electrical utilities paid to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative (MVEC) from 6-24-03 to 7-24-03 which were incurred after substantial completion was achieved on 5-27-03 with copies of cancelled checks enclosed for review and audit;**

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

- d) **County Auditor's Report on Detention Facility Law Enforcement Center Project paid and pending payment approval;**
 e) **Discussion and possible action on-site projects on site of the New Adult Detention Facility and Law Enforcement Center including, but not limited to, structures (i.e. Shooting Range Facility, Jogging Track, Driver Training Track, Parking Lot(s) and Utility Extensions, under or anticipated construction on site and preliminary information and request for clarification and direction on the possible construction options for additional pod(s) with staffing and maintenance and operations analysis and impacts including the status of the old facility.**

Nothing to report. NO ACTION taken on item 22.A.3.d & e.

4. **Requesting authority to exercise the additional (1) one year extension as provided in current contract under the same rates, terms and conditions for the following;**

CATALOG MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE SUPPLIES

Community Description	Awarded Vendors	Contract Numbers
Office Supplies (Primary)	Corporate Express	C-02-228-09-30
Office Supplies (Secondary)	A&W Office Supply Inc.	C-02-229-09-30

CATALOG OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Commodity Description	Awarded Vendors	Contract Numbers
Office Equipment (Primary)	Tony's Business Interior	C-02-230-09-30
Office Equipment (Secondary)	Corporate Express	C-02-231-09-30

CATALOG OFFICE FURNITURE

Commodity Description	Awarded Vendors	Contract Numbers
Office Furniture –Major Brands (Primary#1)	Corporate Express	C-02-232-09-30
Office Furniture-Major Brands (Primary # 2)	Jones & Cook Stationers	C-02-234-09-30
Office Furniture-Major Brands (Secondary)	Tony's Business Interior	C-02-235-09-30
Office Furniture Other Brands (Primary # 1)	Tony's Business Interior	C-02-236-09-30
Office Furniture Other Brands (Secondary)	Jones & Cook Stationers	C-02-237-09-30

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed on 22.A.4.

5. **Presentation and acceptance of corrected rosters (as listed in the corrected RFQ Acceptance Sheets attached hereto) of "Real Estate Appraisers & Surveyors" and "Engineers" pools. An RFQ submitted by an engineering firm, on March 07, 2003 at 10:18 a.m., in response to the Appraisers and Surveyors RFQ was erroneously accepted as part of the Engineers pool.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

Commissioner Garza joined the meeting.

- 6. Presentation, discussion, and action on a recommendation by Hon. Rene Guerra, Hidalgo County District Attorney to reject the sole Statement of Qualification received in response to the RFQ/P for: "Pathologist to Provide Autopsy Services and All Other Necessary Related or Incidental Services Thereto" for Hidalgo County's so as to re-advertise to encourage more participation;**

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

- 7. Requesting authority to re-advertise for: "Pathologist to Provide Autopsy Services and All Other Necessary Related or Incidental Services Thereto for Hidalgo County".**

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

- 8. Requesting authority to re-advertise for: "Autopsy Facility" inasmuch as no bids received, however inquiries as to participation if County re-advertises were received by this department.**

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

- 9. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements under Texas Local Government Code, Section 262.04 (a)(7)(B) for book purchases for Hidalgo County Law Library, Hidalgo County District Attorney, and other Judicial Departments.**

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

- 10. Requesting appointment and approval of staff or others to grade and score (for the purpose of ranking of the sole response received as "Qualified" by Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court) the statement of qualification received in response to the County's Project-Request for Qualifications/Proposal for "Step and Grade Consulting Services".**

Commissioner Flores stepped away from the Court.

Commissioner Palacios, Pct. 2, appointed Valde Guerra; Commissioner Handy, Pct. 1, appointed Selena Garza; Commissioner Garza, Pct. 4 appointed Ester Cortez; Judge R. Garcia appointed Dr. Lori Ochoa; Commissioner Flores, Pct. 3, appointment pending to be named, and Marty Salazar will be supervising the committee.
Commissioner Flores joined the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve the appointments as stated by the Court.

B. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO 1-

- 1. Presentation for discussion, consideration, acceptance & approval of claim/invoice #166404 in the amount of \$557.70 from PSI with authority for Auditor to issue payment (after review, audit and processing procedures completed) for material testing services, erroneously ordered by precinct staff. Note: Precinct is divided into two (2) zones for materials testing contracts. PSI is a contracted vendor for materials testing; however, job site in another zone.**

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

- 2. **Presentation for discussion, consideration, acceptance & approval of claim/invoice #100483 in the amount of \$1,472.00 from Varmicon with authority for Auditor to issue payment (after review, audit and processing procedures completed) after erroneously ordered by precinct staff from a non-contracted vendor.**

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

C. HIDALGO COUNTY PCT. NO. 3

- 1. **Requesting authority to advertise and approval of specifications attached hereto for: “Three (3) New Model 2003 or 2004 Regular Short Bed Pick up Trucks”.**

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

D. HIDALGO COUNTY ADULT PROBATION (CSCD) DEPARTMENT –

- 1. **Recommending award of RFP for “TAIP Assessments, Outpatient and Residential Services-CSCD” to New Beginnings and Rio Grande Valley Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (RGVCADA), respectively.**

NO ACTION taken on this item.

E. HIDALGO COUNTY BUILDING AND GROUNDS –

- 1. **Requesting authority to purchase through the Inter local Agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) – Philpott Motors., Port Neches, Texas and approval of specifications attached hereto for:**

“One (1) New Model 2004 E150 Cargo Van”.....Price at \$14,594.25
 “One (1) New Model 2004 F250 Chasis Cab Service Body with Tool Boxes on both sides” Price at \$19,771.25
 + H-GAC Adm. Fee.....\$600.00
Total Cost for these units=.....\$34,965.50

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

F. HIDALGO COUNTY COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP)-

- 1. **Recommending bid award and approval of contract for “Road Construction of Lopezville Subdivision” to low bidder meeting all specifications. (C.A.P.- Colonia Access Project)**

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

G. HIDALGOCOUNTY-HIDTA TASK FORCE –

- 1. **Presentation for consideration, discussion, acceptance and approval of a claims/invoice #039318406 in the amount of \$71.73 from ZEE Medical, Inc., in connection with items purchased to re-stock the departments first aid kit with authority for Auditor to issue payment, after review, audit and processing procedures completed including acknowledgement by HIDTA that such re-fills henceforth must be procured with compliance to Hidalgo County’s Purchasing Policies and Procedures.**

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

H. HIDALGO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COURT –

1. **Requesting approval of a (correction) on the current contract with Maxima Business Center to reflect the current expiration date as April 30, 2004 and not October 1, 2003, (inasmuch as original or initial commencement date of lease term was (upon occupancy) of the building 5/1/01 and not award date of 10/1/00).**

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

2. **Recommending cancellation of current bid project for lease space for the Juvenile Justice Court in the City of Edinburg and return of any bids received (and as yet unopened) to date (bid opening date 10-1-03) with authority to re-advertise the project.**

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

I. HIDALGO COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY DEPARTMENT-

1. **Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements for professional appraisal services with Leonel Garza Jr., & Associates for the “North I Road”-Phase II project.**

Steve Crain for the Record: Mr. Garza (Leonel), for the Record, is on our approval...to go out for bids. Marty Salazar replied: Yes, sir.

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

2. **Request authority to solicit and negotiate a “Best and Final Offer” with Leonel Garza Jr., & Associates for the “North I Road”-Phase II project.**

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

J. HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT-

1. **Requesting approval of the final draft of Qualifications, Requirements & Scope of Services for the (RFQ/P) for Physician Services for the Adult Detention Facility as developed with the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Department.**

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

K. HIDALGO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM –

1. **Recommending to reject all bids received for this project, and approval to re-advertise with modifications to specifications as attached hereto for: “Lease Space WIC Clinic in the City of McAllen”**

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

2. **Presentation for consideration, discussion, acceptance and approval of claims/invoices totaling \$2,114,75 from Affirmed Medical Services in connection with items purchased to re-stock the program’s first aid kits at various locations with authority for Auditor to issue payment, after review, audit and processing procedures completed including acknowledgement by WIC Program that such re-fills henceforth must be procured with compliance to Hidalgo County’s Purchasing Polices and Procedures.**

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

Commissioner Palacios stepped away from the Court.

The Court proceeded with item #6.

23. Closed Session: (SEE EXHIBIT X)

On motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to go into Executive Session for items A, B, D, E, and F.

Commissioners' Court may go into Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072 & 551.074 to discuss the following:

- A. Real Estate Acquisition**
- B. Interview of applicants for the position of Health Director for Hidalgo County**
- C. Cause #CL-39,207-D; Omar Ramon dba River Valley Construction vs. Hidalgo County – This item was not discussed and will be brought back next week.**
- D. Duties and evaluation of County Budget Officer**
- E. Complaints against Buildings & Grounds Director**
- F. Cause No. C-2287-03-A; Chris Yelland vs. Hidalgo County et. Al**

NO ACTION taken during Executive Session.

Commissioner Palacios joined the meeting, and Commissioners' Handy and Flores were not in attendance after Executive Session.

24. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

NO ACTION taken on this item.

B. Interview and possible selection of applicant for the position of Health Director for Hidalgo County

NO ACTION taken on this item.

C. Cause #CL-39,207-D; Omar Ramon dba River Valley Construction vs. Hidalgo County

NO ACTION taken on this item. This item was not discussed during Executive Session.

D. Duties and evaluation of County Budget Officer

Valde Guerra will proceed as directed. NO ACTION taken on this item.

E. Complaints against Buildings & Grounds Director

NO ACTION taken on this item.

F. Cause No. C-2287-03-A; Chris Yelland vs. Hidalgo County et. Al

Valde Guerra will proceed as directed. NO ACTION taken on this item.

25. Closed Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

26. Open Session:

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

NO ACTION taken on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Palacios, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn this day's meeting.

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
HIDALGO 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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003, at 9:00 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 Palacios, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval, with the exception of item 2.H.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Line item transfers: (SEE EXHIBIT A)**
 - A. Tax Office**
 - B. Tax Office Fund 1246**
 - C. Pct. #1 – R & B**
 - D. Pct. #1 – Adm.**
 - E. Pct. #1 – Parks**
 - F. Pct. #2 – Parks**
 - G. Pct. #2 – R & B**
 - H. Pct. #3 – Landfill** – O motion of Commissioner Handy, seconded by Commissioners' Palacios and Flores, the Court made a **UNANIMOUS** vote of approval subject to change in the amount of \$7,550.00.
 - I. Pct. #4 – R & B**
 - J. County Clerk Fund 1237 (2)**
 - K. County Clerk Fund 1238**
 - L. WIC**
 - M. J.P. Pct. #3, Pl. 2 (3)**
 - N. Constable Pct. #2**
 - O. Budget Office**
 - P. 398th District Court**
 - Q. Indigent Defense**
 - R. Master Court #1**
 - S. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 1**
 - T. J.P. Pct. #2, Pl. 2**
 - U. Planning Department**
 - V. Purchasing Department**
- 3. Right of Way – Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT B)**
 - A. Synergy Exploration – conduct geophysical operations; conduct 3-D Geophysical survey across property owned or leased by Hidalgo County on:**
 - West addition to Sharyland .03 acres of 32.16 acres of lot 6-9
 - West addition to Sharyland W2.73 acres lot 47-7 State Highway 107 2.73 acres
 - West addition to Sharyland 1.69 acres ROW – E16.25 acres lot 5-91.69 acres
 - West addition to Sharyland 1.22 acres SW 5 acres lot 6-9
 - West addition to Sharyland 1.62 acres IRR TR-N167..96-W660' lot 5-11

Consent Agenda Continued:**B. Shell Western E & P:**

- FM 2058 intersection of FM 681 and FM 490

C. North Alamo Water Supply:

- West of Tower Rd. on Texas Rd.
- West of 3rd St. on Yates Ave.
- Nolana Rd. on I Rd.

D. Suemoaur Exploration & Production:

- Trenton Rd. east from Val Verde Rd.

4. Planning Department: (SEE EXHIBIT C)**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 (c)(1)
- Certificates of Water Service Availability under Local Government Code Section (c)(2)

5. Tax Refunds: (SEE EXHIBIT D)

Taxpayer	Payer	Amount
A. Glenn Sohl	Glenn Sohl	3,190.98
B. Wilder Corporation	Washington Mutual	4,632.10
C. Francisco & M. A. Garza	Valley Land Title Co.	1,074.37
D. JM Trustee for Moffitt	IBC Bank	5,490.07

6. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT E)**A. HIDALGO COUNTY J.P.PCT.4.PL.1-**

1. Requesting authority to enter into a 48-month lease with Xerox for a DC435 copier in the amount of \$169.05 a month. Effective upon approval.

B. HIDALGO COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE-

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer equipment from a CISV vendor, CDW-Government, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$93.49.

C. HIDALGO COUNTY COMPUTER DEPARTMENT-

1. Requesting authority to purchase computer equipment form a CISV vendor CDW-Government through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Program for: a)Req. #35527-\$411.36, b) Req. #35415-\$787.99 and c) Req. #35635-\$150.00.

D. HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2-

1. Requesting authority to purchase three (3) computer hardware and peripherals from a CISV vendor, Dell Marketing, through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Purchasing Program in the amount of \$4,512.00. Subject and forwarded to the Computer Department for review.

E. HIDALGO COUNTY CONSTABLE PCT. 3-

1. Requesting authority to purchase a phone system from Starr Telecommunications ETC., a certified information systems vendor (CISV), through the State of Texas Building and Procurement Catalogue Program in the amount of \$3,000.00, which includes the equipment and installation.

7. Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT F)**A. September 23, 2003**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE**

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, that a SPECIAL MEETING of the Drainage District #1 Board of Directors will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 at 9:00 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 Drainage District #1 Board of Directors 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.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote to approve all items listed on the Drainage District Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of check register and payment of claims and bills - County Auditor**
- 2. Discharge Permits: (SEE EXHIBIT Y)**
 - A. Mark Dizdar – Grandora Subdivision**
 - B. City of Weslaco – Tesoro Estates Phase 2**
- 3. Pipeline Permit: (SEE EXHIBIT Y)**
 - A. City of Edinburg – Mile 17 ½ west of Jackson Rd.**
- 4. Line item transfer - \$ 110,000.00 (SEE EXHIBIT Y)**
- 5. Approval of Minutes: (SEE EXHIBIT F)**
 - A. September 23, 2003**

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
RAMON GARCIA
COUNTY JUDGE**

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DRAINAGE DISTRICT

1. Roll Call

All members of the Court were counted present, with the exception of Commissioners' Flores and Handy.

2. Open Forum

No presentations made under Open Forum. NO ACTION taken on this item.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

At this time, the Court moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

4. Approval of "No Change Notice and Rate Acknowledgement" TCDRS Document; or (SEE EXHIBIT Z)

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

5. Approval of "Order amending the annually determined contribution rate plan" TCDRS Documents (SEE EXHIBIT Z)

Commissioners' Handy and Flores joined the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Garza, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval of the 3% increase for the retirees

6. Approval to transfer \$ 251,959.02 out of Drainage District Debt Service to the Drainage District General Fund and appropriate in Main Drain Acct. obj. 733 (drainage structures) (SEE EXHIBIT AA)

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

7. Public Hearing – 2004 Proposed Budget as per Texas Local Government Code 111.067 (SEE EXHIBIT BB)

Judge R. Garcia opened the Public Hearing.

Since no one came forth, Judge Garcia closed the Public Hearing.

8. Discussion, consideration and action on changes, if any, as per Local Government Code 111.068 (adoption of budget) and Adoption of the 2004 Annual Budget including setting of salaries and auto allowance for elected officials and employees (SEE EXHIBIT BB)

Valde Guerra requested from the Court for formal action regarding the order that was adopted amending the TCDRS Plan to include 3%, which is to be included as part of the District Budget.

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



Valde Guerra stated that the estimated Fund Balance, December 31st. retained earnings for the District \$2,591,828.94. Estimated revenues are \$6,822,773.65, for a total available resources of \$9,414,602.59. There's estimated expenditures of \$7,072,882.61 to include whatever dollar amount equates to the 3% that was acted upon. So we'll have an estimated Fund Balance approximate \$2,341,719.98.

Valde Guerra then asked the Board to consider taking action on adopting the 2004 annual budget, which includes the setting of the salaries and allowances for the officials and employees under the Drainage District.

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

9. Set 2003 Tax Rate (SEE EXHIBIT BB)

On motion of Commissioner Palacios, seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Court made a 4-1 vote of approval to set the rate at 0.0435. Specific votes are as follow:

AYE: Judge Garcia, Commissioners' Palacios, Flores, and Garza

NAY: Commissioner Handy

ABSTAIN: None

10. Purchasing Department: (SEE EXHIBIT CC)

A. Requesting authority to advertise an RFQ/P for Independent Audit Services with an initial term of engagement to include fiscal years 2003 & 2004 with the Drainage District No. 1 option to renew for an additional two (2) fiscal years engagement.

Correction noted as per Steve Crain, Legal Counsel: Correction on agenda, it is two (1)one year fiscal years. Right?

Marty Salazar, Purchasing Agent, clarified: It's two-one fiscal years at a time. You're correct.

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

B. Recommending award of bid and approval of Contract for "Tires" to multiple vendors meeting all required specifications. (Vendors are: Goodyear Store, GCR Tire Center & Pueblo Tires). A fully executed copy of the contract will be forwarded to Hidalgo County Budget and Auditor's Office.

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

11. Closed Session:

Board of Directors 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. The Court did not go into Executive Session.

12. Open Session:

A. Real Estate Acquisition

Property located on I Road Lateral is appraised in the amount of \$10,621.00. Settlement offer is in the amount of \$13,000.00.

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

13. Closed Session:

Board of Directors may reconvene into Closed Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

14. Open Session:

Board of Directors may reconvene into Open Session for the discussion regarding the agenda items listed

NO ACTION taken on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Handy, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval to adjourn this day's 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.

Dated this the 30th day of September, 2003

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

By: _____
Priscilla Torres, Deputy Clerk

I, JUAN D. SALINAS, III, County Clerk attest that this is an accurate accounting of a proceeding of the Commissioners' Court held on September 30, 2003

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2003.

ATTEST:

JUAN D. SALINAS
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
Of the Commissioners' Court of
Hidalgo County