

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

CARLOS LEON
Commissioner, Pct. 1

VINCENT PEREZ
Commissioner, Pct. 3



DAVID STOUT
Commissioner, Pct. 2

CARL L. ROBINSON
Commissioner, Pct. 4

RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO
County Judge

Commissioners Court Chambers, El Paso County Courthouse
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	VIDEOCONFERENCE
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	VIDEOCONFERENCE
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	VIDEOCONFERENCE
VINCENT M. PEREZ	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	VIDEOCONFERENCE
CARL L. ROBINSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	TELECONFERENCE

MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

1. MEETING CONVENED

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:34 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INVOCATION

A. Receive an invocation from Pam Faraone.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meetings of June 1, 2020 and June 8, 2020.
County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. Accept the 2019 annual reports from the County Civil Service Board, Ethics Commission, Risk Pool Board, and the Veteran's Advisory Board. The Sheriff's Office Civil Service Commission will present at a later date.

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

C. Approve the reappointment of Commissioner David Stout's Precinct #2 nominee, Rene Hurtado, to the County of El Paso Risk Pool Board for the term ending May 17, 2022.

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

D. Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 115.021, audit and settle all accounts against the County shown on the attached listing and direct the payment of those accounts.

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

E. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an amendment to the actuarial consulting services agreement with Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) for actuarial study required pursuant to GASB 75. Funding is available in account IS-HEALTH-PROF SVC- GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0423)

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

F. Approve and authorize the Community Services Department to submit the Local Recipient Organization Certification form as required for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 37 grant funding, and further authorize the County Judge to electronically sign the certification form. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0457)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

G. Approve and authorize the Community Services Department to submit the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance Local Recipient Organization Certification form as required for Phase 37 Amendment 1-Supplemental Appropriation grant funding, and further authorize the County Judge to electronically sign the certification form. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0479)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

H. Approve and authorize the Community Services Department to submit the Emergency Food And Shelter National Board Program Phase Cares Local Recipient Organization Certification form as required for Phase CARES grant funding, and further authorize the County Judge to electronically sign the certification form. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0480)

Irene G. Valenzuela, Executive Director, Community Services Department (915) 775-2708

I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement for Training Services between the County of El Paso and Graceland College for Professional Development d/b/a SkillPath for training services for County employees during fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$15,000. Funding is available in GF-HR-OP-TRAINING HR. (Contract No. 2020-0430)

Melissa M. Carrillo, PHR, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and CenturyLink (Formerly Level 3 Communications). Fiscal allocation will not be impacted. (Contract No. 2020-0069)

Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and CenturyLink (Formerly Level 3 Communications). Fiscal allocation will not be impacted. (Contract No. 2020-0070)

Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

L. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Agreement between the County of El Paso and CenturyLink (Formerly Level 3 Communications). Fiscal allocation will not be impacted. (Contract No. 2020-0390)

Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041

- M. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an amended Contract No. 2019-0651 which modifies the service order number (DOC-0000776892) with CenturyLink (Formerly Level 3 Communications). Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the updated Agreement between the County of El Paso and CenturyLink (Formerly Level 3 Communications). Fiscal allocation will not be impacted. (Contract No. 2020-0405)
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Software Agreement between the County of El Paso and SHI Government Solutions. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. (Contract No. 2020-0432)
Christopher Stathis, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department (915) 546-2041
- O. Approve and authorize the submission of four (4) abridged grant applications, as described in the attached backup, to the Texas Water Development Board's Flood Infrastructure Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2020. (Contract No. 2020-0470)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- P. Approve and authorize the Planning & Development Department to apply to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2018 Section 5339 Formula Grant II in the amount of \$8,858 to contribute to the re-wrapping of the El Paso County Transit Fleet. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the Obligation Certificate as a requirement of the grant. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0463)
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the fourth amendment to the project development agreement with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for the Darrington Widening project engineering services. No County funds are required as \$63,510.70 in funds are available from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Vehicle-Registration Fee Bond Issuance. (Contract No. 2020-0387).
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- R. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §232.023, approve and authorize the acceptance, filing and recording of the Strahan Village Estates Subdivision Plat.
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- S. Approve and authorize the re-adoption of the Road Entry & Access Permit (REAP), including the applicable fees and procedures, related to the disturbance of County rights-of-way caused by granting entry and access to facilities, as part of the County's development of the FY 2021 budget. Further, approve and authorize the re-adoption of the Road Inspection & Maintenance Fund (RIM) fees and procedures, related to the cutting of County rights-of-way, as authorized by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 240.907.
Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015
- T. Approve the Certificates of Plat Compliance (under Texas Local Government Code Section 232.028(a), as provided on the attached listing.
Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015
- U. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign Change Order Number One to the Far East Water Tank Pipe Replacement Project with Champion Tank Services, LLC. This change order will enable the vendor to apply a new coating to the interior of the elevated water storage tank during this period of the temporary bypass of the tank system. Further, authorize a correction to the project funding source. Corrected funding in the amount of \$108,000 is available in EP-EMONWATER-CAP OUT-WTRSYS IMP. **(CONTRACT NO. 2020-0483)**
Norma R. Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2015
- V. Approve and authorize the transfer and removal of surplus assets from the respective departments to the Purchasing Department in compliance with Texas Local Government Code Section 262.011(j). See attachment.
Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048
- W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Sheriff's Office agreement with IDEMIA for the purchase of a new Fingerprint Station in the amount of \$36,000 to include one year maintenance. Contract No. 2020-0422 funding is available in SG-JAG19-CAP OUTLAYS
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

X. Approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept the BJA Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program FY 2020 grant award in the amount of \$67,919 from January 20, 2020, through January 31, 2022, with no County match required. (Contract No. 2020-0446)
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

5. RESOLUTIONS

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing the week of June 14, 2020, through June 20, 2020, as "National Flag Week" in El Paso County, Texas.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: DELETE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing June 19, 2020, as "Juneteenth Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

Carl L. Robinson, Commissioner, Pct. 4 (915) 546-2044

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Robinson
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Yaegle, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court and spoke against the idea of defunding the Police and Sheriff's Offices and offered that defunding law enforcement leads to the escalation of criminal activity.

Dave Valero, concerned citizen, spoke in support of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

7. PRESENTATION

A. Receive a presentation outlining local initiatives geared toward a more safe and secure re-opening of businesses in El Paso.

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Approve an amendment to the FY2020 El Paso County Hospital District Capital Budget in the amount of \$2,311,000.

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
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.

28. Approve and authorize El Paso County to apply for the Governor's Office FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$1,081,360, from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021. No County match is required. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the required Resolution. (Contract No. 2020-0490)

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

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

29. Approve and authorize the Elections Department to apply for the Texas Secretary of State 2020 CARES Act Help America Vote Act Grant in the amount of \$727,904.03, from March 28, 2020, through November 30, 2020. A County match in the amount of \$145,580.81 is required. The Budget & Fiscal Policy Department has accounted for the required match. Further, authorize the County Judge to sign the accompanying grant resolution. Funding is available in GF-GADM-XFER OUT-GRANT MATCH, SG-ELECH1918-OPERATING EXP and SG-ELECH1919-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2020-0464)

Lisa R. Wise, Elections Administrator, Elections Department (915) 546-2154

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Approve and authorize the implementation of the evolving County of El Paso COVID-19 Reconstitution of Operations Plan (ROOP) for all El Paso County departments.

Sam Trujillo, Sr. Deputy Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department (915) 546-2218

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

10. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for COVID-19.

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

MOTION: EXTEND THE PREVIOUS EMERGENCY PURCHASING ORDER ANOTHER THREE MONTHS OR UNTIL THE GOVERNOR LIFTS HIS ORDER, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

MEETING RECESSED AT 12:13 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:04 P.M.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

11. Receive a presentation regarding the sale, use and possession of fireworks for the 2020 July 4th holiday period and take appropriate action.

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

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

PURCHASING

12. Approve the purchase for a Padded Cell Renovation for the County of El Paso Sheriff's Department using GSA Schedule 84 #GS-07F-269AA awarded to Cornerstone Warranty, Service & Supply of San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$95,946. Purchasing approved on May 6, 2020. Funding is available in CIP19-SODETEN-RENOV and CP-IMPROV01-MISCELLANEOUS. Further, approve the re-allocation of funding from CP-IMPROV01-MISCELLANEOUS to CIP19-SODETEN-RENOV.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

14. Authorize the Sole Source award of NEOGOV Workforce Management Solutions for the Information Technology Department to NEOGOV of El Segundo, CA, in the amount of \$74,531.02. Funding is available in GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

MOTION: APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE AWARD OF NEOGOV WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO NEOGOV OF EL SEGUNDO, CA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,531.02. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN GF-ITD-MAINT/REP-SOFTWARE. THE PURCHASING AGENT HAS EXERCISED DUE DILIGENCE AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER VENDOR WHO COULD PROVIDE SOFTWARE LICENSING, IMPLEMENTATION, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE NEOGOV WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

15. Approve the use of inter-local agreement with the City of El Paso using Solicitation No. 2020-166 (Automotive Fuel-Unleaded) awarded to the following: Primary-Rio Valley Biofuels LLC, Secondary-Brewer Oil Company and Tertiary-James River Solutions LLC, to provide onsite bulk unleaded fuel for County vehicles in the amounts indicated on the contract price sheets. Purchasing approved on June 3, 2020.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez

Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

16. Approve the purchase for the installation of Telephone Booths and Enclosure Interview Booths in the Detention Facility and Jail Annex using DIR Contract DIR-TSO-3709 awarded to New IPS of El Paso, TX, in the amount of \$51,317.55. Funding is available in SG-COVID19-OPERATING EXP.

Debra Carrejo-Trull, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Nay: None

JUDICIARY AND CORRECTIONS

17. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with IPS to install wiring and telephones in attorney visitation booths at the El Paso County Jail Annex in the amount of \$41,613.27. Funding is available in SG-COVID19-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2020-0443)

William R. Cox, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement with IPS to install wiring and telephones in attorney visitation booths at the El Paso County Downtown Detention Facility in the amount of \$9,424.28. Funding is available in account SG-COVID19-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2020-0444)

William R. Cox, Interim Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office (915) 546-8185

MOTION: APPROVE BOTH ITEMS #17 AND #18.

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Voting Nay: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

19. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Contract for Professional Services Historical and Architectural Survey for the County of El Paso with Hardy, Heck, and Moore d/b/a HHM Inc., for completion of a National Register Historic District Nomination for Segundo Barrio. Further, discuss and take appropriate action to make a selection from the three boundary options presented for the proposed district. Funding is available in SR-TOURPROM-OPS EXPENSES-GEN. (Contract No. 2020-0440)

Andrea Adkins-Hutchins, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-2177

MOTION: APPROVE OPTION #3, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FOR THE COUNTY OF EL PASO WITH HARDY, HECK, AND MOORE D/B/A HHM INC., FOR COMPLETION OF A NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION FOR SEGUNDO BARRIO.

Motion by Commissioner Stout
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout
Members Voting Nay: Leon, Perez, Robinson

MOTION FAILS

MOTION: APPROVE OPTION #2 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY FOR THE COUNTY OF EL PASO WITH HARDY, HECK, AND MOORE D/B/A HHM INC., FOR COMPLETION OF A NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION FOR SEGUNDO BARRIO.

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Leon, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: Judge Samaniego, Stout

PUBLIC WORKS

23. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Master Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) for a variety of transportation studies, research, evaluations and other services. No County funds are required except as requested and approved by individual project task orders. (Contract No. 2020-0413)

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

24. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the development of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the active call for projects.

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

NO ACTION

25. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Project Grant Agreement (PGA) for the FY2020 5311 CARES Act Funds in the amount of \$2,640,043 for continued Rural El Paso County Transportation Services. No County match required. (Contract No. 2020-0462)

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

26. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Section 5339 Fiscal Year 2020 - Bus and Bus Facilities Project Grant Agreement (PGA) in the amount of \$823,651 to provide funding toward the El Paso County Transit's ongoing Passenger Shelter Project, as well as capital equipment for continued commuter bus service. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2020-0461)

Jose M. Landeros, Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

MOTION: APPROVE

Motion by Commissioner Leon
Seconded by Commissioner Perez

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Perez, Robinson
Members Voting Nay: None

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MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

DELIA BRIONES, COUNTY CLERK
EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

CESAR O. NAVA, DEPUTY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING