

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**ILIANA HOLGUIN**  
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  
500 East San Antonio Room 303 El Paso, Texas 79901  
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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**

HON. RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO	COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING	PRESENT
CARLOS LEON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #1	PRESENT
DAVID S. STOUT	COMMISSIONER, PCT #2	PRESENT
ILIANA HOLGUIN	COMMISSIONER, PCT #3	PRESENT
CARL L. ROBINSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT #4	VIDEOCONFERENCE

**MINUTES PREPARED BY CESAR O. NAVA, DEPTUY CLERK  
JESSICA DOMINGUEZ, DEPUTY CLERK**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

Commissioners Court of El Paso County, Texas was called to order by the Deputy Clerk at 9:33 A.M.

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**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The 2nd period JROTC at Clint High School, led by First Sgt. Ferreira, led the Commissioners Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

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**3. INVOCATION**

A. Receive an invocation by Alison Westermann, a representative of Join Us for Justice, the El Paso Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2022, and the special meeting of August 22, 2022.

County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

B. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the order form with Thomson Reuters for the West Proflex on-line legal research service for the County Attorney's Office from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$158,469.87. Funding is available in GF-CNTYATTY-BOOKS&SUBSCRIPT. (Contract No. 2022-0659)

Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

C. (Postponed 8/22/22) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a professional legal services engagement agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP effective August 15, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Funding is available in GF-GADM-PROF SVC-LEGAL. (Contract No. 2022-0671)

Christina Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

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 amendment No.39 to the County of El Paso's 2021-2022 operating budget. This budgetary amendment will decrease General Fund by \$2,007.00, increase Capital Projects by \$20,117,830.00, increase Grants by \$8,270,184.26 thus increasing the overall budget of \$628,840,130.21 to \$657,226,137.47.

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

F. Approve and authorize the Capital Improvement Interim Request in the amount of \$112,854.01 for the Information Technology Department for the purchase and replacement of the UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) system for the County's Data Center. Further, approve the re-allocation of funding from the CIP22-INTERIMREQUESTS-MISC to CIP22-ITD-INT13-IT EQUIP for the purchase and replacement of the UPS system for the County's Data Center.

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

G. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter of support for the El Paso Center for Children's proposal to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) for the Family and Youth Success (FAYS) Program. (547-OP)

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

H. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the 2022-2023 On-Campus Work-Study Participation Agreement with the University of Texas at El Paso Office of Student Financial Aid / Center for Community Engagement, for work-study placement of 3 participating part time students in the Community Services Department from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. (Contract No. 2022-0665)

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

I. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Rio Grande Council of Governments Direct Purchase of Services Vendor Application as required to be considered for grant funds for the Home Delivered Meal and Congregate Programs for a period beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. (Contract No. 2022-0676)

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

J. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Services Agreement between the DWI Intervention and Treatment Program and 2 Love 1 Counseling Agency. The amendment adds additional funding for life skills services in the amount of \$20,000. Services provided through September 29, 2022, will be paid through grant funds, and after September 29, 2022, are subject to securing additional funding. Funds are available in SG-SAMHSA22-OPERATING EXPENSES. (Contract No. 2022-0577)

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

K. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Office of the Attorney General Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS) Fiscal Year 2022 Q4 Invoice in the amount of \$7,535.90, the Quarterly Verification of Continuing Production record form, and the Invoice Certification Required by Texas Grant Management Standards for automated victim information and notification in El Paso County. There is no fiscal impact to the County general fund budget.

Yvonne Rosales, District Attorney, District Attorney's Office (915) 546-2059 x4077

L. Pursuant to Texas Election Code 3.003, and in conjunction with direction given by the Texas Secretary of State, authorize a local order for a General Election on November 8, 2022, for the purpose of electing State, County and District Officers, members of the Texas Legislature, and members of the United States Congress.

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

M. Approve and authorize the revised Early Voting Stations and Election Day Vote Centers, which may be subject to change.

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

N. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the termination letter for Contract No. 2021-0590 Adolescent Sexual Behavior Therapy with Matt Bierds, MA, LPC-S, LSOTP-S Neurocounseling & Consulting Services, PLLC. (# 550-OP)

Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

O. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Adolescent Sexual Behavior Therapy Agreement with Matt Bierds, MA, LPC-S, LSOTP-S Neurocounseling & Consulting Services, PLLC, to provide therapeutic services for juveniles from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2025, in the estimated amount of \$60,000, with the option to renew for two one-year terms with written notice to the Contractor. Funds are available in SR-JPDSUP-PROF-SVC-GEN. (Contract No. 2022-0604)

Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

P. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Acceptance, Processing and Housing of Children Adjudicated to have Engaged in Delinquent Conduct between the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Potter County Juvenile Probation Department from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, and will automatically renew for successive one-year terms. Potter County will pay a fixed per diem rate of \$202.88 for services provided by the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department. (Contract No. 2022-0646)

Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

Q. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the County Of El Paso and the El Paso County Juvenile Board on behalf of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Midland County, on behalf of the Midland County Juvenile Probation Department for the acceptance, processing, and housing of children adjudicated to have engaged in delinquent conduct. This amendment increases the daily rate to \$202.88. (Contract No. 2022-0647)

Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

R. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign, the Interlocal Agreement for the Acceptance, Processing, and Housing of Children Adjudicated to have Engaged in Delinquent Conduct between the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department, from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, and will automatically renew for successive one-year terms. Fort Bend County will pay a fixed per diem rate of \$202.88 for services provided by the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department. (Contract No. 2022-0651)

Rosie Medina, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department (915) 849-2500

**S. CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION** - Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 81.032, authorize the acceptance of a donation of 45,000 sq. ft. of sod and half of the fee for the removal and delivery of the sod, from Mountain Star Sports, LLC **AND THE EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC** for the Parks and Recreation Department for use on County sports fields. Further, authorize payment in the amount of \$13,500 for the County's portion of the removal and delivery of the donated sod. Funding is available in GF-COUNTYPARKS-OPS EXPENSE-GEN and GF-SPORTSPARK-OPS EXPENSES-GEN.

Veronica Myers, Director, Parks and Recreation Department (915) 771-2380

T. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Sections 232.028 and 232.029, approve and authorize the issuance of certification regarding compliance with applicable plat requirements as provided on the attached listing.

Sal Alonzo, Associate Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

U. Approve and authorize the County Judge to retroactively sign the 2022 Parade Float Proposal and Contract with Raymundo Vasquez (Contractor) for a County parade float for the 2022 Thanksgiving Parade in the amount of \$7,575. Funding is available in GF-PWADMIN-FLOAT-OPS EXP-GEN. (Contract No. 2022-0625)

Norma Rivera-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.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

W. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Hardware, Maintenance and Support Agreement with Insight Public Sector for (11) in Motion Routers for the Sherriff's Office Patrol-CIT in the amount of \$25,273.38. Funding is available in SG-GOOGCIT22-OPERATING EXP. (Contract No. 2022-0674)

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2262

X. Approve and authorize the use of County general funds to temporarily pay for grant-funded personnel and operating expenses from September 1, 2022, through October 29, 2022, or until the pending State grant awards are received and accepted, in the amount of \$219,087. Funding is available in GF-GADM-CONTINGENCY-GRANTS.

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

Y. GRANT AWARD - Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) FY2020-2022 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Project Grant Agreement (PGA) from August 29, 2022, through January 31, 2023, in the amount of \$177,536. No County match is required. (Contract No. 2022-0679)

Sal Alonzo, Associate Director, Planning & Development Department (915) 546-2015

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego

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

Seconded by Commissioner Leon

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing Dr. Dennis Bixler-Marquez for his years of service and teaching at UTEP.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

B. Approve and adopt a resolution declaring September 4-10, 2022, as "Suicide Prevention Week", in El Paso County, Texas.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

C. Approve and adopt a resolution honoring the life of Martha Hernandez in El Paso, Texas.

Iliana Holguin, Commissioner, Pct. 3 (915) 546-2144

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin

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

Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Absent: Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

D. Approve and adopt a resolution recognizing August 31, 2022, as "David L. Carrasco Job Corps Graduation Day" in El Paso County, Texas.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

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

E. Approve an adopt a resolution recognizing September 2022 as "Hunger Action Month" to bring awareness and take action to end hunger in the El Paso County community.

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt the 2022 Property Tax Rate for the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso.

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

**MOTION: THAT THE EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, ADOPT THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR. THE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS A PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.235153 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE THAT CONSISTS OF A RATE OF \$0.193259 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AN ORDER INDICATING SAME.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

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Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Robinson

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

9. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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

**MOTION: APPROVE AND ADOPT THE EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon

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

10. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended FY2023 budget and tax rate for Emergency Services District No.1 (ESD1).  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

**MOTION: APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.1 (ESD1), WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**TAX RATE: \$.10**

**I&S TAX RATE: \$0.055792**

**M&O TAX RATE: \$0.044208**

**FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF: \$9,543,531.49**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin Members Voting Nay: None

11. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 775.305, discuss and take appropriate action to approve or deny the recommended FY2023 budget and tax rate for Emergency Services District No.2 (ESD2).  
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

**MOTION: APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.2 (ESD2), WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**TAX RATE: \$0.09358**

**I&S TAX RATE: \$ 0.036476**

**M&O TAX RATE: \$0.057104**

**FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF: \$9,901,057.00**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon Members Voting Nay: None

12. Approve and authorize the County of El Paso 911 District FY 2023 proposed budget.  
Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge, Commissioners Court (915) 546-2098

**MOTION: APPROVE THE COUNTY OF EL PASO 911 DISTRICT FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Leon, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Seconded by Commissioner Leon Members Voting Nay: None

**COMMISSIONER CARLOS LEON WAS ABSENT FROM THIS POINT THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING**

**27. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:15 A.M.**

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

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding UMC's certificates of obligation.

Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:02 P.M.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alfredo H Arellano, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding mental health services and how the University Medical Center needs to prioritize it in their services.

Ana Dueñez, concerned citizen addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the services at University Medical Center and how she was affected by poor billing services and had a lien placed on her home. She also praised the Court for fighting for Segundo Barrio.

Sam Armijo, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court against University Medical Center's request for \$345 million in Certificates of Obligation.

Silvia Searfoss, concerned citizen, addressed the Commissioners Court in opposition of University Medical Center's request for \$345 million in Certificates of Obligation, and stated that the request should go to a vote at a general election.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Receive a presentation and discuss the proposed certificates of obligation for the El Paso County Hospital District.

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

## **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

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

18. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between El Paso County and El Paso MHMR D/B/A Emergence Health Network for the Operation of a Crisis Intervention Team, increasing the number of personnel on the Crisis Intervention Team starting FY2023. County staff will be increased with an addition of 4 new Deputy Sheriffs, and EHN personnel will be increased by 1 program manager, 1 program lead, and 10 fulltime mental health clinicians. (Contract No. 2022-0689) Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (915) 538-2234

## **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

## **MEETING RECESSED AT 1:15 P.M.**

## **MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:04 P.M.**

## **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

20. Receive a presentation from HOME on its 2022-2023 Post-RAD construction projects, including a Clint County-area project.

Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Support (915) 546-2215

## **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

21. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** Discuss and take appropriate action to approve a resolution of support addressed to HUD for HOME's Sun Pointe and Salazar projects. **(#552-OP)**

Joel Bishop, Executive Director, Criminal Justice and Community Support (915) 546-2215

## **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by Commissioner Stout

Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin, Robinson

Members Voting Nay: None

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

26. Receive presentation from the County's Financial Advisor regarding current market conditions and the County's long term debt portfolio.

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

## **PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

13. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding El Paso County's preparation and response for public health emergencies.

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

## **NO ACTION**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

19. Discuss and take appropriate action on El Paso County's efforts to generate interest in potential concessionaire agreements for certain County facilities.

Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-3182

## **NO ACTION**

## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

15. (ARP Project No. 1290) Approve and authorize the purchase of Interpretation, Translation Services and Equipment Lease for the County of El Paso Language Access Programming or iSpeak915 using Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract DIR-TSO-4151, awarded to Language Line Services, Inc., of Monterey, California as indicated in the tabulation. Purchasing approved on August 12, 2022. Funding is available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Stout

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

16. (ARPA Project 4030) Approve the purchase of the Downtown Detention Facility Surveillance Project using Sourcewell Contract RFP 030421 awarded to Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$5,951,349.77. Purchasing approved on August 25, 2022. Funding is available in CIP22-SODOWNTOWNDETEN-RENOV and SG-ARPLAN21-CAPOUTLAYS.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin, Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

17. **CORRECTION PER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION - (ARP PROJECT NO. 4040)** Approve award recommendation for Bid 22-017 El Paso County Detention Facility Upgrade and Replace the Sanitary Sewer System, to Suntech Mechanical Inc. of El Paso, TX in the lump sum amount of \$4,371,000. Purchasing approved on 07/11/2022. Funding available in CIP18-SODETEN-RENOVATIONS and SG-ARPLAN21-CAPOUTLAYS.

Karen L. Davidson, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Department (915) 546-2048

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Absent: Robinson  
Members Voting Nay: None

## **COMMISSIONER CARL L. ROBINSON WAS ABSENT FROM THIS POINT THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

22. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with GAP Air Conditioning and Heating for the Replacement of Nineteen (19) Roof Top Units and Four (4) Two-Ton Mini Splits at the Ysleta Annex in the amount of \$282,537.94. Funds are available in CP-REPLACE22-YSLETAANNEX-RENOV. (Contract No. 2022-0392)

Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2009

### **MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None



23. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with El Paso J.A.G. Inc., dba JAG Construction of El Paso, Texas for the Roof Replacement at the Ascarate Annex in the amount of \$100,881. Funds are available in CIP22-FAC-ASCARATEANNEX-RENOV. (Contract No. 2022-0432)  
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2009

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

24. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Control and Equipment Company of El Paso, Texas for the Removal and Replacement of the Kitchen Air Conditioner and Air Washer for the Downtown Detention Facility in the amount of \$182,994.02. Funds are available in CIP22-FAC-SODETENMAINT-RENOV. (Contract No. 2022-0609)  
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2009

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

25. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Supplemental Contract between Owner and Contractor with Trane, Inc. of El Paso, Texas for the Cooling Tower Replacement Project at the County Coliseum in the amount of \$240,047. Funds are available in CIP22-FACILITIES-INT11-REN-REP. (Contract No. 2022-0610)  
Norma Rivera-Palacios, Executive Director, Public Works Department (915) 546-2009

**MOTION: APPROVE**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

27C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding El Paso County's Transportation Agreement with Project Amistad and corresponding reimbursement requests. Further, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725, deliberate business and financial issues regarding negotiations of the Transportation Services Agreement.  
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

**MOTION: MOTION: (1.) COMMISSIONERS COURT VOTES UNANIMOUSLY THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; (2.) THE ATTORNEY ADVISING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ISSUES A WRITTEN DETERMINATION THAT DELIBERATION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH A THIRD PARTY; AND (3.) A RECORDING OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN CLOSED SESSION IS MADE REGARDING ITEM # 27C, TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATION REGARDING EL PASO COUNTY'S TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH PROJECT AMISTAD AND CORRESPONDING REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS. FURTHER, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.0725, DELIBERATE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

**27. INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:56 P.M.**

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

B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding UMC's certificates of obligation.  
Christina R. Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding El Paso County's Transportation Agreement with Project Amistad and corresponding reimbursement requests. Further, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0725, deliberate business and financial issues regarding negotiations of the Transportation Services Agreement.  
Ana Schumacher, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

D. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, receive legal advice and consultation regarding employment matter in the Information Technology Department, County Attorney's Office File # 0099-22-AA.  
Jed Untereker, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

E. Discuss a Single Patient Agreement with Southwest Retina Consultants, P.A. for treatment provided to inmate J.V., County Attorney's File No. 0004-22-IC, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071.  
Carlos Madrid, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

F. Discuss financial information and economic development negotiations received from a private business prospect regarding an amendment to a Chapter 381 agreement with EPT Mesa Development, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087.  
Michael Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Department (915) 546-3182

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 5:14 P.M.**

28. Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a Single Patient Agreement with Southwest Retina Consultants, P.A. for treatment provided to inmate J.V. Further, approve the payment of inmate billing claims submitted pursuant to the Single Patient Agreement. County Attorney's File No. 0004-22-IC.  
Carlos Madrid, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office (915) 546-2050

**MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN A SINGLE PATIENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWEST RETINA CONSULTANTS, P.A. FOR TREATMENT PROVIDED TO INMATE J.V. FURTHER, APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INMATE BILLING CLAIMS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE SINGLE PATIENT AGREEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.**

Motion by County Judge Samaniego  
Seconded by Commissioner Holguin

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

## **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

14. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding implementation of the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Portfolio.

Jose M. Landeros, Director of Capital Planning, County Administration Department (915) 546-2215

### **MOTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE PORTFOLIO:**

- **AMEND ARP-1060: JAIL MEDICAL TESTING, SUPPLIES, TREATMENT**
  - **SCOPE: EXPAND TO INCLUDE NON-UMC FACILITIES**
  - **AMOUNT: NO CHANGE**
  - **UST EC: 1.6, PUBLIC HEALTH: MEDICAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE CARE FACILITIES)**
  
- **ESTABLISH ARP-1092: COVID-19 EFFECTS ON ADULT & JUVENILE RECIDIVISM RATES**
  - **SCOPE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO EVALUATE COVID-19 EFFECT ON RECIDIVISM**
  - **AMOUNT: \$185,000 TRANSFERRED FROM ARP-1090 COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH, & STUDIES**
  - **UST EC: 3.4, PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY: EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY**
  
- **RATIFY TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL POSITIONS**
  - **SCOPE: TRANSFER FUNDING FOR NEW EQUIPMENT FROM ARP-1540 (TECHNOLOGY FUND) TO VARIOUS PERSONNEL PROJECTS**
  - **AMOUNT: \$30,000**
  - **PRESENTED AS PART OF JUNE FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS TRANSITION PLAN**
  
- **AMEND ARP-4030: DOWNTOWN DETENTION FACILITY SECURITY SYSTEM (CAP. EQUIPMENT)**
  - **SCOPE: REDUCE PROJECT AMOUNT FOLLOWING AWARD TO VENDOR**
  - **AMOUNT: 298,650.23**
  - **ACTION: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PROJECT TO ARP-1530 RESERVE – UNALLOCATED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE**
  
- **AMEND 4040: DOWNTOWN DETENTION FACILITY SANITARY SEWER (CONSTRUCTION)**
  - **SCOPE: REDUCE PROJECT AMOUNT FOLLOWING AWARD TO VENDOR**
  - **AMOUNT: \$129,000**
  - **ACTION: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PROJECT TO ARP-1530 RESERVE – UNALLOCATED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE**
  
- **ESTABLISH ARP-4050: DISASTER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BENEFICIARY AGREEMENT**
  - **SCOPE: GRANT AWARD TO NONPROFIT AGENCY WHO PROVIDED NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION DURING PANDEMIC**
  - **AMOUNT: \$158,500**
  - **ACTION: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ARP-1530 RESERVE – UNALLOCATED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE**
  - **UST EC: 2.10, NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS: AID TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Motion by Commissioner Holguin  
Seconded by County Judge Samaniego

Members Voting Aye: Judge Samaniego, Stout, Holguin  
Members Voting Nay: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:22 P.M.**

**EL PASO COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**CARLOS LEON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

**ILIANA HOLGUIN**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**DAVID STOUT**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**CARL L. ROBINSON**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4

**RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO**  
County Judge

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:22 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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COUNTY JUDGE RICARDO A. SAMANIEGO, PRESIDING