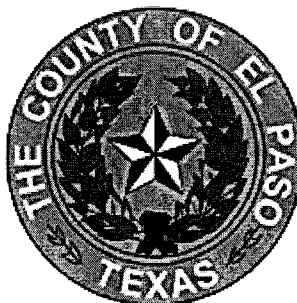


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## EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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### AGENDA

Regular Meeting, August 27, 2018 - 9:30 AM

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Strategic Plan Priority

1. OPEN MEETING
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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*David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111*

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **6. PRESENTATION**

- A. Receive a presentation from the Borderplex Alliance regarding the performance of Phase I of the Borderplex Alliance Air Service Initiative (BAASI).

*Jose Quinonez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177*

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt the 2018 Tax Rate for the El Paso County Hospital District.

*R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600*

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## **AUDITOR**

10. Approve and authorize the funding from GF-GADM for September 2018 and October 2018 for Criminal Justice Grants ending August 31, 2018. This allocation is for grants that are pending award from the State of Texas. If the 2019 grants are not awarded, the amount the County will have to use to cover personnel expenditures is approximately \$135,392.89. This will only be transferred upon notification on non-award.

*Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040*

## **JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS**

11. Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded to the DWI Drug Court Program. The grant is in the amount of \$387,716 per year for a period of five years for a total grant award in the amount of \$1,938,580. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2018-0520)

*Judge Robert Anchondo, County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 (915) 834-8232*

12. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the County charging a \$250 vendor booth rental fee at the upcoming Judicial Best Practices Conference, and further authorize the acceptance of donations for the Judicial Best Practices Conference on October 25 and 26, 2018, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032.

*Andrew R. Haggerty, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044*

## **LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

13. Approve and authorize the use of funds from the District Attorney's discretionary and food stamp fraud accounts to continue to pay

salaries funded by the VAWA grant #1343721 (Contract No. 2018-0108) and the Border Prosecution Unit grant #2283709 (Contract No. 2018-0193) for the grant period beginning September 1, 2018, and the VOCA grant #1362519 (Contract No. 2018-0109) for the grant period beginning October 1, 2018, until the funds for the grants are awarded. Funds are available in SPECIALDA and DAFOODSTFRA if necessary, and would be reimbursed to those accounts out of grant funds received.

*Jaime Esparza, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059*

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment Two to the Contract for Access and Visitation Grant Between the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and El Paso County from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$63,408 with a County match in the amount of \$7,045 for a total project in the amount of \$70,453. (Contract No. 2018-0502)

*Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office (915) 834-8292*

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the LexisNexis Matthew Bender Annual Service Renewal Contract for print subscriptions for FY19 to maintain the content of the Hon. Robert J. Galvan County Law Library collection in an amount not to exceed \$57,001.05. Funding is available in SR-LAWLIB-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. (Contract No. 2018-0458)

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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

16. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Delegation of Signature Authority Approval from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Public Transportation Division, for the purpose of TxDOT Grant paperwork submissions. (Contract No. 2018-0539)

*Norma R. Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015*

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fiscal Year 2019 Project Grant Agreement (PGA) for the Federal Intercity Bus (ICB) Project with TxDOT in the amount of \$993,576. The purpose of the grant is to continue the provision of Intercity Bus Service serving El Paso and Anthony, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico for two additional years. (Contract No. 2018-0554)

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## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

18. Approve and authorize the Criminal Justice and Community Support Department to apply for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission Technical Support grant. The purpose of the grant is

to evaluate the operations and impact on outcomes of the Public Defender's Office. The amount of the grant is \$70,000 with a match of \$90,000.

*Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Support (915) 546-2204*

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

19. (Postponed 8/20/18) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended budget and tax rates for Emergency Services District No.1 and Emergency Services District No. 2.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

20. Approve and authorize revisions to the County of El Paso's Financial Policies for FY2019.

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21. Approve and authorize the allocation of funding from CIP2018 project funds in the amount of \$69,000 for the purchase of two air units at the MDR facility. Funding is available in account. COCP-3001 CP-IMPROV01-EQUIP. Funding for other capital projects allocations were not fully expended and are available for re-allocation. This would bring total project funding to \$244,000.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

22. Approve and authorize the Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Improvement Plan allocations. Upon adoption of the budget, funding is available from COCP-3001.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

23. Pursuant to the Property Tax Code, §26.05(a), adopt a tax rate for the County of El Paso.

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24. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 111.067, copy attached, conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed El Paso County budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

25. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, § 111.068, copy attached, approve and adopt the attached County of El Paso annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

26. Approve amendment No. 46 to the County of El Paso's 2017-2018 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase

Grants by \$2,863,645.06 thus increasing the County of El Paso's 2017-2018 overall operating budget of \$496,422,112.83 to \$499,285,757.89.

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## 27. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Only the members of the Commissioners Court have a right to attend an executive session, except that legal counsel must be present if the executive session is held pursuant to Government Code section 551.071. In addition to legal counsel, Commissioners Court may include in executive session certain officers and employees if it finds that (1) their participation is necessary to the matter under consideration; (2) their interests are not adverse to the county, and (3) their presence will not waive the attorney client privilege. Generally, the Chief Administrator, Budget Executive Director, County Clerk's representatives, and County Auditor's Office representatives attend the closed session items based on the enumerated criteria, and certain other persons may attend based on the above-listed criteria or as otherwise provided by law.

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*County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

### B. Discuss potential claim regarding Marilyn S. Brown, County Attorney No. 0158-18-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

*Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

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*Donnie McGilbra, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

### D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074, discuss the Chief Administrator's duties and responsibilities regarding the onboarding for incoming elected officials.

*Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215*

### E. Discuss and review the recruitment and hiring process for the Planning and Development Director vacancy, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

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### F. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, conduct the annual evaluation, and discuss the employment agreement for the Chief Administrator, Betsy C. Keller. (Contract No. 2016-0363)

*Ruben J. Vogt, County Judge, Commissioners Court*

## REGULAR SESSION

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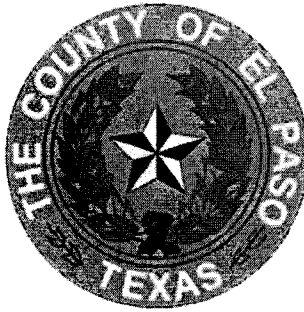
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**MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK**

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**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

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*David Stout, Commissioner, Pct. 2 (915) 546-2111*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Stout  
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Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Arnulfo Hernandez, concerned citizen, addressed the Court in opposition to the proposed raise for the County Judge and Commissioners.

Pierre Andre Euzarraga, with Emerald Star Global Industries, addressed the Court regarding a friend, Ruben Alvarado, Jr., who was sentenced and denies association to the Barrio Azteca gang to which he's been accused of, and the legalization of marijuana.

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## REGULAR AGENDA

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*R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600*

**MOTION: ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF EL PASO OF \$0.251943 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR WHICH CONSISTS OF A RATE OF \$0.197760 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, AND A RATE OF \$0.054183 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 0.94% INCREASE FROM THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE.**

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE: THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 1.2% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.35.**

**FURTHER, THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ASSESS AND COLLECT THESE TAXES FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF EL PASO ON OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

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*R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, Hospital District/University Medical Center (915) 521-7600*

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## COMMISSIONERS COURT

9. Discuss and take appropriate action on adopting the County of El Paso's legislative agenda for the 86th Session of the Texas State Legislature.  
*Ruben J. Vogt, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

**MOTION: APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS PROPOSED.**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

## JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS

11. Approve and authorize the County Judge to accept the grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded to the DWI Drug Court Program. The grant is in the amount of \$387,716 per year for a period of five years for a total grant award in the amount of \$1,938,580. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2018-0520)  
*Judge Robert Anchondo, County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 (915) 834-8232*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

12. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the County charging a \$250 vendor booth rental fee at the upcoming Judicial Best Practices Conference, and further authorize the acceptance of donations for the Judicial Best Practices Conference on October 25 and 26, 2018, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032.

*Andrew R. Haggerty, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

19. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended budget and tax rates for Emergency Services District No.1 and Emergency Services District No. 2.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: DENY THE BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2.**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**MOTION: APPROVE THE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,133,715.68 AND THE PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.100000 CONSISTING OF AN M&O RATE OF \$0.069456 AND AN I&S RATE OF \$0.030544 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1.**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**AUDITOR**

10. Approve and authorize the funding from GF-GADM for September 2018 and October 2018 for Criminal Justice Grants ending August 31, 2018. This allocation is for grants that are pending award from the State of Texas. If the 2019 grants are not awarded, the amount the County will have to use to cover personnel expenditures is approximately \$135,392.89. This will only be transferred upon notification on non-award.

*Edward A. Dion, County Auditor, County Auditor's Office (915) 546-2040*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Absent: Leon  
Members Voting Nay: None

**LITIGATION, JUSTICE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

13. Approve and authorize the use of funds from the District Attorney's discretionary and food stamp fraud accounts to continue to pay salaries funded by the VAWA grant #1343721 (Contract No. 2018-0108) and the Border Prosecution Unit grant #2283709 (Contract No. 2018-0193) for the grant period beginning September 1, 2018, and the VOCA grant #1362519 (Contract No. 2018-0109) for the grant period beginning October 1, 2018, until the funds for the grants are awarded. Funds are available in SPECIALDA and DAFOODSTFRA if necessary, and would be reimbursed to those accounts out of grant funds received.

*Jaime Esparza, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Absent: Leon  
Members Voting Nay: None

14. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment Two to the Contract for Access and Visitation Grant Between the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and El Paso County from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$63,408 with a County match in the amount of \$7,045 for a total project in the amount of \$70,453. (Contract No. 2018-0502)

*Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office (915) 834-8292*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Perez  
Seconded by Commissioner Haggerty

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

15. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the LexisNexis Matthew Bender Annual Service Renewal Contract for print subscriptions for FY19 to maintain the content of the Hon. Robert J. Galvan County Law Library collection in an amount not to exceed \$57,001.05. Funding is available in SR-LAWLIB-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. (Contract No. 2018-0458)  
*Brian Stanley, Executive Director, Domestic Relations Office (915) 834-8292*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Haggerty

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

16. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Delegation of Signature Authority Approval from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Public Transportation Division, for the purpose of TxDOT Grant paperwork submissions. (Contract No. 2018-0539)  
*Norma R. Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Fiscal Year 2019 Project Grant Agreement (PGA) for the Federal Intercity Bus (ICB) Project with TxDOT in the amount of \$993,576. The purpose of the grant is to continue the provision of Intercity Bus Service serving El Paso and Anthony, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico for two additional years. (Contract No. 2018-0554)  
*Norma R. Palacios, Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by County Judge Vogt

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Approve the submission of County grant applications as listed and described. If awarded, all grant award agreements will be brought back to the Commissioners Court for final acceptance and approval.

18. **CORRECTION PER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT** - Approve and authorize the Criminal Justice and Community Support Department to apply for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission Technical Support grant. The purpose of the grant is to evaluate the operations and impact on outcomes of the Public Defender's Office. The amount of the grant is \$70,000 with a match of \$90,000. **FURTHER, ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION AND DESIGNATING GRANT OFFICIALS, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION AND GRANT APPLICATION FORMS.**

*Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Support (915) 546-2204*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Perez  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

20. Approve and authorize revisions to the County of El Paso's Financial Policies for FY2019.  
*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

21. Approve and authorize the allocation of funding from CIP2018 project funds in the amount of \$69,000 for the purchase of two air units at the MDR facility. Funding is available in account. COCP-3001 CP-IMPROV01-EQUIP. Funding for other capital projects allocations were not fully expended and are available for re-allocation. This would bring total project funding to \$244,000.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

22. Approve and authorize the Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Improvement Plan allocations. Upon adoption of the budget, funding is available from COCP-3001.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**6. PRESENTATION**

A. Receive a presentation from the Borderplex Alliance regarding the performance of Phase I of the Borderplex Alliance Air Service Initiative (BAASI).

*Jose Quinonez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177*

**PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

23. Pursuant to the Property Tax Code, §26.05(a), adopt a tax rate for the County of El Paso.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE COUNTY OF EL PASO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.447819 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR. A RATE OF \$0.405971 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND A RATE OF \$0.041848 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE DEBT OF THE COUNTY. FURTHER, THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO ASSESS AND COLLECT THESE TAXES FOR THE COUNTY OF EL PASO ON OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Haggerty

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: Stout

24. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 111.067, copy attached, conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed El Paso County budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEARING.**

**BETSY KELLER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; WALLACE HARDGROVE, BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY DIRECTOR; AND COUNTY JUDGE RUBEN VOGT ADDRESSED THE COURT IN THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by County Judge Vogt

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**MOTION: EXIT THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Motion made by County Judge Vogt  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None



25. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, § 111.068, a copy attached, approve and adopt the attached County of El Paso annual operating budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: APPROVE THE COUNTY OF EL PASO ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, TO INCLUDE THE AMENDMENTS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING, AND LISTED IN THE BACKUP.**

Motion made by Commissioner Leon  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

26. Approve amendment No. 46 to the County of El Paso's 2017-2018 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will increase Grants by \$2,863,645.06 thus increasing the County of El Paso's 2017-2018 overall operating budget of \$496,422,112.83 to \$499,285,757.89.

*Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262*

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

**27. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:31 P.M.**

A. Discuss findings regarding persons necessary in Executive Session.  
*County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

B. Discuss potential claim regarding Marilyn S. Brown, County Attorney No. 0158-18-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.  
*Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

C. Discuss subrogation claim regarding Martin G. Quiroz, County Attorney's file number 0168-18-PC, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.  
*Donnie McGilbra, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074, discuss the Chief Administrator's duties and responsibilities regarding the onboarding for incoming elected officials.  
*Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215*

E. Discuss and review the recruitment and hiring process for the Planning and Development Director vacancy, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.  
*Betsy C. Keller, CM, Chief Administrator, County Administration (915) 546-2215*

F. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, conduct the annual evaluation, and discuss the employment agreement for the Chief Administrator, Betsy C. Keller. (Contract No. 2016-0363)  
*Ruben J. Vogt, County Judge, Commissioners Court*

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 1:53 P.M.**

28. Discuss potential claim and take appropriate action regarding the claim of Marilyn S. Brown, County Attorney No. 0158-18-PC.  
*Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

**MOTION: DELETE ITEM #28 AND THE CORRESPONDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM # 27B.**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty  
Seconded by County Judge Vogt

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty  
Members Voting Nay: None

29. Discuss and take appropriate action on subrogation claim regarding Martin G. Quiroz; County Attorney file number 0168-18-PC.

*Donnie McGilbra, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050*

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, REGARDING MARTIN G. QUIROZ; COUNTY ATTORNEY FILE NUMBER 0168-18-PC.**

Motion made by Commissioner Haggerty

Members Voting Aye: Judge Vogt, Leon, Stout, Perez, Haggerty

Seconded by County Judge Vogt

Members Voting Nay: None

30. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the annual evaluation for the Chief Administrator, Betsy C. Keller, and amend her employment agreement as necessary. (Contract No. 2016-0363)

*Ruben J. Vogt, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098*

**NO ACTION**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:56 P.M.**

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**VINCENT PEREZ**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**DAVID STOUT**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**ANDREW R. HAGGERTY**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

**RUBEN JOHN VOGT**  
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:56 P.M.**

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK  
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

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CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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COUNTY JUDGE RUBEN JOHN VOGT, PRESIDING